

Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan 2016/2028 - Consultation Statement

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1. Introduction

This document provides a summary of the engagement that took place in developing the draft Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan.

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

According to the Regulations, a Consultation Statement:

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

Dinnington St John's Town Council identified that strong, inclusive and effective consultation was key to the successful development and implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan. In particular, the consultation aimed to:

- Inform as many local people, community groups and other relevant bodies and stakeholders as possible of the existence of the Neighbourhood Plan and its development and;
- Seek their views on the policies and proposals being developed by the Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

2. Designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area

Dinnington Town Council applied to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council on 17 December 2015 to designate the Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area. Following the requisite statutory consultation period, the area was designated by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council as Dinnington St John's Parish Neighbourhood Plan Area on 11 July 2016 (a copy of the decision letter can be found at https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/homepage/353/neighbourhood_planning).

3. Timeline of Events

Timeline and Summary of Activities

Date	Event or action	Purpose/Outcome
Dec 2015 – July 2016	The Town Council formally applies to Rotherham MBC for designation as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.	Following consultation, the Town was designated by Rotherham MBC as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on 11 July September 2016.

June 2016	Public meeting	Held to explore the merits of developing a neighbourhood plan and discuss key objectives for it. There was strong support at this well-attended meeting for developing one. A number of people offered to be involved in its development.
July 2016 and onwards	Working Group established comprising town councillors and non-councillor members of the community.	To drive the development of the Plan and ensure that it reflects local needs and priorities.
September 2016	A web page, dedicated to Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan was incorporated on to the Town Council website.	The webpage provided background information on the Plan, contact details and how to get involved, and progress on the Plan.
July – Oct 2017	A series of small Task and Finish Themes Groups were established to look at specific issues.	To raise awareness of the Plan, help understand residents and stakeholders key concerns and potential opportunities and priorities for inclusion in the Plan, with a particular focus on educational facilities and requirements; Leisure; Health infrastructure and requirements; Environment; Housing requirements and Employment
October 2017	A Dinnington Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page was introduced.	The Facebook page provided background information on the Plan and its progress.
November 2017	A community consultation drop-in event/exhibition took place at the Annual Resource Community Day in Dinnington on 30 November 2017.	To raise awareness of the Plan, help understand the community's key concerns and potential opportunities and priorities for inclusion in the Plan.
December 2018	Exhibition at the Annual Resource Community Day in Dinnington on 3 December 2018.	To raise awareness of the forthcoming consultation on the draft Plan to commence later in the month, and with the plan more generally.
December 2018 to February 2019	Regulation 14 Consultation	Statutory six-week consultation to receive feedback on the draft Plan.
January 2019	SEA and HRA Screening	To meet basic conditions
September 2019	Submission of Plan to Rotherham MBC.	In accordance with Regulation 15

4. Publicity

4.1 The Steering Group undertook a proactive publicity campaign throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. The community and stakeholders were kept informed on the progress of the Plan and encouraged to get involved through the following methods:

4.2 Dinnington St John's Town Council Website

A section, dedicated to the Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan was developed and introduced by Dinnington Town Council. This can be found at <https://www.hugofox.com/community/dinnington-neighbourhood-plan-12951/documents/>. News and general items were also included on the Town Council website .

These webpages provided background information on the Plan, contact details and how to get involved and general progress on the Plan.

4.3 Town Council and other Notice Boards

Regular notices were placed on the Town Council notice boards and other visible and accessible locations such as the local Library/Resource Centre and local shops preceding key consultation events and outlining progress on the Plan.

4.4 Social Media

Social media was used to communicate with residents during the process of producing the Plan via a combination of means, including Facebook and Twitter. This included a dedicated 'Dinnington Neighbourhood Plan' FaceBook page. This facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/162167411040525/>

4.5 Town Council Meetings

There were regular updates to Dinnington St John's Town Council meetings.

4.6 Rotherham MBC Council Website

The Rotherham MBC has a page on its web site dedicated to the Plan and the other neighbourhood plans being developed in the Borough. This provides background information on the Plan and details on how to get involved. It can be found at https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/homepage/353/neighbourhood_planning.

5.0 Getting started

5.1 Inception Public Meeting.

A public meeting was held on the evening of 11 June 2016 at the Lyric Theatre, in Dinnington Town Centre inform the community about neighbourhood planning and discuss the potential of Dinnington St John's producing a Plan. This was widely advertised with posters across the

parish, and a flyer delivered to every resident, inviting all to attend.

The meeting was led by the Town Council and neighbourhood planning consultants, *Andrew Towler Associates*.

The meeting was well attended by over 40 local residents. There was strong interest in, and support for, developing a neighbourhood plan. The opportunity was also taken to seek individuals that would like to take an active role in developing a neighbourhood plan, including joining a neighbourhood plan steering Group.

6.0 Preparing the draft plan

6.1 A Steering Group

A Steering Group was established in July 2016 to drive the development of the Plan and ensure that it reflects local needs and priorities. This Group comprised of Town Councillors and other members of the community, including representatives from the local business community.

The members of the Group are listed below

- D. Smith
- D Dixon
- A Milner
- J.Simmonds
- S.Moore
- G.Capper
- D.Walker
- V.Betts
- R.Gyte
- L.Banham
- B.Keeley
- Mrs B.Keeley.
- P. Cotton

The Group was supported by officers from Rotherham MBC and neighbourhood planning consultants *Andrew Towler Associates*.

6.2 Steering Group - Task and Finish Theme Groups

The Steering Group identified a small number of overarching themes that may provide the focus of the Neighbourhood Plan. A series of small Task and Finish Themes Groups was established made up of members from the Steering Group was established to look at each theme and the issues identified under them. Up to date evidence from consultation with stakeholders such as estate agents, local businesses, schools and medical providers and other sources was collated to identify potential opportunities and priorities for inclusion in and generally build the detail to be contained within the Plan. The identified themes were:

- Educational facilities and requirements.
- Leisure.
- Health infrastructure and requirements.
- Environment.
- Housing requirements.
- Employment.

An example of a report from one of the Theme Group is shown at Appendix A.

6.3 Community Consultation Event – November 2017

Members of the Steering Group attended and manned a stall at the Annual Resource Community Day at the Dinnington Resource Centre on 30 November 2017. This is one of the most popular, well known and well-attended community events in the Parish. The main aims of the events were to inform the community about the decision to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, outline general progress to date and discuss emerging ideas and proposals.

6.4 Consultation on the emerging draft - Community Consultation ‘Drop-In’ Events December 2017

Two community consultation ‘drop-in’ events took place on Friday 8 December 2017 (between 10.00 and 4.00pm) and Saturday 9 December 2017 (between 10.00am and 12.30pm). Both were held at the Lyric Theatre in the centre of Dinnington. These times and days were purposefully selected to maximise interest and attendance by residents as well as other interested bodies and individuals. They span, for example, both normal and normal working hours.

The main purposes of the events were four-fold:

- To provide information on what was involved in preparing a neighbourhood plan.
- To update the community and other interested partners on progress with the neighbourhood plan.
- To seek feedback on the emerging vision, objectives and policy aims of the Plan.
- To explain how people could become involved in its development.

The events were widely publicised through the Parish and the surrounding area. This included a flyer was delivered to all households in the Parish and businesses in the Town Centre; through social media, Town Council and other websites and Town Council and other meetings, including the local Dinnington Town Centre Business Forum.

The event was well attended with over 100 people recorded as taking part. These mainly comprised local residents, but also local ward councillors, local business people, shopkeepers and developers.

Prior to departing, attendees were asked to complete a short questionnaire about the day as well as the Plan and its emerging priorities. 59 responses were received. The findings of which demonstrated general support for the principle of developing the Plan and the identified key issues it could seek to address. The key findings included:

- When asked ‘How useful did you find the feedback day’ - the most popular response of the 39 people who responded to this question was highly satisfied, followed by

satisfied. The average score for the question was 3.4 based on a rating of 1 being low/poor rising to 4 for being highly satisfied.

- When asked ‘How well did the day increase your understanding of the need for a Neighbourhood Plan for the area’ again the most popular response was highly satisfied and satisfied. The average score for the question was 3.5 based on a rating of 1 being low/poor rising to 4 for being highly satisfied. 59 people responded to this question.
- 100% of the 50 respondents agreed ‘that Dinnington will benefit from a Neighbourhood Plan’.
- When asked ‘below are a range of areas/items that the Neighbourhood Plan would like to address. Could you please rate your feelings on the current position of these areas in relation to Dinnington’ the areas respondents were most satisfied with (ranked) where the provision of parks and open spaces in the area; Level of local transport links and infrastructure required to meet future needs and the continued protection of greenbelt land and green spaces in the area. The areas respondents were least satisfied with where the adequacy of local facilities for young people in the area; maintenance of current road and kerb conditions and level of local transport links and infrastructure required to meet future needs (again ranked). Between 61 and 66 people responded to these questions.
- It should be noted that of the 13 areas which respondents were asked give their feelings the most popular response for 10 was 1, i.e. low/poor levels of satisfaction. Of the remaining 3 areas each scored 2 based on a rating of 1 being low/poor rising to 4 for being highly satisfied.
- When asked ‘If you wish to make any further comments on any of the above items’, a wide range of views were expressed. Several respondents highlighted specific areas of improvements such as better roads, greater variety of shops and the need to protect greenfield. A prominent theme was the need for better leisure facilities, a good example of this was “More leisure facilities required e.g. leisure centre, activities for young people/teenagers”.

A report outlining the key outcomes from these events is provided at Appendix B.

6.3 Other Meetings and Discussions

The Steering Group liaised with and had regular meeting with planning and other relevant officers and members (including ward councillors and the Cabinet Member with responsibility for planning) at Rotherham MBC.

The Group also engaged with relevant bodies and individuals in the development of specific policies and supporting information. The group contacted the local branch of the Council for Protection of Rural England, for example, to request assistance with developing the environmental policies in the Plan. Discussions also took place with the existing and potential developers such as Homes4Yorkshire.

