

Report of representations received on The Giddings, Winwick and Hamerton Submission Neighbourhood Plan and considered by the Examiner

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Ms Alice Lawman	Spatial Planner National Highways	GWH:1	Overall comment on the Neighbourhood Plan	Have observations	Thank you for consulting National Highways on the abovementioned Neighbourhood Plan. National Highways is a strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). It has been noted that once adopted, the Neighbourhood Plan will become a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. Where relevant, National Highways will be a statutory consultee on future planning applications within the area and will assess the impact on the SRN of a planning application accordingly. Notwithstanding the above comments, we have reviewed the document and note the details of set out within the draft document are unlikely to have an severe impact on the operation of the trunk road and we offer No Comment.		
Community Campaigner David Barton		GWH:2	Overall comment on the Neighbourhood Plan	Have observations	Please find attached my PDF Umbrella Representation which comprises a key part of my submission for the aforementioned The Giddings, Winwick and Hamerton (Regulation 16) Neighbourhood Plan Consultation. Traditional Architecture Design Codes should be a central component across this entire consultation and its various chapters and sections especially concerning new construction. It performs strongly on economic, ecological and environmental grounds as can be attested to by leading figures and organisations with academic studies that corroborate this. Please see my PDF Umbrella Representation for the various merits outlined including Placemaking and Greenery Proposals. A ban on demolition of buildings constructed prior to 1950 should be enacted as soon as possible with reconstructions of previously demolished historic buildings listed or not given full support for restoration and reuse. Non-Designated Heritage Assets and unclassified historic buildings should also be given full protection and support against their demolition, such as selling of publicly owned historic buildings that will be demolished otherwise. Historic buildings should be duly reconstructed authentically as they were. Whilst present points are mostly find the shift to utilising authentic Traditional Architecture based Design Codes will mitigate concerns facing all key stakeholders ranging from incumbent local residents to the Local Authority and House Builders and prospective new residents and businesses alike. It does this by directly addressing the need for housing, the otherwise avoidable strain on the environment and surrounding biodiversity whilst enabling the complete Huntingdonshire Area to shine and stand out as a source of economic activity that can withstand local, regional, national and international pressures.	Yes	The fullest defence and protection must be invested into buildings that are left to avoidable decline and eventual pursuit of demolition whether publicly or privately owned with any Council sales not pursued until legislation has been passed to further protect against demolishers demolishing said properties at risk.
Jo Challis	Cambridgeshire County Council	GWH:3	Overall comment on the Neighbourhood Plan	Have observations	Following a review of the draft Neighbourhood Plan it was noted that development will be accepted subject to size and location. Any planning applications for such developments will be subject to consultation with the Local Highway Authority (LHA) who will determine if the development is compliant with Cambridgeshire County Councils General Principles for Development policy document to ensure that it does not create a hazard for highway users and that it adheres to Paragraphs 115, 117 and 118 of the NPPF. The LHA will also ensure that, where required, any additional highway infrastructure is provided to ensure that Non-Motorised Users (NMUs) can access local facilities.		

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Environment Agency	Environment Agency	GWH:4	Overall comment on the Neighbourhood Plan	Have observations	Thank you for consulting us on the Submission Publication for the Giddings, Winwick and Hamerton Neighbourhood Plan. We aim to reduce flood risk, while protecting and enhancing the water environment. Having commented previously on this plan we are pleased to see that our previous comments have been taken on board. We therefore have no further detailed comments to make in relation to this plan. Due to ongoing prioritization of our limited resource, we regret that at present, we are unable to review this consultation. We must focus on influencing plans where the environmental risks and opportunities are highest. In focusing our engagement to those areas where the environmental risks are greatest, we note that based on the environmental constraints within the area, we have previously not submitted detailed comments relation to this Neighbourhood Plan. We therefore have no further detailed comments to make in relation to this plan. We trust that this advice is useful.		
Sport England		GWH:5	Overall comment on the Neighbourhood Plan	Have observations	Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan. Government planning policy, within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important. Therefore, it is essential that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 103 and 104. It is also important to be aware of Sport Englands statutory consultee role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport Englands playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document. https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy Sport England provides guidance on developing planning policy for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded. https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 104 of the NPPF, this takes the form of assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery. Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport Englands guidance on assessing needs may help with such work. http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance If new or improved sports facilities are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes. http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-		

