

Walton Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement

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Part 1: Introduction

1. This document is the Consultation Statement that accompanies the Walton Neighbourhood Plan. It sets out the consultation and engagement carried out by the Walton Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG) in its work drawing up the Neighbourhood Plan. It covers the period from inception of the NPWG in June 2013 the consultation on the proposed draft of the Plan in early 2016 and work on the final draft of the Plan before its submission to Milton Keynes Council. Further information about the NPWG – and documents that are referred to below – can be found on Walton Community Council’s website:

www.waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

2. Concern had been expressed since January 2012 by a number of residents and councillors about the scale of development taking place neighbouring the parish, which was inevitably going to have an impact on infrastructure within Walton parish area. It was felt that while there was consideration of individual planning applications within the parish, not enough consideration was being given by planners and developers about the impact of such developments on the wider area. With the Localism Bill having gone through Parliament it was suggested that neighbourhood planning might provide an opportunity to give residents a chance to have a say in future development and in the future shape of the area.

3. The issue of neighbourhood planning was first put on the agenda of Walton Community Council (WCC) on 4 April 2012. Representatives from a local residents group, SR4 - set up to respond to plans for the neighbouring Church Farm development proposals, engaged with WCC and after further research and discussion, resulted in a meeting on 14 May 2013 where a presentation and workshop was facilitated by an external consultant. All WCC meetings are public and open to all those living or working in the area. The meeting examined a potential process and timetable for preparing a plan alongside identifying a series of issues for consideration of addressing through the process. It was agreed to commission a feasibility study of undertaking a neighbourhood plan in Walton.

4. The Feasibility Study was considered by WCC on 18 June 2013 and it was agreed that a meeting should be called to set up a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG). It was decided that the NPWG would report back on its progress to the Planning & Development Committee of WCC.

The Feasibility Study can be seen at Appendix 1.

Part 2: The work of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, (September 2013 - 2016)

5. The **first meeting** of the NPWG took place on 11 September 2013 in Room 2 at MK Snap, Bourton Low. 8 people, including local councillors, attended the meeting. A Chair and Vice Chair were elected and there was discussion about the future shape of the NPWG, the Feasibility Study previously commissioned by WCC, along with the resources required. It was agreed to go ahead with the formation of the NPWG and to schedule monthly meetings. It was also agreed that the NPWG should be as open and inclusive as possible – with meetings open to all those living and working in the area. Terms of reference for the group were reviewed and adopted subject to agreed amendments.

Details of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group can be found at Appendix 2.

6. The **second NPWG meeting** took place on 9 October 2013 at MK Snap. The meeting was attended by a Senior Planning Officer from Milton Keynes Council. A presentation on the purpose of neighbourhood planning and the processes involved was received. Discussion took place with regard the work required and all agreed there was value in proceeding, with reviews to be carried out at key points. It was also agreed that any data collected from the process would benefit WCC as a whole. Recruitment of additional representatives to the group were discussed and to especially target representatives for Browns Wood and Walnut Tree.

7. The **NPWG meeting held on 20 November 2013** focussed on the questionnaire to go to all residents and also to be used as a recruitment tool for the group. A communication strategy was agreed including; WCC website, Facebook, Twitter, parish noticeboards and the parish newsletter. It was agreed to contact other parishes locally to share knowledge and experience. Funding had been secured from Localities, with an additional commitment from the WCC 2013/14 budget and further allocation from the WCC 2014/15 budget. A definition statement was broadly adopted for the initial phase and it was agreed the whole parish should constitute the Area for the plan – to be ratified at Full Council on 4 December 2013. Future meetings were to be published as the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

8. The **NPWG meeting on 15 January 2014** was attended by the newly appointed Project Officer to WCC, who would support the progress and development of the plan. Detailed discussion took place regarding the format of the questionnaire, necessary personal data to be obtained along with mandatory questions. It was agreed the first stage survey would comprise a broad audit of community need to be delivered door to door supplied with pre-paid envelopes for return. The Council Tax letter due to go out would be utilised to raise awareness of the survey and the work of the NPWG.

9. The letter of application to designate the Area was initially sent to Milton Keynes Council in January 2014. Following this the NPWG arranged a **Neighbourhood**

Champions Forum on 29 January 2014 attended by representatives from 3 other parish councils in Milton Keynes progressing neighbourhood plans. Evidence needed to support a plan was discussed along with experience shared of successful community engagement methods.

10. As part of the work to promote the survey and the work of the NPWG a **Facebook page** and **email address** were set up. It was agreed that the WCC website would publish all documents related to the work of the NPWG, including minutes, agendas and presentations. The website and content would further be promoted via the WCC Facebook page and Twitter account.

11. Around this time **further information was gathered** about the emerging picture of neighbourhood planning from groups such as Planning Aid, Locality and other related sources. It was agreed to invite The Chair of the Woburn Sands Neighbourhood Plan Group and Neighbourhood Plan Champion, to attend a future meeting of the NPWG, to gain further advice and guidance on achieving success through to referendum and adoption. Ward Councillors were also contacted to request promotion of the proposed plan through their own communication routes.

12. WCC held a **Meet the Council Day at Heronsbrook Meeting Place on 29 March 2014**. This was used as an opportunity to talk to residents about the neighbourhood plan and begin to identify potential issues along with future infrastructure needs.

13. In preparation for the distribution of the Stage 1 survey, an article was included on the back of WCC's Council Tax letter to residents. The article explained the background to neighbourhood planning, the work of the NPWG and urged residents to complete the survey due through their doors in March.

The Council Tax Letter can be seen at Appendix 3.

14. The **Stage 1 survey was circulated in March 2014** to every household in the parish, with reply paid envelopes issued to encourage returns. The survey covered key themes asking what residents considered most important and also how they felt we were performing against each theme. The key issues covered in the initial consultation were as follows:

- Roads, Redways and Pavements
- Public Transport
- Traffic Congestion
- Affordable Decent Housing
- Parks, Open Spaces & Access to Nature
- Community Facilities
- Facilities for Young People
- Shopping Facilities
- Education Provision
- Health Services
- Activities for Young People
- Community Activities
- Local Job Prospects

- Cleanliness of Area
- Level of Crime
- Level of Pollution
- Community Relations

The Stage 1 Survey can be found at Appendix 4.

It was further recognised that during this public consultation process other issues might arise and therefore a flexible attitude would need to be adopted, with priorities having the potential to change. Posters were produced and displayed across the parish to further encourage completion.



15. A decision was taken at the **NPWG meeting held on 9th April 2014** to extend the deadline for the survey, following concern over the initial distribution to households. To ensure a robust approach, the delivery was repeated during May to the areas of Walnut Tree and Wavendon Gate with the return date extended until end June 2014.

16. The **NPWG meeting on 11 June 2014** saw the introduction of new members to the group, including an experienced former Town Planner. The survey returns to date numbered 694 and additional resourcing was agreed to input all data on survey monkey to aid analysis.

17. A stand to promote the neighbourhood plan and the survey was established at **Wavendon Gate School Fete on 26 June** and **WCC's Trim Trail launch events on 27 & 28 June 2014.**



Members of the NPWG spoke to people about the neighbourhood plan and reminded them to complete the survey. Spare surveys were handed out and people were invited to comment on future needs for the area.



18. Following a positive response to the survey, having received a total of 710 returns the results analysis was completed in **July 2014**. This along with 190 verbatim responses was summarised to show the opinions and strengths of feeling against each issue.

The presentation of the results can be seen in Appendix 5.

The NPWG also used the survey to gather email addresses for the group's mailing list to further widen the number of people engaged in the NPWG and its work going forward.

