

Consultation Statement

Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish

Neighbourhood Plan

1. Introduction

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

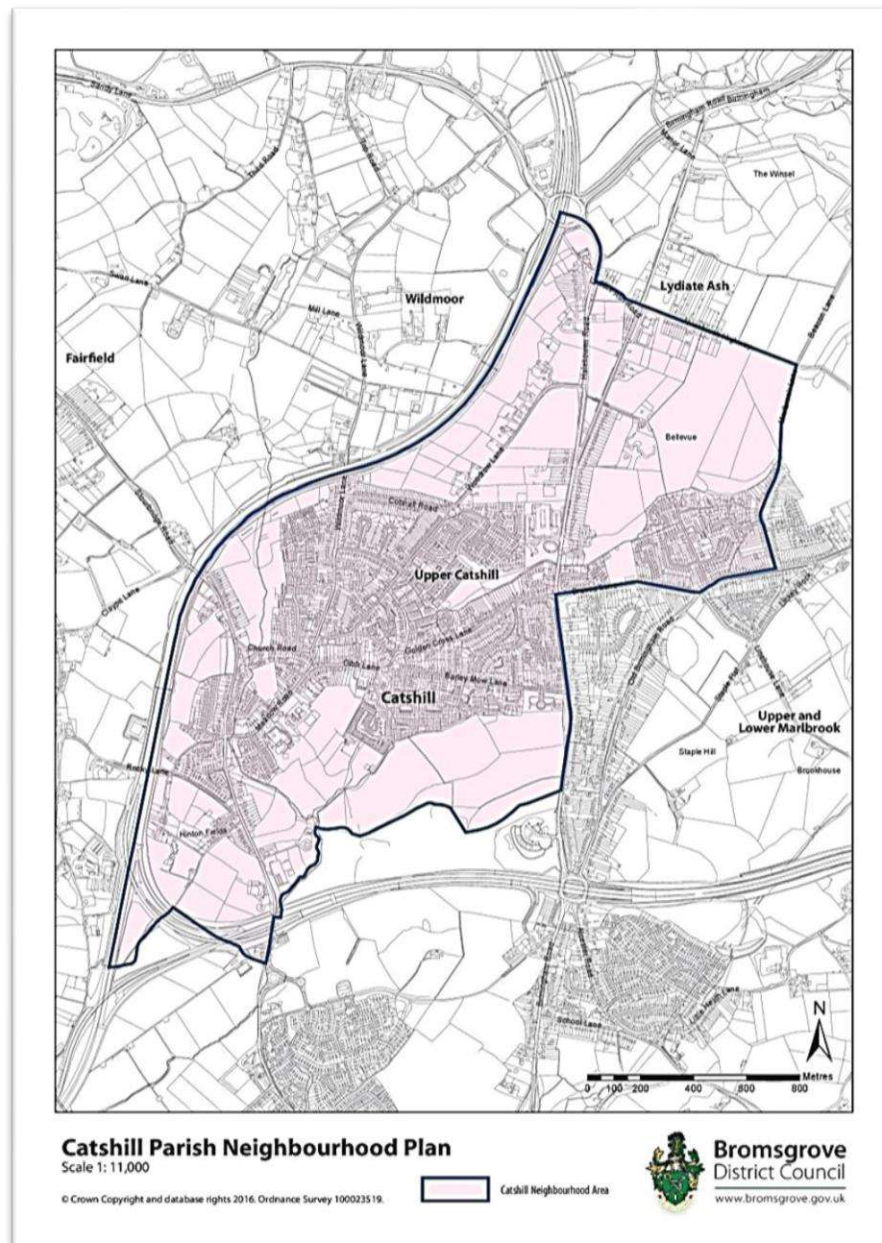
- (a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- (b) explains how they were consulted;
- (c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- (d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered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

2. Application for Designated Area

2.1 A presentation was made by the Vice Chair of the Parish Council to its Annual General Meeting on 16th April 2016 and subsequently it was agreed to apply for the designation of the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area. A public meeting was held on 21st July 2016 to discuss the setting up of a Steering Group comprising parish councillors and neighbourhood representatives.

2.2 The first Steering Group (the Group) to develop a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the Parish met on 16th September 2016 with neighbourhood representatives as Chair and Vice Chair of the Group. The Terms of Reference and membership of the Group can be found on the Neighbourhood Plan website (www.catshillandnorthmarlbrookplan.org.uk) which was launched shortly afterwards.

2.3 The Parish was designated as a Neighbourhood Area on 11th October 2016 by Bromsgrove District Council (BDC).



Catshill and North Marlbrook Neighbourhood Plan Area

3. Consultation Process Outline

3.1 The aims of the NP consultation process were:

- To involve as much of the community as possible throughout all phases of the Plan's development so that the Plan was informed by the parish's residents, businesses and other stakeholders;
- To ensure that consultation events took place at critical points in the process;

- To engage with as wide a range of people as possible, using a variety of approaches, communication and consultation methodologies; and
- To ensure that results of consultation were fed back to local people and available to read through the Steering Group's website, the parish magazine, social media and in hard copy as soon as possible after consultation events.

3.2 The outline of the Consultation approach adopted was as follows;

October 2016 - September 2017. Consultation Phase 1
<i>Initial Consultation with residents and businesses and analyse results. Develop Vision Statement.</i>
October 2017 – December 2019. Consultation Phase 2
<i>Develop objectives based on the Vision Statement. Undertake more detailed consultation and undertake further studies to develop NP policies.</i>
January 2020 - February 2021. Consultation Phase 3
<i>Complete pre-submission NP report. Undertake '6 week consultation' for regulation 14, modify pre-submission NP report, and submit to Bromsgrove District Council under regulation 15</i>

4. Consultation Phase 1

4.1 Objectives

- Communicate widely across Parish concerning NP, raise awareness.
- Initial collection of data for evidence base.
- Review and analyse evidence collected.
- Identify main issues to allow decisions on working groups required and further more detailed surveys. First pass at objectives and vision statement.
- Ongoing communication engagement (aims, content, detail).
- Develop Vision Statement for Neighbourhood Plan up to 2030.
- Progress to Consultation - Phase 2 - detailed household questionnaire.

4.2 NP - Key Messages for Media

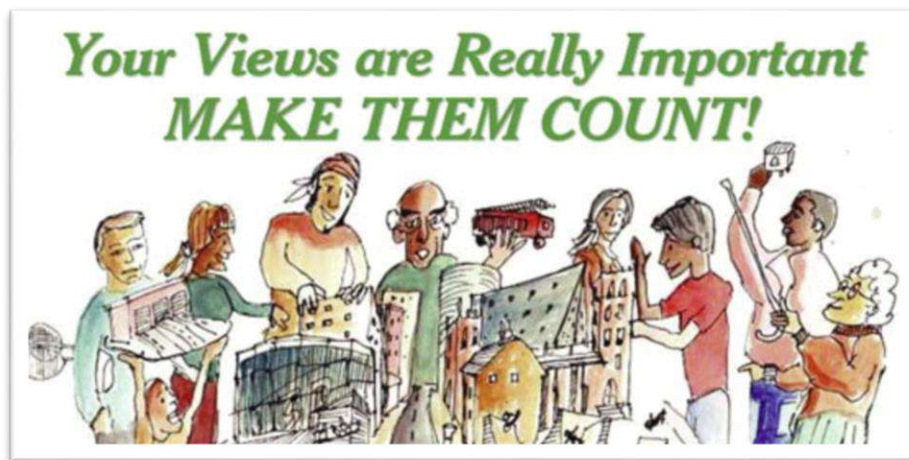
- NP based on evidence collected from the community.
- It is more than just housing.
- Development proposals must conform to NP proposals.

4.2 NP - Key Messages for Media (cont)

- NP is used to make decisions on planning applications.
- It carries real weight and becomes part of district plan.
- Helps to protect and create open space, reserves, allotments, sports pitches, play areas , parks and gardens.
- Develop transport and access proposals.
- Must get +50% at referendum.

4.3 Media for Presentations

- Consistent theme, messages, branding, colour (colours of NP website www.catshillandnorthmarlbrookplan.org.uk)



Key Slogan

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
**HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF
YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD**
**Drop In Workshops to be held at
Catshill Village Hall on:**
Saturday 13th May between 11am and 2pm
Saturday 24th June between 11am and 2pm

Workshop Flyer

Examples of media, shown below, on NP website:

Semi-permanent and temporary stands - drop in events, road shows
Explanatory leaflets – handouts
Parish Newsletter – insert
Full length banners to advertise events outside buildings
Advertise in local press - drop in events and road shows
Level 1 Questionnaire
Business Questionnaire
Neighbourhood Plan Leaflet (4 pages)
Power Point Presentation
Workshop Flyer
Banner - Read the Leaflet
Banner - Complete the questionnaire
Road Map Poster - A0 size
Get Involved Poster -A0 size
Why Plan Important Poster - A0 size

4.4 Key Activities Undertaken

- Design questionnaires for residents and businesses to be completed.
- Set up forms online through www.smartsurvey.co.uk
- Deliver questionnaires to each household.
- Undertake consultation workshops.
- Interview local businesses and complete questionnaires.
- Analyse forms and identify main issues.
- Develop Vision Statement.

4.5 Timescale

October 2016 - September 2017. Consultation Phase 1

October 2016 to March 2017

Identify and obtain funds.
Prepare media presentations.
Organise and advertise workshops and venues.

April 2017 to September 2017

Conduct work shops (May and June 2017) and events, collecting evidence.
Input questionnaires from residents' questionnaire (Level 1) and business questionnaire to Smart Survey software.
Analyse results (**Appendices 1 and 2**) and draft phase 1 report for presentation to Steering Group for residents and businesses.
Identify main areas of interest allowing working groups to be identified and further evidence to be collected.
Develop Vision Statement.

4.6 Main Events - Phase 1 Consultation

(All Steering Group Agendas and Minutes can be found on the NP website, together with Level 1 Questionnaire and Business Questionnaire results and analysis – results and analysis in **Appendices 1 and 2** of the Evidence Base)

Activity	Date
NP Steering Group	14/9/2016
NP Working Group - Phase 1 Consultation - Design Media	5/10/2016
Letter sent asking for designated area for NP	11/10/2016
Letter from Bromsgrove Council confirming designated area	19/10/2016
NP Steering Group	19/10/2016
NP Working Group - Phase 1 Consultation - Presentation Media	9/11/2016
NP Working Group - Phase 1 Consultation - Presentation Media	7/12/2016
NP Steering Group	18/1/2017
NP Steering Group	25/2/2017
NP Steering Group	22/3/2017
Interview local businesses in Parish, completing Business questionnaire	During April 2017
Parish magazine published and distributed, explaining NP and including level 1 Questionnaire for completion. Distribution to every household.	First two weeks April 2017
Presentation to Catshill Parish AGM (using Power Point presentation) - 40 attendees	20/4/2017
Presentation to Friendship Club (using Power Point presentation) -	24/4/2017

Activity	Date
50 attendees	
Phase 1 - 1st Workshop - 35 attendees	13/5/2017
NP Steering Group	31/5/2017
Deliver Level 1 Questionnaires and supporting leaflet to all households in Parish	first 2 weeks of June 2017
Phase 1 - 2nd Workshop - 60 attendees	24/6/2017
Collate and analyse 265 Level 1 Questionnaires	July - September 2017
Collate and analyse 25 Business Questionnaires	
Draft Reports on residents and business responses	
NP Steering Group Sign off Phase 1 Consultation and start of Phase 2 Consultation	27/9/2017

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

YOU may remember that the Parish Council recently announced that it was looking for support from the local community to assist in the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan. We are pleased to report that a number of local residents did come forward and have now joined a '*Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*', which also includes four members of the Parish Council.

At a recent meeting of the Steering Group Dr Chris Fabray was elected Chair and Paul Fisher Vice Chair. A small working group has now been established to identify opportunities for involving the wider community in the design of the Neighbourhood Plan and a possible timeline and Project Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led planning framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. It will form part of the statutory development plan for the area and provide the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop.

Communities are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be meeting once a month. If you feel that you would like to get actively involved with the Steering Group please register your interest with the Parish Clerk'.

Article about setting up Neighbourhood Plan in Parish Magazine Autumn 2016

A Message from the Chair

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HELLO again everyone.

There has been a great deal of activity in the village since our previous magazine, much of it you should find in these pages.

The Neighbourhood Plan initiative is really taking off with a good cross section of individuals involved in the Steering Group, however, they are going to require a good number of volunteers in the various working groups covering issues such as Housing, Infrastructure and Environment; so please get involved - they need you.

The Steering group is chaired by Doc. Chris Fabray and incidentally the Christmas Party he sponsored for the older members of our Parish was a great success. It was heart-warming to see all of the volunteers working at transporting people to the event, cooking the food, Councillors and other volunteers serving the food, and even an old Paratrooper arriving on his mobility scooter and acting as Father Christmas. Those that were guests asked me to mention in this mag that it was the best ever and say a big **Thank You** to all involved. It was a massive effort in organisation and planning that was well executed.

So back to the Neighbourhood Plan there will be a high profile team asking you to complete a *Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire*. Please do so to enable the team to statistically analyse your collective replies and provide you with a balanced plan of your priorities in order to take the plan to its next stage, allowing your further perusal and consultation. This can be done on line by visiting the Parish Web site and following the link or by obtaining a hard copy of the questionnaire from the Village Hall or other locations that will be posted on the web site. Additionally, you will find a copy on the middle pages of this magazine that can be completed and cut off for return. This is important to the future of your village.

The Ladies toilet is now complete and open in your village hall (very posh). We will try and bring the Gents to a similar standard. I thanked everyone by name in our last issue, however thank you again to everyone that made this possible.

There are going to be two or possibly three defibrillators located in the village in the very near future. Watch out for the training programmes and get involved; you may be able to save a life.

I understand we are not using our village library enough. If it is not used and funding is removed, it will be a great loss.

The main areas of concern reported within the village are still Traffic related; speeding, parking spaces, inconsiderate parking etc. This is difficult to address but be assured your Council is putting every effort into trying to solve the problem.

Do please attend our Annual Parish meeting on April the 20th at your Village Hall; have a listen, a cup of tea and maybe give your views.

Owen

Message from the Chair about completing the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire – Parish Magazine Spring 2017

Neighbourhood Plan

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Cllr. Bernard McEldowney talks to residents.

