

WCC Neighbourhood Plan Refresh Consultation Statement

1 Consultation Process During the Making of the Original Plan

Walton Community Council (WCC) consulted extensively when creating the original plan. Full details are here:

https://www.waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/_UserFiles/Files/Neighbourhood%20Plan/Final%20Plan%20Documents/Consultation%20Statement_submission%20version.pdf

2 Consultation for the Refreshed Plan

The plan refresh contains few changes and, therefore, consultation was carefully targeted. However, the revised plan is still subject to a public consultation by WCC and then, by Milton Keynes Council. This document captures all consultation responses captured during the development of the plan and the WCC public consultation at the end of 2021.

WCC would like to thank those that responded to the consultation. We reviewed each response carefully and set out below are our comments.

2.1 Consultation During the Development of the Plan

No	Comments Submitted By	Comments	How The Plan Was Amended
1	Community Foundation, Ian Revell, CEO. 15th April 2021, NPFWG Teams Meeting	<p>During the development of the original Neighbourhood Plan, WCC's Neighbourhood Plan Working Group met Julia Upton, then CEO of the Community Foundation (CF), as part of the formal consultation on the plan. Ian Revell is the current CEO and attended a meeting of the Group to run through plans for their sites.</p> <p>Ian Revell's remarks are in red.</p> <p>Key points are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The CF was established to develop facilities for the communities of MK.○ CF was established to promote philanthropy to support communities across MK. The community land is considered as part of this process.○ MKDC gifted CF a batch of sites for 50 years.○ We were endowed 50 sites in a number of tranches, each tranche has covenants attached for 50 years. Site freeholds are owned by the Community Foundation.○ Sites are reserved in new, large developments too, but they have a 10-year time limit. Typically, CF issues a 125-year lease to developers of the sites.○ Community sites, when developed are sold as 125 year leases at up to 75% discounted land value to enable affordable community developments.○ The CF strategy was updated in 2018 in line with Plan:MK that allocated 11 for housing development. In total, there are 22 sites across MK.	<p><i>The NPRWG used Ian's submission to reconcile the information relating to Community Foundation sites and make any necessary changes before the public consultation.</i></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MK Community Foundation adopted a Strategic Plan in 2018, which led to the development of a specific Property Strategy for our Community Land sites. Out of the original 50 sites endowed, 16 have been developed, 12 are included in the MK Council’s Strategic Housing Land Allocation Assessment and 22 remain available for community groups to apply for development of community facilities. ○ All sites are owned by CF but those allocated are not shown on their website. In theory, they are still all available for a community use. ○ Community Land applications, whilst often identify a particular site, are not site specific initially, sites are recommended once an initial concept proposal is made, so all Community Foundation sites are considered. The sites shown on our website focus on the 22 undeveloped sites, however, through the application process the most appropriate site is identified with consultation with the wider community, including Parish Councils. ○ CF’s developments site focus on the provision of affordable housing. ● Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Residents have reported surveying activity at OFP1 and WT7. ○ With regards the survey - Places for People is an organisation we have talked to, along with several others, So I expect that would be why they may have had a surveying company looking at some of the sites. It will be all part of the process. No detailed plans have been pulled together. As soon as we do have proposals, we will ensure we carry out proper consultation. ○ Ian confirmed that CF was surveying all its sites to assess feasible. ○ Ian confirmed that there are no current applications underway for any site in Walton. Further, Ian confirmed there were no current expressions of interest (at the time of writing). ● Neighbourhood Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supports housing development if suitable community facilities cannot be made to work at a site. ○ Mandates a maximum net density of 35 dwellings per hectare. ● Site Detail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WT6 Lichfield Down): PlanMK allocated for 19 dwellings on 0.55 hectares (gross density 35dph). ○ WT7 (Hockliffe Brae): Plan:MK allocated for 35 dwellings (this an error and 54dph). In supporting, SHLAA it is 23 on 0.65 hectares (gross density 35dph). ○ WT10: No plan. ○ WG1 (Isaacson Drive): Plan:MK allocated for 14 dwellings on 0.39 hectares (gross density 35dph). ○ WG2: No plan, probably unsuitable for development. ○ WG4: SEMK H10 extension is adjacent. Existing Church Farm planning permission to split Byrd Crescent in two. <p>OFP1 (Byrd Crescent): Plan:MK allocated for 25 dwellings on 0.71 hectares (gross density 35dph). SEMK H10 extension is adjacent. Existing Church Farm planning permission to split Byrd Crescent in two.</p>	

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2.2 Formal Public Consultation October to December 2021

The Walton Community Council public consultation ran from 7 October 2021 to 18 November 2021.