19. At a meeting on **9 July 2014** Mike Geddes, Neighbourhood Plan Champion was in attendance. Mike shared the experience of Woburn sands Town Council being the first to reach Referendum and have their Plan formally adopted in Milton Keynes. The main lessons drawn from this discussion were the need for positive language, robust evidence and to take advantage of the professional help available.

20. At the **September 2014 NPWG meeting**, following agreement at WCC's Full Council meeting on 3 September, it was decided to push the process forward and progress the draft plan through a more detailed Stage 2 survey. Results of the first survey were published in the Walton Matters Summer Newsletter with further publication in the December newsletter detailing actions already taken in response to some of the issues raised.

From the comments received we have begun to address as follows:

YOU SAID
Play areas need maintaining
Warden regularly inspecting and reporting issues

YOU SAID
Need more dog bins
Currently reviewing locations and potential to install new bins

YOU SAID
Want to be better informed on whats happening in the area
Calling cards introduced to inform residents when Warden has been in area

YOU SAID
We are concerned with the amount of litter in the area
Finalising details to increase the quantity of bins where required

In addition to the above we are also investigating the potential to install a cycle rack at Walnut Tree shops, an additional grit bin & new community noticeboards in line with feedback from the survey.

The following areas are now the focus for further investigation in the next stage of developing the Neighbourhood Plan.

To Be Maintained	To Be Improved
A low level of crime	Roads, redways and pavements
Parks, open spaces, access to nature	Cleanliness of the area
Low level of pollution	Health service
Education provision	Local job prospects
Traffic	

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR A FURTHER DETAILED SURVEY FOCUSING ON THE ABOVE ISSUES WITHIN THE COMING MONTHS.

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21. At the **NPWG meeting on 8 October 2014** the Stage 2 survey was discussed and agreed should gain further detail against issues the NPWG conceived would relate to future policies within the draft plan.

22. In **October 2014 a further application to designate the Area** was made to MKC as the original had appeared to have been mislaid. The consultation period took place between 5 November 2014 and 17 December 2014. The application was approved by delegated decision on 13 January 2015 and the Area formally accepted.

23. In early **November 2014** the NPWG had renewed discussions with Milton Keynes Council, having now been appointed a dedicated Planning Support Officer. There were detailed conversations about engagement carried out to date along with potential policy themes coming through from the consultation process. Further discussion focussed on the threats from development outside of but bordering the parish and how impact might be mitigated through policies within the plan.

24. Over the **following weeks** the analysis of the key issues and areas of concern from the Stage 1 questionnaire were agreed, from which the Stage 2 Questionnaire was subsequently developed. The questionnaire was prepared asking for residents opinions relating to 58 questions under the following headings:

- Parks, Open Spaces & Access to Nature
- Getting Around

Health Services
Local Job Prospects
Housing
Crime & Community Safety
Level of Pollution
Cleanliness of Area
Future Needs

A free text box was provided at the end of each section for respondents to write comments.

25. In **January 2015** a Vision for Walton was agreed, with Aims & Objectives for the neighbourhood plan. Subsequent meetings further developed the key themes and resulted in the final Stage 2 Questionnaire.

The Stage 2 Survey can be found at Appendix 6.

26. Analysis of the Stage 1 Questionnaire had highlighted the failure to reach those aged less than 19 years of age. A Young People's Questionnaire was developed asking for opinions relating to 20 questions taken from the Stage 2 residents' questionnaire.

The survey was made available online and targeted young people attending Walton High School.

27. The adult questionnaire went live online on **2 February 2015** at the same time delivery of the hard copy commenced across the parish, the deadline for returns being end of March. An email was sent to all those on the communications list along with promotion through Walton High School's intranet system. The link to both the adult and young people's survey was shared on all forms of promotional materials as well as on the hard copy questionnaire.

28. The NPWG received a total of **949 responses in March 2015** to the adult questionnaire, which equates to 21% of all households. The results were analysed and summarised to highlight the opinions on each of the key issues. With an average of approximately 190 verbatim responses also recorded for most questions, separate time was taken to analyse the comments.

The results of the Stage 2 Survey can be seen at Appendices 7&8.

29. The Young People's Survey was completed online by **308** young people, which equates to 20% of all students eligible to respond. The results were analysed and compared against the adult views. The data was then used to identify key issues and options, which would form the basis for the draft, plan policies.



The Young People’s survey results can be found at Appendix 9.

30. A decision had been taken at the NPWG meeting in January to commission an external consultant to facilitate two workshops to ensure the Issues and Options selected were a true reflection of both the area and residents views. The first **workshop took place on 23 April 2015** attended by members of the NPWG along with the Planning Support Officer from Milton Keynes Council with the results compiled into a report by the consultant. The workshop included a facilitated discussion, which identified some of the emerging conclusions and implications for the Neighbourhood Plan. This drew on technical expertise provided the Planning Officer from Milton Keynes Council.

The report from the workshop can be found at Appendix 10

31. The WCC **Annual Parish Meeting on 29 April 2015** was used as a further opportunity to engage residents. A summary of the survey results was displayed alongside a map highlighting key issues and areas of concern. Members of the NPWG spoke with public in attendance and further encouraged involvement in the process.

32. The second **facilitated workshop was held on 27 May 2015**, members of the NPWG and wider parish councillors further reviewed the emerging issues from the consultation and agreed in principle the themes for the draft policies.

33. **June 2015** was spent working on the Local Issues Statement and meeting with the consultant to discuss the content of the draft plan, agree timelines and identify any gaps within the evidence base.

34. Events were held on **8th July 2015 targeted at education providers and businesses** with an evening drop-in held for local **Community Groups**. This gave an opportunity for the different sectors to view results of the consultation and share detailed concerns and issues to feed into the plan process. It was also agreed for further dialogue with the schools to take place regularly through the Head Teachers Partnership of Schools. Specific concerns were raised with regard parking congestion outside schools, lack of safe pedestrian routes to schools with overgrown redways and the lack of a safe crossing across Brickhill Street.



35. During July and August the NPWG concentrated on preparing further details of draft policy themes and publicity to share at the upcoming Autumn Fayre being promoted by Walton Community Council.

36. The NPWG held a stand at the **Autumn Fayre on 12 September 2015**, where more than 200 residents attended and were able to view the results of the consultation along with the proposed headings and themes for the draft policies. Members of the group discussed the plan progress with residents and answered questions on the survey results.

37. During **October 2015** several walkabouts were carried out by members of the NPWG and WCC Councillors. This gave a further opportunity to review key locations within the plan area and further evidence issues relating to Open Space, Access, Parking and traffic management issues to support proposed policies.

38. At the **NPWG meeting on 14 October 2015** the consultant shared the first draft policies and discussion centred on more specific detail required to determine characteristics, design codes etc. in relation to specific sites. The group were also informed that Milton Keynes Council's Site Allocations- Preferred Options document was due to go out to consultation on 28th October. There are four sites within the plan area included within the document:

- Bergamot Gardens
- Caldecotte C
- Hewlett Packard West Site
- Walton Manor

Following further discussion around additional evidence and detailed work to be carried out, it was agreed to review the timeline and the Referendum date was revised to September 2016.

39. Between **October 2015 and January 2016** several meetings took place with landowners to discuss specific sites both within and bordering the area and what the draft plan said about them. A meeting took place with Phil Bowsher from The Parks trust on 29 October and focussed on retention of formal Open Space within the parish, along with potential for development of community and leisure facilities around Caldecotte Lake. A conference call with Tony Collins, representative of Hewlett Packard took place on 30 October discussed its inclusion in the Site Allocations document and the need for a holistic approach to planning alongside the sites at Towergate and Fairfields. A meeting on 6 November with HCA similarly focussed on the need for the site at Towergate to be holistically planned with a need for infrastructure in the form of a local centre. A meeting with Milton Keynes Community Foundation on 17 November discussed the 7 reserve sites within the area and future plans, which included the potential for some to be disposed of for development alternative to community use. A meeting with Milton Keynes Development Partnership on 25 November focussed on the two sites at Walton Manor and Caldecotte C, both of which have been proposed for mixed-use development. Further discussion also centred on sites at Walnut Tree Local Centre and opportunities for the potential expansion of health provision and a site for a parish office.