6.4 Community Consultation Event – December 2018

Members of the Steering Group attended and manned a stall at the Annual Christmas Dinnington Partnership Event at the Dinnington Resource Centre on the afternoon of 3 December 2018. This is one of the most popular, well known and well-attended community

events in the Parish. The main aims of the events were to inform the community about the progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and to inform, and encourage, them to take part in the forthcoming consultation on the draft Plan. There was a display board, and leaflets were distributed informing attendees of the details of the forthcoming consultation on the draft plan. An illustrative photograph from the event is shown below.



7.0 Regulation 14 Consultation

7.1 General

Following the initial consultation with the community and stakeholders on the emerging Plan and subsequent consideration by the Steering Group Parish Council, it was agreed to proceed with the formal pre-submission consultation in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

The consultation period commenced on the 14 December and ended on the 18 February 2019. The initial deadline was the 8 February 2019. Due to an initial technical issue with uploading some of the supporting evidence documents onto the website, which affected the first three days of the consultation, it was agreed in discussions with Rotherham MBC to extend the

deadline to 18 February 2019.

This ensured there was more than the statutory 6 weeks available for consultation responses to be made and took into account the consultation period included the Christmas and New Year period.

The draft Plan was publicised effectively in the local community and to wider stakeholders. This included where the plan could be viewed and the methods by which a response could be given.

The draft Plan was made available:

- Via email.
- Via the Town Council website and dedicated NP webpage.
- Paper copies of the Plan could be requested from the Town Clerk.

The community were informed about the consultation via:

- Posters in locations around the Plan area;
- Notices on the Town Council websites (See <https://www.hugofox.com/community/dinnington-neighbourhood-plan-12951/documents/> and Appendix C); and
- Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members encouraged people to respond.
- Drop-in events held In December on (see below).
- Community consultation event held on 3rd December (see below).
- Social media including the dedicated FaceBook site.

Statutory consultees were informed via:

- Email (the email and full list of consultees are set out in Appendices D and E).

Other stakeholders were informed via:

- Letter delivered to all shops in the Town Centre.
- Email via Rotherham MBC's Planning Department to all local developers and landowners held on their database of local developers/landowners.
- Email (and Tweeter Feed) via Rotherham MBC's Neighbourhood Partnerships Team to all local community groups and individuals held on their database of local groups and individuals in the Parish.
- Letter sent to owners/occupiers of all proposed Dinnington Local Character Buildings and Structures.
- E-mail/letter to all known owners of proposed Local Green Spaces.

7.2 Drop in Events

Two community consultation 'drop-in' events took place on Friday 14 December 2018 (between 10.00 and 4.00pm) and Saturday 15 December 2018 (between 10.00am and 12.30pm). Both were held at Dinnington St John's Town Council Offices in the centre of Dinnington. These times and days were purposefully selected to maximise interest and attendance by residents

as well as other interested bodies and individuals. They span, for example, both normal and normal working hours.

The main purposes of the events were three-fold:

- To kick-start, and raise the profile of, the formal consultation on the draft Plan.
- To encourage residents and other stakeholders to comment on the draft and provide detail on how to do this.
- To outline progress in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The events were widely publicised through the Parish and the surrounding area. This included a flyer was delivered to all shops in the Town Centre and more widely; through social media, Town Council and other websites.

The event was well attended with over 100 people recorded as taking part. These mainly comprised members of the public, but also local ward councillors, shopkeepers and other organisations.

A report outlining the key outcomes from this event is provided at Appendix F.

7.3 Regulation 14 conclusions.

The Town Council took positive and inclusive steps to inform and consult with the local community and other stakeholders on the draft Plan using a variety of means.

30 or so responses were received from individual members of the public and a wide range of organisations.

Many were supportive. The feedback from the community consultation drop event and other means suggested a high level of satisfaction with the Plan, its aims and policies.

The most notable issues were the relationship with local and national planning policy, and the housing mix and provision sections. Also, the natural environment chapter with comments received that the Green Infrastructure Section lacked local detail and distinctive and that the proposed Local Green Space designations did not satisfy the tests set out in national planning policy. Detailed comments were received from Rotherham MBC

The responses received were considered by the Steering Group and the Town Council. The Plan was then amended accordingly.

A summary of consultation responses received was produced, setting out the main comments received and how the Plan has been amended in response to the comments received is set out in Appendix G.

The amendments and the revised Plan were considered by the Town Council, and the Plan amended accordingly. The Town Council formally agreed on the submission of the draft Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council at its meeting on Monday 9 September 2019. The Plan was submitted to the Borough Council on 16 September 2019.

Dinnington and Anston Schools

Their Current Pupil Numbers and the Out of School Activities they Offer

I contacted the following schools where possible speaking to the Headteacher or if this was not possible I obtained information from the Administrator. I left a copy of the attached letter in all the schools. The 3 schools asterisked are the ones where I had information from the Headteacher. In the remaining primary schools I was able to obtain much of the information from the administration staff. I had no response at Dinnington Comprehensive.

Anston Brook J & I

Anston Greenlands J & I **

Anston Hillcrest J & I **

Anston Park Junior **

Dinnington Primary School

Laughton J & I

Laughton CE Primary

St Joseph's J & I

Dinnington Comprehensive

All of the schools are full or have only single numbers of places for pupils. Where vacancies are available they are not necessarily in every year group.

One Headteacher was aware of "suggested" plans for new housing and commented that with the numbers I had given that a new school would be essential.

All the primary schools offer a choice of out of school activities for their own pupils. These are almost entirely after the end of the school day. Many are sport orientated but music and craft activities were also on offer. The Headteachers I spoke to said the activities provided were to some extent pupil lead.

All the staff I spoke to were concerned about the lack of leisure activities for their pupils in the area. One said anything to get children active would be a welcome addition. Dinnington Rugby Club and Anston Cricket Club were the only ones mentioned. The few other facilities are aimed at adults.

The lack of swimming facilities in the area was a major cause for concern. The pools in Aston, Maltby and Worksop are not easily accessible by public transport so children whose parents have no vehicle are unable to visit these locations.

Example of letter sent to all schools

59 Lidgett Lane

Dinnington

Sheffield S25 2QB

01909 565319

thebanhams@sky.com

23.10.2017

Dear Headteacher

I am one of a group of local residents who are putting together a Neighbourhood Plan for Dinnington. This is a Government Initiative aimed at making the development of local areas become more directed by local inhabitants. It is NOT led by any political group. One of the areas we are addressing is the provision for young people. As a retired Rotherham teacher it has fallen on me to contact schools in the area to obtain information which may help us decide on the needs we may be able to address. I must stress we are NOT looking to interfere in the ways in which our schools serve the community but rather ways in which we may supplement, outside school, what they are already doing.

I appreciate all teachers are very busy people but could you spare the time to give the following information either by phone, email or a very short meeting with me.

1. Have you any spare pupil capacity, if so please give approximate numbers.
2. Are you aware that Rotherham Council plan to build 1000+ houses in the Dinnington/Anston area in the next 10 years which would require an estimated increase in pupil places of two thousand plus. Would your school be able to accommodate a significant part of this huge increase?
3. Can you give an indication of extra curricular facilities you offer.
4. If you had a wish list of facilities you would like to see in the immediate area for your pupils to benefit from what would they be?

Yours sincerely

Mrs L. Banham

Report on the Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Community Consultation Event held on Friday 8 December and Saturday, 9 December 2017.

1. Background

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2. Purpose of the Event

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- To provide information on what was involved in preparing a neighbourhood plan.
- To update the community and other interested partners on progress with the neighbourhood plan.
- To seek feedback on the emerging vision, objectives and policy aims of the Plan.
- To find about more how people could be involved.

3. How the event was publicised.

This event was widely published through the Parish and the surrounding area. This included through:

- A leaflet was prepared which was delivered by Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members to all households in the Parish.
- Town Council Web-Site.
- E-mails to interested bodies such as local business and Borough councillors.
- Social Media, including the local FaceBook site.
- Town Council and other meetings, including the local Dinnington Town Centre Business Forum.
- Town Councillors and Steering Group members promoted the event.
- Word of mouth.

An example of one of the means of how the event was publicised is shown at Appendix 1

4. Format of the Event

People attending were met by members of the Steering Group on arrival. They were asked to sign in, and the format of the event was explained to them.

Several display boards were made available to view. Each focused on a different emerging theme of the Plan, including:

- Housing
- Businesses and employment
- Natural Environment
- Built Environment
- Housing
- Shops and the Town Centre
- Traffic and Transport.

In addition, a short presentation was available to view. This explained more about the neighbourhood plan process, the context for the plan and the aims of the Plan. This was delivered through a short power presentation on a loop system which was projected on to a screen.

Prior to departing, attendees were asked to complete a short questionnaire about the day as well as the Plan and its emerging priorities.

Tea, coffee and mince pies were offered to all those attending.

5. Key Outcomes

The event was well received. Over 100 people attended. These mainly comprised local residents, but also local ward councillors, local business people and developers.

There was general support for the principle of developing the Plan and the identified key issues it could seek to address.

Of the attendees who completed the questionnaire

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We need **YOUR** help to shape the future of **OUR** community

Decisions can now be influenced more by local people....That means you!

A Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared by Dinnington St Johns Town Council and we would like you to be involved

To find out about more about what we have done so far and how you can get involved and comment on the plans please come along to

The Lyric, Dinnington

Friday 8th December 2017 10am - 4pm

Saturday 9th December 2017 10am - 12:30pm

Come see the plans and have a free mince pie



The Government have given local communities the opportunity to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for their Local Area, putting in place planning policies for the future development and growth of their neighbourhood. The Plan will give our Community the power to shape the future of Dinnington for the next 20 years

Screenshots from Dinnington Town Council websites illustrating how the Regulation 14 Draft Plan was communicated and consulted on

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We have completed the draft pre-submission version of the Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan, and we now invite YOUR comments. This Plan covers the whole of the Parish of Dinnington St John's. As part of this process, the Town Council is required under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, to bring the draft Plan to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the Plan area. The period within which comments can be made on the Plan is 15th December 2018 to 18 February 2019.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a really important document, as it outlines a future vision for the Parish and includes planning policies which will be used to determine planning proposals for Dinnington. Please take the time to read the draft Plan and give us your views, as these will add strength to the proposals. This is YOUR Plan and we want to ensure that we have reflected local priorities and aspirations, prior to its submission to Rotherham Borough Council.