WORK on the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well. Over the past few months we focused on the Level One questionnaire phase. Our target was to have at least 250 questionnaires completed.

In addition to including copies of the questionnaire in the Spring edition of the Parish Newsletter we also held two workshops at Catshill Village Hall on the 13th May and 24th June. Members of the local community were able to meet representatives of the three

Neighbourhood Plan Working Groups and view displays covering Housing, Infrastructure and Environment. There was also an opportunity for people to complete a questionnaire at the workshops. We also hand delivered flyers and questionnaires to every address in the parish.

We have now completed the Level One Questionnaire phase. A detailed analysis of the results of the submitted questionnaires has now been done and these results will inform the work of the three working groups who are currently undertaking further research.

In due course a more comprehensive Level 2 questionnaire will be compiled and this will be circulated to every household and business in the Neighbourhood Plan area".



The various displays within the Village Hall.



The tea and cakes were enjoyed by all.



Mr. Andrew Bate talks to residents.

4.7 Main Issues - some of the residents' comments from Level 1 Questionnaire

- Top responses

Traffic

Many frustrations about traffic expressed;

"Horrendous traffic congestion - Catshill is a cut through"

"Traffic speed enforcement is key"

"Heavy traffic, particularly large lorries travelling along Meadow road. Local houses vibrate when these lorries pass by"

Maintenance of pavements, roads and footpaths

Great deal of concern about state of maintenance;

"Footpath and drop kerb location and maintenance signage in the village, especially at the entrance to alleys"

"Pavements are terrible, very patchy and uneven"

Housing Development

Many residents feel that the character of Catshill as a village will be put at risk with more housing developments;

"Do not crowd our beautiful community with new housing. Develop what we have into making this place ever more attractive"

Parking Controls

Due to inadequate availability of parking around the schools and the shopping centre much more control is required;

"Need for more yellow lines around road junctions, parking on the pavement and road"

"Traffic warden required to police double yellow lines, especially the Dock and Golden Cross Lane"

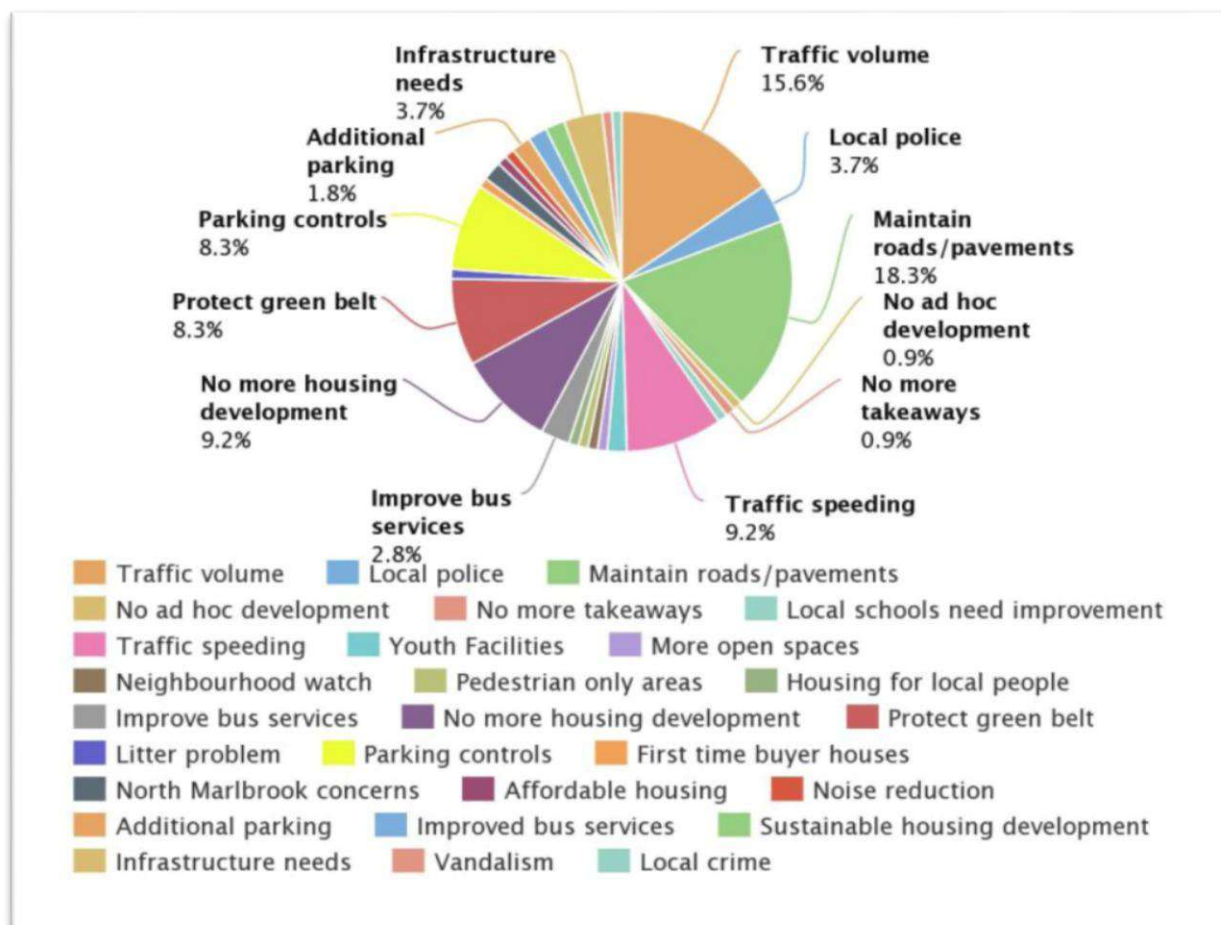
Protect the Green Belt

Protecting wild life, green spaces and village boundaries scored highly in residents' responses;

"To maintain the Green Belt between Catshill and Bromsgrove"

"Preserve green space and plant more trees, encouraging more wild flowers"

- Respondents felt strongly about the following topics;



4.8 The Vision Statement

Taking the views of all the respondents, the following Vision Statement for the Neighbourhood Plan was formulated;

“By 2030 the Parish will have sustained and strengthened its community feel through good quality development and community amenities whilst maintaining its distinctive character and environment.”

5. Consultation Phase 2

5.1 Objectives

- Set up Working Groups covering Housing, Infrastructure, Community, Commerce and Environment. Based on the agreed Vision Statement, develop objectives and policy options.
- Obtain grant and conduct Landscape Character Assessment Study using independent consultants.
- Develop criteria for housing site selection using evidence base - Local Character

5.1 Objectives (cont)

- Assessment Study (**Appendix 3**), Flood Risk, Hydrology Study and Ecology Assessment (**Appendix 4**).
- Develop a detailed questionnaire incorporating the findings of the Working Groups and potential housing sites derived from the initial housing sustainability assessment.
- Consult with all the residents of the Parish, using the detailed household questionnaire, on the Vision Statement, Plan Objectives and Preferred Policy Options, together with consideration of preferred housing sites for development (**Level 2 Questionnaire** –copy available on NP website).
- Analyse the results of the questionnaires and identify the Preferred Policy options which will form the basis of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- Identify preferred sites for housing development based on results of the questionnaires.
- Undertake 'Call for Sites' exercise with Land Owners and Developers (**Appendix 6** summarises results of this exercise).
- Site Assessment Study, undertaken by independent consultants (**Appendix 8**).
- Local Needs Assessment Study undertaken by independent consultants (**Appendix 9**).
- Local Housing Design Guide undertaken by independent consultants (**Appendix 13**).

5.2 Key Activities Undertaken

- Set up Working Groups identifying Lead Person for each Group.
- Collate existing data from sources with County Council and District Council. Liaise with District Planning Department.
- Apply for Grant money for survey required by Environment Working Group -Landscape Character and Capacity Assessment Study.
- Manage and liaise with consultants undertaking survey and receive final report (**Appendix 3**).
- Apply for grant money for distribution of level 2 questionnaires.
- Design Level 2 questionnaire incorporating results from Working Groups and finalise.
- Prepare Mail Shot - List of House Holders in Parish, stamped addressed envelopes.
- Print questionnaires and distribute through Mail Shot.
- Design Level 2 Questionnaire online using www.smartsurvey.co.uk. Set up questionnaire on website.
- Input results to computer and analyse results.
- Produce Report of Results of Level 2 Questionnaire survey (Summary of results and issues raised in **Appendix 5**).
- Undertake 'Call for Sites' exercise identifying Land Owners and Developers through Land Registry search and advertising in local newspapers. Invite identified interested parties to complete pro-formas for their respective sites and make presentations of their detailed proposals if they so wish. (See **Appendix 6** for details of this consultation exercise)
- Collect base line information and produce ecology, environment, flood risk and green infrastructure reports.

5.2 Key Activities Undertaken (cont)

- Using base line information NP Group undertake more detailed sites assessments of each identified packet of land (25 packets) using traffic light system, with a view to identify sites which are suitable and sustainable (**Appendix 7**).
- Undertake and audit review of these site assessments by independent consultants (**Appendix 9**) (through government technical support package).
- Undertake a Comparison Study of the two site assessment studies (**Appendix 10**).
- Undertake a Housing Needs Assessment Study by independent consultants (**Appendix 8**) (through government technical support package).
- Undertake a Design Codes Study by independent consultants (**Appendix 13**) (through government technical support package)
- Further develop Green Infrastructure Strategy and undertake a survey to collate views on designating Local Green Spaces, footpaths and cycle ways (**Appendix 11** - Green Infrastructure Network Report and **Appendix 12** - Local Green Spaces/Formal Open Spaces Study).

5.3 Timescale

October 2017 - December 2019. Consultation Phase 2

October 2017 to March 2018

Working Groups (covering housing, infrastructure, community, commerce and environment)
Gather evidence from local sources and Bromsgrove District Council (BDC)
Obtain grant money and initiate survey for Character Landscape Assessment (November 2017) (report available on website and as **Appendix 3** of NP report)
Obtain grant money to design, publish and distribute level 2 questionnaire
Undertake initial sustainability appraisal on potential housing development sites
Identify Vision Statement for NP, objectives, policy options and potential housing sites

April 2018 to September 2018

Design Level 2 questionnaire to identify preferred policy options
Distribute Level 2 Questionnaire to all households in Parish
Collate and analyse questionnaire results
Produce Report of Level 2 questionnaire Survey
Sign off Survey by Steering Group (Available on NP website)

October 2018 to December 2018

Undertake 'Call for Sites' exercise, including 2 presentation days (Summary of Call for Sites Exercise shown in **Appendix 6**)

October 2018 to December 2018 (cont)

Search Land Registry for owners
Send pro forma to landowners and interested developer

January 2019 to December 2019

Collect further base line information
Using base line information undertake more detailed sites assessments of each identified packet of land (25 packets)
Further develop Green Infrastructure Strategy and undertake a survey to collate views on designated Green Spaces
Undertake an audit review of the NP Steering Group's site assessments, undertake a Housing Needs Assessment Study and Design Codes Study by independent consultants (AECOM) through Locality. These three studies were undertaken between August 2019 and February 2020)
Review NP policies.

5.4 Main Events – Phase 2 Consultation


Activity	Date
Progress meeting with BDC	23/10/2017
Parish magazine published, highlighting progress made with Neighbourhood Plan	31/10/2017
Confirmation for grant – Landscape Character and Assessment Study	27/11/2017
Infrastructure Working Group meeting with BDC regarding traffic issues	29/11/2017
NP Steering Group	6/12/2017
NP Steering Group	31/1/2018
NP Steering Group	4/4/2018
Presentation to Catshill Parish AGM – 30 attendees	12/4/2018
Confirmation for grant to distribute level 2 questionnaire	3/5/2018
Parish magazine published, highlighting progress made with Neighbourhood Plan on front page of magazine	14/5/2018
Distribute to 2865 households, collate and analyse 432 Level 2 Questionnaires Draft Report on residents responses	June to August 2018
Parish Magazine article providing latest progress on questionnaire responses	10/8/2018
North Worcestershire Water Management meeting	4/9/2018
NP Steering Group	19/9/2018
Sign off Level 2 Questionnaire Results Report, update project plan and publish to website	20/9/2018
'Call for Sites' presentation	26/10/2018
Liaise with Severn Trent Water	31/10/2018

Activity	Date
'Call for Sites' presentation	2/11/2018
NP Steering Group	6/12/2018
NP Steering Group	13/2/2019
Progress meeting with BDC	21/3/2019
NP Steering Group	1/5/2019
Presentation to Catshill Parish AGM – 35 attendees	23/5/2019
NP Steering Group	17/7/2019
NP Steering Group	4/9/2019
Progress meeting with BDC	23/9/2019
Parish magazine published, including Green Infrastructure Questionnaire and NP progress report	10/10/2019
NP Steering Group..... Sign off Phase 2 Consultation and start of Phase 3 Consultation	4/12/2019

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Neighbourhood Plan Update

Your Views are Really Important **MAKE THEM COUNT!**

THE Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group continues to work tirelessly to progress this project. Much time and effort was taken in designing and producing the questionnaires that were distributed via Royal Mail to each household in Catshill and North Marlbrook. This was funded by a grant provided by Groundwork Ltd, specifically designed to assist groups with the completion of Neighbourhood Plans. This phase 2 questionnaire was directly influenced by the previous responses received during consultations carried out with businesses and residents during 2017. At the time of writing this article in excess of 300 responses have been received and the team are now working hard to input these replies so that the next phase of the project can be implemented. This will involve creating a draft report which will be consulted on later in the year, and will feed into the final Neighbourhood Plan document. Thank you for your continued support in creating a document that is important in safeguarding our semi-rural community. If you have not returned your questionnaire yet, please remember, every view counts. Make yours one of them!




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Catshill
and North
Marlbrook

Parish Magazine article in Summer 2018, about completing the Level 2 questionnaire

5.5 Main Issues - analysis and residents comments from Level 2 Questionnaire

-Vision Statement

The Vision Statement was supported by over 64 % of the respondents with only 14% actively against this vision for the Parish. In statistical terms the Vision Statement was supported by between 59% and 69% of the total householders in Catshill and North Marlbrook.