40. During **December 2015 and January 2016** engagement also took place with local community organisations. A meeting was held on 21 December with MK Sailing Club at which they shared plans for future expansion.

41. In **January 2016** further engagement was held with key stakeholders including the Open University, substantial landowners at Walton Hall, Thames Valley Police and representatives from the Fairfield Partnership who own land in the Strategic Land Allocation area immediately adjacent to the Parish.

42. An early draft of the Plan was shared during **January and February 2016** with Ward Councillors and neighbouring Parish Councillors to gain further feedback prior to finalising in readiness for the Pre-Submission Consultation.

43. On **3rd February 2016** a telephone conversation took place with representatives from MK Rowing Club to establish their aspirations for expansion of their base at Caldecotte Lake.

44. In preparation for the Pre-Submission Consultation which took place between **19th February and 1st April 2016** the NPWG produced the leaflet below which was delivered to all households in the Parish, in addition to posters displayed on noticeboards and in key community locations.

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
Have your say on the Draft Plan for Walton

Supported by **WALTON**
Going to improve our environment

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?
The Neighbourhood Plan sets out local policies for the future development of the whole of Walton Parish. The Plan will hold considerable weight when planners, developers and Councillors make their decisions about planning applications that impact the area.

What is the Walton Neighbourhood Plan area?
The area covers Browns Wood, Caldecotte, Old Farm Park, Tilbrook, Towergate, Walnut Tree, Walton Grange, Walton Hall, Walton Manor, Walton Park, and Wavendon Gate.

What does the Plan cover?
The Plan has 18 policy areas (in the speech bubbles overleaf) which have been drawn up as a direct result of feedback from residents to the consultation and engagement carried out over the last two years. There are also recommendations for action to help improve the area and the way planning decisions are made, alongside commitments made by Walton Community Council to help shape the area and improve your quality of life.

What are the main issues?
Walton Parish is growing, both in population and new development. The Plan seeks to accommodate this growth by protecting the area from over-development and ensuring that sufficient and appropriate infrastructure is in place to support any new development.

What happens next?

- The Draft Plan is being consulted on between 19th February and 1st April 2016.
- You can see the Draft Plan on our website www.waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk. Follow the link on the home page.
- Or attend one of our drop-in sessions as follows
 - Tuesday 1st March, Heronshaw School, 4.30-7pm
 - Monday 7th March, MK Snap, Bourton Low, 6-9pm
 - Wednesday 16th March, Wavendon Gate School, 4.30-7pm
- Comments can be emailed to consultation@waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk between now and end of March. Paper comments can be left at Walton Community Council Office, MK Snap, 20, Bourton Low, Walnut Tree.
- In April the comments will be reviewed and the Draft Plan amended as appropriate.
- In May 2016 the Plan will be submitted to Milton Keynes Council. After the May local elections Milton Keynes Council will have their own consultation on the Plan.
- The Plan will then go to the Planning Inspector who will assess whether or not the Plan is legally sound.
- If the Inspector approves the Plan, there will be a referendum of all those living in the area to decide whether or not to adopt it. The referendum is due to happen in autumn 2016.

Email - consultation@waltoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

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45. The Pre-submission version of the neighbourhood Plan was circulated widely on **19th February** as set out below:

- To all members on the NPWG mailing list (more than **XXX** people)
- A copy was posted prominently on the front page of the WCC website
- The publication was publicised on the WCC Twitter account
- Paper copies of the leaflet were left at Britten Grove Community Centre, Heronsbrook Meeting Place, MK Snap and Wavendon Gate Pavilion
- Paper copies of the leaflet were sent home in the book bags of all pupils attending Heronshaw School, Heronsgate School and Wavendon Gate School
- The Plan was circulated to all 6 ward councilors for the Area – as well as local landowners, developers, community groups and businesses
- The Plan was sent to Parish Councils surrounding the Neighbourhood Plan area
- The Plan was sent to the statutory consultees, on the basis of a list provided by Milton Keynes Council (*see below)
- Paper copies of the Plan were given out at the events listed below

*(*Homes & Communities Agency; Natural England; Environment Agency; English Heritage; Network Rail; Highways Agency; Telecoms; British Telecom; National Grid; E.ON Central Network; Coal Authority; Anglian Water; Clinical Commissioning Group; Voluntary Bodies – Milton Keynes Community Foundation and Community Action; MK Equality Council; The Parks Trust; Milton Keynes Council)*

46. Community Drop-In events were held on **1st March, 7th March and 16th March** where the policies were displayed and members of the community had the opportunity to view the Plan and discuss the content with members of the NPWG.

47. The main part of the NPWG's engagement work throughout this period was promoting the draft Plan and the consultation events via Facebook, Twitter and Streetlife, a relatively new online hub for local residents.

48. At the NPWG meeting held on **13th April**, the WCC website statistics were reviewed. The number of views to the Neighbourhood Plan page of the website were recorded as follows:

1 st February – 29 th February	539 views
1 st March – 31 st March	162 views
1 st April – 18 th April	55 views

49. The period from **April to May** was spent working on the proposed final draft of the Plan. All comments received from the pre-submission draft of the Plan were reviewed, as were consultation responses and the results of the various surveys conducted by the NPWG during the past two years. Further professional advice was received on the wording of the policies in the Plan from Milton Keynes Council planners, independent planning advisors (including two who were new to the Plan and had not seen any of the earlier drafts).

50. A Full Council meeting of Walton Community Council on **23rd May** gave the final sign off on the publication of the final draft ready for submission to Milton Keynes Council.

51. At the end of May, the NPWG commissioned an independent Healthcheck of the Plan and following this review, further amendments were agreed to ensure the Plan was in general conformity with the NPPF.

52. The process of engagement over the last two years, not only helped to shape the content of the plan, but also demonstrated that all sectors of the community, both residents and businesses had been fully consulted and were supportive of the proposal.

53. The function of the working party was to ensure that all processes of engagement, consultation, policy development and plan writing were carried out producing a true reflection of our communities views regarding the way they wish their neighbourhood to be preserved and developed over the coming years.