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					planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/ Any new housing developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place. In line with the Governments NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how any new development, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport Englands Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals. Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved. NPPF Section 8: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities PPG Health and wellbeing section: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing Sport Englands Active Design Guidance: https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign (Please note: this response relates to Sport Englands planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.) If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.		
	National Grid Electricity Transmission	GWH:6	Overall comment on the Neighbourhood Plan	Have observations	With the above context in mind, the Council should ensure that development proposals located near transmission assets demonstrate that they will not compromise safety, operability, maintenance access, asset replacement or future network expansion. The Council should safeguard existing and potential access routes required for the delivery and removal of Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) associated with the construction, replacement and maintenance of transmission-scale equipment, including large transformers at strategic substations and resist development or highway alterations that would prejudice, constrain or render impractical AIL access unless suitable mitigation or alternative agreed routes can be secured. New Infrastructure Currently there are no known new infrastructure interactions within the area, however demand for electricity is expected to rise significantly as the way we power homes, businesses and transport evolves. As the UK transitions towards net zero, fossil fuels will be replaced by increasing volumes of low-carbon electricity, including from offshore wind and other renewable sources.		

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Avison Young (National Gas)	Avison Young (National Gas)	GWH:7	Overall comment on the Neighbourhood Plan	Have observations	National Gas Transmission has appointed Avison Young to review and respond to Local Planning Authority Development Plan Document consultations across the UK on its behalf. Avison Young are instructed by National Gas Transmission to submit the following representation with regard to the current consultation on the above document. About National Gas Transmission National Gas Transmission owns and operates the high-pressure gas transmission system across the UK. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the UKs four gas distribution networks where pressure is reduced for public use. Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmissions assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that no National Gas Transmission assets are currently affected by proposals (including allocations) included within the Neighbourhood Plan area for The Giddings, Winwick, and Hamerton. As such, no further action is required by National Gas Transmission or Huntingdonshire District Council at this stage. Development Guidance National Gas Transmission provides information in relation to its assets at the website below. ¢ https://www.nationalgas.com/our-businesses/network-route-maps Planning and Development Guidance is provided at the following link in relation to National Gas Transmission assets. ¢ https://www.nationalgas.com/our-businesses/planning-and-development National Gas Transmission also provides advice regarding ~ Guidelines when working near National Gas Transmission assets at the following link: ¢ https://www.nationalgas.com/our-businesses/working-near-our-assets		
Historic England See: 1021479	Historic Environment Planning Adviser, East of England Historic England	GWH:8	Overall comment on the Neighbourhood Plan	Have observations	Thank you for inviting Historic England to comment on the Regulation 16 Submission version of this Neighbourhood Plan. Having reviewed the plan and relevant documentation we do not consider it necessary for Historic England to provide additional comments at this time. We would refer you if appropriate to any previous comments submitted at Regulation 14 stage, and for any further information to our detailed advice on successfully incorporating historic environment considerations into a neighbourhood plan, which can be found here: https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/ We would be grateful if you would notify us on eastplanningpolicy@historicengland.org.uk if and when the Neighbourhood Plan is made by the council. To avoid any doubt, this letter does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on or, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise as a result of the proposed plan, where we consider these would have an adverse effect on the historic environment.		
Natural England	Consultations Team Natural England	GWH:9	Overall comment on the Neighbourhood Plan	Have observations	Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 13 May 2026. Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made. Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.		