The Plan and supporting documents may be viewed by following the link below. The Town Centre masterplan can be viewed [here](#). Printed copies of the Plan are available to view at the Town Council's Offices by arrangement at 01909 564169. If you wish to comment on the Plan, you can either do this by:

- Email to Dinnington Town Council at dsjtc@hotmail.co.uk. I
- Send to, or put in the letterbox at, Dinnington St John's Town Council, The Lyric, 62a Laughton Road, Dinnington, Sheffield, S25 2PS.

Wherever possible, could you also please ensure that you clearly specify the policy or section to which your response relates to.

News of all developments, meetings and other information can be found on the dedicated neighbourhood plan website at <https://www.hugofox.com/community/dinnington-neighbourhood-plan-12951/documents/>

From <https://www.dinningtonstjohns.org/news.php>

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Draft Plan and Documents

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - terms of reference.pdf Neighbourhood-Plan-

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Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan - Key findings from Community

Consultation Events December 2017.pdfDinnington-St-John's-Neighbourhood-Plan---Key-

findings-from-Community-Consultation-Events-December-2017.pdf194.1 KB

Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Supporting Evidence - Local Green Spaces - Appendix

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MBDinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Supporting Evidence - Census 2011

Profile – Appendix 2Dinnington-St-John's-Neighbourhood-Plan-Supporting-Evidence---

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Evidence - Housing Need and Characteristics – Appendix 1Dinnington-St-John's-

Neighbourhood-Plan-Supporting-Evidence---Housing-Need-and-Characteristics.pdf478.9

KBDinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Supporting Evidence - Proposed

Character Buildings and Structures of Local Heritage Interest – Appendix

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Buildings-and-Structures-of-Local-Heritage-Interest.pdf3.3 MB

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Dinnington Events

WHAT'S ON AT THE LYRIC

See Notices posted on our main doors off Laughton Road, in the windows of our new office next door and on our notice board on Constable Lane for up to date information on what is happening at The Lyric. You can also 'Like' the Lyric Facebook page @TheLyricVenue to receive details on up-coming shows and events.

Dinnington Business Forum

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Dinnington Neighbourhood Plan

Draft Plan and Documents

- Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - terms of reference.pdf (1267 KB)
- Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan - Key Findings from Community Consultation Events December 2017.pdf (1941 KB)
- Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Supporting Evidence - Local Green Spaces - Appendix 1 (1071 KB)
- Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Supporting Evidence - Census 2011 Profile - Appendix 2 (1071 KB)
- Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Supporting Evidence - Housing Need and Characteristics - Appendix 3 (1071 KB)
- Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Supporting Evidence - Proposed Character Buildings and Structures of Local Heritage Interest - Appendix 4 (1071 KB)
- Dinnington Draft NP - General Paper 2.26.pdf (212 KB)
- Dinnington St John's Draft Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation Version 1.pdf (212 KB)
- Dinnington St John's Draft Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation Version 2.pdf (212 KB)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We have completed the draft pre-submission version of the Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan, and we now invite YOUR comments. This Plan covers the whole of the Parish of Dinnington St John's. As part of this process, the Town Council is required under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, to bring the draft Plan to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the Plan area. The period within which comments can be made on the Plan is 15th December 2018 to 18 February 2019.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a really important document, as it outlines a future vision for the Parish and includes planning policies which will be used to determine planning proposals for Dinnington. Please take the time to read the draft Plan and give us your views, as these will add strength to the proposals. This is YOUR Plan and we want to ensure that we have reflected local priorities and aspirations, prior to its submission to Rotherham Borough Council.

Below are the important documents relating to Dinnington's Draft Neighbourhood Plan, with the exception of the Town Centre Masterplan which has been added to this website. Copies of the Town Centre plan are available on request from Dinnington St John's Town Council via hugh@hugofox.com or 01909 564169. It can also be seen on the website on <https://www.dinningtonstjohns.org/news.php>.

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Rotherham MBC	Ryan Shepherd, Senior Planning Officer, Planning Policy Team
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All parish councils in the Borough.

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Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area;

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Campaign to Protect Rural England	National Office 5-11 Lavington Street London SE1 0NZ	info@cpre.org.uk
National Trust		enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk

Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area;

Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance	The Unity Centre, St Leonards Road, Rotherham S65 1PD	team@rema-online.org.uk
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Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area;

Churches Together in Rotherham	monicagrants71@yahoo.co.uk
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Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area;

Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce	Unit 6 Genesis Business Park Sheffield Road Templeborough Rotherham S60 1DX	info@brchamber.co.uk
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Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area;

South Yorkshire Centre for Inclusive Living -		info@sycil.org
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Other national bodies and agencies

Country Land & Business Association Limited	mail@cla.org.uk
Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire	info@southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk
House Builders Federation	info@hbf.co.uk
CISWO	mail@ciswo.org.uk

Other Local Bodies and Individuals.

Local Ward Councillors	By email
Local MP	By email
Other developers and landowners	Via Rotherham MBC (Planning Department)
Other local community and voluntary groups	Via Rotherham MBC (Neighbourhood Partnerships)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on Dinnington St John's Draft Neighbourhood Plan

We have recently finalised the pre-submission draft version of the Dinnington St's Parish Neighbourhood Plan. This Plan covers the whole of the Parish of Dinnington St John's in the Borough of Rotherham.

As part of this process, the Town Council is required under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, to bring the draft Plan to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the Plan area.

As we consider you or your organisation falls within one of these categories, we would very much welcome your thoughts and views on the Plan and proposals within it.

There will be a consultation period during which you can respond, commencing on 15 December 2018 and closing on 18 February 2019.

A copy of the draft Plan is attached. A copy as well as supporting documentation can be viewed and downloaded from the Dinnington Town website at <https://www.dinningtonstjohns.org/index.php>.

If you wish to comment on the Plan, you can please do this either by:

- Email to Dinnington Town Council at dsjtc@hotmail.co.uk.
- Send to, or put in the letterbox at, Dinnington St John's Town Council, The Lyric, 62a Laughton Road, Dinnington, Sheffield, S25 2PS.

Wherever possible, could you also please ensure that you clearly specify the policy or section to which your response relates to.

A copy of the Draft Plan can be requested from the Town Council's Offices by e-mailing dsjtc@hotmail.co.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

David Smith

Chairman of Dinnington St John's Parish Council and Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Report on the Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Community Consultation Events on the Draft Neighbourhood held on Friday 14 December and Saturday, 15 December 2018.

1. Background

Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group undertook two community consultation 'drop-in' events about the draft Neighbourhood Plan. These took place on Friday 14 December 2018 (between 10.00 and 4.00pm) and Saturday 15 December 2018 (between 10.00am and 12.30pm). Both were held at the Town Council Offices in the centre of Dinnington. These times and days were purposefully selected to maximise interest and attendance by residents as well as other interested bodies and individuals. They span, for example, both normal and normal working hours.

2. Purpose of the Events

The main purposes of the events were three-fold:

- To kick-start, and raise the profile of, the formal consultation on the draft Plan.
- To encourage residents and other stakeholders to comment on the draft and provide detail on how to do this.
- To outline progress in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

3. How the events were publicised.

The events were widely publicised through the Parish and the surrounding area. This included through:

- A 'flyer' (see appendix 1) was prepared. This was delivered by Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members to all households in the Parish, shops in the Town Centre and other businesses. A copy of the flyer was sent by Rotherham MBC to local community groups, and other interested bodies and individuals held on a database held by them.
- Town Council Web-Site.
- E-mails to interested bodies such as all Borough councillors and the local media.
- Social Media, including the local FaceBook site.
- Town Councillors and Steering Group members promoted the event.
- Word of mouth.

Examples of the means of how the events were publicised are shown in Section 6

4. The Format of the Events

People attending were met by members of the Steering Group on arrival. They were asked to sign in, and the format of the events explained to them.

Several display boards were made available to view. Each focused on a different emerging theme of the draft Plan, including:

- What is a Neighbourhood Plan
- Progress to date.
- Housing.
- Businesses and employment.
- Natural Environment.
- Built Environment.
- Housing
- The Town Centre and shops.

In addition, attendees were asked to consider the proposed Leisure Centre the development of which was being led by the Steering Group.

Prior to departing, attendees were asked to complete a short questionnaire about the day as well as the Plan and its emerging priorities.

5. Key Outcomes

The event was well received. Over 80 people were recorded as attended over the two days. This mainly comprised local residents, but also local ward councillors and town centre shopkeepers.

This figure, however, does not reflect the true (much higher) number of people who viewed the presentation. Due to the perceived success of the day, it was agreed to keep the presentation open for viewing for a further week. It could be viewed on an 'unmanned' basis for a further two during normal office open times of the Town Council. While formal records were not kept of those who viewed it over this extended period, anecdotal evidence suggests that this could be over a hundred.

Prior to departing, attendees were asked to complete a short questionnaire about the day as well as the Plan and its emerging priorities.

Of the attendees who completed the questionnaire:

- When asked 'How useful did you find the feedback day' - the most popular response of the 27 people who responded to this question was highly satisfied followed by satisfied. The average score for the question was 3.5 based on a rating of 1 being low/poor rising to 4 for being highly satisfied.
- When asked "To what extent are you satisfied with the Policies in the Plan in relation to" the Policy Area the 25 respondents were most satisfied with was 'Shops and the Town Centre' with an average score of 3.48, based on a rating of 1 being low/poor rising to 4 for being highly satisfied. This was followed by (ranked) 'Health, Leisure and Community Facilities' (3.46); 'Housing' (3.42); 'Natural Environment' (3.13); 'Built Environment, Design and Infrastructure' (3.12) and 'Education, Employment and Skills' (3.04). This indicates a good level of satisfaction for all the Policy Areas.
- 92% (23) of the 25 respondents agreed 'that Dinnington will benefit from a Neighbourhood Plan'. Only 1 or 4% said 'No'. The other respondents stated that it "depends".