54. In order to provide a **summary of the main events** as part of the NPWG's consultation and engagement work, the following table has been prepared to give a timeline of the work outlined above:

Walton Neighbourhood Plan Event Table

Date	Event
11 September 2013	First NPWG meeting
9 October	NPWG meeting
20 November	NPWG meeting
11 December	NPWG meeting
15 January 2014	NPWG meeting
29 January	Neighbourhood Plan Champions' Forum
12 February	NPWG meeting
12 March	NPWG meeting
29 March	Meet the Council Day at Heronsbrook Meeting Place
April	Stage 1 Survey
11 June	NPWG meeting
26 June	Engagement at Wavendon Gate School Fete
27 & 28 June	Engagement at Trim Trail Launch at Caldecotte Lake
9 July	NPWG meeting attended by Neighbourhood Plan Champion from Woburn Sands
13 August	NPWG meeting
10 September	NPWG meeting
8 October	NPWG meeting
12 November	NPWG meeting
11 December	NPWG meeting
14 January 2015	NPWG meeting
17 February	NPWG meeting
11 March	NPWG meeting
March	Stage 2 Survey and Young People's Survey
8 April	NPWG meeting
23 April	NPWG Issues & Options workshop
29 April	Display at Annual Parish Meeting
13 May	Appointed Consultant to write Plan
27 May	Follow up Issues & Options Workshop
10 June	NPWG meeting
11 June	Ward Councillor consultation meeting
8 July	Business, Education and Community Group targeted Events
16 July	NPWG meeting
12 August	NPWG meeting
9 September	NPWG meeting
12 September	Stand at Walton Autumn Fayre at MK Snap
11 October	Walkabout Old Farm Park
14 October	Walkabout Browns Wood
14 October	NPWG meeting
17 October	Walkabout Wavendon Gate
23 October	Walkabout Walnut Tree North

29 October	Meeting Parks Trust
30 October	Conference Call with representatives of Hewlett Packard
6 November	Meeting HCA
11 November	Walkabout Caldecotte & Walton Park
11 November	NPWG meeting
17 November	Meeting Milton Keynes Community Foundation
23 November	Walkabout Walnut Tree South
25 November	Meeting Milton Keynes Development Partnership
8 December	Walkabout Tilbrook
9 December	NPWG meeting
17 December	Walkabout Walton Hall
21 December	Meeting Milton Keynes Sailing club
5 January 2016	Meeting agent acting for HCA
12 January	Meetings Thames Valley Police, Open University, Fairfield's Partnership
13 January	NPWG meeting
3 February	Meeting David Lock Associates
10 February	NPWG meeting
12 February	Telephone Call with MK Rowing Club
1 March	Consultation Drop-In Event, Heronshaw School
7 March	Consultation Drop-In Event, MK Snap
16 March	Consultation Drop-In Event, Wavendon Gate School
16 March	NPWG meeting
1 April	End of pre-submission consultation
6 April	Review of consultation responses
13 April	NPWG meeting
11 May	NPWG meeting
23 rd May	WCC Full Council meeting
8 th June	NPWG meeting

The above table has also been reflected in the form of a timeline below.

Consultation Timeline																
Event	Sep 2013	Jan 2014	Apr 2014	June 2014	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Apr 2016
NPWG formed	■															
NP Champions forum		■														
Stage 1 Survey			■	■												
Engagement Events				■												
Stage 2 Survey					■	■										
Young People's Survey					■	■										
Annual Parish Meeting							■									
Issues and Options Workshops							■	■								
Ward Councillor Consultation									■							
Business, Education, Community Group Consultation										■						
Autumn Fayre											■					
Parish Walkabouts												■	■			
Landowner Consultation												■	■	■		
Targeted Consultation														■		
Pre-submission Consultation															■	■

Part 3:

Responses received to the consultation on the proposed final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan 19th February – 1st April 2016 & work on the Final Draft of the Plan, April 2016 – May 2016.

55. The paragraph and table below list the responses received during the consultation on the proposed final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, between 19 February and 1st April 2016.

56. In all more than 40 responses were received - including from local residents, local councillors, landowners and statutory consultees. As part of the NPWG's commitment to transparency and openness, all the responses were posted on the WCC website. The tables below provide a summary of comments received - for the full text of each submission, please see the *Neighbourhood Plan section of the WCC website* website. Comments are ordered by date received, which is also how they are listed on the website.

Walton Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Consultation 2016			
No.	Comments submitted by	Summary of comments	How the Plan was amended
1.	Ryan Hendry (Local resident)	I would like to ask for fibre optic broadband. When I speak to BT or sky they say we're not in your area and to speak to your local council about it.	Noted: There is superfast internet access provision in new estates. Commitment added to Action Plan for WCC to monitor all development proposals to ensure the inclusion of fibre optic connections.
2.	Mr. Newcombe (Local resident)	Does not believe the general public have any say and the local authority will do what they wish regardless. Will not be attending any meetings or turning out at the referendum.	Noted.
3.	David Hopkins (Councillor for Danesborough & Walton ward)	Level of detail and layout applauded; Acknowledged the planning hierarchy in relation to Milton Keynes; welcomed the presumption in favour of development and useful conditions set at both a local and citywide context; welcomed emphasis of working with landowners and agents; questioned how the evidence gathered from consultation has been translated into policy.	Noted; An index has been added to the Plan which maps the evidence from the consultation to the policies and commitments in the Plan.
4.	Jenni Ferrans (Councillor for Monkston ward)	Concerned wording on specific policies may not be strong enough to enforce; Specific comments relating to grammar; Introduction unbalanced, focuses on	Noted; Amendments have been made to correct grammar, typographical errors and formatting issues; the

	<p>Walnut Tree; P15 should specify the flood plain as the South-east corner; Concern regarding references to access to employment site from H9, suggest alternative wording; Request requirement for a LEAP be changed to a NEAP at Walton Manor; Requests the inclusion of a hard-standing to act as the focus for community events; Requested WNP14 be amended to include the additional infrastructure referenced previously; WNP2 should consider the inclusion of the requirement of a NEAP; The set-back distances should be specified; Supports development to the density specified at WNP4, wish it to include affordable housing in line with MKC policy; Request specification of affordable to include some wheelchair compatible homes; P21 has typos; no mention is made of car parking to north of the southern parcel at Hindhead Knoll; Requested clarification of wish for lorry parking at WT6 site; Supports in principle other recommendations for WNP7 Reserve sites; Supports expansion of Health facilities at location A in WNP8, request expansion of parking also at site B; Suggested amending reference to triathlon Centre at WNP9 to a more generic term; Suggestions for re-wording made for WNP16; Suggestions for re-wording of WNP11 HiMO's proposed to reflect specifics within MKC's current policies, in particular to avoid use of terms such as "negative impact" and "insufficient"; suggested inclusion of support for longer term leases; Highlighted grammatical error at WNP18 Grid Road Extensions; Requested inclusion of request for additional lighting at Walnut Tree Local Centre car park at WNP13 Parking Enhancements; Commented that the redway link from Walton Hall to Kents Hill has been included in the Kents Hill Park Development Brief; Comments regarding WNP16 Design Principles request review of wording relating to densities to make an exception for housing suitable for the elderly; Would support inclusion of support for Extra Care Scheme; Requested consideration of specification of trees suitable for planting along roads and to restrict to main roads within a development; request addition of "existing footpaths" after redway at WNP 16; Requested consideration of other improvements at the sites listed in WNP18 Sports Ground Enhancements; Concern regarding list of infrastructure at WNP19 and the</p>	<p>introduction has been expanded to reflect the wider area; the references to the flood plain at WNP1 have been amended to reflect the south-east of the site; the restriction to access to the employment area from the H9 roadway stub, applies only to the existing employment area and not the new employment areas, therefore there should be no implications for increased traffic from Hullwell Gate; the NPWG considered the point regarding the request for a NEAP at Walton Manor, however due to the installation of a NEAP at nearby Simpson Drive it was felt a minimum requirement of a LEAP was sufficient; as the NPWG did not amend the requirement for a NEAP at WNP1 this has not been added to the list of infrastructure at WNP14; WNP2 has been amended to require a minimum of a LEAP but to upgrade to a NEAP if this has not been approved/provided within other sites within the Wavendon Triangle ; Set back distances at WNP4 have now been stipulated in line with MKC's Residential Design Guide; The view of the NPWG is that affordable housing is not appropriate for this site but will be delivered elsewhere in the area through larger allocated sites; The references to retention of car parking at WNP5 Hindhead Knoll has been amended to reflect existing parking across both parcels of land; the references to lorry parking at WT6 site within WNP7 has been included as a result of issues identified during area surveys, the NPWG supports the provision of temporary parking for lorries delivering to the local centre; the reference to the triathlon centre at WNP9 has been amended to reflect a more generic water sports based facility; reference has been made at WNP11 HiMO's to the MKC HiMO policy; support for the provision of lighting at Walnut Tree Local Centre car park has been inserted at WNP13 Parking Enhancements; the NPWG felt strongly that the proposal for a new redway link from Walton Hall to Kents Hill remain as there is no certainty on the timing of delivery from an</p>
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		need to prioritise, suggested re-wording along the lines of “once the on-site needs have been met, the following pieces of area-wide infrastructure.....”	alternative development; Furthermore, the NPWG wished to distinguish the between the upgrade of the existing footpath to a redway and the provision of a new redway which follows the desire line leading to the roundabout at the junction of the H9 and V10; the Design Principle at WNP 16 relating to tree-lined roads has been amended to reflect ‘suitable trees’ and has also references ‘main roads’ in a development; WNP16 has also been amended to reference the retention and potential extension of footpaths in addition to redways in new developments; the wording at WNP18 Sports Ground Enhancements has been amended to allow for other improvements in addition to the provision of changing facilities, in line with the leisure use of the associated sites; the NPWG have considered the need to prioritise the list of Infrastructure at WNP19, however it does not feel this necessary in addition to the fact that it is not known when the timing of individual developments will come forward and therefore when contributions/infrastructure will be provided; amendments have been made to the introductory text in the policy.
5.	David Newland (Councillor for Walton Community Council)	Support for Plan with focus on “Walton’s” needs; policies designed to protect and strengthen our neighbourhood; Support view of concerns on accessing the hospital via bus; Request for Plan to consider public transport other than just bus services	Noted; Amended references to Public Transport in WNP 15 – Key Links along with commitment in Action Plan.
6.	Bow Brickhill Parish Council	Incredibly detailed and well thought out plan; Offers a greater level of forward planning than incremental development could achieve; noted a point regarding the number of Registered Community Assets listed within it and concern regarding enforcement of this process. Point raised regarding potential for flooding at Land at Walton Manor WNP1 if sites are also developed outside of the area and adjacent to Bow Brickhill; noted the use of Caldecotte Site C WNP6 as a potential site for a bridge	Noted; The Walton Manor Development Brief clearly identifies the existing risk in relation to flooding and we would expect any briefs for nearby sites to assess the incremental flood risks to this area.
7.	Harry Meisuria (Local resident)	Questioned why there are no ethnic members in the NPWG.	The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has been created entirely from volunteers and we have made repeated calls for help over the last two years. The Group reflects the