All the consultees were sent the plan by email, which included the draft Plan, the draft Modifications Proposal Statement and the flyer to advertise the consultation. The consultation flyer was sent to over 5000 homes in the Walton Parish and placed in all of the Council's noticeboards. The consultation was advertised on all of the Council's social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Next Door.

The Public Consultation was sent to the following statutory consultees –

Homes England, Natural England, Environment Agency, Historic England, Network Rail, Highways England, 3, MBNL, EE, National Grid, Western power, SGN, Cadent Gas, Anglian Water, MK Clinical Commissioning Group, Canal & River Trust, Internal Drainage Board, MK Community Action, Equality Council, Council of Faiths, MK Chamber of Commerce, MK Centre for Integrated Living and Milton Keynes Council.

It was also sent to:

Ward Councillors

Surrounding Parish Councils: Wavendon Parish Council, Kents Hill & Monkston Parish Council, Broughton & MK Village Parish Council, Bow Brickhill Parish Council and Simpson Parish Council.

Local businesses

Community Centres

Sports Clubs

There were some comments that were common across many responses and the information below to help answer some of them.

- The UK planning policy hierarchy is as follows:
 - National Planning Policy Framework set down by the Government – details here => <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>
 - 'Local Plan' developed by the Local Authority (PlanMK) - details here => <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/plan-mk>
 - 'Neighbourhood Plan' developed by Town & Parish Councils. Details of WCC Neighbourhood Plan can be found here => https://www.waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Documentation_14038.aspx
- The hierarchy ensures that lower level plans do not contradict those at a higher level.
 - Allocations for development – these are established in PlanMK (2019) but in many cases, it was WCC's Neighbourhood Plan (2017) that set down the criteria for the allocated sites.
 - There are several policies where there is limited room for manoeuvre because Milton Keynes Council has long established policies that are updated periodically and require public consultation. For example, policies relating to Parking Standards or, say, Houses in Multiple Occupation (HiMOs).
- The scope of a Neighbourhood Plan is solely development and covers the built environment of its designated area. It does not cover the following:
 - Services provided by WCC or Milton Keynes Council, for example, schools.
 - Services provided by national bodies, for example, GP's capacity via the NHS.
 - Services provided by the private sector, for example, public transport.

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2	Browns Wood Resident	<p>Thank you for the effort that has gone into pulling the document together - it provides a great reference to the state of the Walton parish in 2021 and of course sets out the wishes or desires of the Parish for the next 10 years. When I think back to the consultation on the SEMK proposals -the feeling I got was one of give the newcomers the same experience as we have had as existing residents of the area, and yet that does not jump out at me from this current document. I can't claim to understand the framework that this latest document is meant to sit within, but I don't see jumping off the page the, say 5 things that we as a Parish want from any development that may be thrust upon us. Thrust it will, so what are the five principles that Walton stands for?</p> <p>Residents will have a view based on their own proximity to any of the designated sites - but by only focusing on the one closest two you, that rather dilutes the people power, whereas if we said these are our do or die requirements for any development across the Parish then there would be far more interest in the topic.</p> <p>Now my five topics are probably hidden within the jargon of the report, but if they don't stand out for me, then I fear many other people may simply dismiss the consultation exercise. I don't know why I arrived at 5, but let me have a go at what those 5 are.</p> <p>Car parking - there are other areas in MK that are far worse than Walton - now is that because we have imposed our parking will, or simply reflects the changing attitudes over time to the need for car spaces. Thankfully I am not directly affected, but if car parking was an issue I can see how it would affect my mental health - so this is my number 1 topic. The rejection of 'tandem parking' is all very well, but does not get to the fundamental issue of where do all these cars get parked. Tree lined streets area great ideal, but how can trees and parking be integrated?</p> <p>Noise - it is all very well to worry about the future noise pollution from East West rail, but what about the traffic noise from the current H and V roads. Maybe limited possibilities in terms of future planning, but must be worth some level of consideration.</p> <p>Local amenities - access to doctor, pre school provision, shops, fast food outlets, and that is before we consider the school places themselves - we need the school places before we build the homes to bring more young families into the area - just what are the stats on school places. Local amenity growth has to go hand in hand with anything else that gets built in the Parish. IT is interesting to note the sites that were designated for industrial use now being considered for housing - so of course the amenities can't cope. Along side amenities we need car parking spaces, so one thing links to another. Walnut Tree centre has an appropriate mix of shops and facilities, but has inadequate parking and vehicle flow. I would hazard a guess that in that instance the parking provision is half of what is required.</p> <p>Recreation space - this can be red ways, playing fields, play parks - just more aspects of planning that need to be factored into a scheme from the outset. In the past MK may have been over engineered in terms of these</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points regarding plan hierarchy and the scope of Neighbourhood Plans are above. • The plan does endeavour to ensure newly built areas are developed in accordance with existing build principles. the same principles. It has no legal influence on adjacent areas. • Car parking, local amenities, recreation space and HMOs are all covered in the 2017 plan and in this refresh. • Noise is a wider point. Mitigation is in place per policy for existing roads and is a firm planning requirement for new ones.