Fig 1: Analysis of Draft NP Questionnaire responses

Question	No. of Responses	Average Score (1-4)*
How useful did you find the consultation day?	27	3.52
To what extent are you satisfied with the Policies in the Plan in relation to:		
1. Housing	24	3.42
2. Health, Leisure & Community Facilities	26	3.46
3. Education, Employment and Skills	25	3.04
4. Shops and the Town Centre	25	3.48
5. Natural Environment	23	3.13
6. Built Environment, Design & Infrastructure	25	3.12
Do you feel that Dinnington will benefit from a Neighbourhood Plan?	25	92% (23) Yes 4% (1) Depends 4% (1) No

*1=Very poor/low rising to 4 =Highly Satisfied

While the focus of the events was to inform people about the consultation of the draft Plan, a number of comments were also received over the two days. These are, broken down below, by broad topic area.

General comments on the Plan

- Well-presented plans.
- This plan is extremely good for the area.
- Good luck with moving this forward !
- Good ideas but is it affordable? Are grants available ?

Housing

- More social housing is needed.
- More social housing is needed.
- Don't assume that 60+ residents want bungalows/sheltered accommodation
- Green Belt.
- I am concerned about the use of greenbelt for housing, please use the derelict areas/brownfield first.
- Not happy about the greenbelt being used for housing.
- Need to protect Greenfield sites and use brownfield sites.
- Attack on green belt.
- What about sites near to the trading estates.
- Infill housing on Swinston Hill.
- Planning Inspector refuses to accept brownfield sites before greenfield.
- Brownfield sites to be used first.
- Council should take financial responsibility for the clean-up of brownfield sites for developers to use. This will protect green sites which the council maintains is a priority.

Town Centre

- Litter needs addressing.
- How will you ensure shop fronts are attractive? Surely better to have a shop no matter what the frontage is like?

- I can't see how you will enhance Constable Lane as a main thoroughfare
- Let's have a pretty main street.
- A cinema is needed , small to medium size (150 – 200 seats).
- Litter needs addressing.
- Access to public transport.
- Gateway from bus station to town centre on market site.
- What technology will reduce ASB?
- A band stand in Coronation Park for events will draw people to Dinnington
- Falcon Square has been partly developed but more could be done relatively cheaply to give an aesthetic area close to the green such as more trees and more seating.

Shops

- Takeaways should pay more business rates to pay for all the food waste and containers left by customers.
- Takeaways pay business rates but should pay for waste disposal.
- Suggest a take away tax to directly fund a clean up.
- No more take-aways.
- Protect children – restrict takeaways near to schools.
- No more take-aways.

Environment

- Reduce fly tipping.

Businesses/employment

- Need to attract more small businesses (rent/rate review).
- Local businesses on trading estates also need to be on board , again they can give local kids guidance on qualifications needed.
- Local schools should be on board to give kids an idea of what's in the area and the qualifications needed for local job opportunities.

Leisure Centre Proposal

- Car parking for leisure centre could be an issue.
- Leisure centre a good idea.
- Very interested in the leisure centre and all its facilities.
- You have Aldi, Bus station and Tesco along with this proposal all in close proximity.
- Will it be used? Charges may mean some residents not able to use the facility.
- Particularly interested in leisure centre for swimming etc.
- What will the effect be on the existing pool?
- Very much in favour of new leisure centre.
- A leisure centre would be really good.

Other

- Break away from Rotherham Borough as old Rural District.
- Get out of Rotherham and let local people have more say.
- What has happened to policing – any type of development in the village is useless without a police presence.

These comments received were fed into the overall consultation on the Plan.

6. Some illustrative photos, including promotional material

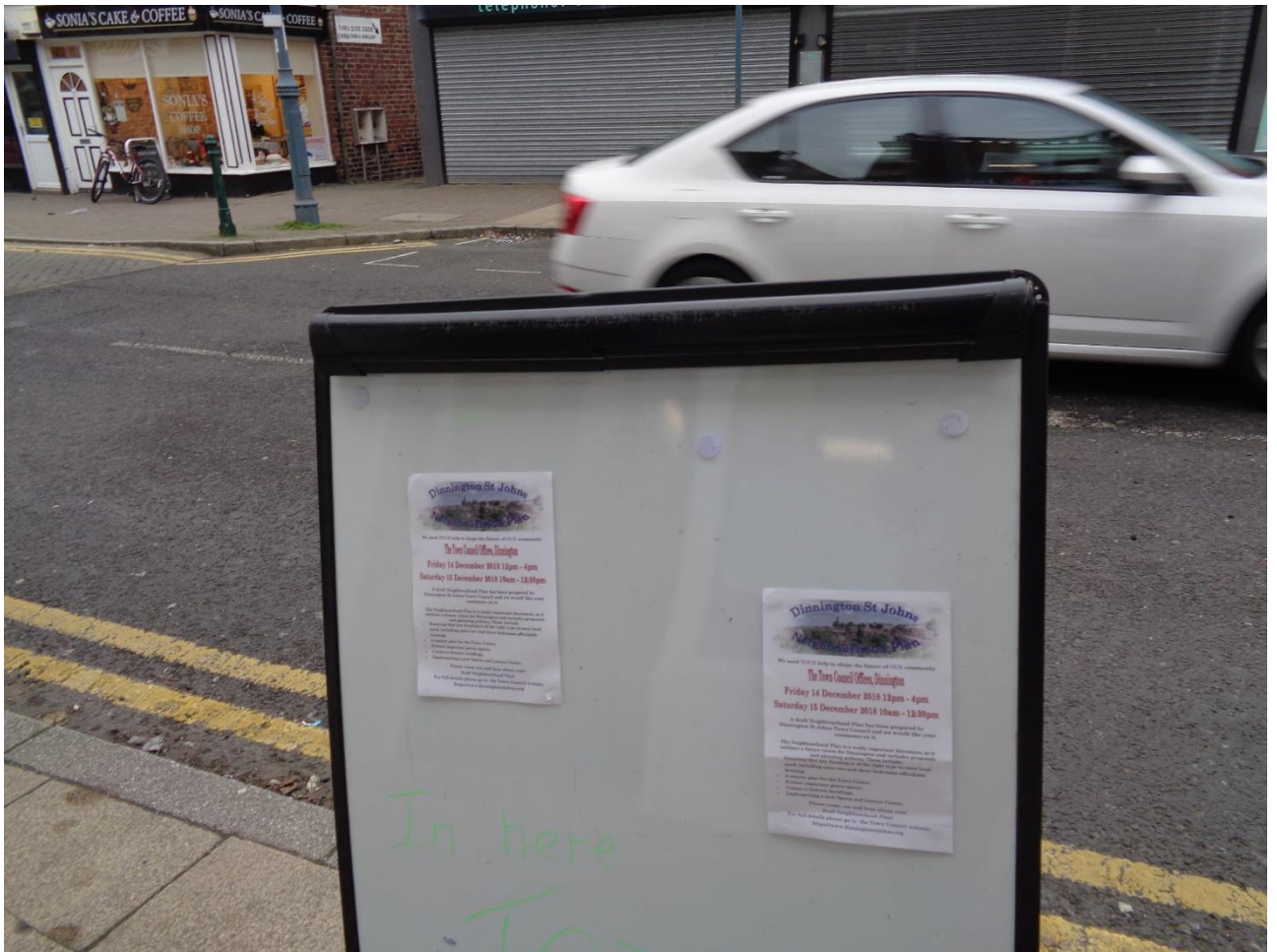
Photo from one of the days.



An example of a poster in a shop window in the Town Centre promoting the events.



An A-Board in the Town Centre promoting the events.



The Flyer that was prepared and circulated widely about the events and the wider consultation on the Plan.



We need **YOUR** help to shape the future of **OUR** community

A draft Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Dinnington St Johns Town Council and we would like you comments on it.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a really important document, as it outlines a future vision for Dinnington and includes planning policies which will be used to determine planning proposals for the Parish.

To find out about more about what we have done so far and how you can get involved please come along to:

The Lyric, Dinnington

Friday 23rd November 2018 12pm - 4pm

Saturday 24th November 2018 10am - 12:30pm

Please come, see and hear about the Draft Neighbourhood Plan!



Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan

Summary and analysis of comments received on the Draft (Regulation 14) Neighbourhood Plan

March 2019

No.	Policy/Section	Respondent	Summary of strategic ⁱ comments	Initial Response
1	GENERAL	Coal Authority	It is noted that the Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate any sites for future development and on this basis we have no specific comments to make in respect of the Pre-submission Draft.	That you have no specific comments to make on the Plan is noted.
2		Highways England	Highways England welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the Submission Version of the Dinnington Parish Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) and we have undertaken a review of the Plan in accordance with our responsibilities and aims. This letter provides an overview of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in Rotherham, the background to Highways England's engagement on the emerging Local Plan and our formal response to this Neighbourhood Plan consultation. Following our examination of the Plan and supporting documentation, mainly the Rotherham Local Plan (RLP), Highways England wish to offer no objection to consultation document as it stands. We have reviewed this with the primary interest of the safety and efficiency of the SRN. Below is a review of our findings, along with some recommendations that may need to be considered in the future.	That you have no specific objections to the Plan is noted.