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Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:10	Overall comment on the Neighbourhood Plan	Have observations	The Neighbourhood Plan covers the parishes of Great and Little Gidding, Winwick and Hamerton and Steeple Gidding. Overall, the three parish councils have worked together as part of a Neighbourhood Plan Group to develop a Neighbourhood Plan that focuses on the shared needs and objectives of their local communities, heritage asset protection, flood prevention, and the natural environment which is commendable. Several observations and proposed amendments have been made in the sections below which HDC consider to be necessary to ensure the neighbourhood plan meets the basic conditions of having (a) regard to national policy and advice, (d) contributing to the achievement of sustainable development and (e) being in general conformity with the strategic policies within the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 which are essential to the delivery of the Local Plan strategy. The strategic policies within the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 are: ¢ All policies in Chapter 4 'The Development Strategy' ¢ All policies that allocate land for development in 'Section D: Allocations' as they are required to achieve the strategy as set out in Chapter 4 'The Development Strategy' ¢ The policy LP11 'Design Context' and LP24 'Affordable Housing Provision'. In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan meets basic condition (f) as the conclusion of the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report: Giddings, Winwick and Hamerton Neighbourhood Plan (October 2025) was undertaken and concluded that the Neighbourhood Plan will not have significant effects on the environment, nor will it have an adverse effect on the integrity of any internationally designated sites either on its own or in combination with any other plans. Consultation was undertaken with the statutory environmental bodies who supported the outcomes of the report (see Appendix 1 of the SEA/HRA Screening Report). Therefore, it is considered that the Neighbourhood Plan has met this basic condition.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:11	Overall comment on the Neighbourhood Plan	Have observations	General comment: HDC notes that the neighbourhood plan addresses several topics through aspirations that are not supported by corresponding planning policies. These are highlighted as green in the neighbourhood plan. While aspirations have value in expressing community intent, they carry limited weight as material considerations in the determination of planning applications. HDC have previously encouraged the Neighbourhood Plan Group to consider whether any of these aspirations could be developed into formal policies and note the five formal planning policies proposed in the Plan. It could be that through a future review of the Neighbourhood Plan that some of these aspirations are turned into policies once the implementation and outcomes of these have had time to take place.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:12	Introduction	Support	Paragraph 5.1.4 HDC supports the combined neighbourhood plan area. Great & Little Gidding Parish Council, Hamerton and Steeple Gidding Parish Meeting and Winwick Parish Meeting sought the designation of a Neighbourhood Area based on the Parish boundaries by way of letter dated 25 November 2022. In accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the proposal was subject to a formal consultation between 1 February 2023 and 15 March 2023. Following this, the designation was formally approved on 30 March 2023.	No	
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:13	Introduction	Have observations	Section 5.4 "Monitoring the Plan HDC supports the inclusion of monitoring the impacts of the Neighbourhood Plan and supports that the Parish Council and Parish Meetings will be where it will take place. This will be beneficial if a review of the Neighbourhood Plan is undertaken. However, it may be useful to consider how each of the policies could be monitored. A list of monitoring indicators could be produced alongside the Neighbourhood Plan and used to form the basis of future monitoring reports.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:14	Introduction	Support	Section 5.5 "Community Action Plan Supportive of the Parish Council identifying community actions that are to be pursued. Section 5.6 "Basis of the Plan HDC support the engagement that has taken place on the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.	No	

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Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:15	Characteristics and history of the area	Have observations	Paragraph 6.2.25. Have observations The graph (Figure 5) should include the most up to date data from the Census 2021 where it is available.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:16	Characteristics and history of the area	Have observations	Paragraph 6.3.2. Have observations in regard to basic condition: National policy/ guidance; Conformity with strategic policies In Figure 6. A clearer map may be required to better show the areas of grade 3 and grade 2 agricultural land that can better support further planning practise. DEFRA's new Predictive Agricultural Land Classification Map for England may be a useful resource with updated mapping information: https://environment.data.gov.uk/dataset/a817d96f-271d-487b-89ad-48d271f931aa This would assist in the implementation of strategic policies in the Local Plan and ambitions of national policy.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:17	Characteristics and history of the area	Have observations	Paragraph 6.4.1. Have observations in regard to basic condition: National policy/ guidance; Conformity with strategic policies It will be useful to have a flood risk map for the entire Neighbourhood Plan area here to set out the areas of flood risk. HDC have prepared a new Strategic Flood Risk Assessment where a snapshot of the neighbourhood plan area could be derived from showing various sources of flood risk: https://huntingdonshire.gov.uk/environmental-issues/flooding/strategic-flood-risk-assessment/ This would assist in the implementation of strategic policies in the Local Plan and ambitions of national policy.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:18	Summary of the current situation	Have observations	7. Summary of the current situation Have observations It will be easier to understand this chapter if paragraphs are grouped into themes and given a thematic subheading. This would further help to set the scene and context to how each of the aspirations and policies have developed.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:19	Summary of the current situation	Have observations	Paragraph 7.11 Have observations The last sentence of paragraph 7.11 should be reworded to "Compared to the nation crime rate, the areas crime rate is at 60%.	Yes	"Compared to the nation crime rate, the areas crime rate is at 60%.
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:20	Summary of the Local Plan policy context	Support	GWH ASPIRATION 1 "WORK CLOSELY WITH HDC Support HDC supports this aspiration, it aligns with the Duty to Cooperate for plan making and requirements around consulting neighbouring authorities, parish councils and stakeholders.	No	
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:21	Small scale residential development	Have observations	Paragraph 9.4 Have observations in regard to basic condition: National policy/ guidance; Conformity with strategic policies; Achievement of sustainable development While HDC supports the general ambitions of the Neighbourhood Plan here and its support for strategic policy LP9 Small Settlements, minor amendments to the supporting text should be made to assist in clarity regarding ambitions for scale of growth. For example, in paragraph 9.4, it refers to "large-scale development of more than 10 houses" " this should be amended to as major development, consistent with the national definitions and the Local Plan's definition (pp.270). This would also "Large-scale development" for dwellings in the Local Plan refers to "one where the number of residential units to be constructed is 50 or more" (pp.269). While it is recognised that the Neighbourhood Plan area is very rural and categorised by small villages, the way that this section is written could hinder sustainable development opportunities that are more than minor scale development proposals. Depending on location and site circumstances, major development may in some instances be appropriate and contribute positively to meeting identified needs. LP9 does not preclude major development from occurring in small settlements like these where criteria are met. The supporting text also incorrectly implies LP9 is opposed to large-scale development. HDC clarifies that LP9 does not take this position and therefore requests that revisions are required to the framing of this policy.	Yes	Amend paragraph 9.4 to read: The GWH Neighbourhood agrees with the stated aims of LP9 . The GWH Contextual Analysis found that generally in the LP i.e. the community would be against any major large-scale residential estate development of more than 10 houses because it would be utterly out of keeping with the area (as outlined in the GWH Contextual Analysis).