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		<p>facilities, but that approach made sure they were provided - whereas now they are often a second thought, squeezed out by commercial pressure to maximise the occupancy of every acre of purchased land.</p> <p>HMOs - it can be too easy to accept that the parking provision can be made up from on street places, where in reality that impacts the neighbours. I see the reference to bin storage - so put it together as the conditions for accepting an HMO.</p> <p>The document does have a list of general policies, but in my view that list roams off into a bit of a wish list, that links very well to the action plan, but in doing so the whole concept gets diluted for your average resident.</p> <p>It may be against the overall planning framework, but it could be pulled into a development score card - a simple way to convey to the residents which of the policies are being addressed by each development - either underway as in Hindhead Knoll, or planned for a Walnut Tree reserve site.</p> <p>thanks for seeking input</p>	
3	Walnut Tree Resident	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Regarding WNP7c the Community Foundation Reserve Site – Walnut Tree 7 (WT7) Hockliffe Brae and Twyford Lane and the Walton Neighbourhood Plan October 2021 Pre-Submission Consultation Draft.</p> <p>As residents of Twyford Lane we wish to comment on the proposed development. We have been concerned at the surveyors in the area over the past year having been told nothing about any proposed plans for development. We were even more concerned to find out that what we had been told when we moved to the area 5 years ago, that the park opposite was a community reserve area, was now under consideration for housing development.</p> <p>It is hard to imagine losing our parkland, even more so 23 dwellings being built in the area, and this certainly wouldn't be possible without having a huge impact on the look and feel of the area, in keeping with surrounding areas having the green space we currently enjoy. This park area is used by families and by walkers and dog walkers including myself, especially for short walks close to home. There are also a lot of natural inhabitants there including lots of wildflowers and insects not to mention the trees and hedges that give the area a lovely green look and feel, open space and shelter from the busy H10 road.</p> <p>The park itself was a huge draw for us moving to the area, having plenty of green around nice houses, without too many houses crammed into one area and without having to compete for space. I believe any change to the area would significantly affect both our enjoyment of the area along with our neighbours', and the value/desirability of the houses on Twyford Lane and Camomile Court. Any development to the area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Foundation sites are all subject to development. Most are allocated for the provision of community facilities but some, that have proved not to be suitable, are allocated for housing. • Walton's Neighbourhood Plan, adopted in 2017, supported development of Community Foundation WT7, at a density of up to 35 dwellings per hectare. This is re-instated here because PlanMK erroneously allocated 35 dwellings for the site. • The Community Foundation must consult WCC ahead of any planning application and must comply with the Neighbourhood Plan. • Trees fall under the protection of Milton Keynes Council's policies.