-Objectives and Policy Options

The objectives and policy options shown on the questionnaire were supported by the majority of householders in the village.(statistically valid result)

-Housing

A minority of respondents made comments on housing issues - 90 comments were received in total, with 35 of these comments opposed to building on the Green Belt and 20 comments saying that developing Brown Field sites should be the first approach. The next highest number of comments (10) considered that affordable homes, homes for the elderly and social housing should be the first priority. Other comments considered that access to sites and the impact on infrastructure was important and also the balance between locations for housing sites.

-Infrastructure

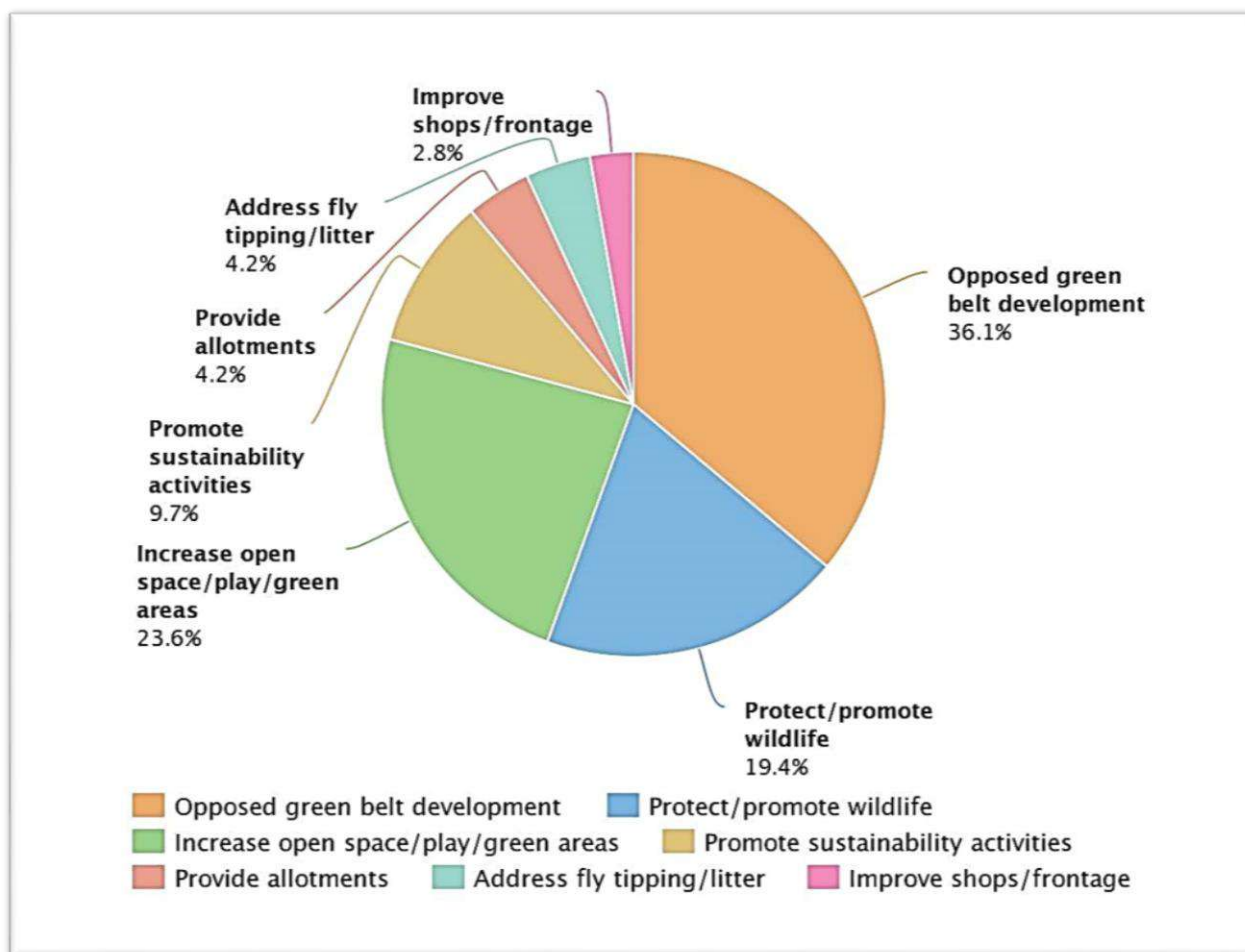
In total, 303 comments were received, with many householders making multiple comments on their questionnaire. By far the highest number of comments - 93, related to the impact of traffic through the Parish and the related issues of congestion and speed.

The second highest was 47 comments related to road improvements and traffic calming measures. Of equal importance at 48 comments was the impact of new housing developments on services such as doctors and schools.

More traffic related comments included the impact of rat-runs through the village (26 comments), parking related issues with 35 comments and HGVs' driving through the Parish. (16 comments)

-Environment

A total of 72 comments was received concerning environmental issues. The most important topic (26 comments) was the opposition to any development on the Green Belt. The provision of more open spaces, green spaces and play areas in the village was the next highest topic at 17 comments followed by the preservation and protection of wildlife at 14 comments.



Analysis of Environment Responses

- Final Comments on the Questionnaire

50 comments were received in the final comments box with 22 of these comments expressing opposition to the Vision Statement.

The next highest number of comments (7) wished to maintain the 'village feel', an important part of the Vision Statement.

Tackling anti-social behaviour (6), promoting community safety (3) and increasing police presence (2) were expressions of concern from older respondents that were also raised as issues in the initial survey.

6. Consultation Phase 3

6.1 Objectives

- Complete first draft of pre-submission NP Report and evidence base for consultation
- Submit pre-submission Report and evidence base to BDC and ask District to undertake 'screening assessment' for full ' strategic environmental assessment' (SEA).

6.1 Objectives (cont)

- Finalise draft pre-submission NP Report.
- Ongoing Local Green Spaces consultation – repeat GI survey in parish magazine.
- Prepare for 'regulation 14' six week consultation.
- Undertake 6 week consultation with three exhibition events.
- Collate responses and feedback.
- Review policies and all documentation.
- Finalise NP report and other required documentation.
- Submit statutory documentation to Parish Council for approval.
- Submit Submission NP Report, Basic Conditions Document and Consultation Document to BDC.

6.2 Key Activities

- Design pro forma letters and comments form for Statutory Consultees and Interest Groups.
- Draw up list of statutory consultees, interest groups and parties, including local Parish Councils, land owners, developers, local businesses and designated bodies by BDC.
- Identify and consult with landowners of Local Green Spaces
- Prepare draft NP report for print and pdf for website download.
- Prepare Evidence Base of 13 Appendices for print and pdf for website download.
- Design posters and advertisements for local media.
- Design NP Summary leaflet (12 side pages, A5).
- Advertise 'Drop In' Events, through parish magazine (with summary leaflet and FREE return envelope as insert) to 3000 households.
- Design 'Drop In' layout. Ensure Co-vid protocols are in place.
- Provide inspection of Report and Evidence base at the village hall throughout the six week consultation period including telephone access. (Every Monday and Tuesday morning)
- Undertake 'Drop In' Exhibition Events on 3rd October, 17th October and 31st October 2020.
- Collate and analyse comments and feedback on draft NP report and policies.
- Respond to these comments and update policies, NP report, Appendices and other documentation.
- Submit statutory documentation to Parish Council and on approval thereto BDC.

6.3 Timescale

January 2020 - January 2021. Consultation Phase 3

January 2020 to June 2020

Complete pre-submission report
Submit report to BDC for 'screening assessment'

June 2020 to September 2020

Identify and consult with landowners of identified Local Green Spaces
Design and Print pre-submission report after agreement with BDC and Parish Council
Undertake preparatory work for 6 week pre-submission consultation (Regulation 14)

September 21st 2020 to November 2nd 2020

Undertake 6 week consultation
Collate and analyse responses

November to January 2021

Update policies, NP report, consultation document and basic conditions document
Submit final documentation to Parish Council
Submit agreed submission NP report and statutory documentation to BDC

6.4 Main Events - Phase 3 Consultation

Activity	Date
NP Steering Group	22/1/2020
NP Steering Group - pre-submission report approved by Parish Council	26/2/2020
Pre-submission report approved by Parish Council	19/3/2020
Meeting with BDC	01/07/2020
NP Steering Group	15/07/2020
NP Steering Group	02/09/2020
Regulation 14 'six week consultation' Consult with Statutory Consultees and Interest Groups/Interested Parties	21/09/2020 – 02 /11/2020
Undertake Exhibition Events during 'six week consultation' – 52 attendees in total	03/10/2020, 17/10/2020 and 31/10/ 2020
NP Steering Group	02/12/2020
Regulation 15 documentation approved by Parish Council	14/01/2021

6.5 Media to advertise Regulation 14 Consultation Exhibition Events



Banner outside the village hall



Delivering the parish magazine



Flyer distributed around the village



Summary Leaflet of the report



Regulation 14 Consultation - Exhibition Events held in October 2020

6.6 Pre-Submission Consultation responses

A pre submission regulation 14 consultation notice was sent to Statutory Consultees and Interest Groups at the beginning of the '6 week consultation period'. A list of Statutory

Consultees and Interest Groups are contained in **Annexures 2 and 3** at the end of this document.

6.7 Summary of all responses received during Regulation 14 Consultation

A summary of typical responses from the community are shown below;

“Excellent plans for the environment.”

“Vitaly important to protect green spaces as illustrated by covid-19 pandemic.”

“NP is very competent and wide-ranging. Green Spaces will be in greater need in future as illustrated by 'lockdown'.”

“Wholeheartedly approve of policies to protect the environment. Covid has shown the importance of ENV6.”

“NP is crucial to protect Catshill from uncontrolled development which would devastate the village both environmentally and socio-economically.”

“Reassured by the conversations with NP representatives and welcome its unaltered course through all processes it faces.”

“Parish Council answered many of my questions (as best they could) regarding future development.”

“Representatives seemed well-informed and very helpful.”

“Full support for NP.”

“Vision reasonable & it is clear houses are required.”

“Support for work undertaken to produce NP.”

A summary of all the responses received during the ‘6 week consultation period’ is shown in the following table. The table includes responses from land owners or their agents on the proposed Local Green Spaces. The table includes the proposed amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan Report.

Abbreviations used in the table:

NP - Neighbourhood Plan. BDC - Bromsgrove District Council. BDP - Bromsgrove District Plan (Local Plan). WCC - Worcestershire County Council. C&NM - Catshill & North Marlbrook. NPPF - National Planning Policy Framework. PPG - Planning Practice Guidance. WMP - West Mercia Police. GI - Green Infrastructure. LGS - Local Green Space. GB - Green Belt. PROW - public right of way. LVSCA - Landscape & Visual Sensitivity Capacity Assessment.

Ref No.	Respondent	Para no/ policy no	Comments	Response	Proposed amendment
STATUTORY CONSULTEES					
1	Fiona McIntosh, North Worcestershire Water Management	para. 10.6.3	You may wish to include that the Marl Brook passes through this site via several small balancing pools and the large flood attenuation area	Noted and correction will be made	Change wording in para from 'Lydiat Brook' to Marl Brook'
		para. 10.6.3	You may wish to add after Battlefield Brook "and the Marl Brook to the North". N.B. these comments also apply to para 5.3.1 of Appendix 12.	Presume that this relates to site 3 - the Meadow Recreation Ground	Include reference to 'the Marl Brook to the North' in both main NP and Appendix 12.
		para. 10.9.2	Change SUDS to SuDS (the latter removes the "Urban" from the acronym)	Agree	Change all occurrences of SUDS to SuDS including those in Appendix 4
		para. 10.11.2	Change 'prevention' to 'alleviation' in the 3rd line.	Agree	Change wording as suggested
		ENV3	Suggest using "blue & green corridors" to emphasise the importance of watercourses? Also wonder if there is scope to extend this slightly to incorporate water quality; for instance could the following be included in the justification? <i>"Development proposals will be expected to provide appropriate treatment of foul water and runoff and demonstrate that there is no adverse risk of pollution of the water environment."</i>	Agree that reference to 'blue and green corridors' would better reflect that a number of corridors have stream courses. Do not consider there is a pressing need to refer to the treatment of foul and runoff water because this will form of the planning application/building regulation process	Change all occurrences of 'green corridors' to blue/green corridors' and amend glossary to explain the term.

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	Fiona McIntosh, North Worcestershire Water Management (cont)	ENV9	Remove "Urban" from line 1 and change SUD/SUDs to SuDS throughout the justification. Major applications everywhere must provide SuDS (or justification why they are not feasible) and is covered by our team as part of our statutory consultee role; is there scope to make it a requirement for all developments in the area (for instance of 9 houses or less) to help mitigate against flooding?	Agree to alteration. Policy does not mention scale of development thereby requiring all developments to provide sustainable drainage	Remove 'Urban' from first line of policy.
		Appendix 4 (Flood Risk & Hydrology) para. 4.2	I would be reluctant to include the line “which caused flooding when a culvert collapsed but this is understood to have now been addressed].” – although this may have been addressed there remains a risk downstream of any reservoir including this one. https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk/map illustrates this	This is a reference to a BDC report which has been addressed. Historic point and no change is necessary	No change
		App 4, para 4.4	Further to the above I suggest including the reservoir flood risk map for information?	This section of the appendix is descriptive and it is not considered necessary to include the reservoir flood risk map.	No change

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2	Rebecca McLean Severn Trent	H3	Severn Trent supports policy but encourages two additional points covering Water Efficient Design and the Drainage Hierarchy. Water Efficient Design _____ Policy Q15 should specify water efficiency e.g. ' All development proposals should demonstrate that the estimated consumption of wholesome water per dwelling is calculated in accordance with the methodology in the water efficiency calculator, should not exceed 110 litres/person/day. ' and ' All development should demonstrate that unless not reasonably practicable the site designs have included water re-use measures. '	It is believed that references here relate to requirements in the Building Regulations covering water efficiency in new dwellings. Consequently, while recognising the importance of making best use of water resources it is a matter that would be dealt with in obtaining Building Regulation Approval and it is not necessary to refer to it in the NP	No change
		ENV4	Supports policy but recommends following change: ' Development of flood resilience schemes within local green spaces will be supported provided the schemes do not adversely impact the primary function of the green space. '	This policy is primarily directed at preventing the loss of Local Green Space to building works. It is considered that proposals for flood resilience schemes in LGS would not be precluded providing there are 'sound reasons' for doing so as implied in the policy. Use of such spaces for flood resilience is referred to in the Flooding and Hydrology Survey (Appendix 4) but clarification of this could be achieved by additional text being included in the justification to policy ENV4	Add following text to the justification to policy ENV 4 after 'sound reasons not to do so'. "This could, for instance, include the development of flood resilience schemes within local green spaces."

