

**Branston Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan
Consultation Statement October 2014**

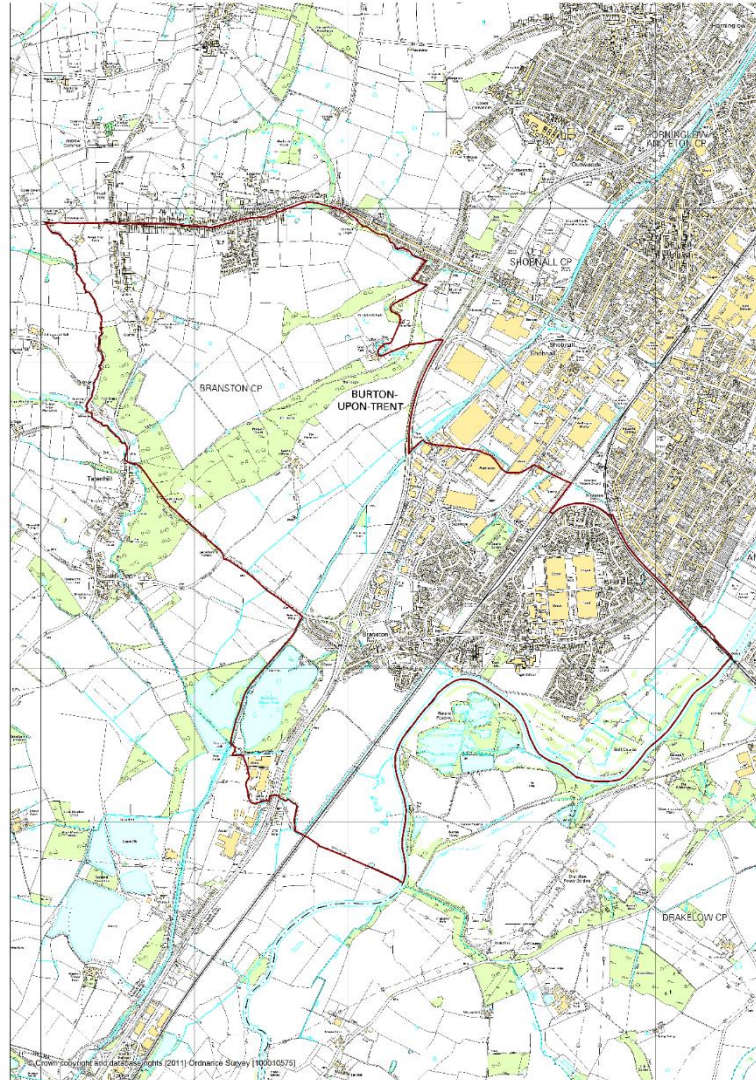


1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2)¹ which defines a “consultation statement” as *a document which –*
- (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; and*
 - (d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.*
- 1.2 Branston Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared in response to The Localism Act 2011, which gives parish councils and other relevant bodies, new powers to prepare statutory Neighbourhood Plans to help guide development in their local areas. These powers give local people the opportunity to shape new development, as planning applications are determined in accordance with national planning policy and the local development plan, and neighbourhood plans form part of this Framework. Other new powers include Community Right to Build Orders whereby local communities have the ability to grant planning permission for new buildings.
- 1.3 Working in partnership with east Staffordshire Borough Council the Parish Council was successful in gaining neighbourhood planning “front runner” status and received £20,000 of funding under wave five of the programme in April 2012. In 2012 Branston Parish Council formally approved the preparation of a neighbourhood plan and a Steering Group was established to oversee the public consultations and preparation of the Plan. An application was made to East Staffordshire Borough Council in June 2012 for designation as a neighbourhood planning area. The application was approved by the Borough Council in December 2012, after a six week consultation. Full details are available at on the Borough Council’s website: <http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/Planning/PlanningPolicy/NeighbourhoodPlanning/Pages/Branston.aspx>

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/contents/made>

Map 1 Branston Designated Neighbourhood Area



2.0 Draft Neighbourhood Plan Development and Informal Public Consultation

- 2.1 Planning consultants Kirkwells were appointed in October 2012 by the Parish Council to provide ongoing professional town planning support and advice. A Steering Group of interested residents and Parish Councillors was set up in January 2013 and the Group met regularly throughout the preparation of the Plan period. The Steering Group was chaired by a parish councillor. A brainstorming session to consider the possible scope and content of the Neighbourhood Plan was undertaken with Steering Group members on 20 January 2013. This session identified the key themes proposed in the Plan; these were integration of proposed large scale new development in the Parish with existing communities and facilities, promotion of high quality design, managing the impacts of proposals for new and expanded schools and overall improving local accessibility and networks.
- 2.2 Members of the Steering Group were keen to ensure that local residents and stakeholders had opportunities to become involved in the plan throughout its preparation, and not just at consultation on the Draft Plan stage. Therefore it was decided to undertake some informal consultation with residents to explore local planning issues and to consider the draft vision and objectives for the Plan. It was also decided at an early stage that the Steering Group should be expanded to include residents from those areas of the Parish which were not represented.
- 2.3 Early, informal consultation on the emerging Vision, Objectives and Issues was undertaken in July 2012. The Parish Council hosted an event at Riverside Hotel and this was promoted by the distribution of leaflets to all local households in Branston (see copy of the leaflet in Appendix I).
- 2.4 As work progressed on the Draft Plan two open drop in events were held by the Steering Group in Branston Village Hall (21st January 2014 5-8pm) and Rough Hayes Community Centre (4th February 2014 5-8pm) in order to promote the emerging Draft Neighbourhood Plan, and to provide an opportunity for informal consultation and discussion about key themes and emerging policy areas. These events were promoted to local residents/groups and businesses via posters and coverage in the Burton Mail. At these events volunteers from the Steering Group were available to talk to local residents about the Plan and to discuss their concerns. Residents saw detailed plans of the South Branston development and maps showing the location of other proposed developments. An informal comments form provided the opportunity for people to comment about future

plans and for suggestions to be made about needs for the community (see Appendix II). The events were attended by local residents and comments were submitted which were relevant to the Neighbourhood's Plans development included concerns about highway safety, the need for more trees/orchard, improved pedestrian routes and suggestions for improvements to community infrastructure and open spaces. Traffic was a particular matter for concern especially access from the South Branston development to the main road into Burton. These comments have been used to inform the content of the Branston Draft Neighbourhood Plan.



Open event, St Chad's Church Hall, February 2014

2.5 It was decided by the Steering Group that public consultation on Issues and Options would not be appropriate for Branston Neighbourhood Plan. The designated area includes a Sustainable Urban Extension at Lawns Farm and several other sites, such as Land South of Branston and Branston Depot where significant development proposals are identified in East Staffordshire Borough Council's emerging Local Plan. Options were considered by the Steering Group to be limited, in terms of identifying sites for development or determining types of development, as these decisions had already been

taken at a strategic level by the Borough Council. There would be opportunities however to influence new development proposals in terms of providing a more detailed planning framework than the Local Plan, to guide detailed proposals as and when they came forward.

3.0 Formal Consultation on the Branston Draft Neighbourhood Plan - Monday 16th June to Monday 28th July 2014.

3.1 The public consultation on the Branston Draft Neighbourhood Plan was carried out in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Pre-submission consultation and publicity, paragraph 14. This states that:

Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—

(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—

(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii) details of how to make representations; and

(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

3.2 The Branston Draft Neighbourhood Plan was published for formal consultation for 6 weeks from Monday 16th June to 5pm Monday 28th July 2014. The Draft Screening Report for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Neighbourhood Plan also was published for consultation with English Heritage, Natural England and the Environment Agency ahead of the publication of the Draft Plan and the SEA Screening Report was also published at the same time for wide consultation. Further consultation on SEA is proposed by East Staffordshire Borough Council on the Submission Plan.

- 3.3 Links to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and the Draft SEA Scoping Report, together with a copy of the Response Form, were placed on the Branston Parish Council and East Staffordshire Borough Council websites for viewing and downloading. Consultation responses were invited using the accompanying Response Form (provided in Appendix III) to the Parish Clerk via an email or by printing out and submitting to a postal address (Mrs Kay Lear, Clerk to Branston Parish Council, PO Box 6884, Burton on Trent DE13 OWZ) or by email to: mail@branstonparishcouncil.co.uk. Written responses were also invited using the advertised postal address.
- 3.4 An e-mail or letter was sent to all Consultation Bodies, including Local Authorities, and District Councillors, providing information about the consultation dates, and the locations where the Draft Plan and accompanying documents could be viewed and downloaded. Letters and emails were sent out to local businesses and local community organisations. Respondents were invited to complete the Response Form or by email or in writing and to submit completed forms / other comments by email or by post to the Parish Clerk. A copy of the letter and the complete list of Consultation Bodies consulted is provided in Appendix III. This list was kindly provided by East Staffordshire Borough Council.
- 3.5 The Steering Group (in discussion with their planning consultants) felt that due to low attendance at earlier drop in events, a drop in event would not be the most effective way to consult with local residents in Branston. Instead other methods of raising awareness and encouraging engagement were used. Publicity in the form of posters (see Appendix III) was undertaken throughout the area and copies these were distributed to all households in advance of the commencement of the consultation period. The Parish Council website advised that hard copies of all the documents were made available on request from the Parish Clerk and that hard copies of the Draft Plan could be viewed at all of the following venues:
- The Acorn Public House
 - Henhurst Club
 - Burton upon Trent Public Library
 - Rough Hayes Community Centre
 - Branston Post Office
 - Branston Village Hall and

- St Saviours Community Room

3.6 The Consultation on the Draft Plan was publicised in the following ways:

- Press releases (see Appendix III)
- Posters distributed throughout the area (see Appendix III) and a banner displayed in various locations across the Parish, encouraging residents to make comments
- Letters to local businesses and community organisations
- Provision of hard copies of the Plan in local stores and the main library in Burton upon Trent
- Parish Councillors speaking to residents in the area where they lived to raise awareness
- Members of the Parish Council attending existing community groups to make them aware of the project
- Coverage in the Burton Mail (add in Appendix III)
- Attendance at a local community day on 5th July 12-3pm giving residents the opportunity to make comments on the Draft Plan
- Attending Rough Hayes Community Centre on 8th July 6-8pm
- Attending Paget High School on 8th July 4-6pm.

3.7 A copy of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to East Staffordshire Borough Council.

3.8 A workshop was held with Year 3 at Rykneld Primary School to help gauge young peoples' views in the area. The children proposed cycle paths, footpaths, and houses with car parking. They wanted some shops, ideally sweet shops and a zoo.



June 2013 – Workshop with Rykneld Primary School



June 2014, Paget High School

4.0 Summary of Consultation Responses to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan

4.1 In total, about 155 representations were received from 16 organisations (including Consultation Bodies) and individuals. The majority of comments were in overall Support of the Plan, with many constructive suggestions for changes to policy wording, supporting text or maps, which have been taken on board in the revised, Submission version of the Plan, wherever possible. There were several Objections submitted. These were in relation to:

- **Policy B17** which identified areas for protection as Local Greenspaces under paras 76-77 of the NPPF. The Objections related to the inclusion of Site 1 Henhurst Hill / Postern Road and Site 5 Paget Playing Field and related to whether these sites met the criteria set out in paragraph 77 of the NPPF. One of the objections was from a representative of a landowner on the grounds that the site does not meet all the criteria in the NPPF. The other was from the local education authority, Staffordshire County Council, which has concerns that these sites be removed from the identified list in order to support potential future changes in educational need associated with planned housing growth in the area.
- **Policy B15** which identified proposals for highways related improvements from the highways authority. Staffordshire County Council objected on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence for the proposals in the policy and that some of the suggestions were unclear. Staffordshire County Council offered to meet with the Parish Council to help prepare revised text for this policy. The text of the Policy has been revised following discussions between the Steering Group and the Highways Authority.
- Lack of information in the plan about the heritage assets in the area – this was a concern of English Heritage and the County Council. The revised Submission Plan includes additional text from sources suggested by the County Council to address these comments.

4.2 Representations from the neighbouring Parishes of Outwoods, Anslow and Tatenhill were largely supportive and helpful, and resulted in several minor wording changes. Local residents were on the whole supportive of the Draft Plan and included comments such as *“my overriding concern is infrastructure. The roads and inadequate antiquated drainage system seem inadequate for the number of homes...”* and *“I think the plan contains some very valid points. Car parking in Main Street is already an issue... We do need to maintain and provide more walking and cycling facilities for*

safety reasons across the whole area.”. One resident put forward a range of suggestions for environmental improvements in the Plan and these have been incorporated into the supporting text as future actions for consideration by the Parish Council., as they were not planning policy related.

- 4.3 Representations from Consultation Bodies on the whole provided a range of constructive comments, the vast majority of which have been taken on board by the Parish Council in amending the Neighbourhood Plan. Consultation Bodies and other organisations which submitted representations included East Staffordshire Borough Council, Staffordshire County Council, National Forest, Canal and River Trust, Environment Agency and English Heritage.
- 4.4 Table 1 below sets out the responses submitted to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, together with information about how these responses have been considered by the Parish Council and have informed the amendments to the Submission Neighbourhood Plan. Table 2 sets out responses from the Consultation Bodies to the SEA Screening Report.