3		Historic England	We do not consider that there is any need for Historic England to advise on the Plan at this time.	Noted.
4		National Grid	National Grid has identified that it has no record of such apparatus within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	Noted.
5		DJP planning on behalf of CISWO	The aspirations of the local community to influence and guide development within the Parish to improve well-being for residents is supported.	This statement is welcomed.
6		Resident at the consultation event	Well-presented plans	This statement is welcomed.
7		Resident at the consultation event	This plan is extremely good for the area	This support is welcomed.
8		Resident at the consultation event	Good luck with moving this forward !	Noted.
9		Resident at the consultation event	Good ideas but is it affordable? Are grants available ?	In developing the Plan careful consideration has been given to the viability of the proposals, including the availability of grants.
10		Rotherham MBC	In terms of policies, they would be better presented with accompanying references and links to existing Local Plan policies. At present there appears to have been little attention paid to the policies proposed and how they fit with, overlap with or would operate with other plan policies. This could result in unintended consequences, such as superseding stronger policies which could result in greater risk of development coming forward which the community may not support.	It is considered that the Plan makes sufficient link, and has regard to, the Local Plan policies. It is not considered proportionate nor desirable for each policy to make reference to existing local plan policies in the document. It is agreed, however, to review the Plan in this respect.
11		Resident	The plan is just what Dinnington needs to get the ball rolling as these things take years to	This general support is welcomed.

			implement. Looking forward to watching the plan as it grows.	
12		Rotherham MBC	It is disappointing that there is an undercurrent of negativity towards the Council throughout the document. There is also a concern that negatives about the area are highlighted disproportionately throughout the document yet it identifies 'Dinnington is an attractive place to live'. Whilst respecting that there may be different views held, the NP would benefit from being drafted in a more positive light.	The NP is a response to the feedback from the local community concerning their wish for more influence in terms of the developments for the residents over the next 15 or so years. There is no doubt that there is a feeling that there has been little involvement in the design of Community Facilities and services for many years. Whilst this perception may be questioned based on the normal consultation processes that RMBC have carried out the local community do not believe they have "ownership" of decision making that concerns them. The elements of the NP reflect this perception and attempts to define those areas that the local residents feel are important to them and require change and development.
13		Rotherham MBC	It is also noted that statistics which have been provided previously has appear to have been disregarded. The 2017 ward profile is attached as an appendix (appendix 1) to these comments and should be taken into	We can assure you that statistics provided have not been disregarded. There are several examples of where statistics and other

			account in preparing a revised version of the plan.	information provided by RMBC have been used. The Plan has tended to use Census data as this provides reliable data for the Parish rather than the ward data. Further, it enables robust comparisons with other areas.
14		Rotherham MBC	It is pleasing to see a focus on good quality design, affordability and future running costs as well as being open to designing in energy efficiency. It is also welcomed that the community are looking outwards and recognising that housing need doesn't just come from within the area, it will be attractive to people from outside.	This general support is welcomed.
15		Rotherham MBC	It would be helpful and assist officers in implementing the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) if the document had paragraph numbering. This would enable reports by planning officers to refer to specific paragraphs rather than page numbers.	The NP has been produced by representatives of the Community under guidance from consultants regarding the elements that can be included in such a Plan. The representatives are not Town Planning Professionals and have only tried to constructively communicate needs and wishes of the residents. The ability to provide these wishes are clearly understood to have financial implications and must be seen in the overall context of RMBC's plans and priorities. How these desires can be

				achieved or not is not part of an NP, that is the role of the Local Authority based on the input from its residents across the Borough. It is important, however, that the Local Authority recognise the wishes of the Community and communicate alternatives or reasons why there wishes cannot be fulfilled within a realistic planning horizon.
16		Rotherham MBC	There is an over-arching concern that many of the policies are simply stating what is already being done, and that there are a number of proposals that do not seem to be joined up with the necessary partners. In addition there is a concern that the plan does not sufficiently reflect the funding or resources required to implement aspirations. For example, it is agreed that new community facilities, employment sites and residential areas need access to public transport, walking and cycling,; however there is nothing in the plan which demonstrates how this will be achieved.	We can assure you that the viability and deliverability of proposals has been a key consideration in the development of the Plan. This includes consultation and engagement with key delivery partners. It is not agreed that “there is nothing in the plan which demonstrates how this will be achieved”. The Plan, for example, includes a specific section on developer contributions including detail how the Town Council intends to priorities its share of any CIL contributions in support of the Plan.
17	FOREWORD	Rotherham MBC	There is a concern that an overly negative picture is being painted from the outset which could be misleading. The headlines include reference to	The Steering Group group have looked carefully at all available statistics and have drawn their conclusions

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A decreasing life expectancy. • A worsening Health situation for all. • At best an Educational achievement picture that is static at a low base. <p>There are concerns that some of these issues are relevant for part of the Parish (namely the two central super output areas) but outside of those two areas the rest of Dinnington is usually equal to or better than the Borough averages.</p>	<p>accordingly. Additionally, the aspiration of any community must be for “Improvement over time”. The benchmark for every resident is to achieve at least the UK average level for all measures. Failure to achieve this must be considered as a cause for concern and should be reflected in an action plan to close the gap in all areas of daily life. The analysis of all available statistics seems to show that this is not the case for Dinnington. Examples of this are:</p>
18		Rotherham MBC	<p>Para 3 - The choice of wording maybe a subjective opinion that is not appropriate in the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Para 4 - The sentence ‘It is not a list of what we do not want’ should be reworded for clarity.</p> <p>Last para - It is disappointing that this paragraph seeks to score political points</p>	<p>It is agreed to amend this section to clarify the points being made. See also response to 16.</p>
19	INTRODUCTI ON	Rotherham MBC	<p>It is considered that reference to ‘some development of the local industry’ is overly negative and does not reflect the development and regeneration which has taken place, particularly at the former Colliery site.</p>	<p>It is agreed to amend this section to clarify this point. See also response to 16.</p>
20		Rotherham MBC	<p>The last two sentences of this paragraph are a subjective opinion and do not reflect the current position. These two sentences (from ‘This wish for...’) should be deleted. The</p>	<p>It is agreed to remove the reference to “there are further areas requiring clarification or agreement”.</p>

			Inspector examining the Core Strategy was satisfied that the Council had demonstrated the exceptional circumstances required to review and amend the Green Belt boundary. The Sites and Policies document has subsequently defined the borough's Green Belt boundary and contains a suite of policies relating to development within the Green Belt, as well as policies relating to windfall sites and previously developed land. Following adoption of the Core Strategy and the Sites and Policies document it is considered that there are no further areas requiring clarification or agreement.	
21	SPATIAL PORTRAIT	Rotherham MBC	This states that 'The Parish has been the subject of a series of regeneration programmes and initiatives with limited success.' This is considered to be subjective and no evidence is provided to demonstrate that any success has been limited. On what evidence is this based? In the absence of any evidence then 'with limited success' should be deleted.	It is agreed to provide further evidence that the regeneration of the parish has only had limited success. It should be noted that the following paragraph makes specific reference to "in recent years, the Parish has seen steady economic and social growth".
22		Rotherham MBC	With regard to this bullet point, the Council considers that leisure centre facilities are available in other parts of the borough, accessible by public transport. Furthermore the draft plan should also recognise that swimming facilities are already available within Dinnington which are open to members of the public (at Brooklands Park Industrial Estate).	This is noted. The Plan explicitly states in the community facilities section that leisure centre facilities are available in other parts of the borough, accessible by public transport. It also recognises that there is a swimming pool (at Brooklands Park Industrial Estate) which is available to members of the public.

23	PLAN POLICIES	Rotherham MBC	This establishes that the neighbourhood plan sets out planning policy (identified as 'Policy') and non-planning policies identified as 'Actions.' It does not appear that this approach has been put into practice. There is no clear, identified list of actions in the document, to sit alongside planning policies. It is considered that the plan would benefit from actions being highlighted in some way – perhaps in a box distinct from planning policies.	Its agreed to make the 'Community Actions' more distinct in the document.
24	H1: HOUSING REQUIREMENTS	Resident at the consultation event	What about sites near to the trading estates.	Noted.
25		Resident at the consultation event	Infill housing on Swinston Hill.	This is noted. The Plan supports suitable infill development.
26		DJP planning on behalf of CISWO	Draft Policy H1 of the Neighbourhood Plan supports the delivery of housing on sites allocated within the Neighbourhood Plan. This approach is supported in accordance with the Local Plan and specifically to support the delivery of housing on site allocation H80.	The general support for this policy is welcomed.
27		Fisher German on behalf of RNN Group	Policy H1 should be deleted, as currently it is vague and ineffective. The policy does not relate to the housing requirement, which has been set by the Rotherham Development Plan. The Policy is also superfluous, as by definition, any development coming forward on unallocated sites is windfall. There is no other way development could be brought forward then as an allocated site, or as a windfall. The policy is therefor not required and should be deleted.	While it is disputed that this policy is vague and ineffective, it is recognised that it could be viewed as a policy statement rather than a policy. It is proposed to remove the policy but incorporate it into the text as this clearly sets out the intentions of the Parish Council and the wider community.

			<p>If it is the intention of the author to prevent further development coming forward within the Parish, then one would raise serious concerns with the compatibility with this with regards to both national and local planning policies. Clearly, it is the intention of the NPPF to assist in boosting the supply of housing significantly, as outlined at Paragraph 59 of the Framework (2018). Paragraph 60 continues that Local Planning authorities should determine the minimum number of homes needed. Furthermore, paragraph 20 outlines that policies related to the scale of the provision of dwellings (including affordable) should be considered as a strategic policy. Therefore, there is a requirement for the Neighbourhood Plan to be in general conformity with Rotherham's housing distribution policies, by virtue of both basic conditions a and e.</p>	
28		Rotherham MBC	<p>In terms of general comments regarding housing in the draft plan, the recommendations in the 2017 Area Profile reflect the themes/issues in the neighbourhood plan:</p>	<p>The good relationship between the two documents is welcomed.</p>
29		Rotherham MBC	<p>This section is presented as factual (i.e. 'Where are we now), whereas the words in the second bullet point 'The scale of the proposed housing is too great.' are an un-evidenced opinion and should be deleted. There is no evidence that the scale of proposed housing in the Local Plan is too great – examinations of both the Core Strategy and Sites and Policies documents have supported the Council's strategy which makes appropriate, suitable and sustainable</p>	<p>It is disputed that the statement is "un-evidenced opinion". This was a major theme of the evidence gather from consultation and other sources during the preparation of the Plan. It is agreed to look at the wording to make this clearer.</p>

			<p>provision for housing and other development in this settlement grouping.</p> <p>Furthermore, whilst the bullet points refer to the needs of the 'local community' and 'local housing' the draft plan should also recognise that housing provision within the Parish contributes to meeting the borough's overall housing needs and requirements.</p> <p>As such the Local Plan provides for an appropriate, suitable and sustainable provision for housing, both within Dinnington and the borough as a whole.</p>	
30		Rotherham MBC	<p>Consideration should be given to revising the first sentence given that the draft plan does not seek to introduce more housing allocations than as set out in the Local Plan or amend the location of these sites.</p> <p>The paragraph refers to a 'low-income level with high proportion of households claiming benefits'. It is unclear on what basis this is evidenced. For example, the 2017 Ward profile indicates that in 2016 the proportion of people claiming benefits of all types in Dinnington is at or just below the Rotherham borough average.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, the Council does support aspirations as regards energy efficiency and passive house design, which will benefit all households.</p>	The Borough Council's general support for this policy is welcomed. It is agreed to amend and clarify the wording as suggested.
31		Rotherham MBC	<p>This paragraph makes reference to health issues arising; however any assertions should be backed up by evidence. What specific energy efficiency measures are referred to? What evidence is there to support the impact on health? If this is an issue how has the draft plan responded to it</p>	It is agreed to add further evidence to support these assertions as suggested.