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	Rebecca McLean Severn Trent (cont)		<u>Drainage Hierarchy</u> New development should ensure that surface water is discharged to a sustainable outfall. Suggested wording ' <i>All applications for new development shall demonstrate that all surface water discharges have been carried out in accordance with the principles laid out within the drainage hierarchy, in such that a discharge to the public sewerage systems are avoided, where possible.</i> '	This is a matter that will be addressed in any application to the local planning authority. It is not necessary to make this change to the NP	No change
		ENV3	Support policy but recommend reference is included to Green Blue infrastructure 'Development should where possible, create and enhance blue green corridors to protect watercourses, and their associated habitats from harm.' The supporting text should also highlight that: <i>'The incorporation of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) into these blue green corridors can help to improve biodiversity and amenity, assisting with the delivery of the wider benefits of utilising SuDS.'</i>	As noted above, reference will be included to 'blue/green corridors' rather than 'green corridors'. The justification refers to the role of these corridors in enhancing drainage and supporting wildlife and their role has also been highlighted in the Flooding and Hydrology Survey (Appendix 4) . For this reason it is not considered necessary to make the suggested changes	No change
		ENV9	Supports policy	Noted	No change
		ENV10	Supports policy	Noted	No change

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3	Rachel Blanchard Dudley Metropolitan borough Council	Strategic Issues	There is a shortfall of housing in Bromsgrove District and additional housing on green belt locations may be required. NP should allocate some housing sites that benefit the local community given its highly accessible location but do understand your reluctance to allocate sites given the status of the Bromsgrove District Plan	The intention was to allocate housing sites based on the work we have carried out for the NP. However, BDC cannot provide a figure for the number of dwellings that are needed in the absence of a full green belt review and it has concerns that any provision that is made in the NP will difficult to defend in the absence of a comprehensive assessment of all green belt land	No Change
			A housing mix to suit the community would be welcomed.	Agreed. This is the aim behind policy H2	No change
4	Natural England		No specific comments on NP	Noted	No change
5	National Grid		No record of electricity and gas transmission assets in NP area	Noted	No change
6	Historic England		Design Codes will prove invaluable as a context and guide for future development	Noted	No change
			Focus on green space and green infrastructure is highly commendable	Noted	No change
7	The Coal Authority		No comment		
8	Bromsgrove District Council	p. 84, App 12	Area 3 designation as Local Green Space	No objection to this area being designated as Local Green space	No change

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9	Environment Agency		In absence of a precise or indicative figure for the amount of housing for the Parish and absence of any specific sites for this purpose in NP EA is not able to offer a bespoke comment at this time. Suggest flood risk is considered in policy H1	National guidance (NPPF) emphasises need to avoid use of sites in high flood risk categories wherever possible. Not strictly necessary to repeat this in NP. Policies ENV9 & ENV10 provide a local basis for mitigating flood risk for both new and existing housing areas	No change
10	Worcestershire County Council	para 4.12	Incorrect to say there are no 'additional heritage sites' in the parish because it ignores non-designated buildings and landscape	Reference in NP relates to designated sites only	Insert wording to clarify that references are to 'designated sites' only.
		para 10.8.2	support measures in paragraph	Noted	No change
			Suggests NP could cross-reference to BDP regarding sustainable design and construction	Development plan documents should avoid repetition of policies in other plans. As the respondent states these aspects of sustainable development are covered in the current BLP. It is therefore not necessary to repeat them in the NP	No change
		H3	Support policy	Support noted	No change
		ENV8	Suggests there could be more 'stretching targets' in the NP to achieve energy efficiency and support installation of renewable energy to achieve low/zero carbon development and request that energy efficiency of new homes goes beyond standards in building regulations	While this may be desirable there is a lack of evidence to support 'stretching targets' of energy efficiency. Policy BDP22 of the BDP covering Climate Change includes, amongst other things, measures which promote energy efficiency in new homes. In light of this and other comments by respondents, it is proposed that energy efficiency is highlighted in revisions to policy H3 of the NP as one of the elements which is an important part of the design process	Revise policy H3, partly in response to this and other representations, to identify that energy efficient technologies should be incorporated into the design process.

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	Worcestershire County Council (cont)		NP should acknowledge issue of 'fuel poverty'.	There is an absence of information to support this and no meaningful means of addressing it through the NP	No change
			Limited reference to support for inclusion of electric charging points in new developments in the NP.	Noted but as WCC points out the BDP includes reference to this in para 16.3. On this basis it does not need repeating	No change
			The NP could consider improvements to water efficiency in new homes and non-residential developments over and above the building regulations including the provision of water butts	Pursuing objectives which exceed current regulatory requirements is unrealistic because it will not be supported by the development industry and therefore will not achieve the desired outcome	No change
			NP makes no reference to waste supporting the segregation of waste for recycling or ensuring infrastructure and access for waste collections. The plan could consider options for on-site composting for new homes including the provision of compost bins	Segregation of waste is encouraged by the BDC waste collection service for which appropriate bins are provided for households. Access for waste lorries is considered as part of the assessment of planning applications. On-site composting is more likely to be achieved through education programmes rather than the mere provision of compost bins	No change
			NP could consider the provision of allotment and growing space in suitable locations	The provision of allotments was considered in earlier stages of the NP process. There was little indication of demand or support for new allotments	No change

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	Worcestershire County Council (cont)	Land adjacent to Stourbridge Road, Catshill	Should be considered for development because it is capable of providing five class C3 dwellings through ribbon development while not having a detrimental impact on the Green Belt	Disagree. Historically, the planning system has had an important role in preventing ribbon development which is being advocated in this case. This land parcel is part of a larger area of open land separating the main southern edge of Catshill from a small group of houses and other uses, including a garden centre. This is considered to be an important site which forms part of the remaining open land between Catshill and Bromsgrove. Its role in preventing coalescence is one of the fundamental purposes behind its Green Belt designation	No change
		Land south of Rocky Lane, Catshill	Should be considered for residential development	Disagree. While it is acknowledged that this site has a limited role in terms of its Green Belt designation, residential development would add to traffic using Rocky Lane to gain access to the Stourbridge Road. The access onto the latter from Rocky Lane is close to the brow of a hill which adversely affects sight lines. This has safety implications particularly as the southern part of Stourbridge Road in Catshill is heavily trafficked especially, but not only, during peak periods. This is one of the reasons why Policy H1 of the NP seeks to avoid new development off this road	No change
11	West Mercia Police	H3	Although WMP support policy H3 it fails to refer to 'Secure by Design' principles. A suggested amendment is therefore proposed	Accept reference should be made to 'Secure by Design' principles in both the policy and justification	Include wording to reflect 'Secure by Design' principles in both the policy and justification

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	West Mercia Police (cont)	para 10.4.3	Recommend reference to new developments incorporating 'Secured by Design' measures	This is considered superfluous given the changes now being proposed to H3	No change
		App 13, section 4.2	Direct reference to 'Secured by Design' should be made to strengthen section 4.2. Amendment proposed	This assessment was carried out by a third party meaning it is not possible to adjust Appendix 13. It is also a matter where the local Crime Prevention Team can contribute via responses to planning applications. However, it is intended to include reference to crime and anti-social behaviour as one of the factors to be considered in the design process involving new development as set out in policy H3	No change to Appendix 13. Alteration to policy H3 to refer to designing out crime
OTHER RESPONDENTS					
12	Rebecca Hearn	ENV3	a) Many potential 'green corridors' are already part of public rights of way. Would enhancement lead to maintenance of stiles & gates b) Do existing green footpaths class as 'new green corridors' c) Map showing potential new green corridors does not accord between leaflet and that in parish questionnaire e.g. route between Woodrow Lane & M5 mapped differently	Potential green corridors are not necessarily public rights of way. Making them so would require appropriate 'gates'/'stiles'. Acknowledge mapping error. N.B. reference to 'green' corridors are to be changed to 'blue/green' corridors to indicate that a number will contain a watercourse.	No change re: point a) new green corridors are promoted to provide links between existing public rights of way. b) While some may be in use informally, proposals would ensure they became full public routes c) mapping of potential routes in NP show the potential corridors depicted correctly.

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13	Leigh Knight	ENV6	All new housing schemes should provide a minimum of 2 parking spaces excluding garages in order to minimise on-street/on-kerb parking	Parking provisions in new developments will be subject to national policy requirements and those in the Bromsgrove District Plan	No change
		ENV8	All new housing schemes should include electric vehicle fast charge points	Agree that this is desirable. Policy BDP16.3 of the BDP already supports the provision of charging points in new developments meaning it is not necessary to repeat it in the NP	No change
14	Andrew Turner	ENV3	Are 'green routes' wide enough for a range of wildlife?	There are no set standards for wildlife corridors. Most wildlife would not require 'wide' routes in order to move safely.	No change
			Stream at Braces Lane playing field is full of hedge-trimming debris	Not an issue for NP	No change
15	Heather Cruddle		Protect wildlife from developers	Aim of NP is to achieve this	No change
			Rubbish bin removal has led to rubbish and dog-poo bags littering area.	Not an issue for NP	No change
			Alcohol being drunk in parks at night makes me feel unsafe	Not an issue for NP	No change
			Green Belt protection is of great importance	Agree. NP seeks to protect key parts of the GB	No change
			Parking must be dealt with	Unclear whether this is a general concern or more site specific. NP cannot directly address this	No change
16	Harrison	H1	Catshill is big enough, extra housing will affect the local infrastructure	Parish is identified by BDC to accommodate additional housing in the District Council's Local Plan. Additional infrastructure or improvements to existing infrastructure will	No change

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				be required with further housing	
	Harrison (cont)	COM1	Improvements to shopping centre needed	Initiatives to improve the shopping centre are included in the NP in policy COM2 although it relies upon landowners/shopkeepers to pursue improvements	No change
		COM6	Community Facilities need improving	Unclear what this refers to but financial support is required where improvements are needed	No change
		ENV1 - 10	Excellent plans for the environment	Support noted	No change
17	K Fiend	Vision	Agree	Noted	No change
		Vision Statement	Appears to mainly concern Catshill & hardly covers Marlbrook	Scope of Vision Statement is intended to be parish-wide. Policy content of NP will apply equally to both parts of the Parish	No change
		BDC District Plan	No confidence in BDC e.g Marlbrook Tip history	Marlbrook Tip is outside NP Area and is a matter for BDC rather than the NP	No change
		H1	Agree	Noted	No change
		H2, H3, H4, H5	Too ambiguous	Acknowledge concerns in relation to policies H2 and H3. Adjustments to provide more detail are proposed to these policies to clarify the principal aims of both. Further guidance on schemes relevant to policies H4 and H5 can be found in the AECOM Design Guide undertaken for the NP (Appendix 13) and the District Council's High Quality Design Supplementary Planning Document (2019)	Modify policies H2 and H3 to provide more detail by clarifying the objectives of each policy.

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	K Fiend (cont)	COM1, COM2, COM3, COM4	Strongly agree	Noted	No change
		COM5	Do not agree as 'lockdown' has proved	Approach accords with government policy	No change
		COM6, COM7	Agree	Noted	No change
		ENV1 - 8	Agree	Noted	No change
		ENV7	Strongly agree	Noted	No change
		ENV9, ENV10	Flooding risk is not just because of new development but lack of maintenance by the local authorities	Noted but maintenance is outside remit of NP	No change
18	Laura Gibbs-Grady	COM1	Agree with policy because greater variety of shops in local centre will be welcomed	Noted	No change
		ENV4, ENV5	Vitally important to protect green spaces as illustrated by covid-19 pandemic	Noted	No change
			Amount of traffic and speeds on Golden Cross Lane are terrible. Speed cameras are insufficient	Noted. Part of the aim of the NP is to minimise any increase in traffic on main routes through the settlement	No change
19	Angela Smith	ENV7	Important to protect conservation areas and recreational sites. Covid-19 has demonstrated need for people to access these areas for their wellbeing	Agree	No change

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	Angela Smith (cont)	ENV9, ENV10	Infrastructure is massively important - must protect homes and businesses against flooding. Roads need to be kept up to specification because we are a main route to Bromsgrove. Lighting and signage area also important	Agree	No change
			Increase number of waste bins with the increase in food outlets	Noted. Matter for Parish Council to consider in conjunction with retailers and BDC	No change
20	Mrs Maxine Brunn		Keep green open spaces as they are. Some are unwalkable because of dog mess	Noted but problems with dog mess are the responsibility of owners	No change
			Loss of bus service on Old Birmingham Road makes it difficult especially for elderly people	Community Project CA3 of the NP says the Parish Council will work with all relevant agencies to support improvements in bus services to encourage more sustainable travel	No change
21	Mr & Mrs Hooper		Have vegetation issues with Battlefield Brook and footpath running alongside their property	Outside scope of NP to deal with	No change
			Issue with cars parked on path on Stourbridge Road and overgrown hedges along this path	Outside scope of NP to deal with	No change
22	Catherine Coates	H1	Minimise traffic including that on Old Birmingham Road, particularly around Tesco store. Traffic calming needed	Community Project CA2 of the NP supports the introduction of speed restrictions and traffic calming measures	No change
	Catherine Coates (cont)	H3	Support for small-scale development - some housing acceptable but should be small-scale and not huge housing estates	Acknowledge views but larger developments more likely to secure infrastructure improvements and affordable housing	No change