Table 1 Summary of Consultation Responses and Consideration of Responses, Branston Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

BRANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

RESPONSES TO OFFICIAL CONSULTATION PERIOD 16TH JUNE – 28TH JULY 2014

Support Yes/No	Policy	Comments received	Name and Address	Parish council comments	Amendments to NP
No	B17	<p>Our representations relation to Policy B17 which relates to the protection of Local Green space and specifically site – Henhurst Hill/Postern Road</p> <p>The policy states that the areas will be protected as open spaces and that enhancements and improvements that retain their largely open character will be permitted</p> <p>The basis for the designation of Local Green space is provided within the National planning policy framework which states in paragraph 76 that ‘neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as local green</p>	<p>Gallagher Estates Gallagher House Gallagher Way</p>	<p>The Parish Council considers that Site 1 Henhurst Hill / Postern Lane should be protected from new development and that the open character of the area should be retained. The Parish Council accepts that the area is an extensive tract of land, although it would argue that the area is local in character.</p> <p>Therefore the area should be removed from the policy protecting local greenspace.</p>	<p>Insert additional text to policy protecting local landscape character:</p> <p>“There will be a presumption that areas identified in the Local Plan Proposals Map² for the National Forest Area should retain their open character. Land to the north of the Parish around Postern Road / Henhurst Hill, is identified as a historic landscape, providing an example of an 18th / 19th century planned enclosure³ and therefore this area is protected from new development.”</p> <p>Remove Henhurst Hill / Postern Road area from policy identifying local open spaces for protection under the NPPF Local Greenspaces criteria.</p>

² http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/filedepot_download/51316/1050

³ See **Appendix III Staffordshire County Council’s Historic Environment Assessment, East Staffordshire, 2013**

	<p>space local communities will be able therefore be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared reviewed and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.”</p> <p>Para 77 provides further guidance and states that, Local Green space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:-</p> <p>Where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves</p> <p>Where the green space is in reasonably close proximately to the community serves</p> <p>Where the green area is demonstrably re special to hold a local community and holds a particular local significant, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field,</p>		<p>However in order to protect this much valued and historically significant are from development the Parish Council considers that additional wording should be provided in the policy protecting local landscape character.</p> <p>Additional wording should also be provided to strengthen the policy and supporting text identifying other areas for protection as local greenspace under the NPPF.</p>	<p>Insert additional wording for each Local Greenspace designation, setting out the justification for each according to the criteria in paragraph 77 of the NPPF. Insert the following wording after paragraph 92 and before former Policy B17:</p> <p>“The NPPF paragraph 77 sets out criteria for sites to be designated as Local Greenspace. These are:</p> <p>The designation should only be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; ● where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and <p>holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field),</p> <p>tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land. <p>How each of the sites meets these criteria and is set out in Table 1 below.</p>
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	<p>tranquility or richness of its wildlife and</p> <p>Where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land</p> <p>This text is para 76 of the NPPF makes it clear that such a designation, will, in all but very special circumstances, prevent development on the selected sites. Consequently it is imperative that in making such designations there should be confidence that the designated areas are capable of enduring in the long term, without undermining the strategic aspirations for growth of the local authority.</p> <p>The significance of this policy, and the severe impact that it has on the development potential of land has led the government to clarify key requirements of any such designation in para 77 of the NPPF and clearly state that such a designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. Taking the factors set out in Paragraph 77 in turn, we would make the following comments:</p> <p>Proximity to the community it serves</p> <p>We would accept that the land is in close proximity to the existing community and the urban area of</p>			
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	<p>Burton upon Trent which is partly why this land provides a sustainable option for meeting future development needs in East Staffordshire.</p> <p>In such a sustainable location, it is in our view imperative that this site is kept open as an option for East Staffordshire Borough Council to meet their housing needs now or in the future. There can be little doubt that Burton on Trent will remain a focal point for growth in East Staffordshire in the longer term, as a result of its role as the most sustainable settlement within the borough. Whilst Site 1 is not included as a residential allocation in the submission version of the new local plan, should the examination of the new local plan require additional housing delivery within the current plan period, or should longer term growth require the release of such sustainable sites, then this is considered to be a suitable site for development. Indeed the future allocation of this land for development could serve to support other policies within the plan, for example improving walking and cycling routes (policies B1 and B16) through the provision of new routes; improving public transport (policy B2) through contributions to enhancing bus services; encouraging health lifestyles (policy B5) through</p>			
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		<p>the provision of improved recreational spaces. Furthermore new development would potentially offer the opportunity to enhance biodiversity and green infrastructure (policy B6 and B7) through the provision of more varied and bio – diverse public open space eg varied landscaping and sustainable drainage features offering the opportunity for a diverse range of flora and fauna to flourish</p> <p>Given the uncertainty in relation to the longer term growth needs for East Staffordshire, there can be no certainty that this sustainable land will not be required for residential development in the short-medium term. As a result of this it cannot be assured that such a designation would be capable of enduring beyond the plan period on Site 1.</p> <p>Local significance/specialness</p> <p>There is no evidence available which demonstrates any particular local significance for this area, or specialness for the local community. There is a single footpath that runs across the site, however, this hardly a unique situation, and the National Forest Activity Farm located within the site is a private enterprise. The</p>			
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		<p>vast majority of the site is simply agricultural land and clearly it would not be appropriate for Neighbourhood Plans to allocate all such areas as 'Local Green Spaces'</p> <p>The unsuitability of this area for designation as a Local Green Space is perhaps best demonstrated by the other areas that have been chosen for designation, namely; a golf course; a cricket ground; allotments; playing fields; and coverts of trees in otherwise built up area.</p> <p>One may reasonably judge that such features are special to the local community or of particular local significance; however, it is also apparent that the nature of sites 2-10 is entirely different to Site 1 at Henhurst Hill/Postern Road</p> <p>Scale of the site</p> <p>Site 1 measures approximately 200 acres/81 hectares. A site plan is attached to this form. However, one looks at and appraises such designations, it is considered impossible to conclude that this is anything other than an 'extensive tract of land' of the sort that paragraph 77 of the NPPF expressly excludes from allocation as a Local Green Space</p>			
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		<p>Conclusion</p> <p>As a result of the above response, we consider the proposed designation of Site 1 – Henhurst/Postern Road as wholly inappropriate. The inappropriateness is by virtue of: the potential need for the site to meet longer term development needs; the lack of any demonstration of local significance or specialness to the local community; and the scale of the site.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this Gallagher Estates would welcome the opportunity to engage with the parish council to discuss the designation and future use of the site.</p> <p>We hope that these representations are of use to you in advancing the Neighbourhood Plan and, should you wish to discuss any of these matters further, would welcome any correspondence.</p>			
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Support Yes/No	Policy	Comments received	Name and Address	Parish council comments	Amendments to NP
			National Forest – Phil Metcalfe		
Yes		The National Forest Company (NFC) welcomes the emphasis within the document on the need to support cycling and walking links within the Parish.		Noted.	No change
		Issue 5 focuses on connectivity within the urban area, the NFC considers that the plan also needs to focus on connectivity from the urban area to the open countryside, in particular where existing residents will be separated from the countryside by new development.		Accepted. Amend Issue 5 to include connectivity to the open countryside.	Insert to paragraph: “There is also a need to improve connectivity from the urban area to the open countryside, in particular where existing residents will be separated from the countryside by new development.”
	B1	The plan showing the proposed cycle and footpath routes could be annotated to show which are the links referred to in the Policy. It will not be clear to everyone where Postern Road or Sandyford Dingle are. It may also be helpful if the plan showed key existing		Accepted. Amend plan on p21 and Map 4 to include links referred to in Policy and show key existing footpaths.	. Map 2 amended.

		footpaths so the need for these new links to improve connectivity is clear.		.	
	B1	The footpath issues at Centrum are not reflected in Policy. A Policy could be added which requires new development at Centrum to help fund improvements to the connectivity and quality of the footpath and cycle network in the area.		Accepted. Add to Policy B1 New development at Centrum will be required to help fund improvements to the connectivity and quality of the footpath and cycle network in the area	Add to Policy B1: “New development at Centrum will be required to help fund improvements to the connectivity and quality of the footpath and cycle network in the area.”
Yes	B3	Policy 3 Design. The National Forest Company support this Policy and the aspiration that the new development should achieve quality design. In addition to the design documents referenced, the National Forest Company request that our Design Charter is also referred to (http://www.nationalforest.org/document/information/design_charter.pdf)		Noted and Partially Accepted. It would not be appropriate to refer to a National Planning Policy document in the Neighbourhood Plan Policy but reference should be made in the supporting text.	Insert reference to the document in supporting text to Policy: “Developers should also make reference to the National Forest Company Design Charter – see http://www.nationalforest.org/document/information/design_charter.pdf .”
Yes	B4	Policy 4 - Landscape Character The National Forest Company supports this Policy but considers that local landscape character has been influenced over the last 20 years by the creation of The National Forest.		Noted and Accepted. The Policy should be amended to include reference to landscape	Amend Policy to include the following so that the first paragraph reads: “Development should respect the local environment, taking account of the local

		The Policy should refer to this and encourage new developments to reflect this character through woodland creation, tree planting and enhancing connectivity between new developments and existing woodlands.		improvements undertaken as part of the National Forest and encourage new development to reflect this character through woodland creation, tree planting and enhancing connectivity between new developments and existing woodlands”	landscape character and its historical development. Landscape design should take account of changes in local landscape character brought about through the National Forest and new developments should seek to enhance this through new woodland creation, tree planting and enhancing connectivity between new developments and existing woodlands“
yes	B5	Policy 5 - Health and wellbeing The National Forest Company supports this policy and encourages the Parish Council to retain this Policy in later drafts of this document. The references to community orchards and edible landscaping are particularly welcomed.		Noted.	No change
yes	B6	Policy 6 - Landscaping The National Forest Company supports this policy but requests that the creation of The National Forest is specifically mentioned as one of the ‘local biodiversity objectives’. Landscaping should also have an emphasis on tree planting to reflect the position of the Parish within The National Forest. This will also reflect		Noted and accepted. Amend Policy B6 to include the creation of the National Forest as one of the local biodiversity objectives and include emphasis on tree planting in landscaping.	Amend Policy to include the following: After last bullet point: “The creation of the National Forest” Include after second paragraph:

		similar aspirations in emerging policies in the East Staffordshire Local Plan.			“ New tree planting is particularly encouraged to support objectives of the National Forest within Branston Parish.
yes	B7	<p>Policy 7 - Open space</p> <p>The National Forest Company supports this policy but considers that it should specifically reference connectivity. The siting and layout of open space within new development will be key to connecting existing and new communities to the adjoining countryside and woodlands. The design and layout of the open space should also allow habitat and species connectivity through linking new open space to existing habitats and woodlands.</p>		<p>Noted and accepted.</p> <p>Amend Policy B7 to include reference to connectivity and include new wording in the policy as proposed.</p>	<p>Amend Policy to include the following:</p> <p>“New open spaces should promote connectivity. The siting and layout of open space within new development will be key to connecting existing and new communities to the adjoining countryside and woodlands. The design and layout of the open space should also allow habitat and species connectivity through linking new open space to existing habitats and woodlands. “</p>

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		We have the following specific points:	Glen Jones Planning officer ESBC The Maltsters Wetmore Road Burton on Trent		
		Paragraph 2: Capitals for Neighbourhood Plan.		Accepted Amend wording.	Amend Plan: Paragraph 2: Capitals for Neighbourhood Plan.
		Paragraph 9: The Neighbourhood Plan will sit alongside the Local Plan and will actually supersede the adopted Local Plan until the new Local Plan is adopted		Accepted Amend wording	Amend Plan: Paragraph 9: The Neighbourhood Plan will sit alongside the Local Plan and will supersede the adopted Local Plan until the new Local Plan is adopted.
		Paragraph 12: Parish Council should be capitalised.		Accepted Amend wording	Amend Plan: Paragraph 12: Parish Council should be capitalised.
		Paragraph 18: We suggest the second sentence of this para should be re-written: Should the Branston Neighbourhood Plan pass examination it will have to be put to a referendum where all registered electors in the Parish will have a chance to vote on whether it should be part of the		Accepted Amend wording as suggested	Amend Plan: Paragraph 18: Should the Branston Neighbourhood Plan pass examination it will have to be put to a referendum where all registered electors in the Parish will have a chance to vote on whether it should be part of the statutory development plan for the area or not.

		statutory development plan for the area or not.			
		Paragraph 19: although the plan could be ready for a May election ESBC are not keen to have a referendum the same day as the General elections. Therefore it would be advisable to put 'Spring 2015' as a referendum time with 'Summer 2015' as an adoption time.		Accepted Amend wording as suggested	Amend Plan: Paragraph 19: amend to 'Spring 2015' as a referendum time with 'Summer 2015' as an adoption time.
		Paragraph 27: Need to get SCC to specifically comment on this. Have they commented on the draft BNP? SCC have recently published a report on finding potential school sites: http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/PlanningSchoolPlaces/Education-studies/Education-studies.aspx		Noted. See submitted comments below from SCC which are considered by Branston PC below.	No change. SCC Comments considered below
		Road Junctions: General comment, photos should be annotated and photo number should be in paragraphs or made clearer.		Accepted. Amend Plan. Annotate photos and refer to photo numbers in paragraphs	Amend Plan. Annotate photos and refer to photo numbers in paragraphs.
		Paragraph 49: In some cases maintenance is a planning issue e.g. as part of the S106 agreements.		Accepted. Insert text as advised.	Amend Plan. Insert to para 49: "In some cases maintenance is a planning issue for instance as part of the S106 agreements".
		Paragraph 50: Is the plan aiming to use any S106 funds or a proportion of its CIL for		Noted and accepted. Yes the Parish Council would like to use CIL funding	Amend Plan. Insert text into para 49:

		improvements? It would be helpful if photos of Centrum 100 were annotated.		for identified improvements. Annotate photographs	"The Parish Council would like to use CIL funding for identified improvements." Annotate photos.
		Paragraphs 50-54: again it would be helpful for photographs referred to in paragraphs to be annotated. E.g. photo xx shows... rather than 'this photograph shows...'		Accepted. Amend Plan and annotate photos as suggested.	Amend Plan. Annotate photos.
		Paragraph 56: '...all future development has sufficient'. Second sentence '...existing estates of Clays Lane and Henhurst Hill.'		. Accepted. Amend Plan	Amend Plan. Para 56: "all future development has sufficient'. Second sentence '...existing estates of Clays Lane and Henhurst Hill.'
		Paragraph 60: This does not need to be said again unless what is meant is the use of schools for community activities?		Accepted. Covered under Issues 3. Delete para 60	Amend Plan. Delete para 60.
		Paragraph 61: The term 'open space' implies that it is used for sport and recreation which is not the case in all proposed new developments.		Accepted. Amend Plan – Para 61 - replace "open space" with "open areas"	Amend Plan – Para 61 - replace "open space" with "open areas"
		Paragraph 62: When the new Local Plan is adopted it won't identify all protected open spaces and so the neighbourhood plan may want to also identify all sites, not just additional sites.		Accepted. Amend plan to include all open space sites the Parish Council wishes to see protected, following further advice from ESBC.	Following further advice from ESBC the Parish Council has identified all the open spaces it wished to see protected within the policy.
		Paragraph 63: Think this should be National Forest Adventure Farm.		Accepted.	Para 63 - Amend text to include "National Forest"

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		Paragraph 67: There is no mention in the vision of employment which is contrary to the existing and planned function of Branston.		Accepted. Amend text to include reference to employment.	Amend Plan: Vision – insert: "Branston Parish will be an attractive and safe residential neighbourhood, with good access to a range of shops and services and employment opportunities
		Map 4: The map needs a key		Accepted. Insert key.	Insert key.
	All	Policies: you may want to consider cross referencing each policy to the relevant objective(s), as you have done with the objectives.		Accepted. Cross reference each policy to relevant objectives.	Cross reference each policy to relevant objectives.
	B2	Policy B2: Need to ensure this is in accordance with other criteria for Travel Plans e.g. as specified in the validation document.		Accepted. Amend wording as suggested	Amend Plan. Insert text in brackets into first sentence of Policy: All major development schemes (in accordance with East Staffordshire Council's validation criteria)....
	B3	Policy B3: The link to the Design SPD is positive but possibly shouldn't specify reference to Chapter 4 in case this document is amended and chapter references change. Add traditional 'vernacular' styles. Policy should refer to the design policies SP24 and DP3 in the Local Plan. The storage of waste bins – what do they mean by 'appropriate'? Is this the location of bins or the		Accepted. Remove reference to Chapter 4. Add wording as suggested. Clarify "appropriate" external storage by changing to "sensitively designed"	Amend Plan: Remove reference to Chapter 4. Add wording as suggested: Add traditional 'vernacular' styles. Add "and Local Plan Policies SP24 and DP3" to first sentence. Amend last sentence to: "Developments should include accessible and sensitively designed external storage for waste bins, bikes etc."