			community members who came forward as a result.
8.	Shirley Jones (Local resident)	The general plan is to be congratulated having taken into account themes emerging from three surveys; noted errors in the formatting and grammar; concerned at the complete absence of the word “arts” in any context; Request for reference of the Arts and need for sufficient infrastructure within community facilities to support the arts as well as sports; Referenced the Criterion in Coventry as an exemplar of provision; Requested input into the development proposals at Browns Wood Sports Ground.	Noted; The final Plan has been proofed and taken account of issues highlighted. Reference and support for the Arts have been added to the introductory chapters. Walton Community Council welcomes the support for the development at Browns Wood and notes the offer of input.
9.	Mr & Mrs Crighton (Local residents)	Object to a local centre/shop within the site at Walton Manor; Concern raised regarding increase of traffic in a residential area; Object to any traffic accessing the development from Simpson Road; Object to any “landmark building” on the higher ground at the north end of the sight; Concerned that planners will not enforce against developers due to finance; Welcomed design principles reference to respect the local vernacular.	Noted; The NPWG has assessed the need for better facilities in the Walton Manor area based on the ultimate amount of development. It is important at the early stage of planning to provide the space for such a facility even if it ends up not being required. The Walton Manor Development Brief completed consultation in 2015 and so pre-dates our plan. However, Section 5.8, page 24 specifies that secondary access only be provided from Simpson Road to a cul-de-sac of no more than 20 dwellings. The Development Brief pre-dates this plan so we are limited with regard influencing the “land mark building”.
10.	Sonia Underwood (Local resident)	Questioned the involvement of young people and schools in the development of the Plan; Requested a building for the use of young people other than the community centre; Concern regarding safety of children walking to school and the increased use of cars as a result of them not being safe.	Noted; The Plan sets out to create the environment and facilities that can be used by people of all ages in the areas of leisure, sports, arts, etc. in a flexible way and over the long term. We have consulted widely which included all local head teachers as part of this process along with a specific survey for young people aged 11-19 years.
11.	Lawrence Hooter (Local resident)	Former owner of Walnut Tree Farm; Satisfied with all the proposals for the area as an older resident.	Noted.
12.	Dilip Nathwani (Local resident)	Supportive comments about the draft Plan and the work that has gone into it.	Noted.
13.	Karl Kuhle (Local resident)	Supports the Plan; Concern over building on green spaces; Keep the area the same with trees and open space; Request for more trees; Consider adding green areas in Tatling Grove to be designated as formal open space in WNP 17	Noted; The Plan aims to protect green space by identifying additional areas for further protection as formal Public Open Space to enhance their current status as amenity land. Where development takes place in the future, additional provision of open space must conform to current planning policy: The Action Plan contains a commitment to investigate a street tree planting scheme, where

			appropriate; The green spaces in Tatling Grove were reviewed by the NPWG and are currently designated amenity green space; these areas are too small for development and as such the current designation is deemed sufficient.
14.	Tony Willis (Local resident)	Comments regarding need for an underpass not a crossing on Brickhill Street; Request for all new buildings to have solar panels; Keep all green areas and make more; No link road to Simpson Road; No building on Walton Park at the bottom end due to flooding; Need more parking at Walnut Tree.	We have included within our Infrastructure priorities list, the need for an underpass on the V10. The current planning rules and regulations applied by Milton Keynes Council sufficiently cover the need to build sustainably and hence, are not covered in the Plan. The Open Space Policy sets out all areas to be protected from development, new development on allocated sites must provide additional Open Space in line with current planning policy. The Walton Manor Development Brief pre-dates our Plan and dictates constraints for access and building in the flood plain. The Plan has identified the need for additional parking measures at Walnut Tree in WNP13.
15.	Anonymous	Does not support WNP1 Land at Walton Manor; Comments regarding poor access, lack of underpass and no facilities at Walton Grange; Does not support WNP5 Land at Hindhead Knoll; Comments relating to parking being a major issue in this area; Doctors and schools already inadequate; Support WNP8 Walnut Tree Community Hubs; Extra facilities will require more parking.	Noted; The Walton Manor Development Brief is already approved and pre-dates this Plan. Hindhead Knoll is already allocated land, however this Plan requires parking at the southern end to be retained.
16.	Geoff New (Local resident)	Supports the Plan.	Noted.
17.	C. New (Local resident)	Mainly supports the plan; likes wide grass verges but roads are too narrow; Request more off road parking bays so they don't churn up grass or park on bends; Safety first.	Noted; The Action Plan contains a commitment to investigate opportunities to introduce additional parking in key locations.
18.	Vanessa McPake (Councillor for Monkston ward)	Request for social housing at Bergamot Gardens site; Request for development to ensure gardens back onto existing properties; Concern raised about lack of light when houses built.	WNP4 includes policies to cover orientation of housing, set back distances and densities. The view of the NPWG is that affordable housing is not appropriate for this site but will be delivered elsewhere in the area through larger allocated sites.
19.	Mr & Mrs Richmond (Local residents)	Support the Neighbourhood Plan overall; Concerns regarding WNP18 The community pavilion at Browns Wood; No objection to changing room facility for the sports ground but object to any facility that is for late evening e.g. parties / receptions; Concern the extended car park will be impacted by noise and anti-	Noted; The NPWG respects your concerns relating to Browns Wood Pavilion. This is a matter for the specific planning process of the facility and your concerns have been directed to Walton Community