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		ENV? (no policy number provided)	The green space in this area (Marlbrook) is used a lot by adults and children. NP only provides tiny areas of green space compared to what we have now	NP proposes safeguarding existing green spaces and securing additional areas wherever possible. No reduction in area of green space is proposed	No change
		ENV7	View from Alvechurch Highway to Malvern is a beautiful part of the area	Noted. This has been identified as one of two locations where it is important to protect the wide-ranging views .	No change
23	Judith Giles		Wants to protect wildlife adjacent to both sides of the cycle track at end of Milton Road alongside brook (Cunney Green). This general area should also be protected	One of objectives of NP is to safeguard existing green corridors wherever possible	No change
			Avoid building which leads to Catshill merging with Bromsgrove	Policy H1 of the NP identifies the importance of keeping the open area between Catshill and Bromsgrove	No change
24	Richard Eccles	para 4.10, p.12	Land off Cottage Farm Lane in Marlbrook supports a wide variety of wildlife and these land parcels form a very valuable area of land which stretches from this location to the Lickey Hills and coincides with parcels C2 and C3 as shown on the map on p.32. It is important to preserve these areas given the wildlife it supports	Noted. Most of parcels C2 and C3 lie outside the Parish. However, the existing open land within the Parish in this location is part of an important open area between Marlbrook and the Lickey Hills which it is considered important to retain	No change

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	Richard Eccles (cont)	para 4.11, p.15	During high intensity storms there are very large volumes of water in the Marlbrook and run off from numerous springs in land parcels 12, 14 and 15. These fields play a valuable role in slowing the run off rate and concerned about the flood risk that any significant development would pose here	Concerns noted. It is acknowledged that flooding has been an issue across the Parish particularly when there is high intensity or long duration rainfall. Some works have taken place to address this in different parts of the Parish but it remains a potential risk. Consequently, it is a matter which would need to be addressed should any development take place in the highlighted locations	No change
		para 8.2.5	Strategic parcel ref C2 - agree this is an important part of the wider Lickey and Waseley Hills	This is a reference to a District Council map showing strategic parcels of Green Belt. Much of this area lies outside the Parish and is included in the NP to illustrate the role that different parts of the Green Belt have in separating built-up areas from each other	No change
		paras 10.2 - 10.5	Local Green Infrastructure - important for health and recreation for the local community.	Noted	No change
		p.59	Support the need for better connected cycle routes from Marlbrook	Support noted	No change
		p.62	Local green spaces nos. 1 and 2 should be larger and include land parcels 12/14/15. Green space no 1 is also a flood plain for Marlbrook	See below for comments on land parcels. Note comments in relation to green space no 1	No change
		ENV4	Land parcels 14 & 15 should be considered for designation as protected green spaces	Would involve loss of land actively in use for agricultural purposes. Parish Council could not afford to purchase land	No change

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	Richard Eccles (cont)	ENV3	Consideration should be given to linking green corridor at Marlbrook across land parcel 14 to the Lickey and Waseley Hills with a new footpath	Acknowledge idea but existing footpath runs north - south on edge of land parcel 14 and areas beyond are outside the Parish	No change
		para 10.7, p66	Area around Alvechurch Highway is tranquil and provides spectacular views towards the Malverns, Clee and Abberley Hills. These should be protected	Agree. This location is identified as one of two locations in the Parish affording views towards these hills and which should be maintained free of development.	No change
25	Mr & Mrs Haynes		Keep new development to a minimum. Surrounding open countryside a reason why we live here	Noted. One of the objectives of the NP is to limit the extent of further development, especially in sensitive locations	No change
26	N Tozer	H1	Concerned by redrawing of GB boundaries. Brownfield sits should be made available first. Use compulsory purchase powers	There are very few brownfield sites in Parish so some release of GB is inevitable. Parish Council does not have compulsory purchase powers.	No change
		ENV7	Green and open parish was a reason for moving here. Protect these open spaces and areas for wildlife	NP proposes to protect such areas.	No change
27	F Zain	COM1/2	Agree. Already sufficient takeaways. Shopping areas would benefit from some aesthetic enhancements	Noted	No change
		COM6/7	Agree with retention and enhancement of community facilities. Important for all ages	Noted	No change
		ENV9	Agree with need to avoid flooding	Noted	No change

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28	Susan Greaves		Need to preserve remaining green fields and wildlife	NP seeks to protect important green spaces and, indirectly, wildlife	No change
		ENV4	Would like to see field at rear of my property (Cobnall Road) preserved because of multitude of wildlife there	Noted but some land on edge of urban area are likely sources for future housing depending on locational decisions to be made by the District Council	No change
		para 8.8.3	Catshill has sufficient housing compared to my youth. If more are built they should be allocated to younger generation on low incomes who are local to the area	Further housing is likely to be allocated to the Parish through the Bromsgrove Local Plan. NP encourages affordable housing to address needs of those on low incomes through policy H2. It is intended that more detail is added to this policy to clarify what developers should include as part of future housing schemes in order to meet the needs identified in the study carried out for the NP AECOM Housing Needs Study (Appendix 8)	No change
		para 8.11	Do not build on GB because it would spoil the village	Noted but some GB will have to be used to meet housing needs.	No change
			Need to address pollution from the motorway	Noted but outside remit of NP	No change
29	Isobel M Jarrett		NP is very competent and wide-ranging. Green Spaces will be in greater need in future as illustrated by 'lockdown'	Noted	No change
30	Barry West	H1	Agreed	Noted	No change
		H2	Agreed	Noted	No change
		H3/4	Developments should not have adverse effects on existing houses	Noted	No change
		COM1	No further outlets needed	Noted	No change

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	Barry West (cont)	COM3/4/5	Parking associated with working from home should not impact on adjacent premises	Noted	No change
		COM6/7	Existing community facilities should be retained as per policy	Noted	No change
		ENV1 -10	To be encouraged	Noted	No change
31	Diane Hoban	ENV1	GI Network would affect our land (off Wildmoor Lane). Land would be better used to support housing policy	Potential green corridor proposed through this area would only be likely if it formed part of a masterplan for the site's development for housing purposes	No change
32	Mrs J Rutter		Pedestrian crossing needed in vicinity of lane off Golden Cross Lane which leads to the Coop. Speeding traffic make this a dangerous road to cross especially for disabled people	Noted. Issue for Parish Council to consider in conjunction with County Council as part of community project CA2 to support traffic calming measures.	No change
33	V Harman	C12	People are opposed to village merging with neighbouring areas	Noted. One of the purposes of the NP is to make this less likely	No change
		para 8.10.1	People feel very strongly about protecting the environment and air quality and reducing amount of traffic through the village	These views have been expressed in previous consultation events and are objectives behind NP policies	No change
		ENV4 BDP22 BDP25	Policies are aimed at protecting wildlife, delivering a low carbon climate and supporting sport and recreational facilities	ENV4 relates to and supports similar relevant policies in Bromsgrove Local Plan	No change
34	Mr & Mrs Lane	para 10.2	Concerned at flooding issues caused by developing on the Marl Brook site as this would impact on our property	Presumably this refers to open land north of Marlbrook. Decisions on future housing will be responsibility of Bromsgrove District Council although policy H1 seeks to influence where development goes in the Parish	No change

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	Mr & Mrs Lane (cont)	para 10.7	Aware of significant views from Alvechurch Highway towards the Malverns. Developing in this area would have detrimental impact including that on the local wildlife	Noted. Aim of NP is to avoid development that might affect this 'significant view'	No change
			While we understand need for further development it requires sympathetic planning and consideration for local infrastructure	Noted and agreed	No change
35	Brett Laniosh	para 10.5.5	Disappointed that the green space that separates the M5, housing and cycleway is not given greater significance. This area is identified on p.23 as covering areas 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 and lies to west of Topaz development. This area is highly valued by residents who use it to walk and relax. This area should be protected from development	This area of open land is recognised in the NP as having significant views towards the Malvern Hills and as a vulnerable part of the GB separating Catshill and Bromsgrove and where maintenance of this gap should be maintained (Policy H1). Note that Area 12 is not part of this wider area	No change
		section 8.10	lack of public transport in frequency and early and late services on all routes. Services to Stourbridge and Halesowen are vitally important and must be protected. In addition, lack of connecting service to Longbridge railway station has a negative effect given the lack of a train station. A connecting service would help resolve this issue	Provision of bus services based on viability of routes and/or subsidy provided by County Council. While it is beyond the scope of NP to directly improve services Community Project CA3 looks to support improvements to local bus services. It should be noted that the connecting service to Longbridge Railway Station is provided by the 144 service linking Worcester and Birmingham. However, the previous half-hourly service has been reduced to an hourly service	No change
		section 10.2	refers to poorly maintained state of some footpaths and signage. This should be addressed	Noted. As part of Community Project CA4, the Parish Council is intending to maintain and improve footpaths and provide new ones	No change

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	Brett Laniosh (cont)	section 10.6	lack of maintenance/repair of relatively new play area and furniture to rear of Shelley Close needs to be addressed	Area owned by Bromsgrove District Council who are responsible for its maintenance	No change
36	Miss G Finch	H1	Traffic and parking issues are most important considerations	Noted	No change
		COM4	Better shopping area needed for Marlbrook with adequate parking provision	Accept there is a lack of local shopping facilities in North Marlbrook but new and/or improved provision will be dependent on market forces	No change
		ENV6/7/9	Agree with policies	Noted	No change
37	Jacob Bell	H1	Sites 22 & 16 seem most viable for development although 16 is more of a 'not in my backyard' moment. Need a through road from 13 to reach 12 and these sites would have more impact on myself	No sites have been put forward as preferences in the NP as the District Council has not made any strategic decisions on alterations to the Green Belt or provided an indication of the number of houses that the Parish will have to accommodate.	No change
		COM1	Takeaway shops are there and are used so removing them or preventing them from growing would not help rejuvenate the area	NP seeks to limit additional takeaway uses given the high concentration of existing ones in the local centre	No change
		COM2	With current trends to more on-line shopping do not see the need to focus on the shops, just the road itself which feels dangerous when driving down it	Improving the physical appearance of the local shopping centre could help to attract more variety of stores and encourage local residents to support them. Road improvements are the responsibility of the County Council and outside the scope of a NP	No change

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	Jacob Bell (cont)	ENV3	Green corridors are important for ramblers and wildlife. Increase the number of trees along the M5 to limit noise pollution and having wildlife areas would benefit the area. The Cottage Lane area is amazing for insects and Woodrow Lane is another amazing area for small animals	Land along the M5 is in private ownership. Land controlled by Highway England which provides a verge strip alongside the motorway is already planted	No change
38	DV & N Manson	ENV1 - 10	Wholeheartedly approve of policies to protect the environment. Covid has shown the importance of ENV6	Noted	No change
		COM1 & 2	Both policies are much needed	Noted	No change
		H1	Need to minimise further traffic	Noted	No change
39	Raymond Carver		We must protect and care for our green spaces. They are vital to helping wildlife and climate change	Noted	No change
40	Maureen Woodfull	para 8.10.1	Traffic calming measures on Wildmoor Lane and Golden Cross Lane are needed. Wildmoor Lane is used as a link to M5 junction	Assume reference to Wildmoor Lane should be Woodrow Lane. Community Project CA2 looks to support measures for traffic calming works	No change
			Support for NP references to improvements to local public transport and reducing speed through Catshill	Noted	No change
41	Mrs Lynda Wilkes		Acknowledge need for houses but concerned about provision of infrastructure - schools, doctors, roads	Development of new housing will require, in some cases, additional infrastructure which will be identified as part of the development process	No change

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	Mrs Lynda Wilkes (cont)		Need houses will be big and not provide affordable housing for younger people who are moving out. Incomers will not appreciate the village, green spaces and wildlife	Policy H2 identifies the need for a mix of housing of different sizes, types and tenures. Studies have shown need for homes for younger people	No change
			Growth in car numbers will make it unsafe for children and older people	Further housing will put additional pressure on highway network to accommodate traffic. Acknowledge traffic is a major issue for local residents but not one which NP can directly address	No change
42	Mrs J Bridgewater		Parish Council appear to have assessed sites and made effort to address housing, environment and well-being	Support noted	No change
43	Mr Peter Hall		NP is crucial to protect Catshill from uncontrolled development which would devastate the village both environmentally and socio-economically	Support noted	No change
			Is it possible to rank sites (housing) in order of importance so that development can be ranked in reverse order of importance	In the absence of housing allocations being made the background work for the NP has led to policy H1 which attempts to indicate how new housing can be accommodated with the least impact on important characteristics of the parish. This includes its effect on Green Belt areas, the highway network, landscape and the general environment. While a broad categorisation of possible housing sites has been carried out no final ranking has been included in the NP	No change

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44	Mrs Jane Taylor		Reassured by the conversations with NP representatives and welcome its unaltered course through all the processes it faces	Noted	No change
45	Mrs Anne Brookes		Parish Council answered many of my questions (as best they could) regarding future development. Representatives seemed well-informed and very helpful	Noted	No change
46	Mrs Rachel Levett	section 10.5	Green space is required for peoples' health and well-being. It relieves stress, depression. More houses will just enclose a nice free space	Aim of NP is to ensure provision for new green spaces/open space is made within or close to new development	No change
		section 10.5	Green Space No. 4 (adj. to M5) will be detrimental if developed for housing because there are deer there	Noted but many potential housing sites have value for wildlife	No change
			Building on any of the green belt is not a good idea because there is not enough free space for the existing population. Doctor's surgery, schools, dentists don't have sufficient space for people living here	Will be necessary to consider provision of new/additional infrastructure (including services) with any proposed development.	No change
47	Mr John Dunn		Why is it necessary to provide approximately 400 houses on green belt land. Opposed to development	District Council has to find new housing land to meet the targets required by government. The parish is one of six larger settlements identified for some growth. There is very little non-green belt land in Bromsgrove District meaning that some will have to be used	No change

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48	Mr Mark Levett	section 8.10	Traffic is already bad with potential safety issues	Acknowledged but this is responsibility of County Council	No change
		section 10.5	Local Green Space No. 4 - evidence of badgers and deers in this location. Change in this zone will be detrimental to this site.	Noted but many open/green areas have value for wildlife.	No change
			Catshill does not require more housing	Parish is identified as a location for further housing in current Bromsgrove Local Plan	No change
			The infrastructure does not support the current traffic situation. Catshill is used as a 'cut-through'.	Acknowledge traffic is an significant issue and problems caused by 'rat-running' especially as car drivers seek access to motorways. Highway issue which NP cannot directly affect.	No change
			There is no reason to use green sites when there is enough brown areas	Disagree. There is very little brownfield land available and certainly insufficient to provide enough sites to meet likely levels of housing growth anticipated	No change
49	Mr Colin Samways		Good to promote links between green spaces	Support noted	No change
			Impressed with extent of planning in NP but problem will come with government's proposals to free up development without planning permission	Comments welcomed. Unclear what impact proposed changes to planning system will have on NP and planning generally	No change
			It does look as if BDC have a real interest in and practical solutions to preserve the Catshill and North Marlbrook community.	BDC have yet to put forward any proposals for how C&NM will be treated in the revisions it will make to the Bromsgrove Local Plan and it remains unclear what impact these will have on the parish. Role of NP is to endeavour to minimise adverse impacts from development as far as possible	No change