		design of the structures in which houses them?			
		Paragraph 72: This paragraph is more of a policy.		Accepted. Incorporate para 72 into Policy B3.	Amend Plan. Incorporate para 72 into Policy B3. “Development will be predominantly two stories or less in keeping with the surrounding area. Three storey building developments will be discouraged.”
		Paragraph 73: Typo – word should say “lies” not “likes”.		Accepted. Amend typo.	Amend Plan. Amend typo in para 73: “lies”
		Paragraph 73: It would be useful to show where the character area falls.		Accepted. Insert location map showing NCA 69.	Amend Plan. Insert location map showing NCA 69
	B4	Policy B4: Who will decide if there is a local significance?		Noted. Features of local landscape character significance are identified in the SPG Planning for Landscape Change: An Introduction and User’s Guide to Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Structure Plan, 1996 – 2011. Refer to this in the policy and supporting text.	Planning for Landscape Change: An Introduction and User’s Guide to Supplementary Planning Guidance to the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Structure Plan, 1996 – 2011 http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/Planning/PlanningPolicy/Documents/LocalPlan/NewLocalPlan/Examination%20Library/D.Other%20Supporting%20Docs/D12%20Staffordshire%20County%20Planning%20for%20Landscape%20Change%20SPG%202000.pdf Insert reference to above document in the policy ie insert “features of local landscape significance are identified in Staffordshire County Council’s Planning for Landscape Change SPG” Include in supporting text: “Staffordshire County Council’s SPG Planning for Landscape Change”, SCC 2000 identifies characteristic landscape features of Trent Valley Washlands in

					Chapter 7 Regional Character Area 69 - Trent Valley Washlands. This identifies Characteristic landscape features of Flat valley landform and floodplain; river channel with meanders, shallows and marginal vegetation; canal; waterside tree species; drainage channels and ditches; hedgerow oaks; narrow lanes; poplar planting and small woodlands; red brick buildings; flood pasture and hedged fields; arable farming."
	B4	Policy B4: Does the Local Plan require submission of a Masterplan/character analysis? If not, it may be more appropriate to require the submission of built and landscape context audits as specified in the Design Guide.		Noted and partially accepted. Although Local Plan Policies SP7 and SP23 do not explicitly require masterplans for Sustainable Urban Extensions or other major developments, the Parish Council considers that these should be provided in order to demonstrate how the various criteria in the policies are to be met on the site. In early discussions with policy officers at ESBC, it was agreed that one of the roles for Branston NDP should be to provide a more detailed planning policy framework than the Local Plan, to inform master plans for major development sites. The wording should be amended to include a	Amend plan. Insert into Policy B4 after last sentence: "Where no master plan is provided, built and landscape context audits as specified in the Design Guide SPD will be required."

				requirement for built and landscape context audits as specified in the Design Guide SPD where no master plan is not provided.	
	B5	<p>Policy B5: On relevant development sites not all applications will be required to provide open space.</p> <p>Add reference to 'green infrastructure' as part of accessible open space as mentioned in NP Policy B7.</p> <p>Also need to reference cycling as part of healthy lifestyles as well as the fact that it forms part of sustainable transport.</p>		<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Amend wording of B5 as suggested.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend wording of Policy:</p> <p>"Where relevant, new development sites should support the provision of increased healthy lifestyle choices by providing high quality accessible open spaces and cycling / walking networks, which meet a range of needs and requirements. Overall a green infrastructure approach to design should be provided"</p>
	B6	<p>Policy B6: It is not clear what "An improved walking route from Postern Road to the National Forest Adventure Farm" means: is the National Adventure Farm not on Postern Road? Does this mean extension of the footway southwards along Postern Road from Henhurst Hill to the farm? How does this fit with landscaping; would it not fit better in Policy B16?</p>		<p>Noted and accepted. Wording should be provided to clarify this proposal</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Policy:</p> <p>Delete this sentence and move to relevant Policy.</p> <p>Amend:</p> <p>"Access routes should also be improved to allow walking provision. An improved walking route from Postern Road to the National Adventure Farm will be supported."</p>
	B6	<p>Policy B6: Are all developments expected to incorporate sustainable drainage techniques?</p>		<p>Accepted. Amend wording to reflect Local Plan SP27:</p> <p>All new development should address surface water run-off and Sustainable Drainage</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend wording of second to last paragraph:</p> <p>Developments will be expected to address surface water run-off and incorporate sustainable drainage techniques (SUDs).</p>

				Systems (SuDS) should be used.	
	B6	Policy B6: Not sure what “Landscaping schemes should be designed to assist in protecting new developments from harsh weather conditions” means. This is open to interpretation therefore needs greater clarification if it is to remain.		Accepted. Amend text. Delete “harsh weather conditions” to “prevailing winds and increasingly frequent adverse weather events associated with climate change”	Amend Plan: Amend Policy to Landscaping schemes should be designed to assist in protecting new developments from prevailing winds and increasingly frequent adverse weather events associated with climate change”
	B7	Policy B7: The statement “Appropriate Development which contributes towards the improvement of existing, or provision of new public open space, sport and recreation facilities will be encouraged.” to make the point that contributions do not make inappropriate development acceptable.		Accepted. Amend wording.	Amend Plan. Amend sentence in Policy to read: “Appropriate development which contributes towards the improvement of existing, or provision of new public open space, sport and recreation facilities and meets other planning requirements will be encouraged.”
	B9	Policy B9: There is an opportunity to set out what will be acceptable (off site measures) when the highest standards cannot be achieved. This policy should refer to Local Plan Policy DP2		Partially accepted. Refer to Local Plan Policy D2. Amend wording to provide more detail.	Amend Plan. Insert the following wording at the end of 2nd sentence: New development should be designed to reflect the opportunities offered by the site using layout and design to maximise on site features such as aspect, shelter, shade, and drainage in line with Policy D2 in the Submission Local Plan. For example site layouts should include south facing buildings to maximise solar gain, and should take account of existing vegetation and mature trees to provide shelter and shade.

	B10	Policy B10: If the policy is not specifying standards it doesn't add anything to that in the Local Plan and therefore could be deleted. Or add in the text below on the need for sheltered houses and bungalows.		Noted and partially accepted. The Parish Council is keen to retain such a policy in the neighbourhood plan. Insert reference to need for housing for older people in policy. Supporting text already refers to need for sheltered housing and bungalows.	Amend Plan. Amend Policy: In accordance with the East Staffordshire Housing Requirements and Housing Market Assessments, all major developments will be expected to deliver a range of housing from smaller starter units to larger, more expensive properties. A mix of tenures and house types should support a sustainable neighbourhood to meet the needs of a diverse range of household types and incomes and foster community cohesion. Proposals which include housing for older people to meet the needs of the aging population is particularly welcomed.
	B10	1. Policy B10: Amendments as shown: "In accordance with the East Staffordshire Borough Council's housing requirements and Strategic Housing Market Assessments, all major developments will be expected to deliver a range of housing from smaller starter units to larger, more expensive properties. A mix of tenures and house types should support a sustainable neighbourhood to meet the needs of a diverse range of household types and incomes and foster community cohesion."		Accepted. Amend Plan as proposed	Amend Plan. Amend Policy to wording as proposed: In accordance with the East Staffordshire Borough Council's housing requirements and Strategic Housing Market Assessments, all major developments will be expected to deliver a range of housing from smaller starter units to larger, more expensive properties. A mix of tenures and house types should support a sustainable neighbourhood to meet the needs of a diverse range of household types and incomes and foster community cohesion. As above, add: Proposals which include housing for older people to meet the needs of the aging population is particularly welcomed.
		Paragraphs 80 and 81: Contains policy provisions but are not identified as policy. They		Partially Accepted.	Amend Plan. Delete para 81 and incorporate into Policy:

		<p>should either be removed or be incorporated into policy.</p> <p>Paragraph 81: The paragraph is more of a design issue rather than a housing type issue.</p>		<p>Paragraph 80 – addressed above.</p> <p>Paragraph 81 – delete and incorporate into B3.</p>	<p>Developments should include accessible and appropriate provision for storage of waste bins, bicycles etc. Where there is no provision for direct access to the rear of a new dwelling other than through the dwelling itself, a suitable waste store must be incorporated at the front of the dwelling so that wheelie bins for household refuse and recycling can be stored in a concealed position.</p>
	B12	<p>Policy B12: I think the parking standards are about right but they don't currently accord with our own Parking SPD which needs updating. Not convinced that visitor parking should also be required on top of these standards. Whilst it may be desirable, it might not be achievable. Wider roads to accommodate visitor parking as and when required may be preferable to dedicated visitor parking spaces.</p> <p>Policy B12: The number of off-road spaces for 4 and 5-bedroom homes is excessive and could inhibit residential development and the efficient use of land. I would suggest that 2 spaces for 4-bedroom homes and 3 spaces for 5-bedroom homes would be more reasonable, on top of</p>		<p>Accepted. Amend reference to visitor parking to include provision of wider roads as an alternative option.</p> <p>Noted. This seems to conflict with comment above – perhaps it is from a different council department?</p> <p>Amend standards as suggested.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Policy:</p> <p>Visitor parking will also be required or where the developer can demonstrate that this would not be viable, road widths should be wide enough to accommodate additional on street parking.</p> <p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Policy: 2 spaces for 4-bedroom homes and 3 spaces for 5-bedroom homes.</p>

		parking for visitors, subject to agreement by Planning.			
	B13	Policy B13: This does not read as a planning policy but as a statement of intent committing the Parish Council to action. This is more of a project than policy.		Accepted. Delete policy B13 and add to actions for the Parish Council	Amend Plan. Delete policy B13 and add to actions for the Parish Council
	B14	Policy B14: It's not necessary to include 'will be supported'.		Accepted. Amend wording	Amend Plan. Delete "will be supported".
	B15	Policy B15: Is this actually a policy?		Accepted. Amend policy to refer to developer contributions and other funding.	Amend Plan. Amend Policy to read: Developer contributions will be sought for a range of highway improvements including the following, subject to detailed highways and access requirements:
	B16	Policy B16: These may be better explained on a map		Accepted. Insert new map and refer to this in text.	Amend Plan. New Map 2 provided and referred to in text.
	B17	Policy B17: Add in "and use" after "open character".		Accepted. Amend wording as proposed	Amend Plan. Amend Policy: Appropriate enhancements and improvements that retain their largely open character and use will be permitted
	B17	Policy B17: Not convinced about the authenticity of some of the cited locations as Local Green Space e.g. Henhurst Hill/Postern Road. Does it meet the criteria for designation? The Parish Council needs to look at NPPG		Noted. The Parish Council has provided the owners with the opportunity to comment through the consultation process on the Draft Plan and some owners / agents have	Insert additional wording for each Local Greenspace designation, setting out the justification for each according to the criteria in paragraph 77 of the NPPF. Insert the following wording after paragraph 92 and before Policy: "The NPPF paragraph 77 sets out criteria for sites to be designated as Local Greenspace. These are:

		<p>and NPPF with regard to Local Green Space: http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space/local-green-space-designation/ owners of the Green Spaces should have been consulted on the plan and be given the opportunity to make representations.</p>	<p>indeed commented eg in relation to the Postern Road Site and this site has since been removed from those sites identified for protection under the Local Greenspace designation..</p> <p>The Parish Council will incorporate text to demonstrate how each site meets the criteria for Local Green Space in the NPPF, as advised above.</p>	<p>The designation should only be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; • where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and • where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land. <p>How each of the sites meets these criteria and is set out in the Table provided (Table 1).</p>
B18	<p>Policy B18: Cannot say “The Parish Council will not permit the change of use of existing facilities to other uses etc” as the Parish Council is not the decision-making body. In Part ‘b’ even if reference is changed from Parish Council to ESBC the language “...to the satisfaction of.....” should not be used as it is imprecise and unquantifiable. This part of the sentence should be deleted.</p> <p>Policy B18: The first paragraph duplicates the subsequent paragraph and bullet points, except that it unhelpfully implies both conditions must</p>	<p>Accepted. Remove references to Parish Council as decision making body</p> <p>Accepted. Amend B18 as suggested</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Policy:</p> <p>Local community facilities such as local health facilities, community centres, youth centres, libraries, education facilities, care homes, community health facilities and religious buildings will be protected from re-development for non-community uses.</p> <p>There will be a presumption in favour of the re-use of such facilities for health and community type uses. The change of use of existing facilities to other uses will not be permitted unless the following can be demonstrated:</p> <p>a) The proposal includes alternative provision, on a site within the locality, of equivalent or enhanced facilities. Such sites should be accessible by public</p>	

		apply; hence this paragraph should be merged with the following one.			transport, walking and cycling and have adequate car parking; or b) There is no longer a need for the facility, and this can be demonstrated by the developer.
		<p>Paragraph 96: The areas of interest don't appear to relate to a policy.</p> <p>Paragraph 96: Is it appropriate to refer to individual's houses e.g. Lionel Pratt and Tony Ford?</p> <p>Areas of Interest: These may be better mapped</p>		<p>Accepted. The list appears to be the list for local heritage assets and is a drafting error.</p> <p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Accepted. Delete names</p> <p>Accepted. Insert Map.</p>	<p>Amend Plan</p> <p>Insert missing text to clarify ie para 70 from draft plan.</p> <p>Amend Plan. Delete names</p> <p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert new policy Protection of Local Heritage Assets</p> <p>Once the Local Heritage List for Branston has been approved by East Staffordshire Borough Council, proposals requiring consent which affect a building or structure on the Local Heritage List must demonstrate how they protect or enhance the heritage asset.</p> <p>The renovation or alteration of buildings or structures identified on the Local Heritage List should be designed sensitively, and with careful regard to the heritage asset's historical and architectural interest and setting. Loss of, or substantial harm to a locally important asset will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances and in line with policies contained in the National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 126-141.</p>