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		<p>would impact the surrounding houses, Twyford Lane is already a busy road and very difficult to drive down being very narrow and winding, if any cars are to park on either side of the road this would cause a lot of issues and make it almost impossible to pass. Fortunately, we have offroad parking but knowing that new developments have significantly less space for parking, I suspect that many residents and visitors would end up parking on this road.</p> <p>The number of dwellings proposed seems very high for the space available, I would expect that as in keeping with the surrounding area, green space around any new development including existing trees would remain, however I particularly note that there is no space remaining as a "Landscaped Transport Corridor" meaning our area would be significantly impacted by the H10 which we are currently relatively protected from in terms of noise and view. If a Landscaped Transport Corridor in keeping with surrounding areas would remain, which I believe it should, there will be a smaller area remaining for development more in keeping with the nicer surrounding roads and houses.</p> <p>I trust that our comments will be taken into consideration for the good of the area and current/future residents.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Refresh Working Group meeting with the Community Foundation in the section above.
4	Walnut Tree Resident	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>We have lived in Walnut Tree since 1987 and at Hockliffe Brae since 1991 where the adjacent land was originally identified as an "UNUSED PARK" for local residents not WNP7c HOUSING which many of the newer residents may not be aware of.</p> <p>Walnut Tree 7 (WT7) - Hockliffe Brae and Twyford Lane was identified by the Milton Keynes Development Corporation as an area of amenity park land that is detailed on the attached MKDC map doc as Hockliffe Brae "unused park" (land bounded by the H10, Hockliffe Brae and Twyford lane see attached original MKDC doc) that you may now refer to as Walnut Tree 7 (WT7). This site was then gifted by Milton Keynes Development Corporation with the intention to ensure they remain protected for the benefit of the community in perpetuity and has for over the past 30 years been used by the local community as a amenity park space daily used by local residents for over the past three decades as originally intended by and for the residents evident to us all the time we have lived here, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children playing and adults playing with their children; Has been used as a temporary air ambulance helicopter landing space for the area Dog walkers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Foundation sites are all subject to development. Most are allocated for the provision of community facilities but some, that have proved not to be suitable, are allocated for housing. Walton's Neighbourhood Plan, adopted in 2017, supported development of Community Foundation WT7, at a density of up to 35 dwellings per hectare. This is re-instated here because PlanMK erroneously allocated 35 dwellings for the site. The Community Foundation must consult WCC ahead of any planning application and must comply with the Neighbourhood Plan.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a lovely green natural park space and amenity to the local community and I trust it will continue to remain as such and not become another lost green amenity feature of the area to housing infill; • has become a natural oasis with well established natural inhabitant with mature specimen trees and hedges and the natural wildlife there which may include the likes of protected species such as Bats, all of which could be detrimental lost for ever in the immediate vicinity; • Attached information showing this land was originally a local park space and has been used as such by the local community for over 30 years, de facto common land; • as such by default become Common Land. <p>Further:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spearmint close and area was originally intended for private accommodation but was then sold on to a Housing association and has increased the demand for local services in the area. Social housing is supposed to be pepper potted in the area not concentrated in certain areas only, the current proposed use is not according with this policy. • The Planners are already agreeing to 3000 houses elsewhere in the area, so this area and loss of valuable local amenity park space becomes more important to the local community as a consequence and the local housing association residents too. • Traffic and parking issues in the area where green spaces adjoining the highways are being used by the social housing residents to park vehicles. Arctic lorry's trying to turn in the areas damaging the verges and trees, and Twyford lane being used for cars to speed and blat their engines under the H10 underpass in the absence of traffic calming measures, all of which would be exacerbated by the any new potential development; • The area according to the environment agency is at risk of flooding, and as such we could lose our natural areas of soakaways increasing pressures on the existing natural drainage etc and increasing the risk of local flooding; • The density in the area is about 30/ha and it would not be in keeping if this density were increased; • Would not blend into the intended environment and/or retain the same. • If a scheme was low density bungalows for the elderly with a play area for local children and a natural park area boundary for all locals enjoyment then the burden on local resources, infrastructure, parking and detrimental environmental impact (wildlife, trees, bats and hedgerow may be reduced). However <p>Any proposal must address all the above and incorporate a permanent natural amenity park space for all the residents in the immediate location by way of loss mitigation for what has become part of the areas common land park amenity for more than 30 years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees fall under the protection of Milton Keynes Council's policies, as owners of the land. • Refer to notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Refresh Working Group meeting with the Community Foundation in the section above.