32		Rotherham MBC	This refers to 70% growth in private rented sector stock – what is the source for the figure? Reference is made to ‘a large number of properties that are of a low standard and again are not conducive to a healthy lifestyle and communities’. Again, on what evidence is this assertion made?	The source is 2011 Census. It is agreed to make the supporting evidence base clearer.
33		Rotherham MBC	Object to the un-evidenced assertions in this paragraph. The paragraph should be reworded or deleted...There is no evidence provided to support the claim that Dinnington is providing ‘more than its fair share’ or that Dinnington is not a sustainable and suitable location for the scale of development proposed. As such the plan should be amended to correct these factual errors.	We disagreed that these assertions are un-evidenced. It is agreed to provide additional evidence to support these assertions.
34		Rotherham MBC	The paragraph refers to ‘already stretched infrastructure, especially roads and services such as schools, medical facilities and leisure and other community facilities.’ – again on what evidence / basis are these assertions made?	See above.
35		Rotherham MBC	This paragraph is misleading as it implies that the only determinant of creating sustainable communities is the proportion of growth in relation to the existing population. In preparing the Local Plan the Council has prepared a sustainable strategy based on a range of factors including existing facilities, the ability of a community to accommodate further growth in a sustainable manner, and a settlement’s role in relation to the wider area.	We disagree that this paragraph is misleading. It is agreed though to make this point clearer.
36		Rotherham MBC	Delete final sentence. There is no robust evidence to support the assertion that the Parish should take a lower proportion of	This was discussed earlier.

			growth. As previously indicated the housing requirement for the settlement grouping set out in the Core Strategy meets local needs but also contributes to meeting the overall borough requirement. Furthermore planning for less housing would mean that the neighbourhood plan would not be in conformity with strategic policies of the Local Plan.	
37		Rotherham MBC	<p>The policy as drafted is unclear. It refers to sites allocated in the Local Plan for housing or windfall sites. Windfall sites are defined in NPPF as “ Sites not specifically identified in the development plan”. In this respect the policy therefore supports housing on sites allocated for housing and also on other sites not allocated for housing. The policy appears to replicate Local Plan policies which set out in more detail where new housing development may be acceptable, including Policy SP1 Sites allocated for development, Policy SP11 Development in residential areas, and SP17 Alternative uses within business, and industrial and business areas.</p> <p>As drafted the policy does not provide sufficient detail nor a locally specific approach, nor does it appear to respond to any of particular evidence or have regard to its relationship with other Local Plan policies. Furthermore it is not clear how the policy would operate when applied by officers determining planning applications, and as such it is recommended that the policy is deleted.</p>	We disagree that it is unclear nor locally distinctive. It is recognised that this could be viewed as a policy statement rather than a policy. It is proposed to remove the policy but incorporate it into the text as this clearly sets out the intentions of the Parish Council.
38		Rotherham MBC	The supporting wording should provide greater context in terms of cross referencing	Agreed.

			to relevant local plan policies – i.e. Policy CS7 Housing mix and affordability.	
39		Rotherham MBC	The Council has previously provided updated ward profiles prepared by Strategic Housing.	This is recognised. There was a miscommunication when the housing ward profiles Group were provided to the group. The covering email asked the Town Council not to make the data contained in the updated ward profiles publicly available. This limited the extent to which they could be used in the preparation of the Plan. We now understand that this can now be made publicly available.
40		Rotherham MBC	It is understood that ‘appendix 1’ referred to in the policy is the “Housing Need and Characteristics – Supporting Evidence – January 2018”. The Council has some concerns regarding this assessment, in particular that the housing growth figures are based on census data alone, and there has not been any modelling to scale up the housing need based on the latest population projections. There is also a danger of there being quite an insular approach. Housing is a pressure at borough level and people move around the borough; as such, it would be unrealistic to assume the new homes will be to meet very local need.	Official government guidance for groups preparing a neighbourhood plan recommends the use of Census of data when looking at housing ¹ . It is not considered proportionate for the Group to undertake modelling especially having regard to the limit resources available to it.

¹ file:///C:/Users/yourl/Downloads/4-LOCALITY-HousingNeedsAssessment-HM-JW-JS.pdf

41		Rotherham MBC	P.19 para - this contains subjective opinion which is un-evidenced. It should be re-worded or deleted.	We disagree that this contains subjective opinion. It is agreed to make this point clearer.
42	H2: HOUSING MIX	Resident at consultation event	More social housing is needed.	Agreed. The provision of more social housing is a priority of the Plan.
43		Resident at consultation event	More social housing is needed.	Agreed. The provision of more social housing is a priority of the Plan.
44		Resident at the consultation event	Don't assume that 60+ residents want bungalows/sheltered accommodation.	This is noted and agreed.
45		Fisher German on behalf of RNN Group	<p>Caution should be taken when looking to promote a specific housing mix, particularly one as restrictive as this, to ensure it will not render development unviable. We have concerns that the need for one third of all new development on larger sites to be one or two bedrooms to be overly restrictive. This is particularly the case as Dinnington is delivering both its own organic growth and growth from wider within the district. The Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) should be used, obviously influenced to some degree by local circumstances.</p> <p>We do not consider that younger people will necessarily buy a 1 or 2 bedroom home. With relief from paying stamp duty and schemes such as 'Help to Buy', many younger people look instead to move straight into a "second stepper home". This move will likely reduce the interest in new build 2-bedroom properties, with 3 or 4 bedrooms increasingly more likely.</p>	This policy aims to guide the type of new housing that is required and in particular to give priority to the provision of smaller homes. This general approach is consistent with national and local planning policies which encourages planning for a mix of housing which reflects local need. We consider that the evidence does provide clear and proportionate evidence for the need of more smaller dwellings. It is worded to allow for it to be applied with some flexibility especially in light of new evidence. However, it is agreed to review the wording especially in relation to the need for one third of all new development on larger sites to be one or

			<p>We do not consider the evidence therefore is conclusive that such a high number of smaller properties are necessary. If this mix was to remain, the Neighbourhood Plan Group should be aware that housing sites may need to deliver additional dwelling numbers on site or negotiate levels of affordable housing to ensure viability. This enables developers to make optimum use of land, as required by the NPPF. It also is likely to be a necessity to ensure viability, with smaller houses being less economical to build and as such a greater number being required.</p>	<p>two bedrooms to be overly restrictive to ensure that it is balanced and not overly restrictive as you state.</p>
46		DJP planning on behalf of CISWO	<p>We object to the policy as currently drafted for the reasons set out in the remainder of this letter. The policy proposes that new housing development will be required to demonstrate how it relates to the need identified in Appendix 1 'Housing need and characteristics' of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The policies contained within the draft Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan are stated to have been informed by data collected from 2011 Census. The 2011 data profile for number of bedrooms in existing properties is indicated in Table 2. The draft policy preference for 1 and 2 bedroom dwellings appears to be a response to the below average existing provision in these categories compared to the Yorkshire and national averages. However, the relative prevalence of larger accommodation within Dinnington closely reflects the mix across Rotherham as a whole and may be an</p>	<p>This policy aims to guide the type of new housing that is required and in particular to give priority to the provision of smaller homes. This general approach is consistent with national and local planning policies which encourages planning for a mix of housing which reflects local need. We consider that the evidence does provide clear and proportionate evidence for the need of more smaller dwellings. It is worded to allow for it to be applied with some flexibility especially in light of new evidence. However, it is agreed to review the wording especially in relation to the need for one</p>

			<p>indicator of the balance of demand for such properties in this area.</p> <p>The adopted Rotherham Site and Policies (2018) document was produced using data taken from the Rotherham Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) (2015). It is set out in Table 5.12 that whilst 10% of households expect to move to one bedroom properties, only 7% actually aspire to move to such as property. The SHMA also identifies that 56% of current households preference is to move to properties of 3 or more bedrooms. This demand is consistent with the household composition of the Borough and the SHMA recognises that the market caters well for families.</p> <p>In response to this evidence base and in recognition of the changing need within the Borough over the plan period, Core Strategy Policy CS7 'Housing Mix and Affordability' states that,</p> <p>a) Proposals for new housing will be expected to deliver a mix of dwelling sizes, type and tenure taking into account an up to date Strategic Housing Market Assessment for the entire housing market area and the needs of the market, in order to meet the present and future needs of all members of the community.</p> <p>By comparison, the draft wording of Policy H2 requiring 'at least a third of new homes in developments of more than two dwellings should have one or two bedrooms' and 'no more than 50% of new homes in a development of more than one dwelling should have 4 or more bedrooms'.</p>	<p>third of all new development on larger sites to be one or two bedrooms to be overly restrictive to ensure that it is balanced and not overly restrictive as you state</p>
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			<p>A Neighbourhood Plan should support the strategic development needs set out in the Local Plan and plan positively to support local development as outlined in paragraph 13 of the National Planning Policy Framework (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 41-004-20170728). The draft policy is not in accordance with the adopted Development Plan and cannot therefore be considered sound.</p> <p>In our view, the proposed wording potentially discourages developers from progressing housing sites within Dinnington. Prior to seeking planning permission for development, developers undertake market research to understand the housing mix required to complement existing dwellings within an area. The evidence gathered is up to date at that time and may be considered by the Local Planning Authority within the context of the SHMA in order to assess whether development proposals are in accordance with the Local Plan to ensure that development meets housing need at that time. The inclusion of a prescriptive housing mix policy within the Neighbourhood Plan represents an inflexible approach, which could stifle future development, particularly if the housing need changes in the area.</p> <p>The policy also sets a very low trigger point, that developments of more than one dwelling to provide no more than 50% of dwellings to be 4 beds or more. Whilst the logic of the overall approach to achieving a mix of unit types is understood, small scale development of less than 10 units, often lend</p>	
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			<p>themselves to bespoke larger dwelling provision, or they may require a number of larger dwellings for site efficiency or viability reasons. This policy may restrict the delivery of such sites including brownfield and windfalls sites, which the draft plan envisages coming forward. The restrictive nature of this policy may discourage small to medium housebuilders from developing windfall sites, where viability relies upon achieving certain values in order to mitigate the risk and expense of building these sites. It is our view that the policy as draft is unduly restrictive, inflexible and fails to reflect the evidence base relating to housing need within the area. We therefore recommend that the wording is amended to ensure accordance with the Local Plan, as follows: Recommended amendment to Policy H2 – “Proposals for new housing will be expected to deliver a mix of dwelling sizes, type and tenure taking into account an up to date Strategic Housing Market Assessment for the entire housing market area and the needs of the market, in order to meet the present and future needs of all members of the community.”</p>	
47		Rotherham MBC	<p>It is welcomed that this policy has been revised to provide more locally specific content. There is no clear justification provided for the specific policy requirements that at least a third of new homes in a development of more than two dwellings should have one or two bedrooms, and that no more than 50% of new homes in a development of more than</p>	<p>We are pleased that you welcome that this policy has been revised to provide more locally specific content. It is agreed to look at the evidence base supporting the policies.</p>