		Please liaise with English Heritage and consult NPPF/NPPG regarding the list of heritage assets and evidence for their inclusion		.Accepted. Refer to English Heritage Guidance and insert missing text.	Amend Plan Amend Plan – see information provided by SCC below.
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			<p>Miss Sarah Victor Planning Advisor (Sustainable Places Team)</p> <p>Direct dial 01543 404880 Direct e-mail sarah.victor@environment-agency.gov.uk</p>		
Support		We welcome the document, in particular we welcome comment that there is “an opportunity to improve accessibility to the River Trent as a recreational and environmental resource in the area” (p26).		Noted.	None.
Support	B6	<p>We welcome Policy B6, however we would recommend that the penultimate paragraph be expanded to state:</p> <p>Developments will be expected to reduce surface water runoff rates to pre-development (i.e. greenfield) conditions by incorporating sustainable drainage techniques (SUDs) in order that they contribute to reduce flood risk within the area. Ponds and watercourses should be designed to support</p>		<p>Accepted. Amend B6 to incorporate text as suggested.</p>	<p>Amend Plan. Amend Policy: Insert text as suggested:</p> <p>Developments will be expected to incorporate sustainable drainage techniques (SUDs) and ponds and water courses should be designed to support local biodiversity objectives.</p> <p>Developments will be expected to reduce surface water runoff rates to pre-development (i.e. greenfield) conditions by incorporating sustainable drainage techniques (SUDs) in order that they contribute to reduce flood risk within the area. Ponds and watercourses should be designed to</p>

		local biodiversity and flood risk reduction objectives.			support local biodiversity and flood risk reduction objectives.
	B7 B9	<p>We also welcome policy B7 and B9, however we recommend that Policy B9 - Sustainable Homes be expanded to state that new development must be designed to be flood resilient and preferentially located in areas side of the floodplain from the River Trent and Tatenhill Brook.</p> <p>In regards to the EA screening report we do not consider this NP is likely to result in significant environmental impacts and therefore concur with the conclusions of the report.</p>		<p>Accepted. Amend Text as recommended.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Amend Plan: Amend Policy: Developers will be encouraged to build new homes to the highest possible sustainability standards in terms of energy and resource efficiency.</p> <p>New development should be designed to reflect the opportunities offered by the site using layout and design to maximise on site features such as aspect, shelter, shade, and drainage in line with Policy D2 in the Submission Local Plan. For example site layouts should include south facing buildings to maximise solar gain, and should take account of existing vegetation and mature trees to provide shelter and shade.</p> <p>New development should be designed to be flood resilient and preferentially located in areas outside of the floodplain from the River Trent and Tatenhill Brook.</p> <p>No change.</p>

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		<p>National Policy (National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 58) requires Neighbourhood Plans to develop robust and comprehensive policies setting out the quality of development that will be expected in an area based upon an <i>understanding and evaluation</i> of its' defining characteristics. The aim is to ensure that developments (inter alia) "respond to local character and history, and reflect the identity of local surroundings and materials....."</p> <p>In respect of our particular area of concern, cultural heritage, English Heritage considers that the Branston draft Neighbourhood Plan currently has a deficient historic environment evidence base, which does not cover the relevant characteristics of the settlement and the surrounding landscape in sufficient detail. As a result it is unclear as to how new development might impact upon historically sensitive sites and areas and equally how any negative impacts could be avoided or mitigated through plan policies.</p> <p>We appreciate that Branston is an essentially suburban area and may not have a particularly rich resource in Historic Environment terms but it will still be worthy of recognition and</p>	<p>Pete Boland Historic Places Adviser E-mail: peter.boland@ english- heritage.org.uk</p>	<p>Accepted. Amend Plan to include more detail on statutory and non statutory heritage assets eg listed buildings, conservation area, non designated heritage assets as above.</p>	<p>Include information from SCC on Staffordshire County Council Historic Environment Record (HER) and Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) for Branston Parish.- see below.</p>

	<p>deserves appropriate and proportionate consideration so as to provide a meaningful context for associated policies in the Plan.</p> <p>It is not clear that the Staffordshire County Council Historic Environment Record (HER) has been consulted. As a result there is no listing or mapping of designated and undesignated Heritage Assets in Branston or any consideration of above or below ground archaeological remains. In terms of historic landscape features it is equally unclear as to whether the Staffordshire County Council Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) or more detailed Historic Environment Character Assessments have been considered in order to identify potentially sensitive areas of historic landscape significance. As a result English Heritage is unable to offer detailed comments at this stage but can only offer a number of observations on some of the policy areas currently covered by the plan that clearly do express welcome positive intentions in relation to the protection of the historic environment.</p> <hr/> <p>As a general comment there is a welcome emphasis on “green infrastructure” in the plan but a failure in most instances to sufficiently appreciate that the historic environment</p>		<hr/> <p>Accepted. Amend Plan to include a paragraph using wording suggested.</p>	<hr/> <p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert into Para 74: “The historic environment forms a key component of green infrastructure. The “countryside” is in reality largely a man-made artifact and the product of generations of landscape change and evolution</p>
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	B4	<p>forms a key component of this. The “countryside” is in reality largely a man-made artifact and the product of generations of landscape change and evolution and is in fact not essentially a “natural” environment as is repeatedly implied in the terminology used in the plan. This is even though section 74 references the Natural England Character Area and associated Statements of Environmental Opportunity SEO1 and SEO4 which clearly set out the need to carefully plan and manage new development to (inter alia) protect and enhance the historic environment of the Trent Valley Washlands and their characteristic historic landscape. It would also be helpful in this respect to reference the 2009 East Staffordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy.</p> <hr/> <p>Neighbourhood Plan Policy B4- Local Landscape Character seeks to address these issues but contains no reference to protecting or enhancing landscape character and features of local significance but only refers to their “consideration” and “utilization” in the design of development. The policy should be considerably strengthened to meet the objectives clearly set out by</p>		<p>Accepted. Amend B4 as suggested</p>	<p>and is in fact not essentially a “natural” environment. The Natural England Character Area 60 Trent Valley Washlands and associated Statements of Environmental Opportunity SEO1 and SEO4 clearly set out the need to carefully plan and manage new development to protect and enhance the historic environment of the Trent Valley Washlands and their characteristic historic landscape.</p> <p>The 2009 East Staffordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy supports a multifunctional approach to open spaces and networks, including health and wellbeing, improving accessibility, supporting biodiversity, and protecting heritage assets.</p> <hr/> <p>Amend Plan. Amend Policy to read:</p> <p>Development should respect the local environment, taking account of the local landscape character and its historical development. All major developments in Branston will be required to demonstrate how landscape character, historical development and features of local significance have been considered and have been used to influence the development’s layout and design. This will be achieved by way of</p>
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	B3	<p>Natural England and specified in section 74 of the plan.</p> <p>Policy B3- Design, is laudable but would be strengthened by more explicit consideration in the plan as to what actually constitutes local distinctiveness in Branston rather than solely relying on the more generic East Staffordshire Design Guide. The policy would also be strengthened if it contained the requirement for developers to explicitly address in their design and access statements the steps they have taken to identify the locally distinctive characteristics of the area being developed and to respect and reinforce these characteristics in the design of their developments.</p>		<p>Partially accepted.</p> <p>The Design Guide provides detail about the locally distinctive characteristics of the Burton area and this is referred to in the text. The policy should be strengthened by including the text suggested.</p>	<p>the submission of a masterplan/character analysis of the area.</p> <p>Development will be required to be carefully planned and managed to ensure that landscape character and ecosystem services are strengthened, that heritage features, wildlife habitats, woodland and the hedgerow network are enhanced, and the opportunities for creation of multifunctional green infrastructure are realised so that this landscape is resilient to the forces of change that it is experiencing.</p> <p>Development proposals should seek to protect and enhance the historic environment of the Trent Valley Washlands and their characteristic historic landscape. Development should complement and enhance the sense of history of the area.</p> <p>Landscape design should take account of changes in local landscape character brought about through the National Forest and new developments should seek to enhance this through new woodland creation, tree planting and enhancing connectivity between new developments and existing woodlands.</p> <p>Features of local landscape significance are identified in Staffordshire County Council's Planning for Landscape Change SPG. Where no master plan is provided, built and landscape context audits as specified in the Design Guide SPD will be required.</p>
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					<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Policy by inserting at the end: “Developers will be required to explicitly address in their design and access statements the steps they have taken to identify the locally distinctive characteristics of the area being developed and to respect and reinforce these characteristics in the design of their developments”.</p>
		<p>Finally, there is a somewhat enigmatic list of buildings at the foot of section 96 of the plan entitled “Areas of interest”. If these in fact represent locally historically important buildings or features valued by the community for their contribution to local distinctiveness this could be made explicit and the main features of interest could be succinctly described. This could then form the basis for a policy designed to achieve the conservation and enhancement of such buildings perhaps in a similar form to that contained in the Neighbourhood Plan for Anslow which English Heritage has previously commented upon viz:</p> <p>E2 - Built Environment (4)</p> <p>The Parish Council will work with Staffordshire County Council and East Staffordshire Borough Council to protect and enhance the small scale features in the Parish which contribute to the attractiveness and interest of the area, including:</p>		<p>Noted. This was a drafting error. The list is a proposed list for local heritage assets and should have been accompanied by a policy for their protection. The Submission Plan should be revised to reflect this and should incorporate EH’s advice.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert new policy and supporting text:</p> <p>“A number of local buildings and features of interest have been identified by the Parish Council for inclusion in a list of local heritage assets.</p> <p>The Parish Council will work with Staffordshire County Council and East Staffordshire Borough Council to protect and enhance the small scale features in the Parish which contribute to the attractiveness and interest of the area. A local heritage list will be prepared for approval by the Borough Council and is likely to include the features listed below.</p> <p>Insert list.</p> <p>Supporting text:</p> <p>“These features, although not of sufficient architectural or historic merit to justify listing, are an important part of the character of Branston Parish and were highlighted as such through consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. The policy will help to ensure that they are retained,</p>

	<p>(list of features) These features, although not of sufficient architectural or historic merit to justify listing, are an important part of the character of Anslow village and were highlighted as such through consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. The policy will help to ensure that they are retained, especially in relation to any development related transport improvements and will provide a platform for small scale funding bids to support their management.</p> <p>Given that the list in the Branston plan includes a number of farmsteads we would also draw your attention to the English Heritage guidance, the Staffordshire Historic Farmsteads Project, which was produced in conjunction with the County Council. It can be accessed via the following link:</p> <p>https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/eLand/planners-developers/HistoricEnvironment/Projects/HistoricFarmsteadsandLandscapeCharacterinStaffordshireFeb2012.pdf.</p> <p>If historic farmsteads are a feature of Branston the Neighbourhood Plan might usefully include a policy requirement for applicants for planning permission affecting historic farmsteads to demonstrate that they</p>			<p>especially in relation to any development related transport improvements and will provide a platform for small scale funding bids to support their management. “</p> <p>Insert additional wording to Policy:</p> <p>“Development proposals which will affect historic farmsteads in the Parish should take account of the guidance in the Staffordshire Historic Farmsteads Project (insert reference).</p>
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		have made positive use of both sets of local and national guidance in the preparation of their detailed development proposals.			
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	SEA	<p>For the purposes of consultations on SEA Screening Opinions, English Heritage confines its advice to the question, "Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?" in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage. Our comments are based on the information supplied with the screening request.</p> <p>On the basis of the information supplied, including that set out in the draft plan, and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of 'SEA' Directive], English Heritage concurs with the Council that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is unlikely to be required.</p> <p>English Heritage, however, questions the degree of confidence that can be placed in the Screening Determination in that the historic environment evidence base for the Plan is very weak and the ability to assess the likely environmental impact of development correspondingly hard to judge accurately.</p> <p>The views of the other statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before</p>	Mr P Bolland	Noted.	No change.

		<p>the overall decision on the need for a SEA is made. If a decision is made to undertake a SEA, please note that English Heritage has published guidance on Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Historic Environment that is relevant to both local and neighbourhood planning and available at: http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/strategic-environ-assessment-sustainability-appraisal-historic-environment/ .</p>			
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		<p>With regards to Issue 3 – Schools we acknowledge the concerns the Parish Council has over the impact new development can have on School Places. The developers of the Land South of Branston site are enlarging Rykneld Primary to provide additional places for the children likely to be living at the new estate. Whilst Branston Locks and the B&Q Depot site are both providing new primary schools on the development sites. The Red House Farm, Forest Road and Howards Transport sites will all be making financial contributions towards additional school places at Primary ages. All of the above sites will be making financial contributions towards provision of additional secondary school places.</p> <p>We recognise that the Parish have identified a need for new Secondary provision in the area and concur with that need. We would like to draw your attention to the following reports, Burton-Upon-Trent School Planning Study October 2013 and Burton-Upon-Trent School Site Search July 2014 both of which can be accessed via the website below.</p>	Mark Parkinson SCC	Noted. Insert further wording to provide more information as advised.	<p>Insert the following wording into Issue 3:</p> <p>“The County Council has advised that the developers of the Land South of Branston site are enlarging Rykneld Primary to provide additional places for the children likely to be living at the new estate, whilst Branston Locks and the B&Q Depot site are both providing new primary schools on the development sites. The Red House Farm, Forest Road and Howards Transport sites will all be making financial contributions towards additional school places at Primary ages. All of the above sites will be making financial contributions towards provision of additional secondary school places.</p> <p>The Burton upon Trent School Planning Study was completed in October 2013 and concluded that new schools in the Burton on Trent area will be required in order to provide sufficient primary and secondary school places for the projected number of pupils over the next decade and beyond. This is in addition to provide expansions at existing schools where possible.</p> <p>The Burton-Upon-Trent School Site Search report built on the findings of the earlier Planning Study and assessed where the need for new school provision was. The report concluded that there is a need for a new secondary school in Burton to be located to the west of the A38. The report suggests a short list of sites for further investigation and a number of these are within or adjacent to Branston Parish.</p>

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		<p>We have lived on this road for almost 34 years and are becoming increasingly concerned at the level and type of traffic, noise pollution and reduced quality of life. Henhurst Hill has recently been resurfaced, but it really does not make much difference to the noise levels. If we open any of our front windows we cannot have any peace and quiet, and we certainly cannot sleep in any of our front bedrooms. As the road continues onto Forest Road it narrows significantly and there is a blind bend near the entrance to Oakley Grange. We list the points we think are relevant to our argument.</p> <p>1. Road Safety. The access/egress points to your proposed development are, in our opinion, at dangerous spots on the B5017. In fact, there are no safe points at which anyone could put further roads leading onto it. When the road resurfacing (Henhurst Hill only) was done last year the letter that came out to the householders from the Highways Dept. stated that it would “revitalise this busy road for the decade ahead” and that it would not need to be dug up</p>	<p>(Residents) Henhurst Hill Burton on Trent Staffs</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>The Plan should include reference to Henhurst Hill under Issue 4 Traffic and Transport.</p> <p>The Parish Council notes the detailed complaints by the residents and will forward the letter onto the County Highways Department for their consideration.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert reference to Henhurst Hill under Issue 4 eg “Henhurst Hill is a busy route for local traffic. As the road continues onto Forest Road it narrows significantly and there is a blind bend near the entrance to Oakley Grange. There are also problems with drainage after periods of heavy rainfall, particularly when the water drains off the hillside on the North side of the road at two specific points opposite to where Henhurst Hill meets Forest Road.</p>