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		<p>I and other residents are concerned as we have recently seen the land being surveyed, Engineers visiting the area as too tree surveyors, can you please advise myself and the local residents what is going on here with our lovely green amenity park space enjoyed for more than the past three decades so I can let them know?</p> <p>I trust you will give serious consideration revising WT7 back to its intended park amenity space for the residents to the above and mitigations.</p> <p>KR</p>	
5	Walnut Tree Resident	<p>Dear sir/madam I'm XXXX, I live in walnut tree ...I am looking for a different area to live in due to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1, no business support for disabled people 2, no swimming in local area and gyms to expensive with no support for disabled people(unless you pay extortionate fees for personal trainer) 3, studio flat is more expensive than a 1 bedroom flat 4, I can't get contents insurance due to construction of flat <p>I love the area ... people are very friendly</p> <p>Until these thing fix I have to find somewhere better</p> <p>Area you doing anything about these things</p> <p>Kind regards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points regarding plan hierarchy and the scope of Neighbourhood Plans are set out above. • Unfortunately, the points raised fall outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.
6	Walton Park Resident	<p>I have got the Walton neighbourhood plan and is great thinking of changes in our areas.</p> <p>I am concerned of the lack of parking spaces at Heronsgate School on Lichfield Down road in Walnut Tree. It's an absolutely chaos in the morning and at the end of school day. From the beginning of the year could be involved in accidents children and cars, but hopefully didn't happen any as I am aware. Taxi drivers and some drivers don't respect others and getting aggressive.</p> <p>Would be great to review and consider planning a parking at the mentioned location.</p> <p>WNP 6 Caldecotte C The area alongside Caldecotte Lake Drive & the railway line MUST be allocated for a bridge over the rail line. To close that road connection to traffic permanently would be an absolute disaster for the area, it must be kept open with a bridge over the rail line.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car parking policy is covered in the plan, considered for 2017 and in this refresh. Several parking 'hotspots' were found when WCC wrote the original plan and it attempted to ensure it went as far as it could to alleviate the problems. Outside of the plan process, a Residents Parking Z one (RPZ) was introduction in Caldecotte. • WNP 6 – A bridge or underpass is the preferred option in the SEMK

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		<p>Also the parked cars along Caldecotte Lake Drive during working hours is a nightmare with cars parked on both sides of the road for the length of the road, leaving only a single carriageway open. There is nowhere near enough parking in that area for office workers & if they built residential property's there the roads would be used for workers parking. The remaining area (after the bridge) should be used for office/industrial space with adequate parking.</p> <p>14 Walnut Tree Community Hubs - Southern Parcel This must be retained for community use NOT further residential development. This could also be used by the additional residents proposed at Walton Manor. What about more surgery facilities, dentists?</p> <p>Infrastructure before expansion, what ever happened to that philosophy?</p> <p>Abandoned by Milton Keynes in their never ending quest for more & more residential houses, on any parcel of land however small irrespective of the adverse consequences to existing residents.</p>	<p>Supplementary Planning Document which was adopted by Milton Keynes Council at the end of 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WNP8a and 8b – the policy would only allow for limited residential use if there was no community use possible. • Infrastructure before expansion is very much a principle in the Neighbourhood Plan and informs all its policies.
7	Name Not Supplied	<p>Brownswood sports field that's good but no changing facilities. No cafe for everyone. No clubs for people to join especially day time for the elderly and vulnerable and mums and tots in fact there is nothing. Concern about the environment.. but you have to travel by car or bus to go to social indoor hubs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WNP covers sports ground enhancements.
8	Name Not Supplied	<p>I fundamentally agree with the objectives, although as we've seen at Hindhead Knoll, such objectives are easily by-passed.</p> <p>What I do feel is absent is a simple commitment that ALL further development must have sufficient private car parking. Waffle about other means of transport, whether at home, to/from work or school is laudable but simply doesn't materialise (for many reasons), yet developments continue with laughably low levels of parking and all councils comment upon the problem of their own making. We're all familiar with (e.g.) traffic jams outside most schools, verge parking across Kingston around the car dealerships etc etc. All because permission (or change) was granted without consideration of the inevitable parking. Public transport (particularly buses) in MK are awful - ancient, leased (?), unhygienic, driven by incompetents, unsafe etc etc. It shouldn't be a surprise that private transport (aka car) will prevail? Allowing 4-bed homes to be built with a single garage (if any) and little offroad parking only has one outcome - and it's not a reduction in parking!! Even if current trends are to reduce private car use.....they still have to be parked when alternatives are used?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points regarding plan hierarchy and the scope of Neighbourhood Plans are above. • Car parking policy is covered in the plan, considered for 2017 and in this refresh. Several parking 'hotspots' were found when WCC wrote the original plan and it attempted to ensure it went as far as it could to alleviate the problems. • Car parking spaces per dwelling is contained within Milton Keynes Council policy. There was a period where national guidelines reduced parking spaces per dwelling and these have now been superseded.