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50	Mrs Angela Hooper		Impact on Battlefield Brook, Pavement safety - some places no path. Should not develop on this land especially because of volume of traffic on Stourbridge Road.	Believe this comment relates to use of Partridge Farm for development.	No change as no proposals in NP to develop this site.
			Concerned with volume of traffic going to Lydiate Ash island via Woodrow Lane. Long queues at peak times	Noted	No change
			Full support for NP	Support noted	No change
			Appears to want no development on site 2 and also possibly a location on Woodrow Lane	No allocations are made in the NP for housing although policy H1 is intended to inform the decision-making process by the District Council.	No change
51	Miss Nichola Wilkes		Housing is unaffordable for local people including younger age groups	Noted. NP promotes a range of house types, sizes and tenures in any proposals which come forward for development	No change
			Infrastructure needs to be considered especially the impact of traffic. Concerns also about flooding	Development of new housing will require, in some cases, additional infrastructure which will be identified as part of the development process	No change
			Insufficient provision for young people. Significant drug problem which will be reinforced by lack of facilities for youngsters	Provision has been made for play areas and pitches for ball games etc. Facilities such as a cinema is not realistic. Range of activities do exist. Better promotion of these should be an aim for the Parish Council. Community Project CA1 refers to the need for the Parish Council to develop a recreation and community strategy to coordinate and improve the range of facilities in the Parish.	No change

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	Miss Nichola Wilkes (cont)		Proximity of motorway an advantage but also attracts those who do not appreciate the area. Need to protect what we have and do not accept 'affordable housing' is affordable	Acknowledge some of these issues. NP endeavours to address these as far as it is possible to do so	No change
52	Simon Parker		Vision reasonable & clear houses are required	Support noted	No change
			Protecting views from Alvechurch Highway is paramount - one of best views in the area	NP identifies this as an important view	No change
			Significant development should take account of road structure around Alvechurch Highway and North Marlbrook. Existing roads would have to be widened which would impact on rural feel and character of area	Noted	No change
53	Mrs J Gornley		Do we need any more housing as infrastructure will not support more houses	The District Council's Local Plan has indicated that the Parish will need to accommodate more housing by 2030. Infrastructure will need to be provided to support the additional needs associated with further housing	No change
54	Mr P Day	p.1	well set out to identify what the NP is	Noted	No change
		p.2	key issues - you have identified the concerns of residents in our area	Noted	No change

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	Mr P Day (cont)	p.4	Brownfield sites should be used for housing where possible before any greenfield development. Safety should be a key concern where new properties are to be built and consideration must be given to existing residents, particularly where traffic flows passes our schools and nearby villages such as Fairfield and Sidemoor	While accepting principle of 'brownfield' land being used first there is very little such land available in the Parish and certainly insufficient to provide enough sites to meet likely levels of housing growth anticipated. Acknowledge concerns regarding safety and traffic flows which are identified in the NP	No change
			Support for work undertaken to produce NP	Support welcomed	No change
55	Ian Deverell (Redrow Homes)	Section 1	NP will need to align with BDP 2011 - 2030. Suggest that work being carried out by BDC on a Green Belt Review, the outcome of the methodology for calculating housing need across the District and those of the Greater Birmingham Housing Market Area will mean that circumstances will change and that the NP will need to be reviewed to ensure its remains up-to-date and in accordance with the revised BDP.	Agreed. The intention is that the NP will be reviewed on a regular basis or sooner if circumstances change.	No change

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	Ian Deverell (Redrow Homes) (cont)	Section 3	Welcome comments by AECOM in its site assessment that northern part of the Washingstocks Farm site (Site 2) could be considered suitable. Suggest the NP Group's assessment downgrades the views reached by AECOM and contend that use of Site 2 for development will still allow a 'significant green buffer' to be maintained to the south and also will not result in merging of Catshill and Bournheath. Agree with view that site is well-contained and suggest that surrounding roads and buildings, including those on the site have an urbanising effect. Also note that the site is included within Parcel C12 which forms part of the District Council's 'Green Belt Purposes Assessment' prepared to inform its current Local Plan and contend that this 'is conserved as the second least contributor to Green Belt purposes out of all the land parcels surrounding Catshill'.	Acknowledge AECOM views but disagree with its assessment that development could take place on the northern part of the site because partial development would still reduce the important Green Belt gap with Bromsgrove to the south. Accept use of site would not pose a significant risk of coalescence with Bournheath because latter is unlikely to see significant levels of housing growth. Although site is well-contained loss of its largely open character would have a strong urbanising effect. Disagree with interpretation of Parcel C12. This is one of three strategic parcels within or partly within the Parish. Its role in strategic Green Belt purposes is the most significant of the three land parcels in forming the crucial gap between Catshill and Bromsgrove. The other two strategic parcels are, in this respect, less significant because of the larger gap to other settlements to the north and northeast.	No change

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	Ian Deverell (Redrow Homes) (cont)		A Transport Feasibility Assessment has been produced to establish the site's sustainability credentials and provide initial advice on means of access to the development from Stourbridge Road. Suggest steps can be taken to help calm traffic travelling into the provision and that an emergency access can also be provided. Site has good public transport provision with access to local amenities.	Accept that a housing scheme would most likely require direct access onto Stourbridge Road and that an emergency access could be provided via Hinton Fields. However, both would access/egress the very busy Stourbridge Road. While more could be done to reduce the speed of traffic this part of Stourbridge Road acts as an unofficial 'bypass' on the western edge of Bromsgrove and is used by traffic from the south and west to gain access to (and from) junction 4 of the M5. This means there are high volumes of traffic, especially at peak periods and this is likely to increase substantially when the planned developments at Perryfields Road and Whitford Road in Bromsgrove are completed thereby exacerbating what is already a significant traffic issue as identified throughout the NP consultation process.	No change

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56	Avison Young (on behalf of St Philips Ltd)	H1	Considers there is a risk that policy H1 would impose a blanket ban on residential development on greenfield land in the Green Belt and recommend the policy wording is revised to include reference to the 'Very Special Circumstances' test in the NPPF	Disagree. The policy identifies that Green Belt land should only be released for major residential development following the review of the green belt being carried out by the District Council to inform revisions to its current Local Plan. This will establish the 'very special circumstances' that justify the release of green belt land for development purposes. While it would be desirable to use previously developed land to accommodate future housing, it appears clear from the BDP and available information that the scale of additional housing likely to be needed to contribute to overall District targets cannot be met on 'brownfield' sites. The latter might contribute a very modest number of dwellings should the few known sites come forward but would be insufficient to provide any meaningful numbers. In this respect, it is acknowledge that some current green belt land will be required.	No change

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	Avison Young (on behalf of St Philips Ltd) (cont)		Contend there are anomalies with the two housing site assessments carried out for the NP. Firstly, the AECOM assessment sees coalescence between Catshill and Bournheath as an issue; secondly, differences exist between the two studies on proximity to a bus stop; thirdly, AECOM highlight potential safety issues on highway matters unlike the NP assessment.	The two studies were undertaken independently by qualified planners. Given the subjective nature of various elements, some discrepancy between the two studies is unsurprising. The NP Group do not regard coalescence between Catshill and Bournheath as likely. The latter is a modest village where further housing development would be expected to be limited to infilling or very limited changes to village boundaries. The NP assessment of bus stop distance was taken from the approximate centre of the site rather than its edge. In any event this is not seen as a significant issue (although the elevated nature of the site would make it difficult for some pedestrians). The AECOM assessment concluded the site had suitable access based on a route which would be difficult to use in its current form given its lack of width. However, it may be suitable as an emergency access. The NP Group initially considered access to present a potential problem because of a likely location at the bottom of a modest hill where the road curves and potentially has sight-line issues. Subsequent information from the agent (provided by consultants for the client) suggests such concerns can be overcome which the NP Group accept.	No change

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	Avison Young (on behalf of St Philips Ltd) (cont)	Appendix 12	Considers there are issues with the Local Green Spaces Designation Study covering the methodology and scoring matrix, lack of support for the designation having regard to national policy and the weight afforded to the results of the community survey	Disagree. Local Green Spaces (LGS) were identified through consultation with local residents and from work undertaken for the Landscape Character Assessment Study. The criteria used for considering the suitability of the LGS were in accordance with paras. 99 - 101 of the NPPF and support for these sites has been forthcoming through a questionnaire survey of local residents undertaken of potential LGS designation for the NP. The NPPF provides examples (para. 100b) of the factors that can be considered as being relevant to LGS designation. It does not suggest a location has to meet all criteria before it can be considered. Additional work has been undertaken since the original consultation which has increased the response rate obtained. The results show there is overwhelming support from respondents for the designation of all proposed LGS.	No change
			Designation of the LGS would significantly constrain the developable area of the site	It is acknowledged that land parcel (Housing Assessment Site 4) may have some potential for future housing. There are a number of issues, should develop take place, which would need to be addressed. The long, narrow character of the site including areas of significant undulations and access considerations suggests there is scope for a layout where the proposed area of LGS is modified as part of the overall provision of	No change

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				open and recreational space for the development. This could, for instance, enable the public right of way across the site to be incorporated into a modified area of LGS/open space.	
57	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land	Changing approach to site allocations	The NP has 'reined back' from its earlier approach to propose housing allocations required through the strategic direction identified in the Bromsgrove Local Plan. This appears to be because BDC has not provided either a housing requirement target or an indicative figure. It is possible for a NP to identify land for development without a figure providing that NP is in general conformity with the development plan. Paragraph 136 Of the NPPF allows changes through neighbourhood plans as part of non-strategic policies, including detailed amendments to Green Belt boundaries, where the need for such changes have been established through strategic policies. Therefore, it is unclear why no sites have been allocated. Suggests all work carried out that relates to housing need, housing requirements and the assessment of individual sites should be removed from the Pre-Submission version of the NP	The original intention was for the NP to allocate housing sites to contribute towards outstanding housing targets in the BDP thereby acknowledging that changes to Green Belt boundaries will be necessary to accommodate growth. Housing work for the NP has attempted to determine the relative merits of different land parcels. BDC has not provided any indication of a potential housing target for the Parish because of its uncertainty regarding what changes were necessary in order to provide the 'exceptional circumstances' required by the NPPF (para. 135) to justify alterations to Green Belt boundaries. Its concerns have been compounded because it may need to make further housing provision to meet the needs of the Conurbation Authorities. These factors, depending on total numbers, could modify its existing strategic approach to housing needs, Green Belt alterations and locational choices. BDC is reviewing its green belt land (approximately 90% of the District) to provide the strategic basis for altering GB boundaries. The work undertaken for the NP has been used to formulate policies (H1	No change

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				and H2) by indicating local objectives which are intended to inform the District Council's approach to Green Belt alterations in the Parish. The housing need for the District is to be determined by BDC as the strategic planning authority through its Local Plan Review which can, in turn, provide a figure for the NP area. Only a strategic authority can determine this as identified in para 65 of the NPPF.	
	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)		Alternative approach is to identify 'reserve sites' to ensure that evidence of local housing need is addressed once the District Council has progressed the local plan review sufficiently	This is not seen as a suitable option because the local plan review work may provide more recent updates of housing need which could supersede those in the NP. Identifying 'reserve sites' on the basis of local needs alone would be difficult to justify when it appears likely that the Parish will be expected to accommodate some of the wider housing requirements for Bromsgrove District.	No change

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	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)	Housing Need considerations	Quantification of a housing figure for the Parish is lower than a figure based on the area's proportion of the district population. It also applies a 'sustainability score' based on the District Council's Settlement Hierarchy Background Paper. Local Plan policy BDP2.1 does not rank settlements in the development plan. Therefore it is considered that sustainability scoring goes well beyond the requirement to take into consideration relevant policies in an existing or emerging spatial strategy. Use of a background paper in this way is arbitrary and unnecessary and seeks to reduce or restrict the contribution the Parish makes to housing needs in the District	Accept that housing figure is lower than one calculated either on population proportions or where sustainability of the settlement is ignored. However, it is not accepted that the approach taken to the calculation of a housing figure for the Parish is inappropriate in the absence of any indication of housing levels from the District Council. Use has been made of work undertaken by the District Council on sustainability because it is seen as a key factor in the government's approach to planning policies. This is identified in PPG para. 41-101-20190509 (09/05/2019) on meeting housing needs which cross references para 11, footnote 6 of the PPG in relation to having regard to sustainable development in Green Belt locations.	No change
		Lack of housing supply	NP approach does not take sufficient account of the relative lack of housing land supply in the Parish as illustrated by the District Council's monitoring data for 2018	The Parish has contributed a previous 'Area of Development Restraint' to the housing supply during the current plan period together with a significant number of other 'windfall' properties. The current 'lack' of supply reflects both this and the wider requirement for the District Council to address housing need across the District. Because this will necessitate Green Belt changes it is not surprising that the level of supply in the majority of parishes (including the identified six 'larger settlements' is low in all instances.	No change

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	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)	Housing requirement in NP likely to be superseded	Housing figure in NP is likely to be superseded by a higher figure when the District Council publishes its local plan review. This is likely to be higher because of the revised standard method formula. This means the NP indicative figure of 399 dwellings will become obsolete with a much larger share likely to be directed to the Parish.	Acknowledge that this may be a possibility but it is not considered relevant to the work that has been undertaken based on current circumstances. While noting the 399 figure for housing, this is based on an equal share of dwellings being allocated to each of the six settlements identified in policy BDP2 of the BDP. That figure provided a starting point for subsequent work undertaken for the NP but it fails to have regard to the number of dwellings built since the start of the plan period and the sustainability differences between the six settlements. However, it is accepted that the principle of the 'latest' adopted plan superseding earlier plans prevails.	No change
		H1	Unclear why the NP details the evidence base for an indicative housing figure and considers site options but does not then propose a figure or allocate any sites	The background work on housing for the NP was intended to provide the basis for site allocations once the District Council made it known what level of housing (actual or indicative) was required in the Parish. It became clear that the Council was unable to provide any figure in the absence of a comprehensive Green Belt Review. The broad results of the housing studies was therefore used to inform the housing policies particularly with respect to policies H1 and H2.	No change