			one dwelling should have 4 or more bedrooms.' What is the justification / evidence for the third and 50% approaches? The Council also expresses concern that this may just result in a significant increase in the number of apartment developments that may not necessarily deliver the type of housing that the neighbourhood plan seeks. It may make it difficult to also deliver on the aspirations for lifetime home provision?	
48		Rotherham MBC	<p>The Council recognises affordability issues but in context, Dinnington is more affordable than other areas of the borough and does have a decent level of turnover of market sales. (The lower quartile house price to income ratio in Dinnington Ward is 6:1 compared to Rotherham 7:1, higher than average turnover last five years and lower than average house prices)</p> <p>The first paragraph under 'affordable housing' refers to 'a figure which is beyond the means of many local people'. Where is the evidence to justify this, showing the relationship between housing costs and local income levels?</p>	It is considered that housing affordability is a major issue. The evidence to show this in the Housing Need and Characteristics Supporting Evidence report, which looks at this issue in some detail.
49		Rotherham MBC	With regard to empty properties, the Council is committed to looking at how we can encourage more of these to be brought back into use through the new Housing Strategy.	This is noted.
50		Rotherham MBC	The Council's Housing Development (Resources) team would welcome the opportunity to learn more about the "discussions with a not for profit developer about the scope for a affordable housing scheme on land in the Town Council's ownership on the edge of the Town Centre"	This is noted. We can assure you that the project has and continues to the subject of dialogue with officers and members at RMBC.

51	H3: IMPROVING THE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK	Rotherham MBC	In terms of general comments the Council notes that Dinnington Ward does have 5th smallest council housing stock and 5th highest private rented housing stock (Census 2011). It is worth noting that although bids on council houses in Dinnington Ward are lower than average, 2 bed bungalows and 3 bed houses are the most popular. Potential Council led development at Silverdales could address the issue of high private rented sector properties in the area, and by increasing other tenures in the area could create a mixed sustainable community.	This is noted, and it is agreed to incorporate some of the useful information provided into the text.
52		Fisher German on behalf of RNN Group	This is not a planning policy, it should be labelled as a community action	Agreed.
53		Rotherham MBC	It is considered that the positive impact of the Selective Licensing scheme in Dinnington has been downplayed and the poor management of properties by a minority of landlords has been highlighted disproportionately. The negative tone that RMBC action has 'had some impact' undermines the good work being done.	We disagree that the positive impact of the Selective Licensing Scheme has been downplayed. The group have looked carefully at all available statistics and the findings from the consultation and have drawn their conclusions accordingly. It is agreed to look at the wording again.
54		Rotherham MBC	This is not considered to be a policy which could be effectively used when determining planning applications. If an application was being considered against this policy, what would the decision maker need to do? This is more like an aspiration or 'action' rather than a policy – it is mainly beyond the planning system. It is suggested that the	It is agreed that the content is identified as an action as suggested.

			policy is deleted and the content identified elsewhere as an 'action' (in line with the approach set out earlier in the draft neighbourhood plan).	
55	H4: HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION	Rotherham MBC	<p>Whilst this policy is broadly supported a number of amendments and clarifications are required in order to ensure that it can be implemented when determining planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Delete or clarify reference to 'family house'. This is not a term in use in the planning system and there is no existing definition, therefore how would a family home be identified? If this phrase is retained then a definition should be provided. Indeed it is suggested that it would be preferable to remove reference to 'family home' and simply refer to a change of use to an HMO. <input type="checkbox"/> HMO – in the policy itself HMO should be replaced with the words spelt out in full for the avoidance of confusion. <input type="checkbox"/> Part b refers to 'increased levels of activity' – how is this defined? How would this be considered by officers considering an application? <input type="checkbox"/> Parts c and d – overlap to some extent with Policy SP55 design principles, but appear to be appropriate. <input type="checkbox"/> Part d – a comma should be inserted between 'amenity space' and 'refuse storage'; also how is "appropriate quantity and standard of design" defined? <p>The last paragraph relates to Article 4 should be removed from the policy. It is an aspiration or action and therefore is not a relevant consideration when determining planning</p>	<p>This general support is welcomed, and it agreed to make the bullet point changes as suggested.</p> <p>However, it is not agreed to remove the final para. It is considered that the introduction of an Article 4 Direction is a legitimate land use consideration. There are examples of approved neighbourhood plans that include Article 4 related policies including specifically dealing with HMOs e.g. Falmouth.</p>

			applications It should be moved to an alternative section setting out 'actions' rather than policies (in line with the approach set out earlier in the neighbourhood plan.	
56	HLC 1: EXISTING IMPORTANT HEALTH, LEISURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Fisher German on behalf of RNN Group	We have some concerns with Policy HLC 1 and consider it requires amendment. Firstly, we have concerns with the relationship it has with Rotherham Local Plan: Sites and Policies Document Policy SP62: Safeguarding Community Facilities. It is generally good practice for policies within Local Plans not to be replicated in Neighbourhood Plans. In this case it seems as though there are two very similar policies and the relationship between the two and the requirement on any development could prove highly confusing. The relationship with Policy SP62 therefore requires explanation. The Neighbourhood Plan Group should be fully satisfied that there is a need for a second policy. If so, the rationale for this should be explained clearly in the text, as should the relationship between the two. Should the case be that the Group are content for the Local Plan Policy to apply, but they wish to designate additional facilities, then this should be made clear in the policy.	It is agreed to amend the Policy to minimise any duplication between it and Policy SP 62 in the Local Plan.
57		Rotherham MBC	The second bullet states: 'In addition, some leisure and community facilities that were an essential part of the Community have been allowed to fall into dereliction or removed completely.' What evidence is provided for this assertion? Bullet point three – again, where is the evidence to support the assertions regarding performance against health indicators? What	We disagree that the existing facilities in the area are not appropriately recognised in the draft plan

			<p>data is referred to and what is it compared against?</p> <p>Where are the hot spots and what are the indicators which indicate these as 'severe deprivation'?</p> <p>It refers to average life expectancy decreasing in Dinnington – where is the evidence to support this assertion?</p>	
58		Rotherham MBC	<p>Whilst the Council supports the retention, enhancement and provision of sports and recreation facilities there is a concern that existing facilities in the area are not appropriately recognised in the draft plan.</p> <p>The issue regarding access to a swimming pool is concerning; as previously indicated "The School of swimming and fitness" located on Brooklands Way, Dinnington provides public and school sessions.</p> <p>In relation to other leisure facilities, it is concerning that the neighbourhood plan does not recognise the existing facilities which are close by. For example: <input type="checkbox"/> 'Intershape' Monksbridge Road and recently opened premises on Ryton Road, Anston. <input type="checkbox"/> a number of local leisure and park facilities contrary to what is inferred, such as East Street multi-use games area, Davies Park, Triangle Park, Resource Centre sports pitches and bowls, High School pitches and facilities, Coronation Park and Dinnington Rugby club.</p> <p>The multi-use games area at East Street is available to the public free of charge and is widely used by young people and a major resource maintained by RMBC.</p>	<p>The support for the retention, enhancement and provision of sports and recreation facilities is welcomed. We consider that appropriate regard has been made to the existing facilities.</p>