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9	Location not given	<p>Well presented document, clear and precise. Thanks to our WCC for providing this documentation.</p> <p>Having lived in MK7 some 30 years now, I know the area pretty well. As time has gone on WCC has met with many problems and on the whole have provided a good service to the residents affected. I personally thank you.</p> <p>I'm one of the unseen residents of Walnut Tree, the only problem I come across is lack of housing. Socially rentable properties for the elderly and disabled residents.</p> <p>Generally even Milton Keynes Council Plan it's the lowest type of properties to be built in the vicinity of Milton Keynes even though we often occupy better homes that could be better used for families.</p> <p>Recently , Juniper House has completed, however although planning stated 10 social housing units. I cannot see any inclusion of this on their hoarding or adverts. This I have emailed MKC about whether these 10 units still have not been handed to MKC and/or a facilitating HA.</p> <p>The 3 blocks being built by our Health Centre also includes 10 Social rented properties to be managed by a HA. Yet to be completed.</p> <p>For the disabled like myself, parking across paths is a major annoyance and dangerous to all. The parking over lowered kerbs is the same.</p> <p>Parking at our local centre only has 1 disabled parking bay by the chemist and NONE by the Tesco store.</p> <p>The same at the shop near lower school, parking bay for disabled is often used by "school droppers off". Main reason I avoid school hours. Both these disabled bays need paint refreshed and perhaps a notice could be affixed to state they are only for use by Blue Badge Holders might assist us.</p> <p>Parking up off kerbs and verges makes it impossible to see past these vehicles when you are on a mobility scooter, wheelchair or if pushing a pram.</p> <p>Paths away from the main roads around the estates, that could be utilised have improved through our wardens chapping back the overgrowth, again thank you, I at least don't need to go out with secutters in my basket. But a lot of them and red ways undulate severely, meaning all users have difficulty either by roots growth or subsiding it makes using them difficult as wheelchairs and mobility scooters do not have suspension and you have to negotiate these areas with care as I have often felt I was going to topple over or be ejected off of my transport.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points regarding plan hierarchy and the scope of Neighbourhood Plans are above. • Car parking policy is covered in the plan, considered for 2017 and in this refresh. Several parking 'hotspots' were found when WCC wrote the original plan and it attempted to ensure it went as far as it could to alleviate the problems. • WNP13 Parking Enhancements – wording to emphasise requirement for disabled parking spaces. • WNP16 Design Principles – wording to emphasise access for all.

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		<p>I other item, I hate brining up but these electric scooters being left across paths, dumped or whatever. I personally can't move them out of my way. If I've been on my own it means I either have to try and reverse along a narrow path as you cannot turn round, retreat my path until I can find an alternative route or go onto the road. The pathway going towards the farm shop on both sides is very narrow.</p> <p>I hope some of my comments help WCC to understand from an elderly and disabled persons viewpoint.</p> <p>Regards</p>	
10	Walton Park Resident	<p>Having read the updated neighbourhood plan I have some concerns, mainly that the number of residences in the revised plan keeps increasing (from 35 to 43) but there is no provision for a new Doctor's surgery. Especially in the area above Simpson Road.</p> <p>No grid road extensions or underpasses planned up to Walnut Tree for children going to the middle school. There are not enough amenities planned, especially a doctor's surgery, foot accessible shops, schools places, provision for exercise and meeting rooms, a place with just houses is not conducive to convivial living. A meeting place, a coffee house, a good shop and a doctor's surgery would all be welcome as there is little provision in this area.</p> <p>If this area is built up flooding may occur. Inadequate parking as most people will need cars as buses are irregular.</p> <p>The corridor of trees are a biolink which connect to the hedges and shouldn't be disturbed. Protected trees need to be treated with respect.</p> <p>Please take my sending of this email on this date as evidence of my submission of response to this consultation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points regarding plan hierarchy and the scope of Neighbourhood Plans are above. • All policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are based on 35 dwellings per hectare which is in keeping with our area. • WNP1 Walton Manor – Planning permission was granted for 174 dwellings in 2019 (planning application 19/00218/OUT). Access to more than 20 dwellings from Simpson Road was approved following highways analysis for this specific application. • Car parking policy is covered in the plan, considered for 2017 and in this refresh. Several parking 'hotspots' were found when WCC wrote the original plan and it attempted to ensure it went as far as it could to alleviate the problems. • Trees fall under the protection of Milton Keynes Council's policies.
11	Wavendon Gate resident	<p>After the start of the consultation period, the SEMK revised SPD was published in a very brief form. However, what we can deduce is a reluctance to build the grid road extension for V11 over the railway into SEMK.</p> <p>The neighbourhood plan includes a policy to protect grid road corridors for expansion and this must be the case until SEMK is actually built out. Also, he land currently reserved should be allocated as green space to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SEMK SPD was adopted by Milton Keynes Council in late 2021. The V10 crossing option is the preferred option.