		social behaviour.	Council.
20.	A. Banks (Local resident)	Support the plan; Not sure understands all of the policies; happy to understand more by newsletter.	Noted.
21.	Homes & Communities Agency (Landowner)	The HCA welcomes proposals to develop the site at Towergate, WNP2 for housing. Commented that whilst the HCA can influence development within the site it has no control over adjoining sites, but will seek to ensure that development of the site reflects the development in the wider area.	Noted; The NPWG acknowledges the comments, however strongly feels that the need for a “masterplan” to cover the Wavendon Triangle is essential to ensure sufficient infrastructure supports future needs, regardless of the timing of the development in the individual parcels of land.
22.	Hewlett Packard (Landowner)	HPE were pleased to work with the Community Council in the development of its Neighbourhood Plan; Site Specific Policies - WNP3 Outline Planning Application was granted for up to 134 units and a neighbourhood shop on Tuesday 8 th March 2016; Request for Plan to amend wording at page 18 relating to the current designation of the site; Commented that the extent of the strategic buffer is a matter for future determination; Request that WNP3 be redrafted to reflect the current planning circumstances.	Noted; The Plan has been amended to reflect the current planning status. The NPWG have acknowledged the inclusion of space for a neighbourhood shop, which is line with the recommendation for the Wavendon Triangle.
23.	Mick Carter (Local resident)	Supports the Plan in general; Land at Walton Manor should be built sympathetically having regard to proximity to river park; Unsure about land at Hindhead Knoll due to pressure on parking, car park must be retained; Infill must be appropriate on Community Foundation Reserve; WG4 is needed for school parking; Supports the policy on Infrastructure Delivery, but expansion of the Health Centre should be highest priority.	Noted; WNP5 Hindhead Knoll site is already allocated for development, but the Plan requires retention of parking spaces at the southern end. The expansion of the health centre, is on the list in the policy at WNP 19, however, it is a matter for NHS England with regard the timing and funding of the expansion. The Plan seeks to ensure that “space” is available for future development should the funding become available.
24.	Oliver Tomlinson (Local resident)	Concerned about development at Hindhead Knoll due to current issues with parking; suggest parking provision would be better suited; Support for Caldecotte Lakeside Policy, but request for more generic facility than specific support for a Triathlon Centre; Supports HiMO Policy, but questioned the wording of “insufficient parking”	Noted; The Plan has identified the need for additional parking in the area. Policy WNP7 identifies potential areas for parking, whilst the Action Plan sets out a commitment to review all opportunities for additional parking in the area by Walton Community Council. We have amended the wording in WNP9 Caldecotte Lakeside to indicate support for a more generic water based sporting use. The more detailed specifications

			relating to parking and other standards for WNP 11 HiMO, are contained within MKC's current HiMO Policy and will be assessed in accordance with these requirements.
25.	Morris (Local resident)	Does not support the plan; Agrees that there could be some infilling; Disagrees with any development on Community Foundation Reserve Sites; Disagrees with any development adjacent to Walton High School in North Hub A; All residential development plans must provide adequate car parking and have roads wide enough to permit emergency service vehicles access past parked units; Green areas should be left as they are.	Noted; The Community Foundation Reserve sites listed at WNP7 are already allocated for some form of development, the Plan suggests best use in the event of no suitable community use being identified. Residential development must conform to current MKC planning requirements and we have augmented where we feel it was necessary to meet local circumstances.
26.	Historic England (Statutory consultee)	Noted nine listed buildings in the Plan area; the grade II listed St Michael's Church of the Open University and Walton Hall; The Old Rectory, The Open University; Walton Lodge Cottage; Walnut Tree Farmhouse; Thatched Cottage, Brickhill Street; Walton Manor House; the stable block to Walton Manor; and the barn to the south of the stable block, all grade II. The plan area also contains the significant scheduled monument of the shrunken medieval village of Caldecotte. Requested reference to the conservation and enhancement of heritage assets in the Neighbourhood Plan Vision and to these heritage assets in section 4; Welcomes the objective to improve the built environment: Suggested checking whether there are any buildings or features of local interest or any non-scheduled archaeological records on the Historic Environment Record; Suggested consideration of a characterisation study; Reported that they have no record of any of the proposed development sites being near any of the designated heritage assets in the area; Requested the Historic Environment Record be consulted for any records; Consider involvement of community in identification of locally important buildings.	Noted; Further reference to heritage assets have been included in the Plan in the Introduction and About the Area sections; Review was undertaken and no local listings have been highlighted to the NPWG; The local community have been involved in consultation throughout the development of the Plan and to date no additional buildings have been highlighted to be of local importance.
27.	Peter Dazley (Local resident)	Feels there is sufficient housing already; open space areas should be kept; requested clarification of "community use"; any new build will impact on local amenities; additional parking would be needed; WG2 Community Foundation reserve site not suitable for any build and also close to school.	Noted; Some sites in the area are allocated for development already and therefore the plan aims to ensure such development improves the area within the planning guidelines. Community use in respect of the Reserve sites means facilities of use to the Milton Keynes community as a whole i.e. not necessarily just in Walton. A local example is the MK Snap building in Walnut Tree, under this designation only community or

			<p>voluntary organisations may develop on the site and the facility must be accessible to the public.</p> <p>WG2 is already allocated and the NP reflects that, but the land may prove unsuitable for development due to the constraints of the site.</p>
28.	Jackie Emens (Local resident)	<p>Support policy WNP4 Land at Bergamot Gardens in principle, however concerned regarding set back distances; concern regarding future maintenance of trees on the boundary;</p> <p>Do not support policy WNP5 Land at Hindhead Knoll, traffic an issue in the area without additional housing; parking should be a priority at WT6 Community Foundation site; consideration should be given to traffic turning if WT7 Hockliffe Brae site is developed.</p>	<p>Noted; The concern regarding the maintenance of trees will be addressed on point of sale of the land and through the planning process.</p> <p>The land at WNP 5 Hindhead Knoll is already allocated for housing development. The Plan seeks to ensure the issue of parking is addressed.</p> <p>The WT 6 site in policy WNP7, has noted the support of the provision of shared parking in any future development.</p>
29.	The Parks Trust (Statutory consultee)	<p>Acknowledges prominence of mention of open space and landscaping within the Plan; Requests contextual description be expanded to highlight the wider strategic role of Caldecotte Lake and the Ouzel valley Linear park; Requests reference to the fact this area provides facilities such as the Caldecotte Project and the model railway as well as the sailing club; acknowledged the key issue identified with regard improvement and enhancement of open spaces and offered to discuss further with WCC; Suggested consideration of a Policy such as WNP 15 for the improvement of the environment; Support the inclusion of “green open spaces and thriving natural environment” in the Vision; Noted prominence of responses in survey to improving maintenance and diversifying opportunities, would welcome further dialogue with WCC over how the Parks Trust may help to address these concerns; Request the “About the Area” section expands the description of the open space network and the functions these serve; Suggest Caldecotte Lake is mentioned by name with acknowledgement that this serves as a leisure/recreation and water sports destination; Requests that the strategic importance of the green corridor is referenced as running through the parish; Requests reference to Caldecotte Brook Linear park being an important green corridor and surface water drainage function; Requests acknowledgement that some of the Parks Trust’s Paddocks fall in grid road reserve areas and as such designation of these as Assets of Community Value is incompatible with the policy WNP12 for Grid Road Extensions; Welcomes the inclusion of a specific policy for Caldecotte Lakeside; requests larger indicative zone be identified for the site of the triathlon centre; consideration be given for location at promontory; Requests policy</p>	<p>Noted; The description has been enhanced by expanding the contextual description of the area and the open space in particular to highlight the wider strategic role of Caldecotte Lake and the Ouzel Valley Linear Park; The zone for the triathlon centre has been enlarged and terminology changed to reflect a more generic water based use; WCC will pursue opportunities to work together regarding maintenance improvements and enhancements to Open Space generally; Consideration was given to an additional Policy with regard improving the environment, however it was felt this should be pursued through the commitments of WCC and an additional policy was unnecessary; the role of the Parks Trust in maintaining the grid road corridors has been acknowledged; Consideration was given to the potential conflict of the location of the neighbourhood play area with WNP 12, however it was considered this would be addressed through planning, if and when any proposed plan came forward.</p>