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	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)	H1	Objects to criterion 1 and 2. The former seeks to prevent development on the basis of future work to be undertaken outside the neighbourhood plan process, namely the review of the Green Belt. Criterion seeks to establish that all Green Belt land cannot be built on until such time as the District Council has completed its GBR and land is released following this process	Criterion 1 simply acknowledges the position which has been reached given the unwillingness of the District Council to provide a housing requirement figure for the Parish. Given this difficulty it acknowledges that the objective of the NP is to secure such development through the local plan process. The criterion does not inhibit any developer from pursuing a proposal for major residential development in the meanwhile should it wish to do so.	No change
			Objects to criterion 2 because it is overly prescriptive and restrictive and does not accord with national policy. Paras 145 and 146 of the NPPF identifies those circumstances where development in the Green Belt can be justified.	Disagree with this assessment of criterion 2. It relates solely to major residential development within non-green areas of the Parish. Paras 145 and 146 of the NPPF refer only to green belt locations. There are instances where the re-use of buildings in green belt locations in the Parish could conceivably take place within the parameters of the NPPF. The NP could not and does not seek to prevent this.	No change
			Propose that 'only' should be deleted from the first line of policy H1 as it is overly restrictive and arguably be seeking to protect sites for their own sake rather than promoting the achievement of sustainable development as required by national policy	Agree. While not accepting that by using 'only' in policy H1 it is seeking to protect sites for their own sake it is acknowledged that it is unnecessary and should be deleted.	Delete 'only' from first line of policy H1
		Justification to policy H1	Objects to parts of the second and third paragraphs of the justification. Should be left to the emerging local plan review process given the failure to allocate sites.	Disagree. These paragraphs summarise the work undertaken on housing matters and how it is hoped that this will help inform the District Council's local plan review.	No change

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	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)	H2	While not objecting to the policy in principle the first and last sentences appear to be drafted as criteria that could be applied in an overly mechanistic or prescriptive manner that focuses solely on deficiencies rather than acknowledge the contribution that new residential development can make to the wider needs of the District.	The AECOM Study on housing needs identified existing and potentially future issues arising from a mismatch between the current housing stock and local housing needs. This policy seeks to address the main concerns raised by the study. It is accepted that 'required' in the first sentence of the policy could be changed to 'supported', to avoid too prescriptive an approach. It is also recognised that later studies may require a different housing mix and this should be acknowledged in the policy. These changes, together with revisions to the justification are intended to address the respondent's concerns.	Revision to policy H2 and the justification are proposed in response to this representation. These are shown at the end of this paper.
		H3	The NP is seeking to elevate the status of the design guide beyond being merely a material consideration of policy H3 which is inappropriate and contrary to national policy and guidance. Reference to the Design Guide should be deleted from policy H3.	Disagree. The Design Guide undertaken by AECOM is not 'Supplementary Planning Guidance' as inferred in the reference to Planning Practice Guidance. These usually relate to policies in an adopted local plan. The intention in this instance is that the Design Guide should be used as a reference when considering how the design and features of a new development can best accord with local characteristics and elements of the built and natural environment. However, it is proposed that changes are made to the wording of the policy and the justification to better reflect the 'informative role' envisaged for the Design Guide.	Revision to policy H3 and the justification are proposed. These are shown at the end of this paper.

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	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)	ENV4	Objection is made to the designation of Area 2 as a Local Green Space (LGS) under criterion b) of para 100 of the NPPF. The site is on private land and should score low rather than high as shown in the evidence base; also incorrectly defined as Public Playing Field when it should be redefined as 'private land'. Public right of way on the southern boundary of the site is not accessible directly to/from the site. Therefore the score of 'high' on the PROW - Green Corridor is incorrect and should be revised to 'Low'. Also no evidence to substantiate its value as a wildlife corridor or natural habitat area. Landscape study concluded the LGS was not visible from any public locations and is screened by dense vegetation along the southern boundary. Do not agree the site represents an 'exemplar' of the 'distinctive character and environment of the parish'. Insufficient evidence to support designation and relies on opinions of individual people and fails to accord with planning guidance.	As part of a blue/green corridor running through North Marlbrook and Catshill, Area 2 makes a significant contribution to the local environment. This damp low-lying land provides a wildlife corridor along the Marl Brook and is a potential habitat for wildlife. It is adjacent to a playing field and close to housing and it is possible to see into the site from the former, especially in winter months. Criteria for designation of a LGS does not require the land to be in public ownership or publicly accessible. The nature of the site is unlikely to inhibit development of adjacent land because it has the potential to be incorporated into the open space/recreational area for a scheme. Additional consultation has taken place which further confirms the importance of this area to local people.	No change
		Site Assessment Process	Variations between the two site assessment studies arise because of differences in the methodologies which have been used.	Given the two studies were carried out independently it is not surprisingly some differences arise between sites. However, these are limited and mostly occur because AECOM did not fully evaluate the impact of development on Green Belt purposes or the highway network.	No change

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	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)	NP Site Assessment Study	Accept some conclusions of the Local Landscape Character Assessment (LLCA - referred to as the LVSCA elsewhere) for the NP but disagree on the extent to which development would impact on the area because the site is only part of the wider (LLCA) area meaning the impact on the landscape would be limited and any change of views limited to a very localised area. Impact on the surrounding landscape and on views from public locations can be mitigated to ensure development assimilates with adjoining settlement.	Accept that variations will occur between assessments of wider landscape areas and smaller land parcels within it. Also accept that the site would be contained by the landform when viewed from some locations, particularly the northeast. However, the site is highly prominent in the local landscape when seen from the south which is the primary viewpoint for vehicle occupants, pedestrians and those using the recreational area/playing field to the south. The rising land which forms an important part of the site means that development would have a significant urbanising effect on the landscape with effective mitigation difficult to achieve. Development would also be visible to some residents of nearby houses to the west, south west and south east. The damaging urbanising impact of development in this location is a major disadvantage of development.	No change
			Access will not cause an unacceptable impact on highway safety or any severe residual cumulative impact on the road network. A technical report supports this view.	Whilst acknowledging that a technical study has shown access would be acceptable this has to be considered in the context of the location. Access would be onto a highly trafficked road (A38) adjacent to other businesses including a hotel and quite close to a major road junction. Given traffic volumes, particularly at peak periods, this would make right-hand turns from the site difficult and potentially dangerous. This represents a	No change

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				further major disadvantage against the development of the site.	
	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)		A number of other matters are raised relating to scores in the Site Assessment Study for the NP. These refer to the topography of the site, the nature interest, flood risk, agricultural land quality, access, proximity to facilities, services and education facilities. The District Council's SHLAA assessment is also referred to. This found no over-riding constraints to housing use apart from its Green Belt designation. It is contended that the site scoring should therefore be revised.	It is accepted that interpretation of the individual criterion used in the Site Assessment Study is not a precise science. However, for comparison the AECOM Study reached similar conclusions. Apart from landscape and highway concerns, access to services and facilities is relatively poor for this location. The suggestion that the petrol filling station shop provides a meaningful facility is rejected. While the Tesco outlet is a more substantial outlet, potentially within walking distance, almost all other local services and facilities are in locations which would encourage the use of a car to access them. Other potential locations for development in the Parish would be closer to the majority of services and facilities.	

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	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)	AECOM Site Assessment Study	Principal objection to the site on suitability grounds is that of 'landscape sensitivity and capacity'. Points out that it draws heavily on the Landscape and Visual Sensitivity Capacity Assessment (LVSCA) carried out for the NP. Contends that the AECOM Study does not acknowledge the wider area within which the site is actually identified. This includes open, rolling arable fields to the north east. The AECOM study does not take fully into account the site specifics unlike the study carried out for the respondent. Also contends that the visual effects of development would be far more localised in comparison to the whole area and that the composition of the view is already compromised by residential built form than the more open land to the north east.	As noted previously, while this site is part of a wider landscape area as assessed in the LVSCA it is a particularly prominent part of the wider area because of its visual impact in the streetscene and its value in forming an open link from the playing field/open space to the south and open land to the north. Its prominence in the local landscape makes an important contribution in the transition from the urban edge to the more rural landscape to the north. Development would therefore have a significant urbanising effect on the landscape which it would be difficult for mitigation measures to offset.	No change

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	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)		The AECOM Study found the greenfield nature of the site made it unsuitable for allocation in the neighbourhood plan. This is immaterial because both the District and Parish Councils admit that Bromsgrove cannot meet its current housing requirements without development greenfield/green belt sites. Furthermore the score applied to the site by AECOM (amber) was made due to its connection to the built-up area whereas a score of green would have applied had it been within the built-up area. This fails to properly acknowledge the 'local context' in the AECOM Study given the accepted lack of brownfield land in the Parish. It would have been more appropriate, therefore, to have scored sites based on whether they were within/adjacent to the existing built-up area as opposed to being outside.	Acknowledge this criticism of the AECOM Study. It is agreed that some land will have to be removed from the current Green Belt in the Parish if any significant development is to take place. However, while the site can be said to be adjacent to the urban area, it is no different from many of the other land parcels investigated in both the NP and AECOM Studies.	No change
			Notes the finding in the AECOM Study that the site can achieve a suitable access to traffic contrary to the NP Study	As noted previously, AECOM made clear that it had not taken traffic issues into consideration. Instead its assessment was limited to whether physical access to a site was possible. It is not disputed that this is indeed the case in this instance. AECOM suggested that two access points could be identified but considered that both were narrow and that further investigation would be necessary. However, the suggested main access identified does not make this an acceptable location for development given	No change

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				the amount of traffic movements and uses close to a potential junction with the A38.	
	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)		Recommends that AECOM scoring should be revised to reflect that access to a shop and health facilities are within an acceptable walking distance	Do not accept that AECOM scoring on access to services and facilities should be amended. The closest shop is at a petrol filling station which is very small and provides a limited number of products. The AECOM Study grouped health facilities to cover Hospital/GP/Pharmacy. There is no hospital and both the GP and Pharmacy are at or beyond the likely range where they would be used by residents walking from the site.	No change
			Notes differences in agricultural land value	There appears to be little variation in land quality across the Parish. Many of the potential sites are or have been used for agriculture, including Site 12. Development in the Parish will therefore reduce the amount of remaining land that can be put to agricultural use. Consequently not a critical issue in decisions about future housing locations in comparison to other factors such	No change

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				as Green Belt impacts, highway issues etc.	
	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)		AECOM refer to the site being on a plateau and steep gradient	This is correct. The northern part of the site is located on a plateau to the east of existing housing. The steep section lies on the southern part of the site	No change
			AECOM state that the site is not available for development. This is incorrect	Agree that the site is available for development. The NP Group has been provided with an indicative layout and AECOM were made aware of the availability of this and other sites.	No change
			Contend that the AECOM Study is incorrect in relation to the site and that its exclusion is not sufficiently evidenced or justified.	The AECOM Study identifies that the topography and landscape capacity of the site is the most significant factor in making it unsuitable for development. In this regard it is consistent with the LVSCA and the findings in the NP Study.	No change
		Site Assessment - comparative analysis	Agricultural land value of site 12 is lower than other sites but there is no explanation of why the other sites are preferred when NPPF says areas of poorer quality land should be preferred	There was insufficient information on agricultural land values to use this as a reliable guide. Furthermore other factors, such as impact on the Green Belt, highway considerations and proximity to services and facilities, were, in combination, seen as equal or greater importance in site assessments.	No change

Ref No.	Respondent	Para no/ policy no	Comments	Response	Proposed amendment
			There is no consideration of air quality and noise pollution for most of the preferred sites whereas site 12 scores better for noise pollution than site 23 (the only one with recorded values)	Noise pollution is a noticeable feature of all sites given the proximity of the two motorways and the A38. Those most distant from these roads are less affected but are in more remote locations where other factors outweigh noise. No information on air quality was known to be available for all sites although it is accepted that sites closer to the motorways and the A38 may be more susceptible to higher concentrations of polluting substances. However, past studies have shown that air pollution 'hotspots' are found at major road junctions rather than locations where there is moving traffic. Three 'Area Quality Management Areas' are currently 'live' in Bromsgrove District (for excessive nitrogen dioxide levels). None are in the Parish.	No change
	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)		Access issues - a number of other preferred sites are identified as having access issues yet access to site 12 would not raise any similar concerns	It is accepted that some of the 'higher scoring' sites in the site assessments have potential access issues. These sites, however, would not necessarily have to connect directly to a heavily trafficked main road (A38) as is the current proposal for access to site 12.	No change
			Proximity to built-up area - sites 4, 23, 24 and 25 are less well contained to the built-up area than site 12; the latter therefore scores better in terms of proximity to the built-up area	It is not disputed that site 12 is reasonably well-contained by existing development to the west. However, sites 4 and 25 have arguably better or equal containment. Sites 23 and 24 are contained by development to the south and the M5 and some sporadic housing/commercial uses to the east.	No change

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			Landscape impact - the assessment flags this criterion as a 'showstopper' for site 12 although other sites are acknowledged as having some impact on the landscape. The assessment for site 12 only refers to a single viewpoint despite it being accepted as well-contained on three sides.	Development invariably has an impact on the landscape both in relation to short and long-distance views. However, the topography of the southern part of site 12 would result in a marked and obvious intrusion of development in a location where it would be particularly noticeable. The degree of containment on its western and to a lesser extent northern and eastern flanks would not compensate for this.	No change
	RPS on behalf of Gleeson Strategic Land (cont)		Proximity to services and facilities - the scoring of site 12 in relation to accessibility is disputed in terms of distance to some facilities and an overall measure of accessibility	Measurements for the NP Site Assessment was taken from the approximate centre of each site so some variation in distances to facilities is likely to arise depending on methodology. While it is accepted that Site 12 is close to bus stops, open space and footpaths it is, by comparison with a number of other sites, more distant to a larger number of services and facilities.	No change