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Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:22	GWH NP POLICY 1 - SENSITIVE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT	Have observations	POLICY 1 “ SENSITIVE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT Have observations Generally, the criteria within the policy will help shape sustainable and sensitive new development with the neighbourhood plan area. The Local Plan does not include a policy requirement for new housing to meet the nationally described space standard, so this criterion will be setting a local standard within the Neighbourhood Plan area. We note that there is survey information indicating that the biggest need is for starter homes and ~69% stated there was much or some need for these types of houses. We also note that reference is made to the District Councils Rural Exceptions Housing policy (LP28). Although the NP settlements are small in nature, it would be helpful if the NP indicated approval in principle to LP28. This has the potential to deliver such homes to people with a local connection. This could potentially be added to GWH NP POLICY 1 or supporting text for these policies.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:24	GWH NP POLICY 2 “ UTILITIES	Support	Policy 2 UTILITIES The Council supports the Neighbourhood Plan in addressing concerns related to extreme weather, as well as utilities issues.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:25	GWH NP POLICY 3 - PROMOTE A BIODIVERSE, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	Have observations	Policy 3 PROMOTE A BIODIVERSE, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT Support, but have observations regarding basic condition: National policy/ guidance We support the neighbourhood's efforts to promote sustainable development and support the natural environment. The Environment Act 2021 and the Governments Guidance on Biodiversity Net Gain, qualifying developments are required to deliver a mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) of at least 10%. The Council supports the ambitions of the Neighbourhood Plan for setting a higher percentage for biodiversity net gain in the Neighbourhood Plan Area where it is viable to do so. HDC had the ambition to also set a 20% net gain in biodiversity through the Preferred Options Local Plan, however this has now been revised from a 20% BNG requirement to a 10% requirement, to align with the emerging requirements in national policy. The variation in policy requirements across different plans may cause confusion for applicants and decision-makers when determining planning applications. It is recommended that the neighbourhood plan policy clearly cross-references the current national and local BNG requirements to ensure consistent application and compliance with national policy and legislation.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:26	Heritage asset	Have observations	Paragraph 13.10 Have observations in regard to basic condition: National policy/ guidance; Support sustainable development HDC notes the statement in section 13.10 that there are currently no non-designated heritage assets in Huntingdonshire and would respectfully suggest that this may not fully reflect the current position as no-designated assets have been identified across the district. The absence of a formally published local list does not mean that no such assets exist within the neighbourhood plan area, as locally significant assets may still be identified through the Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record or through the neighbourhood planning process itself. HDC would encourage the parish council to consider whether any locally significant assets within the four parishes warrant identification, drawing on the guidance provided by Historical England and the methodology and criteria for identifying non-designated heritage assets in Cambridgeshire, it can be found here: https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/cambridgeshire . This would strengthen the plan's contribution to protecting local character during the plan period.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:27	GWH NP ASPIRATION 7“ CLASSIFY NON-DESIGNATED HERITAGE ASSETS	Have observations	GWH NP ASPIRATION 7“ CLASSIFY NON-DESIGNATED HERITAGE ASSETS Have observations in regard to basic condition: National policy/ guidance; Support sustainable development HDC notes that the protection of non-designated heritage assets is presented as Aspiration 7 rather than a planning policy, and as such carries limited weight in planning decisions. If the parish council wishes this provision to have practical effect, HDC would encourage consideration of elevating it to a formal policy. It is also observed that without a list or map of identified non-designated heritage assets within the plan area, the aspiration cannot be meaningfully applied when determining planning applications. HDC would encourage the parish council to consider identifying locally significant assets as suggested in the observations on section 13.10 above.		