		allows for flexibility re development of other appropriate community recreation where these are compatible; Requests the role of the Parks Trust in maintaining the structural landscaping along grid roads is referenced in the Delivery section of WNP12 Grid Road System; Highlights the potential conflict between policy WNP 12 Grid Road System and WNP 14 Location of Facilities with regard the area identified for a neighbourhood play/wheeled sports area, as the identified area is within a grid road reserve for the H10	
30.	Stuart Copeland (Local resident and business owner)	Noted proposed amendments to the plan including; description within the Executive Summary; inclusion of references to health facilities; Infrastructure before expansion	The Foreword has been revised accordingly; The Executive Summary now reflects the policy content.
31.	Raymond Mackintosh (Local resident)	Raised concerns regarding the impact from the Church Farm development on schools and health facilities; School traffic in Gregories Drive a problem; Walnut Tree Health Centre is at capacity;	Noted; Wavendon Gate School are aware of the issues relating to traffic and implications from Church Farm; The Plan makes reference to the potential use of any surplus land at WG4 Community Reserve site being utilised for parking following the construction of any grid road extension; The Plan identifies potential space for expansion of the Health facilities, however NHS England are responsible for the distributon of funding acquired via Section 106 contributions.
32.	Brian & Ina Eaton (Local resident)	Supports the Plan; supports introduction of lay-by and additional parking at Walnut Tree local centre; supports expansion of the health centre; supports the introduction of an underpass or footbridge across V10 Brickhill Street.	Noted.
33.	Wavendon Parish Council	Support the Plan.	Noted.
34.	Milton Keynes Council Planners (Statutory consultee)	Made recommendations to amend the foreword; Suggested acknowledging the differing circumstances of the Development Corporation as compared to today in reference to the Milton Keynes Masterplan as context setting; Requested removal of specific dates regarding referendum; Section 3 references a timeline which does not appear in the Consultation Statement; Consider adding paragraph numbering; Commented on grammatical errors; Suggest clarification of “an acceptable set back distance”; Support the site specific policies and condone constructive approach; Requested clarification whether policies are formal allocations or simply pre-emptive guidelines for proposals; Confirms the policies compliment MKC’s emerging policy but the examiner may require more information on this evolving strategic policy context; Requested	Noted; The Foreword has been amended accordingly; References to dates relating to the referendum have been removed; The Timeline has been added to the Consultation Statement; Paragraph numbering has been inserted; The typographical errors have been amended; The acceptable set-back distances have been defined in WNP4; Consideration was given to the densities, however the NPWG felt strongly that they should remain as determined in the Plan; The NPWG considered the Infrastructure List but wished for the Redway Link to remain as there is no guarantee at the time of submission,

		consideration be given to changes in wording around densities to include a range not to be exceeded, or removal of the “maximum” aspect; WNP 19 Infrastructure Projects refers to a number of projects, the Council’s view is that it is unlikely that the level of development proposed in the Plan will be able to fund all these projects; Recognition is given to the fact this policy does not underpin the delivery of the wider plan and therefore supports its status as a “priority list”; Recommended that the term “particularly where viability is uncertain” is replaced with “where viability allows”; Suggested the list may be altered if as expected certain items are delivered by proposals outwith the plan area e.g.* the redway link between Walton Hall and Kents Hill; Support the use of Delivery and Key Commitment boxes to distinguish policy from other actions; Requested reference to MKC Officers be removed and just refer to Milton Keynes Council.	that delivery of this item will proceed from other planned developments. Furthermore clarification is required with regard the exact route of the proposed redway, taking account of the existing desire line.
35.	Andrew Eve (Local resident)	Supports infill, within design principles set; Supports need for new infrastructure such as shops and community facilities; Supports social planning for play areas; all development should be in keeping with original plan for Milton Keynes, including grid road system; Supports proposed densities; New housing design should be more adventurous than existing brick and tiled houses.	Noted; The Plan attempts to encourage development in line with the principles of MK and supporting the needs, look and feel of the area; The Plan attempts to secure development in keeping with the area while not stifling innovation of design.
36.	Natural England (Statutory consultee)	No impact is foreseen on any Natura 2000 designated sites nearby; Acknowledges the Plan’s emphasis on maintaining the green infrastructure network and enhancing where possible within new development; Comments regarding the ability of all sites being able to support well implemented Sustainable Drainage Systems to cope with climate change impacts such as heavier rainfall; Acknowledged mention of access to the footpath network and requested enhancements are sought wherever possible to help promote walking and cycling; Acknowledged the designation of new areas of open space. Walton Parish is 2.6km from Wavendon Heath Ponds Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and 4.9km from Howe Park Wood SSSI however there aren’t any Natura 2000 designated sites nearby hence further comment in this regard isn’t needed as no impact is foreseen upon either. Milton Keynes	Noted.
37.	Lesley Bell (Local resident)	Does not support development of the Community Foundation land at WG1, requests it remains as a natural habitat for wildlife.	Noted; The land at WG1 is already allocated for some form of development for community use, the Plan attempts to support use that will benefit the local area, either directly via facilities or via change of use and

			financial contributions which can then be utilised to provide facilities in more suited locations.
38.	Connolly Homes (Landowner)*	<p>Supportive of the draft Plan, however have some concerns with regard to it's general conformity in terms of sustainability and having regard to national policy; concerns regarding language in the foreword; objects to the pre-submission consultation draft Neighbourhood Plan as it is not in conformity of the Milton Keynes Core Strategy 2013 (MKCS) and does not contribute to achieving sustainable development; the draft plan does not meet the basic Conditions Tests, specifically in regard to draft policies WNP12 Grid Road Extensions and WNP19 Infrastructure Delivery; the Plan does not solely relate to the development and use of land for a designated Neighbourhood Area; the Neighbourhood Plan should be in general conformity with the existing Development Plan, which is the 2013 MKCS, some of the policies do not allow for sufficient flexibility for the deliverability of the Strategic land Allocation (SLA); Requests amendment to WNP12 Grid Road Extensions, believing the policy confusing with the potential to mislead; the 2013 MKCS does not require a grid road extension through the reserve land, being a development of 350 homes;</p> <p>The title refers to Grid Road Extensions and the first paragraph refers to any "future road extensions", the policy should be amended; objects to the reference to Church Farm specifically in this policy; suggests re-wording as follows; "any future grid road extension for development beyond Church Farm through the reserve should be planned in accordance with the original principles of the grid road system. Development of a new grid road will be expected to include the following"; states that the use of "will be refused" is not positively worded; Supports WNP19 Infrastructure Delivery and the inclusion of a general policy on infrastructure requirements, however the context paragraph could be updated to state "over 10 residential units" on page 41; reference could be made to MKC's intention to introduce CIL during the period of the Plan; suggests amended wording in relation CIL, should it be introduced; Objects to wording of policy which extends to developments "closely linked" to the area, request the introductory text be deleted; Specific request that in WNP19, the statement seeking a grade separated crossing over Byrd Crescent for an extension of the H10 be amended and that specific reference to Church Farm is amended; requests clarification that requirements for Church Farm be separated for requirements for future expansion of the city to the east; Concerns regarding some requirements not being flexible to allow for the deliverability of the Strategic Land Allocations; concerns regarding the scale of</p>	<p>Noted; The Plan has been formulated with due regard to the NPPF and Local Plan, full details of which can be found in the Basic Conditions Statement.</p> <p>The NPWG re-iterates that the Plan has been prepared positively and in an objective manner, however the foreword has been amended.</p> <p>Page 4 of the basic Conditions Statement outlines how Policy WNP12 Grid Road Extensions is in line with paragraph 58 of the NPPF, the policy also seeks to encourage sustainable movement within the Plan area, in line with Paragraphs 30 and 33 of the NPPF. WNP19 Infrastructure Delivery plans positively for the delivery of strategic infrastructure in the Plan area, in accordance with paragraphs 156 and 157 of the NPPF.</p> <p>Furthermore the Plan does not impose policies on land outside of the designated area.</p> <p>The policies are all in general conformity with the 2013 MKCS. Policy WNP12 Grid Road Extensions has now been amended and is entitled Grid Road Corridors; further amendments have been made to clarify the protection of the corridor as a whole and applies to any highway within the reserve area, not solely the road structure; the NPWG feel strongly that the grid system principles established for MK are upheld along with the guidance laid out in the MK Planning Manual; the reference to grade separated crossing in WNP19 Infrastructure Delivery has been amended to reflect the requirement from any provision of new highways within the grid road corridors; Contributions will be required from neighbouring areas where they impact the Plan area, in line with current planning principles.</p>