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		<p>protect it from development. If we rule out needing it in 20 years or so, it will have been green open space, as far as residents are concerned for 50 years and should remain a public amenity. Other parts of the neighbourhood plan area are under pressure from infill by MKC and so we should protect what we have.</p> <p>Regards</p>	
12	Walnut Tree Resident	<p>Please find below my response to the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, mostly around potential development plans for Community Foundation Reserve Site WT7 – Hockliffe Brae and Twyford Lane.</p> <p>General comments Walnut Tree is a great place to live. It was the first estate I lived on when I moved to rental accommodation in MK back in 1999, and it felt good to finally buy a house in Walnut Tree in January 2020.</p> <p>It feels like squeezing more houses into Walnut Tree, on top of the major development planned to the south/south east, is going to put even more pressure on public amenities and on the Walnut Tree doctor's surgery, which is a major pain point at the moment (albeit mostly due to the pandemic and to 11 years of austerity).</p> <p>Community Foundation Reserve Site WT7 – Hockliffe Brae and Twyford Lane My understanding is that this patch of ground was identified by the Milton Keynes Development Corporation as an unused park for local residents . This site was then given by MK Development Corporation to be used by the community in perpetuity, and has, for over 30 years been used by the local community as an amenity park space.</p> <p>It does not seem to suit sheltered accommodation/housing for a number of reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is tightly adjoined by a very busy dual carriageway and the road through from Walnut Tree under the dual carriageway bridge to Brown's Wood. It could cause problems for traffic coming off the dual carriageway onto Hockliffe Brae if there was a major residential site just off the H10. 2. Twyford Lane is not wide enough for the extra traffic - there are no white lines, and it's barely wide enough for two cars at the moment. 3. Parking is a problem around the whole of Walnut Tree. Dwellings are built with one car space at most, and households usually have multiple cars. As mentioned, Twyford Lane is busy, and traffic already goes faster than it should down there. Adding in a lot of extra houses will increase the parking on local roads and make it even more of an obstacle course. 4. The area is at higher than normal risk of flooding due to Caldecott Brook 5. It would not blend into the environment as it would presumably be visible from the H10. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points regarding plan hierarchy and the scope of Neighbourhood Plans are above. • Community Foundation sites are all subject to development. Most are for built community facilities but some, that have proved not to be suitable, were allocated for housing. • Walton's Neighbourhood Plan, adopted in 2017, supported development of Community Foundation WT7, at a density of up to 35 dwellings per hectare, the norm for this area. This is re-instated here because PlanMK erroneously allocated 35 dwellings for the site. • The Community Foundation must consult WCC ahead of any planning applications and must comply with the Neighbourhood Plan. • Trees fall under the protection of Milton Keynes Council's policies. • Notes of the meeting with the Community Foundation are in the section above.