		<p>for the next five years. To our knowledge, it has already been dug up at least 3 times. They obviously recognise that this is a busy road. They also stated that “as the work approaches Oakley Grange the road narrows and for this section it will be necessary to close the B5017 to protect the workforce”. Surely that says it all. Even if the access/egress points are moved the extra traffic (up to 600 vehicles) will still have to be fed onto this very busy road. The safety of the children and parents/guardians using the school and local nursery is of great concern.</p> <p>2. Drainage. We have always experienced problems with drainage when we have heavy rainfall, particularly when the water drains off the hillside on the North side of the road at two specific points opposite to where Henhurst Hill meets Forest Road. This year has seen significant problems with surface water and also the sewers. It is not just a “Flash Flood once every 20 years” scenario, we experience it most years. In the past a car had to</p>			
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		<p>be abandoned due to the water being at window level.</p> <p>3. Inadequate Services and Infrastructure. This area has just one small shop on Forest Road. We have no Post Office or other facilities for the use of the Community. Just one bus service is routed here, which just goes into the Town Centre. If anyone needs to get to a GP, Hospital, Dental or Optician appointment etc. etc. they would need to catch 2 buses. Who wants to start their journey at least 2 hours prior to their appointment where it is only 3 or 4 miles away? This means that most people rely on their cars for such needs. No-one can carry their weekly shop from bus to bus. Forest Road is not wide enough, even if it were that would just increase the speed of the traffic. The services currently provided are not adequate for an increase in population in the local area.</p> <p>4. Other Local Applications. Within a 5 mile radius we are being bombarded with applications for residential development. At least 2 of these other applications will</p>			
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		<p>create a negative effect for the B5017 and the ramifications are very worrying for those of us who live here.</p> <p>5. Quality of Life. This is eroding year on year and whilst we appreciate that progress has to be made, why should it be at the expense of our quality of life? There are other options for traffic access along this route but they are not considered or taken. This is a B road but living along it you would think that it was an A road.</p>			
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		<p>We are writing to confirm our views as in our previous letter to Andrew Griffiths MP, Mike Maryon, Phillip Atkins and Richard Grosvenor, which was sent in November 2011.</p> <p>We have read Staffordshire County Council's Preferred Options Feasibility Report dated 20th November 2012 (minus the appendices) and would like to comment on some of the information therein;</p> <p>Chapter 1 1.5. The major resurfacing maintenance does NOT extend to the whole of Forest Road. This road has 3 separately named areas and Forest Road commences close to the newsagent shop and up to the dip in Henhurst Hill just past Oakley Grange. Whilst it is agreed that the noise and vibration has been reduced where the works are completed it does not address the fact that heavy vehicles still cause disturbance, particularly at night time.</p> <p>Chapter 2 2.5. It is good to note that the mandatory 20 mph signs are in place, with flashing lights</p>	<p>Residents Henhurst Hill Burton on Trent Staffs DE13 9SU</p> <p>Tel: 01283 531823 (EX DIR)</p> <p>E-mail: katiejohn04@talktalk.net</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>These comments refer to the SCC Preferred Options feasibility Report and are not therefore concerned with the Branston Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>The comments should be referred to Staffordshire County Council.</p>	<p>None.</p>

		<p>operational during school opening/closing times. We understand that STAG is requesting visits from the Police/mobile speed van to ensure that offenders are caught and ensure that the limits are enforceable.</p> <p>Chapter 2 2.6 The width of Forest Road is inadequate for heavy traffic and, in our opinion, the parked cars serve to reduce the speed of traffic and keep the drivers more focused.</p> <p>Chapter 3 3.3 Whilst we understand that the HGV's in rural areas have a legitimate right of access to point of collection or delivery, we question that all vehicles using this route are legitimate to local business. It is not easy to identify all HGV's as some do not have clear livery.</p> <p>Chapter 3 3.8 Signage is not necessarily the issue for users of the B5017. Once any driver has used this road they are likely to continue to do so if it means a reduction in mileage and perceived reduction in cost. Common sense also dictates that those</p>			
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		<p>drivers will advise any of their colleagues to do the same. We consider the reduction in cost to be negligible as Lorries staying on trunk roads at a constant speed achieve better mpg figures than having to keep stopping and starting. There must also be a reduced cost in wear and tear on brakes/gearboxes etc.</p> <p>Chapter 3 3.9 Any potential residential development within this area is bound to have a significant effect on the B5017. The only bus service we have is the No.10, which is only useful if the passenger wishes to travel directly into Burton. For all other journeys a car is essential. We have no other services or infrastructure.</p> <p>Chapter 4 4.2 Accidents may not show to be serious but near misses are common and not measured. Some of these DO involve HGV's as drivers of cars need to mount the pavement to evade being hit. This has happened to us twice as were driving up towards the Henhurst Hill, which is a driver's right of way. As we were so busy trying to avoid an accident and ensure</p>			
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		<p>that there were no pedestrians on the footpath we were unable to identify the offending HGV. It is so easy to say that we should note vehicles but when you are trying to evade an accident it just isn't possible. We would like to take this opportunity to state that not all HGV drivers are thoughtless and most are courteous. However, the inconsiderate ones are those likely to cause an accident, or a near miss.</p> <p>Chapter 4 4.4 The mobile speed camera is a welcome sight but it does not capture data overnight, as far as we know. The fixed camera does not seem to have worked for many months or even years now and the regular users of this road seem to be fully aware of that. A recent article in the Burton Mail noted the RAC survey, http://racfoundation.wordpress.com/2013/06/07/deaths-and-serious-injuries-down-a-quarter-near-speedcameras-though-collisions-up-at-some-sites/ which highlighted that the fixed camera on the B5017 is one of three in Staffordshire that is to be investigated because the road is not</p>			
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		<p>experiencing a reduction in accidents (unlike other areas where fixed cameras are in operation). We would like to know if Staffordshire County Council is doing something about this as the feasibility report states that no data has been captured by this camera since December 2010.</p> <p>It is worrying that this B road carries more HGV volumes than other B roads in Staffordshire. This is ongoing and will only get worse. We understand that progress has to be made but we need to keep vigil for the sake of all residents in this area. There are other A roads available, therefore we do not think that our request for a 7.5tonne weight restriction is unreasonable. It needs to be addressed sooner rather than later and for this reason we fully support STAG.</p> <p>Doing nothing except further monitoring delays any practical help that we are in need of. Whilst it is relatively easy to measure traffic volume it is not easy to measure the different kinds of impact that the traffic has on the local residents.</p> <p>We consider that Option 2 noted in Staffordshire County Council Highways Department's Preferred Options is the</p>			
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	<p>one that is most appropriate. If the weight limit was effective from Six Lanes End then it should not have a knock on effect on other villages. If there are difficulties in enforcement due to much of the freight movement taking place between 18:00hrs and 06:00 hrs we cannot understand why. It seems that some hauliers are aware that enforcement is difficult and use it to their advantage. Surely, if it is enforcement it should be adhered to by all, as with any other rule. We also feel that further signage would be required to ensure that HGV drivers were made aware of the experimental weight restrictions.</p> <p>Option 3 involving extra signage would not stop existing HGV drivers, or those using Satnavs continuing to use the road. The cost of this is also questionable and we consider it to be a waste of money.</p> <p>Option 4 using Gateway signage would not be an effective solution on its own</p> <p>Option 5 VAS signage for the school is welcome but not solely the issue</p> <p>Option 6 discussing logistics with local hauliers has already been tried</p>			
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		<p>but does not seem to have made much of an impact. This does not address hauliers who are not local to the area.</p> <p>Option 7 utilising rear access to some properties on Shobnall Road and alterations to street furniture etc relying on developer contributions is a potentially dangerous idea. Increasing traffic onto this area from further development will only exacerbate the problem and create further opportunities for potential accidents and probably even more near misses. It also means that we will be dealing with construction traffic. We are totally against this option as we have other problems with flooding, lack of infrastructure etc.</p> <p>Please find above letters to SSC and Kate Phelan, Asset Manager, Marstons. We are aware that should the Lawns Farm, Red House Farm and Forest Road applications be passed for development (in total 3050 of the 4300 properties) then the B5017 will be an absolute nightmare to use. It is the only route into town for the locals. We cannot re-</p>			
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		iterate enough our strong objection to loading more traffic onto the B5017			
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		<p>Thank you for forwarding on your draft NDP to us. We discussed this at our meeting last week and obviously have concerns regarding the traffic and road infrastructure for the Beamhill Road Development. We would like to offer our support to work with Outwoods Parish Council and other neighbouring PCs to minimise this impact.</p>	Anslow parish council	Noted.	No change.
		<p>Tatenhill are grateful for any assistance that Branston can offer in protecting the rural feel of the village of Tatenhill from development. The parish boundary of the stream means that it falls within the village envelope of Tatenhill Village.</p> <p>Branston will be aware of the Tatenhill conservation Area reviews and the consultation recently ended. The proposed extensions to both of the Conservation Areas came from extensive consultation with the parishioners both for the CAAMPS and the Tatenhill NDP. There is a desire in this parish to both preserve the character of the villages including the views in to and out from. There are</p>	Tatenhill Parish Council	Noted.	No change.

	<p>several “sensitive sites” abutting this parish that Tatenhill have less influence over despite their proximity.</p> <p>As a consequence the following specific comments are made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council welcomes the recognition of the Tatenhill Well and Pool Green Farm as sites of interest for protection. 2. The identification of the need to protect the rural, green spaces as a tourism and recreational resource for the town of Burton on Trent sits comfortably with the Tatenhill NDP and its supporting consultations, specifically the hillside alongside Tin Can Hill from Henhurst Hill to Tatenhill village and Battlestead Hill. 3. Tatenhill supports the proposal to preserve and enhance the pedestrian and cycle routes through the area as sustainable environmentally friendly routes to/from both work and recreation resources in the area. This extends to the canal tow path which is an 			
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		<p>underutilised resource for this purpose at this point in the length of the Trent & Mersey.</p> <p>4. Council welcomes the recognition of the potential impact of increased traffic from proposed development and the associated mitigation proposals.</p> <p>5. Tatenhill too regrets the loss of the permissive footpath through the fields to the west of Tatenhill lane and would support any proposal to provide a safe route off the highway to enhance access to the recreational potential for the wider area.</p> <p>It has been suggested that that I remind you that your plan will need to reflect the contents of two significant planning documents in place with the Borough which impact on Branston Parish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tatenhill Parish Design Guide (published and adopted by ESBC 2012) which impacts on development within the Tatenhill Conservation Area not just the parish. 			
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tatenhill Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan (published 2013) The Borough's formal consultation on this has only just concluded and the officers recommendation is to adopt the proposals as presented. That is currently going through the ESBC process to go to Council on 18th August and be effective from 19th August 2014.) This document significantly extends Tatenhill Conservation Area out to the north and east of the village into Branston parish and preserves views both in and out of the area. <p>Both documents should be available from the website:-</p> <p>http://www.tatenhillparishcouncil.org.uk/parish_council_website_020.htm</p>			
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	B1	<p>We note that a key theme of the draft plan is to improve the facilities for cycling and walking in the area and how and where improvements should be made to the existing network of cycle and pedestrian routes. The canal towpath is identified within the draft plan as part of this network, and it is largely in relation to the towpath that we wish to comment.</p> <p>As noted above, there is a significant stretch of canal towpath running through the plan area and this provides a traffic-free pedestrian route which provides a link northwards to Burton upon Trent and southwards to Branston Water Park and on towards Barton under Needwood. The towpath can and does offer both a leisure and recreational resource and a sustainable link to access services and facilities in Burton upon Trent. The towpath is quite informal in character and does not have a sealed surface, so is not well-suited for cyclists, particularly during</p>	<p>Ian Dickinson Area Planner (East and West Midlands) Telephone: 01636 675790 E-Mail: ian.dickinson@ canalrivertrust. org.uk Canal and River Trust</p>	<p>Noted. Insert additional text as provided into supporting text after paragraph 69.</p>	<p>Amend Plan. Add additional supporting text after paragraph 69: “There is a significant stretch of canal towpath running through the plan area and this provides a traffic-free pedestrian route which provides a link northwards to Burton upon Trent and southwards to Branston Water Park and on towards Barton under Needwood. The towpath can and does offer both a leisure and recreational resource and a sustainable link to access services and facilities in Burton upon Trent. The towpath is quite informal in character and does not have a sealed surface, so is not well-suited for cyclists, particularly during the winter months and/or periods of wet weather. No change.</p>

Support		<p>the winter months and/or periods of wet weather.</p> <hr/> <p>We note that the vision for Branston by 2031 includes creating links between local green spaces and (amongst others) the canal, and that Objective 4 seeks to secure the improvement of cycling and walking routes. The Trust welcomes initiatives that will improve access to the canal and towpath and encourage and promote it's greater use by the community as a recreational resource.</p> <hr/>		<hr/> <p>Noted.</p> <hr/>	<hr/> <p>No change.</p> <hr/>
	B1	<p>We note that Policy B1 specifically identifies the towpath from Branston Water Park to Shobnall Fields as a route to be strengthened and improved. Policy B16 also seeks to secure improvements to the towpath through developer contributions from new development in the vicinity, in order to improve it for walking and cycling.</p> <hr/>		<hr/> <p>Noted.</p> <hr/>	<hr/> <p>No change.</p> <hr/>