		obligations the Plan is deemed to impose and the link to viability of development; believes the Church Farm development does not require an extension to the grid road as that the Church Farm development can be served by a local road connection to/from the H10 roundabout.	
39.	Milton Keynes Development Partnership (Landowner) **	Generally supportive of the Plan; Undertake to integrate existing hedgerows into the development at WNP1 Walton Manor, where practical; Content with residential/mixed use designation for WNP Caldecotte C site; Will continue to liaise with East/West Rail and Network rail; Comments that it is unreasonable to expect MKDP to address existing parking issues relating to the Business Park.	Noted; The NPWG acknowledge the undertaking to retain hedgerows at WNP1; The NPWG also note your point regarding the provision of parking, however the Policy does not require this, but simply aims to state parking would be supported if opportunity arose to address this need.
40.	National Grid (Statutory consultee)***	Dear Sir / Madam Walton Neighbourhood Plan Consultation No implications for National Grid were assessed as a result of the Plan.	Noted.

** original response was received by the deadline, however an updated response was received after the deadline and accepted on 4th April 2016.*

*** received after the deadline but accepted on 4th April 2016.*

**** received after the deadline but accepted on 6th April 2016.*

57. Of the 18 **statutory consultees** (see paragraph 45) 6 responded (as listed in the table above): Natural England; The Parks Trust; Milton Keynes Council; Homes & Communities Agency; English Heritage & National Grid. No comments were received from the other 12 organisations.

58. The NPWG was concerned that no comments had been received from **Milton Keynes Community Foundation**. Although there is no statutory duty for them to comment on the Plan, it was felt that as the Plan included support for “alternative uses” for some of the Reserve Sites in the area, comments should be sought. Despite numerous requests, no submission was received.

59. In order to account for the **engagement with landowners**, in terms of specific sites mentioned in the Neighbourhood Plan, the following table has been prepared:

Site	Landowner	Engagement
WNP 1 Land at Walton Manor	Milton Keynes Development Partnership	The Development Brief was approved by Milton Keynes Council in 2015; WCC and members of the NPWG responded to the consultation for the brief; the Chair and members of the NPWG met with representatives of MKDP and officers of Milton Keynes Council in November 2015 and shared proposals for the draft Plan; MKDP responded to the pre-submission consultation, see comments in table.
WNP 2 Land at Towergate	Homes & Communities Agency (HCA)	The Chair and members of the NPWG met with representatives of HCA in November 2015 and shared proposals for the draft Plan; a further meeting was held with their agents Lambert, Smith Hampton, in January 2016 where our final draft proposals were shared ; HCA submitted comments on the draft Plan at pre-submission consultation stage, see comments in table.
WNP 3 Land at Hewlett Packard	Hewlett Packard Enterprises	Outline Planning permission was granted in March 2016. The NPWG and WCC submitted comments and resolved to remain involved in future discussions regarding the proposals. The Chair and members of the NPWG met with representatives of HPE (and their agents Collins & Coward Ltd), in October 2015 and shared proposals for the draft Plan; HPE submitted comments on the draft Plan at pre-submission consultation stage, see comments in table.
WNP 4 Land at Bergamot Gardens	Walton Community Council	As members of the NPWG, WCC councillors have been party to all discussions and proposals in relation to this site. The site has been identified as a Preferred Option in the Milton Keynes Council Site Allocations.
WNP 5 Land at Hindhead Knoll	Milton Keynes Development Partnership	The Chair and members of the NPWG met with representatives of MKDP and officers of Milton Keynes Council in November 2015 and shared proposals for the draft Plan; MKDP responded to the pre-submission consultation, see comments in table.
WNP 6 Land at Caldecotte known as Caldecotte C	Milton Keynes Development Partnership	The Chair and members of the NPWG met with representatives of MKDP and officers of Milton Keynes Council in November 2015 and shared proposals for the draft Plan; MKDP responded to the pre-submission consultation, see comments in table.
WNP 7 Community Foundation reserve Sites	Milton Keynes Community Foundation	The Chair and members of the NPWG met with representatives of MKCF in November 2015 and shared proposals for the draft

		Plan; MKCF did not submit a response during the pre-submission consultation; follow up messages were sent in May 2016, no response was received.
WNP 8 Walnut Tree Community Hubs – North Hub	Milton Keynes Development Partnership	The Chair and members of the NPWG met with representatives of MKDP and officers of Milton Keynes Council in November 2015 and shared proposals for the draft Plan; MKDP responded to the pre-submission consultation, see comments in table.
WNP 9 Caldecotte Lakeside	The Parks Trust	The Chair and members of the NPWG met with representatives of MKDP in XXX and shared proposals for the draft Plan; MKDP responded to the pre-submission consultation, see comments in table.
WNP 17 Open Space & Leisure	Milton Keynes Council	Discussions were held with officers of Milton Keynes Council with regard amenity open space identified for additional protection, no concerns were raised and the areas are already identified as amenity land in the Local Plan.
WNP 18 Sports Ground Enhancements - Browns Wood Sports Ground	Milton Keynes Council	Discussions have been held between WCC and Milton Keynes Council officers for proposals for Browns Wood Sports Ground during 2015/16. Support has been indicated for the proposals and the land is due to transfer to WCC under the Community Asset Transfer Programme in June 2016.

60. Regarding the need for the Neighbourhood Plan to be subjected to a **Strategic Environmental Assessment** (SEA), the NPWG were advised that the full assessment was not necessary. A scoping report was prepared by Milton Keynes Council, which determined that the Plan would not identify a significant amount of development in the plan area. The scale of potential development would not strongly suggest that a SEA would be required. The statutory consultees further supported this view.

61. Natural England did not respond to the SEA scoping, but did submit comments to the pre-submission consultation.

62. Subsequent to the pre-submission consultation the Neighbourhood Plan was then finalised for submission to Milton Keynes Council.

Part 4:

Appendices (1-10)

(See separate attachment)