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Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:28	GWH NP POLICY 4 - PROTECT HERITAGE ASSETS	Have observations	Policy 4 PROTECT HERITAGE ASSETS Support, but have observations regarding basic condition: National policy/ guidance Overall, HDC is supportive of this policy as it is in general conformity with strategic policy LP34 Heritage Assets and their Settings. HDC notes that Policy 4 jumps from criterion 5 to criterion 7, with criterion 6 appearing to have been omitted. In addition, the second part of criterion 7, relating to the use of modern materials, would benefit from greater clarity. HDC suggests that the supporting text could more clearly set out what would constitute sufficient justification for the use of modern materials to ensure consistent application when determining planning applications. This is required to conform with NPPF paragraph 16d.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:29	Community utilities and facilities	Have observations	Section 14. Community utilities and facilities Support, but have observations regarding basic condition: Conformity with strategic policies Overall, HDC is supportive of the GWH Neighbourhoods commitment to a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. HDC notes that the neighbourhood plan does not include a policy addressing community utilities and facilities. While there is no statutory requirement for a neighbourhood plan to include a policy on this topic, NPPF paragraph 98 sets out that planning policies and decisions should plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces and community facilities, guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, and ensure that established facilities are able to develop and modernise for the benefit of the community. HDC would encourage the parish council to consider whether a policy addressing the protection and enhancement of existing community facilities that addressed in the supporting text and aspirations would add local value to the plan. If the parish council considers that existing Local Plan policies provide sufficient protection, HDC would suggest that this is acknowledged in the supporting text, with a cross-reference to the LP22 and LP35.		
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:30	Designated Local Green Spaces and View	Have observations	Paragraph 15.11 Have observation in regard to basic condition: National policy/ guidance The maps included in paragraph 15.11 identifying the local green spaces would benefit from being presented at a larger scale, so that the location and boundaries of each designated green space can be more clearly identified when determining planning applications. This is required to confirm with NPPF paragraph 16d so that decision makers and applicants can see the boundaries of these sites more clearly. HDC recommends using the larger-scale maps contained in the Local Green Space Report (GWH-Local-Green-Spaces-V1.pdf), provided by the neighbourhood planning team. HDC supports the Local Green Space Report and it clearly identifying that some landowners have agreed to these designations on their land. Although it is noted that, on page 25 of the Local Green Space Report œThe Greens, œThe Quakers Burial Ground and œPound Lane owned by Winwick Parish Council and œGreen outside the church owned by the Church Commissioners, are not recorded as agreeing to the proposed Local Green Space designation.		

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Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:31	GWH NP POLICY 5 - PROTECT LOCAL GREEN SPACES	Have observations	Policy 5 PROTECT LOCAL GREEN SPACES Have observation in regard to basic condition: National policy/ guidance Identified green spaces would be treated as greenbelts so it would be useful to add additional information on what would be acceptable on the site. Consider criterion 2 of the policy to be vague and difficult to implement. For example, how will it consistently assess if a proposal is in the vicinity of any of these sites.	Yes	Amend the policy to read: The GWH Neighbourhood believes that green spaces should be protected in accordance with the NPPF (section 105 to 107) and the LP. This NP requires that: No development should adversely impinge on the nine recognised (through designation or custom) green spaces outlined in 15.10 and the Local Green Spaces Report Any new proposal in the vicinity of green spaces should respect its scale and aspect and visual contribution to the settlement. Nine sites are designated as Local Green Spaces, these are shown in Figure 10 and their reasoning and justification for designation are set out in the Local Green Spaces Report (GWH-Local-Green-Spaces-V1.pdf). Development proposals on these sites will not be supported unless they are consistent with national policy for Green Belts and where it would support the current use of the sites.
Local Plans Team	Huntingdonshire District Council	GWH:32	Tourism	Have observations	Chapter 16 - Tourism Have observations HDC supports the recognition of tourism in the neighbourhood plan area, however, note that there are no policies or aspirations associated with this chapter. In order to shape the direction of local tourism, it may be beneficial to explore what aspirations could be set that respond to the residential survey identified in paragraph 16.1 and which provides more localised detail than the Local Plan policy LP23.		
Tessa Saunders	Spatial & Strategic Planning Lead Anglian Water Services Ltd	GWH:33	GWH NP POLICY 2 “ UTILITIES	Support	We fully support the policy requirements, to ensure that proposals for new development can demonstrate there is sufficient that there is sufficient capacity for water, drainage and wastewater, and reference to pre-planning engagement with Anglian Water. We agree that development proposals on previously developed sites should not exceed existing surface water run-off rates. Our surface water risk management guidance for new and redeveloped sites explains how we ensure the risk posed from surface water drainage is clearly understood, and roles and responsibilities are clarified. We request that reference to this guidance is included in the supporting text. Anglian Water needs to ensure the surface water hierarchy has been followed “ with the preference being sustainable drainage systems (SuDS). We require developers to liaise with the relevant Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) as they are the Statutory Consultee for all surface water drainage strategies on major development sites and are required by law to advise on the broader area drainage constraints. LLFA approval is an essential pre-requisite to Anglian Water accepting a surface water drainage strategy. In the absence of an agreed drainage strategy Anglian Water would seek, through planning conditions, to ensure surface water is restricted to the discharge rate advised in our policy. If the approved surface water drainage arrangement can be shown to have a net positive environmental impact (previously developed sites only), developers may be eligible to receive an environmental incentive of up to 50% of the wastewater infrastructure charge for the development.	No	