	B16	<p>Where new development has the likelihood to increase usage of canal towpaths, the Trust generally considers that it is reasonable to request a financial contribution from developers to either cover increased maintenance costs, or to upgrade the towpath surface to a standard which is more durable and thus able to accommodate increased usage without adding to our future maintenance costs. On this basis, you may be aware that in 2013 we did formally ask East Staffordshire Borough Council as Local Planning Authority to consider the case for requiring the Applicant for the Lawns Farm/Branston Lock development to make a financial contribution towards improving the towpath (Planning application P/2012/01467).</p> <p>In this instance, we considered that the towpath needed to be upgraded in order to fulfil the role identified for it by the Applicant (as a sustainable link between the site and Burton town centre) and that this would necessitate the laying of a new hard surface to a standard suitable for increased use by both pedestrians and cyclists (presently the towpath within the application site is not suited to use by cyclists). We provided an estimate based on laying a tar spray and chip surface, which is a relatively high specification, but one we</p>		<p>Comments noted. These refer to a planning application and should be forwarded to ESBC. The Parish Council is committed to securing investment for towpath improvements and will work with the Canal and Rivers Trust to investigate other possible funding opportunities.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
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	<p>felt was appropriate for the conservation area status of the canal and the fact that the Applicant was intending to create a largely green corridor for the canal. It is important that any new surface is in keeping with the character of the canal corridor and has regard to it's conservation area status.</p> <p>The towpath running through the Lawns Farm/Branston Lock application site amounts to some 1.2km running between Branston Road Bridge (Bridge 34) and Ordish Bridge (Bridge 33E); we advised the LPA however that, in order to properly fulfil the role of providing a connection between the site and Burton upon Trent to the north and Branston Water Park to the south, the upgrading of the towpath needed to extend beyond the application site boundaries. Heading northwards from the application site, the towpath continues into Burton upon Trent, and we advised that it was important to consider continuing the upgraded towpath as far as Shobnall Road (Bridge 33), a distance of a further 1.3km. The towpath access onto Shobnall Road could then facilitate access towards the town centre, as well as being only a short distance from Sustrans Cycle Route 54 which provides a cycle route to the train station. Heading southwards from the</p>			
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	<p>application site, there is an existing access point from the towpath into Branston Water Park, located approximately 200m south of Branston Road Bridge. This does largely coincide with the areas of canal towpath identified in Policies B1 and B16, and therefore would clearly help to meet some of the aims of these policies.</p> <p>Our estimate for the whole 2.7km stretch of towpath was around £450,000. Whilst the LPA accepted our case in principle, a sum of £100,000 only has been identified for towpath improvements in the draft heads of terms for the S106 planning obligation to be signed by the Applicant. This leaves a significant shortfall, and in light of the importance that the emerging Neighbourhood Plan attaches to improving the towpath as part of the wider walking and cycling network in the area, this may affect the deliverability of this element of Policies B1 and B16. It may be therefore be necessary to try to identify additional ways in which improvements to the towpath can be funded.</p>			
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		<p>There is a great deal to consider regarding the Development Plan but my overriding concerns are to do with the local infrastructure. The roads and antiquated drainage systems seem inadequate for the number of homes proposed over the coming years. Homes now have not just one but two or three cars causing gridlock at certain times during the day, and sadly there is little funding for other forms of local transport, and existing roads cannot be widened. The drains as we know are not being cleared in certain areas and adding to this with the additional homes and extra roads/estates will increase the problem.</p> <p>I fear that Branston which is already losing its open 'village' feel will become part of the mass of Burton Upon Trent.</p>	Resident Maple Way Branston	<p>Comments Noted.</p> <p>The Plan already addresses issues such as traffic and road congestion and new development is required to include Sustainable drainage Systems (SuDS) to prevent additional flood risk.</p>	No change.
Support		I think the plan contains some very valid points. Car parking in Main Street is already an issue and will become more so when building commences which I believe may be very soon, although I thought St Modwens had agreed to provide extra parking before any	Resident	<p>Comments Noted.</p> <p>These issues are generally dealt with in the Neighbourhood Plan and the resident supports the approach.</p>	No change.

	<p>building began! We do need to maintain and provide more walking and cycling facilities for safety reasons across the whole area. Having walked around the estates that have been built recently there is no adequate provision for car parking for families who often have a minimum of 2 cars and certainly no provision for visitors as the roads are narrow and there is little or no space between driveways.</p> <p>It is also a fact that more consideration needs to be given to providing bungalows suitable for the older population which would also free up larger houses for families and builders must be required to provide these in any planned developments.</p> <p>I agree wholeheartedly that our few remaining buildings of historic interest must be preserved. I am particularly concerned that the Blacksmith Arms may be obtained by St Modwens/other interested parties in order to demolish it to improve the road junction to cater for the immense volume of extra traffic created by the proposed building. Can anything be done to have this and other buildings listed as of historical interest to prevent them being demolished?</p>			
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		<p>Branston still retains a very real sense of community and it will be very sad if the excessive amount of development means that this is lost. The Church, Blacksmiths Arms, Bridge Inn, The Gate Inn, Post Office and small local shops are very important in keeping this community spirit going and should be protected. Newcomers must be encouraged to become part of the community in every way.</p> <p>There must also be recreational and green spaces provided in all new developments. The extra strain that these developments will put onto existing infrastructure must be carefully considered otherwise it will be very much to the detriment of the existing residents.</p>			
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Object	B17	<p>Whilst we appreciate the need to protect locally important green spaces we feel that areas 1 and 5 need to be removed from the policy for the reasons outlined below.</p> <p>1 – Henhurst Hill/Postern Road</p> <p>As noted in the plan and comments from the County Council to Issue 3 ‘Schools’ there is a need to plan for a new secondary school for Burton. The School Site Search report referred to in our response to issue 3 identifies land South of Henhurst Hill as a potentially suitable site for a new secondary school. Until such time as a final site has been selected we are mindful that adding any additional policy restriction to potential sites may make the delivery of a new school even more problematic and cause unnecessary delays to the process. We therefore feel that inclusion of Henhurst Hill/Postern Road as protected green space contradicts National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 76 which states ‘Identifying</p>	James Chadwick SCC	<p>Comments Noted.</p> <p>The Parish Council considers that Site 1 Henhust Hill / Postern Lane should be protected from new development and that the open character of the area should be retained. The Parish Council accepts that the area is an extensive tract of land, although it would argue that the area is local in character.</p> <p>Therefore the area should be removed from the policy protecting local greenspace.</p> <p>However in order to protect this much valued and historically significant are from development the Parish Council considers that additional wording should be provided in the policy protecting local landscape character.</p>	<p>Insert additional text to policy protecting local landscape character:</p> <p>“There will be a presumption that areas identified in the Local Plan Proposals Map⁴ for the National Forest Area should retain their open character. Land to the north of the Parish around Postern Road / Henhurst Hill, is identified as a historic landscape, providing an example of an 18th / 19th century planned enclosure⁵ and therefore this area is protected from new development.”</p> <p>Remove Henhurst Hill / Postern Road area from policy identifying local open spaces for protection under the NPPF Local Greenspaces criteria.</p> <p>Insert additional wording for each Local Greenspace designation, setting out the justification for each according to the criteria in paragraph 77 of the NPPF. Insert the following wording after paragraph 92 and before former Policy B17:</p> <p>“The NPPF paragraph 77 sets out criteria for sites to be designated as Local Greenspace. These are:</p>

⁴ http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/filedepot_download/51316/1050

⁵ See **Appendix III Staffordshire County Council’s Historic Environment Assessment, East Staffordshire, 2013**

	<p>land as Local Green Space should therefore be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.’ We consider the delivery of secondary education provision as being an essential service.</p> <p>In addition it is felt that area 1 does not meet the criteria laid out in Paragraph 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework, which states that:</p> <p>The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; ● where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and ● where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land. 		<p>Additional wording should also be provided to strengthen the policy and supporting text identifying other areas for protection as local greenspace under the NPPF.</p> <p>However in relation to new schools provision, the Parish Council would support the provision of an additional secondary school so an exceptions paragraph may be an appropriate compromise.</p>	<p>The designation should only be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; ● where the green area is demonstrably special to local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and ● where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land. <p>How each of the sites meets these criteria and is set out in Table 1.</p> <p>Insert into Policy exceptions paragraph ie</p> <p>“exceptions to this policy will be for the appropriate scale development of local schools in meeting the demand for school places.</p> <p>Any alteration or extension should not compromise the on site open space, and where this is put under pressure, areas ‘off site’ should be provided.”</p>
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	<p>There appears to be no evidence in the plan to demonstrate compliance with the second bullet point above and the size of the proposed area to be afforded protection would surely put it into the category of an extensive tract of land.</p> <p>We are at a very early stage in the site search and will liaise with the Parish Council throughout the process.</p> <hr/> <p>5 – Paget Playing Field</p> <p>The area proposed for protection includes the whole school site and may have the unintended effect of limiting the school ability to adapt and/or expand its premises to respond to changing demographics or teaching patterns. Thus having a potentially negative impact on the standard of education provision locally. School playing fields are already afforded protection against development through Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, which is a general presumption against the need to change the current pattern of playing field provision by disposal or</p>			
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		change of use. We therefore feel that adding a further level of policy restriction is not necessary and could have unintended adverse impacts on the school.			
Object	B18	<p>We acknowledge the ambition to protect local community facilities and support the principle of the policy. However, the policy contains infrastructure (sites) that the County Council is responsible for. Given all public services are facing considerable budgetary pressures we feel that the policy is unduly restrictive and could have the unintended impact of negatively affecting provision of local services.</p> <p>The policy is worded such that protection against redevelopment is afforded subject to two criteria being met where development would be allowed; demonstrating there is no longer a need for the facility and a requirement for suitable alternative provision to be within a reasonable walking distance. It</p>		<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Amend Policy B18 in line with suggestion 1.</p>	<p>Amend Plan – see ESBC comments above also.</p> <p>Amend policy (first para to read) to read:</p> <p>Local community facilities such as local health facilities, community centres, youth centres, libraries, education facilities, care homes, community health facilities and religious buildings will be protected from re-development for non-community uses.</p> <p>There will be a presumption in favour of the re-use of such facilities for health and community type uses. The change of use of existing facilities to other uses will not be permitted unless the following can be demonstrated:</p>

		<p>is the second element we believe is unreasonable if it has been demonstrated that a use is no longer needed or viable then it should not be required to pass a secondary test to allow redevelopment. We therefore request that the policy should be amended by either;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. removing the end of the first sentence '<i>and there is suitable alternative provision within a reasonable walking distance.</i>'; or 2. amending the end of the first sentence to replace the 'and' with an 'or' so that the policy reads ...', <i>or there is suitable alternative provision within a reasonable walking distance.</i>' This would facilitate an either or scenario that would enable sites to be redeveloped if they were no longer needed or there is suitable alternative provision nearby. 			<p>a) The proposal includes alternative provision, on a site within the locality, of equivalent or enhanced facilities. Such sites should be accessible by public transport, walking and cycling and have adequate car parking; or</p> <p>b) There is no longer a need for the facility, and this can be demonstrated by the developer.</p>
		<p>Historic Environment</p> <p>The Branston Draft Neighbourhood Plan has not fully considered the role of the historic environment to the locality's</p>		<p>Noted and accepted.</p> <p>The Branston Neighbourhood Plan should be amended to include more information</p>	<p>Amend Plan</p> <p>Insert new section on Historic Branston.</p>

	<p>sense of place and local character. It is noted that Paragraph 74 cross-references Statements of Environmental Opportunity (SEO) from Natural England's 'National Character Area 69: Trent Valley Washlands' document SEO 4 which highlights the importance of the historic environment of this National Character Area and seeks to promote an awareness of this value and protect and enhance the sense of history (including historic landscape character). This approach would be supported, but the Draft Neighbourhood Plan does not then consider either of these aspects of the local landscape within either its objectives or policies. Furthermore there is no consideration of the designated heritage assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area and how these contribute to the local environment or how these should be protected and enhanced within the policies. Any objectives and policies for the historic environment should be underpinned by an evidence base. The Plan may also wish to identify undesigned heritage assets which the community consider to make a particular contribution to the local character of Branston.</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council holds data on the archaeology, built heritage and historic landscape character of the</p>		<p>about the historic environment and heritage assets.</p> <p>Detailed information from the Staffordshire Historic Environment Assessments should be included in the Plan as suggested..</p>	<p>Insert text from the Staffordshire Historic Environment Assessment as suggested (pp39-41) knot Appendix and refer to it in text.</p> <p>Also insert:</p> <p>The Trent and Mersey Canal is a Conservation Area (CA083 on the HER – Historic Environment Record). Conservation Areas are designated due to their historic character and appearance and works should not adversely affect this. This will be of particular relevance to any planned works around Branston Bridge, which is within the Conservation Area (e.g. Policy B1 – Integrating New Development with Existing Communities). Although not designated, Branston Bridge is also recorded on the HER (PRN 02916), as: 'An accommodation bridge spanning the Trent and Mersey Canal at Branston.'</p> <p>There is also a Grade II Listed Building situated close to the bridge: 'Canal milepost located at SK 217 212 (10 metres south of Bridge 34) (1293826). Any work to Listed Buildings may require Listed Building Consent from East Staffs Borough Council.</p>
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		<p>county within the Staffordshire Historic Environment Record (HER). As part of the evidence base for East Staffordshire Borough Council's Local Plan the County Council's Historic Environment Team produced the 'Historic Environment Assessment: East Staffordshire (2013)'. This report comprises an overview of the historic environment of the Borough as well as an assessment of the impact of development upon the historic environment on land lying beyond the current built up area of those settlements identified as priorities for growth in ESBC's Settlement Hierarchy Topic Paper (2012). The resultant report is available for download at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Historic-Environment-Assessments.aspx . The project subdivided this landscape into Historic Environment Character Zones and two of these fall within part of the Branston Neighbourhood Plan BRHECZ 8: West of Branston and Shobnall and BRHECZ 9: Outwoods and Sinai Park (to be found within Appendix 1 of the report). It is advised that the HER and the Historic Environment Assessment (HEA) be consulted to assist in the production of an evidence base to support policies which incorporate the historic environment.</p>			<p>Insert complete list of statutory listed buildings in the text.</p>
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	<p>Further information on the role of the historic environment in local community planning can be found on English Heritage’s website: http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/advice/hp/g/historicenvironment/neighbourhoodplanning There is also a section providing guidance on surveying neighbourhoods to assist in understanding the historic environment of the local environment http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/get-involved/improve-your-neighbourhood/survey-your-neighbourhood A toolkit for rapid surveys of local character has also been produced by Oxford City Council which can be found at http://www.oxford.gov.uk/PageRender/decP/CharacterAppraisalToolkit.htm .</p> <p>Historic Built Environment</p> <p>In addition to the above it needs acknowledging within the report that the Trent and Mersey Canal is a Conservation Area (CA083 on the HER – Historic Environment Record). Conservation Areas are designated due to their historic character and appearance and works should not adversely affect this. This will be of particular relevance to any planned works around Branston Bridge, which is</p>			
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		<p>With regards to Issue 3 – Schools we acknowledge the concerns the Parish Council has over the impact new development can have on School Places. The developers of the Land South of Branston site are enlarging Rykneld Primary to provide additional places for the children likely to be living at the new estate. Whilst Branston Locks and the B&Q Depot site are both providing new primary schools on the development sites. The Red House Farm, Forest Road and Howards Transport sites will all be making financial contributions towards additional school places at Primary ages. All of the above sites will be making financial contributions towards</p>		<p>Noted. Comments on schools addressed above.</p>	<p>No change – addressed above.</p>