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		<p>Any proposal must address all the above and retain a permanent natural amenity park space for residents in the local area.</p> <p>I trust you will give serious consideration to revising WT7 back to its intended park amenity space for the residents.</p> <p>Best wishes,</p>	
13	Walnut Tree resident	<p>Dear Planners,</p> <p>On reading the latest proposal for the Neighbourhood plan refresh for my local area, I am concerned to see the land identified as WT7 Hockliffe Brae/Twyford lane proposed for development. I am deeply concerned by the development proposals for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land was identified by Milton Keynes Development Corporation as community use park land to be used by the residents. It is regularly used by the community for exercise, play and dog walks and over the last 30 years has become Common Land. • It has become an area for wildlife, such that the red kites regularly circle above it looking for their next meal! With so much development set to go ahead (regrettably) in the vicinity, there is tremendous value in preserving pockets of habitat undisturbed for wildlife. When I first moved to Milton Keynes 20 years ago, the lack of bird song was especially noticeable, and this was in comparison with South West London! It takes so long for wildlife to return to areas of human habitation, it would be a disaster to lose this haven in the corner of Walnut Tree. • Access to the land is problematic, especially from Twyford Lane. Twyford land is narrow, barely wide enough for two cars to pass, and yet this is a busy thoroughfare connecting this end of Walnut Tree with Brownswood and the H10. Further traffic on this road would be dangerous. Already vehicles take the road too fast and because of the echo provided by the bridge, it is used by car enthusiasts to show off their loud exhausts and music. • Any proposed development will bring significantly more traffic, noise, disruption and large vehicles. Residents on Twyford Lane and Camomile Court have experienced disruption on a smaller scale with the renovation of a nearby dwelling and this caused roads to be blocked regularly by large lorries, pavements blocked by building materials and vehicles tearing up the verges. If this level of disruption is caused by a 9 month building project then I am very scared for the level of disruption development of WT7 might bring. WT7 is in close proximity to residential areas, with so many people working at home still this should be considered. • The plan identifies social housing and retirement properties as suggested development. There is already a significant quantity of social housing in Spearmint so it would not be in keeping with the mix of homes in the area to increase the quantity here. Both types of development would cause parking problems on Twyford lane, and almost certainly cause damage to trees and verges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points regarding plan hierarchy and the scope of Neighbourhood Plans are above. • Community Foundation sites are all subject to development. Most are for built community facilities but some, that have proved not to be suitable, were allocated for housing. • Walton’s Neighbourhood Plan, adopted in 2017, supported development of Community Foundation WT7, at a density of up to 35 dwellings per hectare, the norm for this area. This is re-instated here because PlanMK erroneously allocated 35 dwellings for the site. • The Community Foundation must consult WCC ahead of any planning applications and must comply with the Neighbourhood Plan. • Trees fall under the protection of Milton Keynes Council’s policies. • Notes of the meeting with the Community Foundation are in the section above.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local services such as the doctors, schools and pharmacies are under severe strain already and the proposed new developments will bring more pressure. • The environment agency identify this area as at risk of flooding. We therefore need pockets of land that is not built on to absorb more water to give current developments some protection against flooding. WT7, with it's proximity to the busy dual carriageway and brook, is ideally placed to offer some defence against further flooding. <p>I sincerely hope that you take concerns of the residence and views of Walton Community Council seriously as there have been far too many errors in planning matters and this is detrimental to the residents of Milton Keynes - many of whom moved here because it is a different kind of urban, one which is green!</p>	
14	Canal & River Trust	Based on the information available the Trust has no comment to make on the proposal.	
15	Historic England	Thank you for consulting Historic England on the revision of the Walton Neighbourhood Plan. I am happy to confirm, that on this occasion we have no comments to submit.	
16	Milton Keynes Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As a general point, it would be helpful at the Submission Stage to prepare a document that sets out a schedule of the actual wording changes that are being proposed. Although not specifically required by the legislation, it will make it easier for the examiner (and others) to clearly see the differences between the existing made Plan and the proposed modified Plan. 2. Foreword: A Resident's Perspective - it is not appropriate to criticise MKC in a neighbourhood plan, particularly as MKC will ultimately be expected to make the Plan. 3. Executive summary – para 6 should refer to 2031 rather than 2026 i.e. the end date of the Plan. 4. Land at Towergate, para 70 - delete second sentence and replace with "The site is allocated for housing development in the Site Allocations Plan (SAP12) and Plan:MK (HS85)." Also amend 'current use' in text box. 5. Land north and west of Wavendon Business Park Ortensia Drive, para 90 – delete 'Core Strategy' from second sentence. 6. Policy WNP 5 Walnut Tree Reserve Sites A (north) Hindhead Knoll Walnut Tree – these sites now have full planning permission and as stated in the revised policy wording have either been completed or are under construction. The policy and supporting text should therefore be deleted from the Neighbourhood Plan, as the policy no longer serves any purpose in the assessment of planning applications. 7. Policy WNP 12 states that grade separation is for pedestrians and cyclists, but the supporting text now explicitly references Holst Crescent and Morley Crescent. The Council recently undertook a feasibility study of extending the V11 south through this reserve and over the Marston Vale Line. It is uncertain whether this will proceed, but the study included mitigation for the severance of Morley Crescent and an option with and without Holst Crescent being severed or being bridged by the grid road. The new text could limit options for any scheme and add cost, when these shouldn't 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A 'tracked change' document was created and published. 2. The foreword was amended. 3. Exec summary changed. 4. Land at Towergate policy changed. 5. Land North and West of Wavendon Business Park changed. 6. The policies have been left in place as the northern site is not yet fully built out 7. The text relating to Holst Crescent / Morley Crescent is only referenced in the supporting policy text. Planning officers stated that the wording of policy WNP12 is OK, so no changes are necessary. 8. Caldecotte Site C amended

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		<p>be ruled out yet and be subject to a more thorough evaluation if the scheme is ever progressed further. The actual policy wording of WNP12 is fine as it is.</p> <p>8. Caldecotte Site C – the site is allocated for residential development in Plan:MK. Current use text box should be amended to state this. Para 102 should be amended – delete second sentence and amend third sentence to state “The site is allocated in Plan:MK as a residential site (Policy HS4).”</p>	