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Tessa Saunders	Spatial & Strategic Planning Lead Anglian Water Services Ltd	GWH:34	GWH NP POLICY 2 “ UTILITIES	Have observations	10.10 - The paragraph is correct to state that consultation on Part G Building Regulations for water efficiency has been held. Anglian Water would recommend this paragraph also refers to the “Shared Standards for Water Efficiency in Local Plans” (published in June 2025) which sets out a collaborative and collective approach by Anglian Water, Cambridge Water, Essex & Suffolk Water, Affinity Water, the Environment Agency and Natural England, with the full endorsement of Water Resources East (WRE) as part of strengthening the Regional Water Resources Plan for Eastern England. It recommends that Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) include tighter water efficiency standards in Local Plan policies to support a clean and sustainable supply of water - essential for growth and nature recovery. “ This includes water efficiency standards up to 85 litres per person per day (l/p/d) with a suggested range between 85-95 l/p/d. Anglian Water also provides environmental incentive schemes for developers installing water efficiency measures.	Yes	Update the paragraph as suggested in our representation.
Tessa Saunders	Spatial & Strategic Planning Lead Anglian Water Services Ltd	GWH:35	GWH NP POLICY 3 - PROMOTE A BIODIVERSE, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	Object	Anglian Water would like to comment on the proposed 20% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirements outlined in Policy 3. Whilst we recognise the intention behind targeting a higher net gain requirement than the mandatory 10%, we are concerned that applying the new target to development proposals such as Anglian Water infrastructure would not achieve the intended outcomes. BNG requirements cannot be met onsite for projects where Anglian Water is not the landowner as 30-year habitat management cannot be guaranteed. For example, linear pipeline schemes frequently cross multiple landownerships. These projects often have minimal impact on biodiversity, but when the full length of a scheme is considered, BNG requirements are already significant. In cases where Anglian Water is the landowner, scope for achieving BNG onsite is limited by the needs of site operations and the need to consider future infrastructure upgrades. “ The additional BNG units required for the proposed 20%, will need to be sourced offsite, increasing costs to our customers and extending the timelines to deliver new water infrastructure. This additional burden does not consider the significant biodiversity and nature recovery benefits being delivered by our proposed infrastructure upgrades and WINEP [water industry national environment programme] schemes in AMP8 “ which will help to deliver sustainable growth and improve the ecological quality of catchments and aligns with the Governments 25 Year Environment Plan ambitions and wider agenda. We recommend that the Council considers the impact of 20% BNG for all development types, and the impacts this requirement would have on the timely delivery of essential infrastructure to support future growth and the environment. We suggest that essential infrastructure improvements where there is no scope for BNG onsite should be exempt from the new 20% BNG requirement.	Yes	The policy to exempt essential infrastructure developments (such as new water pipelines) from the 20% BNG requirement, so that the mandatory 10% BNG applies.
Tessa Saunders	Spatial & Strategic Planning Lead Anglian Water Services Ltd	GWH:36	GWH NP ASPIRATION 8 - POSITIVE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY	Support	Anglian Water is supportive of the aspiration which aligns with GWH NP POLICY 2 “ UTILITIES in respect of water supply, wastewater, and drainage capacity.	No	