	<p>provision of additional secondary school places.</p> <p>We recognise that the Parish have identified a need for new Secondary provision in the area and concur with that need. We would like to draw your attention to the following reports, Burton-Upon-Trent School Planning Study October 2013 and Burton-Upon-Trent School Site Search July 2014 both of which can be accessed via the website below.</p> <p>http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/PlanningSchoolPlaces/Education-studies/Education-studies.aspx</p> <p>The Burton upon Trent School Planning Study was completed in October 2013 and concluded that new schools in the Burton on Trent area will be required in order to provide sufficient primary and secondary school places for the projected number of pupils over the next decade and beyond. This is in addition to provide expansions at existing schools where possible.</p>			
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		<p>The Burton-Upon-Trent School Site Search report built on the findings of the earlier Planning Study and assessed where the need for new school provision was. The report concluded that there is a need for a new secondary school in Burton to be located to the west of the A38. The report suggests a short list of sites for further investigation and a number of these are within or adjacent to Branston Parish.</p> <p>We will like to liaise with the parish council further on this matter, particularly around environmental planning policy constraints that may be associated with these sites</p>			
	B16 B15	<p>We welcome the information within the plan and the aspirations to improve accessibility on the walking and cycling networks throughout Branston. One oversight within the Plan is the lack of information about any proposals to improve provision for equestrians wherever possible.</p>		<p>Noted.</p> <p>Policy B16 should be amended to include reference to equestrian activity.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Policy:</p> <p>Policy B15 - Walking and Cycling and Equestrian Activity</p> <p>The following proposals for improved walking and cycling and equestrian routes through Branston will be supported through developer contributions from developments in the immediate vicinity:</p>

					Add in bullet point – local bridle paths
		<p>The desire to increase the levels of physical activity is also welcomed and the public rights of way network should be integral to any schemes that are developed to promote this. The Rights of Way team would be happy to provide advice and work together on any schemes which benefit residents through improvements to the path network.</p> <p>The Plan proposes the creation of new footpaths and cycleways but does not contain any details about how this will be achieved. The creation of new public rights of way, in particular, has to follow a formal legal process and requires the legal agreement of any affected landowners. The Parish Council should also encourage developers to enhance the existing path network where possible in line with Staffordshire County Council’s Rights of Way Improvement Plan. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the creation of public bridleways or the upgrading of public footpaths to bridleways to improve provision for horse riders and cyclists across 		<p>Noted.</p> <p>Add additional text into paragraph 69 as suggested.</p>	<p>Amend Plan</p> <p>Add additional text to para 69:</p> <p>The creation of new public rights of way has to follow a formal legal process and requires the legal agreement of any affected landowners. The Parish Council will work with the Rights of Way Team at Staffordshire County Council on any schemes which benefit residents through improvements to the path network.</p> <p>The Parish Council will encourage developers to enhance the existing path network where possible in line with Staffordshire County Council’s Rights of Way Improvement Plan. This could include for instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the creation of public bridleways or the upgrading of public footpaths to bridleways to improve provision for horse riders and cyclists across Staffordshire where there is currently a shortfall in available access routes.

		<p>Staffordshire where there is currently a shortfall in available access routes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the creation and promotion of short circular walks to promote the health benefits of walking - the replacement of stiles with gaps (where there are no stock) or gates (where there are) in line with Staffordshire County Council's Least Restrictive Principle for path furniture <p>The County Council is able to provide further advice and guidance as and when required</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the creation and promotion of short circular walks to promote the health benefits of walking - the replacement of stiles with gaps (where there are no stock) or gates (where there are) in line with Staffordshire County Council's Least Restrictive Principle for path furniture
SUPPORT		<p>We support the vision and policy to integrate new development with the existing communities within the Parish. Improved connections between new development and existing communities should assist in helping the new residents become part of the existing community. As the plan sets out this will help maintain the viability of existing local shops and services. There are also health benefits to consider of being part of a cohesive community.</p>		Noted.	No change.
SUPPORT		<p>We support the Parish's objective to improve public transport links to local</p>		Noted.	No change.

		employment areas. The reference to Travel Plans being in accordance with Staffordshire County Council thresholds and standards is welcomed.			
SUPPORT	B5	<p>We support the proposed policy which is in-line with the County Council's Public Health agenda around healthy eating.</p> <p>In relation to the provision of allotments and other community food growing opportunities we feel that the policy could go further in requiring developers of major residential schemes to actively have a part to play in promoting and encouraging the use of such facilities whilst they have a physical presence on the site. With initial management and co-ordination by developers new residents may feel more comfortable in utilising the facility, particularly single person household, and have a greater understanding of its purpose. Basic items such as provision of a storage shed and supply of hand tools should be considered along with events for resident to meet and interact in an initial controlled environment.</p> <p>Reference should perhaps also be made to the provision of raised planting beds</p>		<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Amend text to B5 to include suggested wording.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Insert into Policy:</p> <p>Opportunities for the provision of raised planting beds for disabled or elderly residents to be able to access more easily will be encouraged.</p> <p>Developers will be encouraged to consult with the community to determine the preferred approach to food growing on site, whether through provision of gardens, allotments or shared space.</p> <p>Amend supporting text of B5:</p> <p>Developers of major residential schemes have a part to play in promoting and encouraging the use of community food growing opportunities whilst they have a physical presence on the site. With initial management and co-ordination by developers new residents may feel more comfortable in utilising these facilities, and have a greater understanding of their purpose. Basic</p>

		<p>for disabled or elderly residents to be able to access more easily.</p> <p>Whilst the provision of food growing areas is supported some flexibility in the policy should be given to the provision of community gardens or at least allowing the community to decide whether they utilise the land for food growing or as a more typical garden. As social interaction is important for mental health and is especially relevant in addressing issues associated with loneliness amongst the elderly living alone. It may therefore be more appropriate to allow the community growing areas to be adaptable to the needs of the community.</p>			<p>items such as provision of a storage shed and supply of hand tools should be considered along with events for resident to meet and interact in an initial controlled environment.</p>
OBJECT		<p>We acknowledge the concerns over pedestrian and cyclist safety over Burton/Branston Bridge. The option of widening the bridge has been explored but there are a number of constraints including 3rd party land requirements that may make it an unviable proposition. We understand that Network Rail have recently been granted permission to construct a new</p>		<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Parish C and Steering group members met with Staffordshire County Council to agree wording in the submission plan and future action.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

		<p>footbridge over the railway line to compensate for the closure of the level crossing at Warren Lane.</p> <p>Prior to the next version of the Plan being published we would therefore like to discuss with you further the options for pedestrian access over the railway and whether the new proposal by Network Rail offsets the need for work to Burton/Branston Bridge itself.</p> <p>Please could you contact me at the details provided and I will make the necessary arrangements with colleagues from Highways.</p>			
OBJECT B15		<p>The Policy does not appear to be supported by any evidence base and does not follow the supporting text. The first bullet point refers to improvements to the Parkway island (roundabout). It is unclear what the proposal is for the roundabout is as the supporting text refers to dualling Parkway from the roundabout to the existing dual carriageway at First Avenue. The County Council has prepared the East Staffordshire Borough Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) which indicates the interventions that we feel are</p>		<p>Noted.</p> <p>As above.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

	<p>necessary to make the Submission Local Plan proposals acceptable in transport terms. This identifies the B5121 as a transport improvement corridor but does not identify a scheme at the roundabout.</p> <p>With regards the second bullet point 'HGV restrictions on the B5017'. Again the B5017 is identified as a transport improvement corridor in the ITS but the option of a weight restriction has been explored and ruled out, therefore should not appear within the policy.</p> <p>With regards to the third bullet point 'provision of a new access at the A38 Branston Island to the proposed new development at Lawns Farm' we are unclear exactly what is being proposed. The Lawns Farm scheme has been permitted and will gain access via improvements to Branston Road that then joins the Branston Island in its current arrangement. On 7th July Government announced its Local Growth Fund allocations and the County has been successful in securing funding towards improvements to the Branston interchange but these do not include the provision of an additional arm on the</p>			
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		<p>roundabout to provide direct access to the Lawns Farm site.</p> <p>With regards to the fourth bullet point we have serious reservations over the deliverability of a bridge over the A38 from Lawns farm to Callister Way. The final section of Callister Way that runs parallel to the A38 is a private road and not part of the publicly adopted highway. There are therefore third party land issues to consider. We also have concerns over the viability of the proposed bridge as it is unclear how it is proposed to fund the delivery of the necessary infrastructure.</p> <p>We feel there is a need for a thorough overall of Policy B15 and we would suggest a meeting with the Highway Authority is necessary to discuss potential options and data we have that could be utilised in framing a new policy.</p>			
	B4 B6	<p>Policies B4 and B6 which are relevant to landscape are supported. Reference could be made to using existing local Landscape Character Assessments such as Planning For Landscape Change which incorporates the Staffordshire Landscape Character Assessment, or its</p>		Accepted	

		successor document, to inform judgements on landscape character.			
		<p>Ecology</p> <p>While the objectives for biodiversity and green infrastructure are welcomed, as is policy B6 Landscaping, there is no policy included for protection of existing biodiversity, within or outside of designated sites. This appears not to be in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. S.117 states:</p> <p>“To minimise impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity, planning policies should:.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● identify and map components of the local ecological networks, including the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites of importance for biodiversity, wildlife corridors and stepping stones that connect them and areas identified by local partnerships for habitat restoration or creation; ● promote the preservation, restoration and re-creation of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species populations, linked to national and local targets, and identify suitable 		<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Amend Policy B6 to be Landscaping and Protecting Biodiversity.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Amend Policy to be Landscaping and Protecting Biodiversity.</p> <p>Insert after last bullet point:</p> <p>Development should support opportunities for enhancing ecological networks and promote the preservation, restoration and re-creation of priority habitats. Proposals should take into consideration the objectives of the central Rivers Initiative (include reference) including the creation of reed bed, lowland wet grassland, wet woodland, rivers and streams and open water.</p>

		<p>indicators for monitoring biodiversity in the plan;”</p> <p>Addition of a policy for protection of existing sites and habitats and the species they support, linked to enhancement of the ecological networks that they contribute to, would address this policy gap.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to referencing the Central Rivers Initiative http://www.centralrivers.org.uk/ which includes part of the Parish and which includes objectives for biodiversity, landscape, recreation and community.</p>			
		<p>We support the Parish’s objective to integrate new development with existing communities and acknowledge the commitment by the Parish to allocate utilise its Community Infrastructure Levy contribution towards achieving the outcomes.</p> <p>With regards to public rights of way The County Council is able to support certain path improvement schemes through the Community Paths Initiative which is a once yearly funding stream to improve</p>	SCC	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Community Paths Scheme information has been referred to the Parish Council.</p>	No change.

		the path network in parishes across the County.			
		On this occasion the Plan area does not have any significant implications for National Trust property interests and accordingly we have no wish to comment.	Alan Hubbard National Trust	Noted.	No change.
		<p>In the main the plan appears sound and has little or no impact on any of the activities or projects that are ongoing in the parish including the Outwoods NDP. We recommend that overall general support be given subject to some suggested minor elements below:</p> <p>Overall the objectives and policies in the plan, whilst a little less comprehensive than those within the emerging Outwoods NDP, are actually very similar in their goals and topics – they focus on landscape, impact on major developments, access, parking and new walking and cycling routes.</p> <p>1. In general terms it would be nice if the plan included more on the visual qualities of the urban edges that will be created, especially those to the north of their parish where there is some visual relationship with the communities living</p>	Outwoods parish council	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Various suggestions accepted where possible.</p> <p>1. Amend plan to include landscaping of urban edges. Provision of open spaces is addressed already in policy B7.</p> <p>2. See comments above from SCC and ESBC.</p> <p>3. Amend Plan.</p>	<p>1. Amend Plan</p> <p>Amend Policy :</p> <p>Include text:</p> <p>“Consideration should be given in landscaping schemes to the treatment of urban edges in new developments. Landscaping schemes should provide suitable screening and a “softening” of the interface between rural and more urban areas.”</p> <p>2. No change – see comments above from ESBC and SCC.</p> <p>3. Amend Plan</p>

	B17	<p>in Outwoods (ie those along Forest Road). However we should welcome the comments that come forward about green infrastructure, biodiversity and open spaces. Perhaps there is an opportunity to also add in the need for playing fields as some of Outwoods parishioners would have good access to these facilities if delivered as part of their strategies.</p> <p>2. Another point to consider is the effect that the proposed protected greenspace at the top of Postern Road (under policy B17) will have on the secondary school strategy that the county are progressing and was released last week. At present they are down to five sites – one in Tatenhill (which their NDP has protected), one in Outwoods (which our NDP is protecting/resisting), one in Branston (which this NDP protects), and two in Anslow who have just adopted their plan. So – someone is going to be disappointed as County will undoubtedly still keep pushing these areas forward. It is something that the parish council/steering group may wish to discuss collectively with Branston (and Anslow) to ensure that you have a unified strategy for this.</p> <p>Details matters – The following points are made against specific policies or elements within the plan. Some of these points are simply suggestions for</p>		<p>4. Parking is addressed in B12.</p> <p>5. Noted.</p> <p>6. The Parish Council will work with SCC to amend the wording for B15.</p> <p>7. As above, the Parish Council will discuss this with SCC.</p> <p>8. The Parish Council considers that the existing proposed areas of local greenspace are sufficient.</p>	<p>Amend Policy B1 after</p> <p>“Enhancement of the walking cycling route to Branston Water Park.”</p> <p>Insert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “safe routes to school - links between the new routes being promoted in Outwoods and those within Branston offering a circular walk around the western edge of Burton” - <p>4. No change.</p> <p>5. No change.</p> <p>6. See comments from SCC above. Wording of the Submission Plan will be amended following discussions with SCC.</p> <p>7. As above – see 6.</p> <p>8. No change.</p>
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	B1	<p>ensuring broad consistency with the approach that Outwoods are taking, in others, there may be a minor impacts or the possibility of an impact on the southern edges of the parish – predominantly around Forest Road,</p> <p>3.</p> <p>B1 – Outwoods offer overall support for any policy in the plan which seeks to deliver new footpath and cycle routes. One of the omissions in the list of types of routes would be safe routes to school which outwoods would appreciate you considering being included in this policy. In addition there is the opportunity to consider links between the new routes being promoted in Outwoods (those north-south routes) and those within Branston offering a circular walk around the western edge of Burton (but this will mean new crossing points on Forest Road)</p>			
	B3	<p>4.</p> <p>B3 – One omission which you may want to consider if the impact that the design of the parking areas may have on the overall design concept. Whilst this is unlikely to have an effect on the people of Outwoods, it may be nice to see some collective goals on design across the</p>			