Ref No.	Respondent	Para no/ policy no	Comments	Response	Proposed amendment
			Conclusions - site 12 performs considerably better against the site assessment criteria than is presented in either of the two evidence documents published to date. This includes a number of errors identified in the distance measured applied to site 12. In addition, the perceived impacts in terms of landscape, access and highways has been over-estimated, a view supported by submitted technical assessments. Site 12 is therefore unlikely to lead to the scale of impacts suggested in the NP evidence base and where impacts are likely they can be suitably mitigated	Disagree. It remains the view that site 12 would have a significant and detrimental impact on the landscape when viewed from the south. In addition, concerns remains that the provision of an an access/egress on to the A38 would create a potential and on-going safety issue while the site itself is more distant from the bulk of services and facilities than a number of others. This would encourage residents to use their cars rather than walk to these facilities. In these respects this site is regarded as less suitable than a number of other locations.	No change
ANONYMOUS RESPONSES					
58	Anonymous		Stop kids playing on play park in The Meadow after midnight	Issue that NP cannot address directly	No Change
59	Anonymous	ENV4/ENV5	Vital to protect these areas	Agree. NP seeks to protect important green spaces	No change
60	Anonymous		No mention of fly tipping. Rubbish regularly tipped in Beacon Lane/Alvechurch Highway and no steps taken to do anything	Outside scope of NP	No change
			Footpaths & roads a disgrace, road signs are dirty, no white lines, potholes everywhere, parking on pavements	Issues mainly responsibility of Worcestershire County Council and largely outside scope of NP. Unclear what issues arise with footpaths	No change
			Issues associated with asylum seekers being housed at Hilton Hotel	Government matter outside scope of NP	

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61	Anonymous		Green Areas are vital for health, well-being and adequate exercise	Noted	No change
			Adequate waste bins needed for footpath routes (and emptied)	Noted. Issue for Parish Council to consider	No change
62	Anonymous	H1	Increase number of speed bumps to restrict speeding. Reduce traffic through village	Acknowledge concerns regarding traffic issues but these are responsibility of County Council and outside control of Parish Council	No change
		para 8.11	Welcome efforts to protect GB to safeguard wildlife and prevent parish merging with neighbouring towns	Noted	No change
			More affordable housing required for younger generations on low incomes	Noted. Aim of NP is to secure more affordable housing	No change

	Proposed Changes to Policy H2 and the reasoned justification
	<p>H2 New residential development in the Parish of more than 10 dwellings will be supported where it provides a mix of housing types, tenures and sizes consistent with the findings of the AECOM Housing Needs Assessment or subsequent studies. In particular, schemes should provide: a) smaller dwellings of one and two bedrooms; b) properties suitable for the elderly; c) a mix of housing tenures including social and affordable rent and shared ownership; d) sufficient affordable housing to achieve the BDC target for affordable housing specified in the adopted local plan.</p> <p><i>Justification The release of land for housing development before 2030 will contribute to the District Council's overall housing target. The AECOM Housing Needs Assessment (Appendix 8) found that the limited supply of smaller homes was leading to a steady decline in young adults, including those with families, and that there was a need for smaller homes in preference to larger properties. New housing should address these issues by providing a mix of accommodation, including different types of social housing tenure and homes for the elderly. Phased development will be supported particularly where this leads to more variety in the built form. Should subsequent housing need studies be completed, such as that being undertaken by the District Council, development proposals should reflect any revisions to the amount, mix and housing tenure types that are required.</i></p>

	<p>Proposed Changes to Policy H3 and the reasoned justification</p> <p>H3 New housing should be designed to meet relevant energy and construction standards and have regard to the design principles set out in the Catshill and North Marlbrook Design Guide. Development proposals should demonstrate that they have considered and applied the following design principles: a) they harmonise with and enhance the existing settlement in terms of physical form, pattern and movement; b) they relate to the local topography and landscape features, including prominent ridge lines and long distance views; c) they enhance the established pattern of streets and other public spaces; d) they integrate with existing vehicular and pedestrian routes and linkages e) they respect surrounding buildings in terms of scale, height, form and massing; f) they make suitable provision for sustainable waste management, including collection points, without having an adverse impact on the streetscene; g) they integrate energy efficient technologies as part of the design process; h) they promote social inclusion by ensuring social housing is fully integrated with the overall design; and, i) through design they minimise the potential for crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><i>Justification There is little in the way of a coherent building style in the Parish. However, there is the potential to better reflect features and elements of the local architectural environment with new development by reference to the Design Codes contained in the AECOM Design Guide for Catshill and North Marlbrook (Appendix 13), the District Council's High Quality Design Supplementary Planning Document (2019) and 'Secured by Design' Development Guides. Doing so would assist in integrating new buildings with their surroundings and help to maintain a sense of place and crime-free space for the community and visitors.</i></p>
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7. Conclusions

7.1 The Submission Neighbourhood Plan is the outcome of over four and half years of continuous community engagement in various forms as outlined in this statement. It comprises a set of locally specific planning policies intended to guide development management decisions on planning applications so that they better reflect the communities' expectations.

7.2 The Parish Council believe that the Submission Plan is a fair reflection of the views expressed by the local community throughout the various stages of plan preparation.

7.3 All legal obligations regarding the preparation of neighbourhood plans have been adhered to by the Parish Council. The Submission Plan is supported by a Basic Conditions Report and by this Consultation Statement both of which adequately cover the requirements set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 [as amended]. The Parish Council has no hesitation in presenting the Plan as a policy document that has the support of the majority of the local community who have been engaged in its preparation.

7.4 This Consultation Statement completes the range of tasks undertaken to demonstrate that publicity, consultation and engagement on the Plan has been meaningful, effective, proportionate and valuable in shaping the Plan which will benefit communities across the Parish by promoting sustainable development.

Annexure 1 - Synopsis of Appendices, relating to Community Consultation, in the Evidence Base

Appendix 1 - Results and Issues raised - Level 1 Residents' Questionnaire

From the results and analysis of this survey, the respondents felt most strongly about the following issues and topics;

- 'Community spirit' is the top reason why people like living in Catshill and should be taken into account when developing planning policies,
- Issues with 'traffic', including high volume, speed and noise, is one of the main reasons that detract from living in the village and traffic reduction should be paramount in any future planning permissions,
- There are strong feelings against 'housing development' which could effect the character of the village and any future developments should provide for affordable homes,
- 'Police' and 'crime' featured highly in people's concerns and related to the anti social behaviour of youths and the lack of youth facilities,
- 'Wildlife' ranked highly in the responses, together with protection of the 'green belt' and therefore preserving and protecting the environment should be an important consideration in planning policies,
- There was a widely held view that 'public transport' needed to be improved, particularly for residents in North Marlbrook,
- 'Local shops' and 'amenities' were generally considered to be a positive reason for living in the village, however the shopping area suffers from many inadequacies and the prevalence of fast food outlets needs to be addressed,
- Respondents felt least strongly about 'Jobs' and the opportunities for local jobs now and in the future (from the Business Survey) will not improve, unless positive proposals are considered to attract businesses to the area.

Appendix 2 - Results and Issues raised - Local Business' Questionnaire

Most of the businesses in the village are shops located in the Golden Cross Lane. There are seven takeaway and fast food outlets which open predominantly in the evenings and weekends, reducing the trading opportunities for other shops during normal working hours. There are also six hair salons in the Parish. Residents of North Marlbrook need to travel a significant distance for essential services like GP surgery and pharmacy.

The majority of businesses employ less than 5 full time staff and 1-2 part time staff. The largest employer is the Compass Offices located in Golden Cross Lane, taking up significant number of parking spaces.

Appendix 2 (cont)

The locations of businesses have been decided in the main by the proximity to their customers, with access to the motorway network another important consideration. The pharmacy's location was chosen due to its proximity to the GP Surgery.

The main obstacle to growing the businesses is car parking and related issues.. The Dental Practice has a special obstacle to growth as they need to obtain extra NHS funding, although they have the accommodation to expand. However, a third of businesses said there were no obstacles to growing or retaining their businesses.

Over the next 5 years, the majority of businesses said they would not leave the Parish or move into new premises within the Parish, with their businesses remaining the same size. However the two main employers would be providing new job opportunities during this period.

A third of businesses would support retail and residential housing developments in the village, as long as these developments led to increased customers and trade. However another third of the businesses did not wish to see any new developments at all.

There was a general view that the retail area suffered many inadequacies, including insufficient parking, lighting and signage, lack of access to premises and a need for quality, independent new shops and businesses open during normal working hours such as vets, deli, fruit and vegetable and flower shops to attract new customers to the village and increase day time footfall.

Appendix 5 - Results and Issues raised - Level 2 Residents' Questionnaire

From the statistically significant sample of 432 questionnaires returned, it can be seen that the Vision Statement together with the objectives and policy options included in the questionnaire are supported by a majority of householders in the village.

Identifying sufficient housing to meet targets set by BDC is therefore supported but there is a significant minority of residents (strongly disagreeing) who are opposed to any housing developments in the Parish, particularly on Green Belt land.

Although there is a majority that is not opposed to any of the sites proposed there is no clear site or sites which are strongly considered suitable by the respondents. From undertaking a weighted analysis of the results, sites 3, 4 and 7 are least favoured for housing development.

Appendix 5 (cont)

The main issue that concerns householders is the impact of traffic through the village. Their opposition to future housing development is in part due to the likelihood that traffic problems would get worse with more houses.

Protecting the Green Belt and the character and feel of the village was another major factor in rejection of any more housing developments.

Any housing developments in the village can only take place in a controlled way ensuring that the semi rural character and feel of the village is maintained and sufficient infrastructure changes and services are provided to mitigate the impact of these new housing sites. Policies developed must support these strongly held views in the Parish.

Appendix 6 - Call For Sites

Following on from the Level 2 Questionnaire the parish council launched a 'Call for Sites' initiative to identify sites within the parish that may have potential for development over the period of the Plan. Landowners, agents or potential developers were invited to put forward sites for consideration. This exercise involved the identification of all or as many landowners/land title holders as possible in the parish within the present green belt and other open areas. A Land Registry Search was used for the purpose of obtaining relevant Land Registry plot references, name(s) of registered owners on land title deeds, postal addressed and details of present land use.

Based on the Land Registry search [Nimbus Property Systems web portal www.nimbusmaps.co.uk and consequently 35 individual letters and 5 emails were posted out to all known owners/title deed holders of identified land plots. These letters contained details of the Call for Sites and invited the recipients or their agents to request/download a Proforma (from the NP website) relating to their land and to return this to the Steering Group via the Clerk to the Parish Councils office.

In support of the direct postal invitations an advert was placed in the local weekly press on the 3rd October 2018 advising all landowners of the Call for Sites and inviting them to complete and submit a detailed Proforma to the Clerk to the Parish Council. This advert was also posted on the Parish Council web site and regular parish notice boards.

In all 17 completed Call for Sites Proformas were returned which included submission from parcels of land in multiple ownerships.

Appendix 6 (cont)

As a part of the Landowner submissions the Parish invited all landowners, where appropriate, to make a presentation to the Steering Group whereby they could present further details of their sites.

A number of potential developers/owners chose not to make a presentation as they responded that they had not at that time developed their proposals sufficiently and they were more focused on responding to the Issues and Options Consultation then being carried by Bromsgrove District Council.

In all a total of 6 individual presentations were given to the Steering Group team on 26th October and 2nd November respectively at the Baptist Hall in Catshill. These were well received and were seen to provide for some very useful exchanges to take place.

The submissions and presentations were subsequently considered against the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan and an objective assessment of each site was undertaken alongside all other such potential development sites within the Parish.

From the Call for Site Proformas sent out a total of 18 completed Proformas were returned and 6 individual presentations were made which varied from landowners making verbal presentations to consultants/agents giving detailed electronic presentations.

The complete list of Appendices contained in the Evidence Base can be downloaded from the NP website and is as follows;

1. Level 1 Questionnaire – Results and Analysis
2. Business Questionnaire Results
3. Landscape Character Assessment Study
4. Flooding and Hydrology Survey
5. Level 2 Questionnaire – Results and Analysis
6. Call for Sites Exercise by NP Group
7. Site Assessment Study by NP Group
8. AECOM Housing Needs Assessment
9. AECOM Site Assessment Study
10. Comparison of Site Assessment Studies
11. Green Infrastructure Network Report
12. Local Green Space/Formal Open Spaces Study
13. AECOM Design Guide Study

Annexure 2 - List of Statutory Consultees

The Coal Authority
The Environment Agency
Historic England
Marine Management Organisation
Natural England
Network Rail
Highways England
Birmingham City Council
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Stratford in Avon District Council
Redditch Borough Council
Wychavon District Council
Wyre Forest District Council
South Staffordshire District Council
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Worcestershire County Council
Warwickshire County Council
Staffordshire County Council
Alvechurch Parish Council
Barnt Green Parish Council
Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council
Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council
Bournheath Parish Council
Clent Parish Council
Cofton Hackett Parish Council
Dodford with Grafton Parish Council
Finstall Parish Council
Frankley Parish Council
Hagley Parish Council
Hunnington Parish Council
Lickey and Blackwell Parish Council
Romsley Parish Council
Stoke Parish Council
Tufnall and Cobley Parish Council
Wythall Parish Council
New Frankley Parish Council
Dickens Heath Parish Council
Tidbury Green Parish Council
Tamworth in Arden Parish Council
Hanbury Parish Council
Dodderhill Parish Council
Broome Parish Council
Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council
Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council
Kinver Parish Council
Place Partnership on behalf of Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police
Electronic Communication code operators
Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group
The National Health Commissioning Board
Amec on behalf of National Grid – electricity and gas providers
Western Power Distribution
Sewerage and Water Undertakers – Severn Trent Water Ltd.
Sewerage and Water Undertakers – South Staffs Water

Annexure 2 - List of Statutory Consultees (cont)

Homes and Communities Agency
North Worcestershire Water Management

Annexure 3 - List of Interest Groups

Catshill Baptist Church
Catshill Methodist Church
Welcome Hall Evangelical Church
Christ Church
Catshill Village Surgery
Catshill Dental Practice
Worcestershire Federation of Women's Institutes
Women's institute Catshill
Women's Institute Dodford
6th Bromsgrove Scout Group
Girl guiding Worcestershire County Office
Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
Bromsgrove Ramblers association
The George Wagstaff Memorial Meadow
Catshill Social Club
Catshill Village Hall
Blue Cross Catshill
Catshill First School
Catshill Middle School
Chadsgrove School and Specialist Sports College
District Councillors for Catshill North and South
Bromsgrove Member of Parliament