	<p>B4</p> <p>B15</p> <p>B17</p>	<p>strategic sites being delivered in and around Burton.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>B4 – This policy is supported</p> <p>6.</p> <p>B15 – Staffordshire county council have resisted to this approach – deliverability of the recommendation may therefore be unsound and impracticable.</p> <p>7.</p> <p>There is also the consideration which the Neighbourhood plan have not yet considered mainly because the full picture is still emerging, but the possibility of a highways link through lawns farm, across forest road, through Redhouse farm and to the hospital. Outwoods parish council would value Branstons views and thoughts as this will undoubtedly become a strategic link.</p> <p>8.</p> <p>B17 – Protected open spaces proposed are achievable. The parish council/steering group may wish to consider preserving the land which the outline planning permission retains (land near the brook and around the trees along the southern boundary) and</p>			
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		areas immediately adjacent to the parish boundary be also protected.			
		<p>The plan should consider the following views:-</p> <p>1 An avenue of trees down both sides of Tatenhill Lane containing a footpath on the Tatenhill Parish side to link as safely as possible currently, the existing paths by the canal with Battlestead Hill. If the path could be installed on the Branston parish side along with footbridge over the canal, this would be the safest option but more expensive.</p> <p>2 Entrance to Branston old village from Centrum roundabout down to the school, Create a hot spot by clearing and planting up both sides of the road with trees and shrubs in a manner in which it can be maintained and kept free of rubbish.</p> <p>3 In order to link existing and developing settlements with the parish to the footpath networks to Battlestead Hill and the canal side, create new footpaths</p> <p>a) Forest Road Development to Sandyford Dingle</p> <p>b) Aviation Lane to Sandyford Dingle</p>	<p>Resident</p> <p>Postern Road</p> <p>Tatenhill</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>These are more proposals for action rather than planning policies. They could be included as possible actions for the Parish Council in the supporting text following B6.</p>	<p>Amend Plan.</p> <p>Include the following text after Policy..</p> <p>In addition a number of landscape enhancements have been identified through the consultation process on the draft plan, which would benefit Branston. The Parish Council will work to secure funding to progress the following proposed improvements:</p> <p>1 An avenue of trees down both sides of Tatenhill Lane containing a footpath on the Tatenhill Parish side to link as safely as possible currently, the existing paths by the canal with Battlestead Hill. If the path could be installed on the Branston parish side along with footbridge over the canal, this would be the safest option but more expensive.</p> <p>2 Entrance to Branston old village from Centrum roundabout down to the school, Create a hot spot by clearing and planting up both sides of the road with trees and shrubs in a manner in which it can be maintained and kept free of rubbish.</p> <p>3 In order to link existing and developing settlements with the parish to the footpath</p>

		<p>c) Postern Road to Sandyford Dingle</p> <p>d) Bridge Inn to Lawns Farm Cottage (see above also)</p> <p>e) Lawns Farm Development to canal towpath via canal bridge to crossing by Branston Lock or elsewhere</p> <p>These footpaths are better if permanent public footpaths, but if this is not possible in all cases, and in order not to compromise any prospective developer, the paths could be permissive or allowed by some other arrangement where necessary</p> <p>4 the funding of a footpath extension to Postern Road to allow safe access to the Adventure Farm which is currently only accessed on foot by walking on the road between two blind bends</p> <p>5 Clearing of centre of brambles etc on the Acorn corner in Postern Road and planting bushes and/or trees to improve the site further</p> <p>6 Footpath access improvements on existing paths</p> <p>A) Battlestead hill to Lawns Farm</p>			<p>networks to Battlestead Hill and the canal side, create new footpaths</p> <p>a) Forest Road Development to Sandyford Dingle</p> <p>b) Aviation Lane to Sandyford Dingle</p> <p>c) Postern Road to Sandyford Dingle</p> <p>d) Bridge Inn to Lawns Farm Cottage (see above also)</p> <p>e) Lawns Farm Development to canal towpath via canal bridge to crossing by Branston Lock or elsewhere</p> <p>These footpaths are better if permanent public footpaths, but if this is not possible in all cases, and in order not to compromise any prospective developer, the paths could be permissive or allowed by some other arrangement where necessary</p> <p>4 the funding of a footpath extension to Postern Road to allow safe access to the Adventure Farm which is currently only accessed on foot by walking on the road between two blind bends</p> <p>5 Clearing of centre of brambles etc on the Acorn corner in Postern Road and planting bushes and/or trees to improve the site further</p>
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		<p>Thank you for your note. Unfortunately I did not keep a copy of my E-Mail but I believe my comments concerned road infrastructure.</p> <p>I am very keen to have a ring road quality straight road running across Lawns Farm. I support BPC to have a bridge across the A38 from Lawns Farm to George Callister Way. I wanted BPC to support a road parallel to the Henhurst from Lawns Farm to the Acorn area. I also wanted BPC to support the third bridge over the River to be at Branston.</p> <p>Finally, BPC has proposed that any new building has sufficient off road parking related to the number of bedrooms. My comment was that this standard also be applied to any existing properties who apply for a building extension.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Resident	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Proposals for improvements to the highways network are included in B15.</p> <p>Proposals to require extensions to properties to include additional parking provision would not be feasible. Some domestic extensions are permitted under Permitted development rights and therefore do not require planning consent. Also properties are constrained by existing plot size and proposals may not be able to provide additional parking without losing garden space. This in turn could lead to additional hard standing,</p>	No change.

				creating increased run off and surface drainage problems.	
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Table 2 Responses to the Draft SEA Screening Report

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening	Consultation Body	Parish Council Response
<p>In regards to the EA screening report we do not consider this NP is likely to result in significant environmental impacts and therefore concur with the conclusions of the report.</p>	<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>East Staffordshire Borough Council have advised that they will be undertaking further work on screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment on Neighbourhood Plans, following further consideration of guidance and good practice.</p>
<p>For the purposes of consultations on SEA Screening Opinions, English Heritage confines its advice to the question, “Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?” in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage. Our comments are based on the information supplied with the screening request.</p> <p>On the basis of the information supplied, including that set out in the draft plan, and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of ‘SEA’ Directive], English Heritage concurs with the Council that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is unlikely to be required.</p>	<p>English Heritage.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Submission Plan has been revised to include more information on heritage assets in Branston.</p> <p>East Staffordshire Borough Council have advised that they will be undertaking further work on screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment on Neighbourhood Plans, following further consideration of guidance and good practice.</p>

<p>English Heritage, however, questions the degree of confidence that can be placed in the Screening Determination in that the historic environment evidence base for the Plan is very weak and the ability to assess the likely environmental impact of development correspondingly hard to judge accurately.</p> <p>The views of the other statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for a SEA is made. If a decision is made to undertake a SEA, please note that English Heritage has published guidance on Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Historic Environment that is relevant to both local and neighbourhood planning and available at: http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/strategic-environ-assessment-sustainability-appraisal-historic-environment/ .</p>		
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Table 3 Responses to the Further SEA Screening Report

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening	Consultation Body	Parish Council Response
In regards to the EA Screening Report we do not consider this NP is likely to result in significant environmental impacts and therefore concur with the conclusions of the screening report produced by Kirkwells	Environment Agency	Noted.
English Heritage concurs with the Council that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is unlikely to be required	English Heritage.	Noted
We welcome the production of this SEA Screening Report. Natural England notes and concurs with the screening outcome i.e. that no SEA is required	Natural England	Noted

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2).
- 5.2 The Consultation Statement sets out how Branston Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group undertook extensive public consultation and engagement activities both prior to the publication of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, and during the formal Draft Plan stage public consultation process. The activities to engage and consult local residents, organisations and Consultation Bodies went above and beyond those required by the Regulations and represent good practice in neighbourhood planning.
- 5.3 The Consultation Statement provides in Table 1 a full schedule of representations submitted during the consultation process and sets out how these comments have informed and influenced the Policies and supporting text of the revised, Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 5.4 This Consultation Statement is submitted alongside the Branston Submission Version Neighbourhood Plan, the Basic Conditions Statement and other supporting documentation to East Staffordshire Borough Council for consideration and then public consultation in winter 2014 / 2015.

APPENDICES

Appendix I – Informal Consultation on Key Issues

Leaflet Distributed to all households in Branston, July 2012



Appendix II – Informal Consultation / Promotional Events, January - February 2014

BRANSTON STEERING COMMITTEE LAUCH EVENTS – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS

Name	Address	Email contact	Comments

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PRESS RELEASE AFTER FEB 2014 EVENT - ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

This last week saw enthusiastic support for the Branston Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, at both Branston Village Hall and Rough Hayes Community Centre. Residents saw detailed plans of the South Branston development and maps showing the location of other proposed developments. There was every opportunity for comment about future plans and for suggestions to be made about needs for the community. Traffic was a particular matter for concern especially access from the South Branston development to the main road into Burton. Comments and observations will be accessed and a further report made to the community.

Appendix III Formal Consultation on Branston Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan

Response Form

Branston Neighbourhood Plan

Public Consultation Summer 2014

Representation Form

Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Email	
Tel. No. Mobile no	

Please state whether these comments refer to the Branston Draft Neighbourhood Plan or the Draft Screening Report for the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Regulations 2004 Regulation 9) (Please tick).

Draft Neighbourhood Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
EA Screening Report	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please state to which part of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan your representation refers.

(Please tick)

Page Number	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paragraph Number	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy Number	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you supporting, objecting, or making a comment? (Please Tick)

Support	<input type="checkbox"/>
Object	<input type="checkbox"/>
Making a Comment	<input type="checkbox"/>

Continued

Please use the box below for any comments.

Thank you for your time and interest. Please return this form to:

Mrs Kay Lear

Or by email to: mail@branstonparishcouncil.co.uk

Branston parish council

PO Box 6884

Burton on Trent

DE13 OWZ

Consultation letter



Chairman
Cllr Mike Ackroyd

All Correspondence to :-
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Clerk/Proper Officer
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Burton on Trent
Staffordshire
DE13 0NR

June 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Public Consultation on the Branston Draft Neighbourhood Plan and Draft Screening Report for the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes

I am writing to advise you that the Branston Draft Neighbourhood Plan and the accompanying Draft Screening Report for the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes have been published for consultation by Branston Parish Council. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the Steering Group building on the results of feedback from residents during drop in events. **The consultation period runs for 6 weeks from Monday 16 June to 5pm Monday, 28 July 2014.**

The complete Draft Neighbourhood Plan, Draft Screening Report for Environmental Assessment, Representation Form, and summary leaflet can be viewed and downloaded from the Neighbourhood Plan website www.branstonparishcouncil.co.uk and East Staffordshire Borough Council's website www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/Planning/PlanningPolicy/NeighbourhoodPlanning.

A Representation Form is provided for comments, but comments by email or in writing are also welcomed. Please submit all comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to mail@branstonparishcouncil.co.uk or by post to Mrs K Lear, Branston Neighbourhood Plan, PO Box 6884, Burton on Trent, DE13 0WZ.

Following the consultation process on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, the Plan will be amended and submitted to East Staffordshire Borough Council together with supporting documentation, including the Consultation Statement setting out who has been consulted, how the consultation has been undertaken and how the representations received have informed the Plan. East Staffordshire Borough Council will then re-consult, before the Plan is subjected to an Examination by an Independent Examiner. Once any further amendments have been made the Plan will be subjected to a local Referendum, and then Made by the Borough Council and used to determine planning applications in the Parish.

Regards

Kay Lear
Clerk/Proper Officer/ On behalf of Branston Steering Committee

www.branston-parishcouncil.co.uk

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Press Release

Branston Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation begins

16th June – 28th July 5pm

Branston steering committee has now prepared a Draft Plan for Branston to guide the area’s future development and protection. The Steering Committee is looking for local residents and businesses to review the draft document and make representation.

The Branston Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared under new planning powers granted to communities under the Government’s “Localism” policies. The Parish Council have been granted “Front Runner” funding to develop a plan for Branston.

The full document can be downloaded via the parish council website: www.branstonparishcouncil.co.uk. Alternatively reference hard copies can be viewed in several locations around the parish: Branston Village Hall, Branston Post Office, Henhurst Club, Rough Hayes Community Centre, The Acorn Pub, St Saviours Church Room, and Burton Library.

For more information on our Neighbourhood Plan please visit www.branstonparishcouncil.co.uk or email, mail@branstonparishcouncil.co.uk or telephone 01283 530554

Publicity in the Local Press

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Comments needed over growing village plans

RESIDENTS still have the opportunity to make their view known over plans to double Branston in the next 20 years.

They are being asked to comment on the Branston Draft Neighbourhood plan; a statutory document which will help to protect parts of the parish and shape others for the benefits of future generations.

A drop-in event has been arranged from 4pm to 6pm on Tuesday at the Centre of Excellence at Paget High School, in Burton Road.

The closing date for comments will be Monday, July 28 and the document can be viewed on the parish council website at www.branstonparishcouncil.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shaping the future of the area with draft plan

A WINDOW into the future of a village near Burton has been opened as part of a consultation event.

As part of Branston's Draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation, pupils from Rykneld Primary School have submitted their comments via a 3D model and residents and businesses are asked to look at the draft plan and make comments by 5pm on July 28.

The plan can be viewed via the parish council website at www.branstonparish-council.co.uk or in the following locations within the parish: The Acorn Pub, Henhurst Club, Branston Post Office, Branston Village Hall, St Saviours Church, Burton Library and Rough Hayes Community Centre.

Residents can also view the plan at the Branston Community Fun Day tomorrow.



Posters

BRANSTON DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
This project is changing how planning applications are determined in your parish

Consultation commences 16th June— 28th July 2014, 5.00 p.m.
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Please give us your views

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Display Material at Drop In Events, Summer 2014



Highway improvements



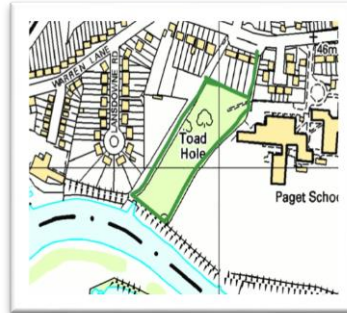
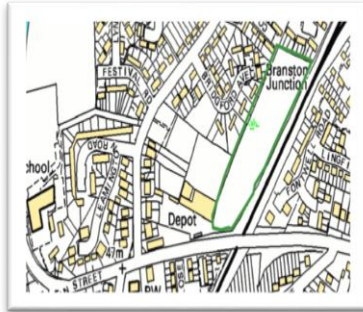
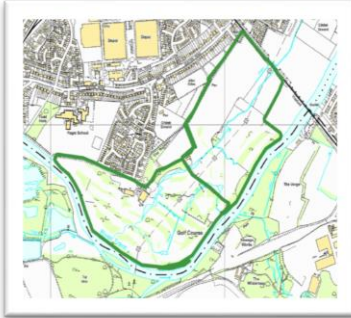


Improve walking and cycling routes





Protect Green Spaces/create woodland/orchards





New developments

- **Safe walking and cycling routes**
- **High design quality**
- **Three storey buildings will be discouraged**
- **Local landscape character and its historical development will be taken into account**
- **Opportunity to explore allotments/community orchards**
- **Parking standards to be improved**