59		Rotherham MBC	<p>This broadly replicates Policy SP62 Safeguarding Community Facilities, however is weaker and less robust. There is also a concern that it does not conform to policy set out in NPPF (paragraph 97) regarding loss of sports</p> <p>The Council advises that rather than duplicating the Local Plan policy approach it would be better to identify those specific community facilities of value and clarify that Policy SP62 (which is NPPF compliant) will apply to any proposals involving the loss of these facilities. Any re-wording could retain reference to any decision being in consultation with the Parish Council.</p> <p>In terms of the listed facilities addresses should be included in their description to provide clarity over where these facilities are and what is included, for example Market area – does this refer to the covered outdoor market area, or also include the indoor market? It would be helpful if these sites were also mapped.</p> <p>Several public houses are included on the list – it is recommended that these are deleted. This is because the Local Plan contains a specific policy on the loss of Public Houses (SP63) which is more robust. There is a danger that retaining the public houses in this policy would result in a weaker, less robust policy being applied to any future proposals for a change of use. Alternatively, the public houses listed could be included in a separate section of the policy which clarifies that Policy SP63 will</p>	<p>While it is disputed some of the statements made by Rotherham MBC in respect of this policy it is agreed to amend the policy along the lines suggested.</p>
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			<p>apply to any proposals involving the loss of these pubs.</p> <p>The Council notes that the list of existing important health, leisure and community facilities does not include a number of other facilities such as : Coronation Park, New Street Dentist , Laughton Road Dentist, East Street MUGA, JADE Youth centre, New Life Church, Salvation Army Hall, Indoor Market, Royal Elephant Restaurant, The Venus Restaurant, The Hall veterinary practice St. Leonards Close, The Swimming Pool and the Rother Valley College of Further Education.</p>	
60	HLC 2: NEW HEALTH, LEISURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Rotherham MBC	This appears to be a reasonable policy and includes some locally specific content.	This general support is welcomed.
61	HLC 3: ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE	Rotherham MBC	The Council has policies which provide a proportionate and flexible approach to proposals involving the loss of community facilities, such as SP38 Protecting Green Space, SP62 Safeguarding Community Facilities, and SP63 Loss of Public Houses. 4	This is noted. It is considered that the Policy add values and certainty by seeking to ensure that the listing of an asset is a planning consideration.
62	EES 1: FOSTERING ECONOMIC AND JOBS GROWTH	Resident at consultation event.	Need to attract more small businesses (rent/rate review).	This is noted and agreed. The Plan supports, and includes specific measures, aimed at supporting small businesses.
63		Resident at consultation event.	Local businesses on trading estates also need to be on board , again they can give local kids guidance on qualifications needed.	This statement is welcomed and agreed.
64		Resident at consultation event.	Local schools should be on board to give kids an idea of what's in the area and the	This statement is welcomed and agreed.

			qualifications needed for local job opportunities	
65		Rotherham MBC	As a general comment the Council is concerned that issues around education and employment are painted negatively. Activity is taking place to improve education and employment. From the local junior and High Schools to the Further Education College and involving third parties such as JADE and local businesses.	The Group have looked carefully at all available statistics and other evidence and it is considered that it has drawn their conclusions accordingly and fairly. The Plan has been the subject of extensive community engagement and education and employment were cited as major improvement priorities. The Borough Council is the only body or individual to raise this.
66			P 20 – 3 rd para. This is a subjective opinion; where are the supporting documents/evidence?	We discuss this is a subjective opinion. There is strong and compelling evidence that “everyone in the Parish who wishes to do so is in an equal position to participate and fully benefit from the new job and economic opportunities”. It is agreed to add additional evidence to substantiate this point.
67		Rotherham MBC	This refers to the lack of safe and easy walking routes between Dinnington Business Park and the surrounding residential areas, for example. The Council notes that Dinnington Business Park, where new businesses are encouraged and do provide employment for local people, is considered	This issue was raised through the consultation. It is recognised that there is often a degree of subjectivity whether access by foot and road to a particular site is safe and convenient it does consider that the statement

			to have good access both by foot and by road.	made is fair and accurate. The text shall be amended to substantiate this point.
68		Rotherham MBC	This policy does replicate / duplicate existing Local Plan policies. The first part of this policy re-iterates to some degree Policy CS 9 Transforming Rotherham's Economy, and SP17 Other uses within business, and industrial and business areas, but is far weaker, less robust and lacks appropriate definitions.	While it is not agreed that this replicates/duplicates existing local plan policies, it agreed to remove the policy but retain the text and strengthen the elements of Policy BED 2 dealing with employment/economic development. This should then minimise any risk of potential duplication and replication with existing policies.
69	STC 1: MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING THE ROLE AND ATTRACTIVENESS OF DINNINGTON TOWN CENTRE	Resident at consultation event.	Litter needs addressing.	Agreed. Dealing with litter issues, however, is beyond the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan.
70		Resident at consultation event.	I can't see how you will enhance Constable Lane as a main thoroughfare.	It is considered that through sensitive and suitable design and public realm measures this can be achieved. The town centre study was developed by experts in this area.
71		Resident at consultation event.	Let's have a pretty main street.	Agreed. This is one of the aims of the Plan.

72	Resident at consultation event.	A cinema is needed, small to medium size (150 – 200 seats).	It is agreed that a cinema would make an important contribution to improving the attractiveness of the Town Centre. Existing planning policies would support in principle this type of development. It is doubtful how viable such a scheme would be.
73	Resident at the consultation event.	Litter needs addressing.	Agreed. Dealing with litter issues, however, is beyond the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan
74	Resident at the consultation event.	Access to public transport.	It is agreed that this can play an important role in improving the attractiveness of the Town Centre. The Plan includes
75	Resident at the consultation event.	Gateway from bus station to town centre on market site.	It is agreed that the gateway from bus station to the town centre on market site could be enhanced. The Plan supports measures aimed at achieving this.
76	Resident at the consultation event.	What technology will reduce ASB?	It is considered that there are various technologies that reduce ASB such as CCTV and social media.
77	Resident at the consultation event.	A band stand in Coronation Park for events will draw people to Dinnington.	This is noted. Your proposal will be raised with the Town Council.
78	Resident at the consultation event.	Falcon Square has been partly developed but more could be done relatively cheaply to give an aesthetic area close to the green such as more trees and more seating.	This is a good idea and will be considered further as part of the Plan's development.

79		Rotherham MBC	<p>The Council welcomes the changes made to this policy from the preliminary draft version; however it contains no locally specific elements. As such it is suggested that the policy is deleted and cross reference made to existing policies, or that the policy is revised to provide more locally specific guidance. Should the policy be re-worded then consideration should be given to how it would operate in conjunction with the local plan policies for town centres and shopping frontages.</p>	<p>That you welcome the changes is welcomed. Its inclusion reflects an awareness that this particular land use issue is of special importance to the community, and as such satisfies the Basic Conditions.</p>
80	<p>STC 2: ENHANCING THE CHARACTER, ATTRACTIVE NESS AND ACCESSIBILI TY OF DINNINGTON TOWN CENTRE</p>	Rotherham MBC	<p>Reference is made to the town centre design proposals. It is understood that this has been prepared without input from Rotherham MBC. Whilst broadly supporting the aspiration to identify where improvements could take place, the plan should provide further context in that implementation will require resources and funding which have not been identified.</p> <p>There are cost implications both in terms of undertaking the suggested works and also in ongoing operation and maintenance. For example, extending one way traffic schemes and parking restrictions would require enforcement which would need to be resourced and funded.</p>	<p>The general support for the town centre design proposals are welcomed. It is disputed that this has been prepared without input from Rotherham MBC. We can provide documentary evidence to support this is required. There have been several examples where Rotherham MBC where invited to comment in its preparation and its development both by the consultants (AECOM) that developed it and the Steering Group. It is agreed that to provide further context that its implementation will require resources and funding. It is not agreed that "resources and funding which have not been identified". The TC,</p>

				for example, has agreed to prioritise its share of CIL in support of its delivery. We understand that improvements to the TC is included in Rotherham MBC's 123 list.
81		Rotherham MBC	It is also noted that reference is made to potential funding through developer contributions. It should be recognised that S106 contributions are normally limited to works required in respect of specific development sites and are unlikely to extend to funding off-site works unrelated to development.	Noted. See earlier point about CIL.
82		Rotherham MBC	With regard to Laughton Road, it is agreed that it does require a high quality resurfacing and improvement and something is being worked on.	This is welcomed.
83		Rotherham MBC	Reference is made to the design information being available on the website; however no information on the document title is given. The supporting text should make clear which document is being referred to. It is noted that the cover of the actual document is titled "Dinnington – Design Support). It appears that this same document is referred to in Policy STC2 as "Dinnington Town Centre Guide (2017), despite this title not being used in the document itself. Unless this town centre guide is a different, unpublished, document, then a consistent and accurate document title should be used for clarity.	We can confirm that this is the same document. Your comments are noted.
84	STC 3: SHOP FRONT DESIGN IN	Resident at consultation event	How will you ensure shop fronts are attractive? Surely better to have a shop no matter what the frontage is like?	The policy seeks to improve the quality of shop frontages within the town. It will be a

	DINNINGTON TOWN CENTRE			material consideration in the determination of relevant planning applications.
85	STC 3: SHOP FRONT DESIGN IN DINNINGTON TOWN CENTRE	Rotherham MBC	This policy is generally fine although repeats some local plan policies and provides no locally specific guidance except in reference to the Design Guide. Also see comments above regarding the Dinnington Town Centre Design Guide	This general support is welcomed.
86		Rotherham MBC	There is already a shop front design policy (Policy SP59) which it would be beneficial to reference and the Shopfront Design Guide which is due to be updated. Whilst there is some overlap the policy as worded generally seems fine. It is welcomed that the policy includes reference to the Interim Planning Statement on shop front design, although the 2016 date is incorrect, it should be 2006. The Council intends to update this guidance and adopt it as a supplementary planning document in due course; therefore it is suggested that the policy be amended as follows: "Having regard to the Rotherham Interim Planning Statement Shopfront Design Guide (2006), or any subsequent replacement".	These amendments are welcomed.
87	STC 4: SHOPS OUTSIDE DINNINGTON TOWN CENTRE	Rotherham MBC	The Council welcomes the revisions made to this policy as previously suggested.	This support is welcomed.
88	STC 5: HOT FOOD TAKEAWAYS	Resident at consultation event	Takeaways should pay more business rates to pay for all the food waste and containers left by customers	There is some sympathy for one you are seeking it is however it is beyond the scope of a neighbourhood

				plan to introduce such as requirement.
89		Resident at consultation event	Takeaways pay business rates but should pay for waste disposal.	There is some sympathy for one you are seeking it is however it is beyond the scope of a neighbourhood plan to introduce such as requirement.
90		Resident at consultation event	Suggest a take away tax to directly fund a clean up	While there is some sympathy for what you are seeking it is however it is beyond the scope of a neighbourhood plan to introduce such as requirement.
91		Resident at consultation event	No more take-aways.	The general support for this policy is welcomed.
92		Resident at consultation event	Protect children – restrict takeaways near to schools.	The general support for this policy is welcomed. The Plan includes measures to restrict takeaways near to schools.
93		Resident at consultation event	No more take-aways.	The general support for this policy is welcomed.
94		Rotherham MBC	The Council welcomes and supports the introduction of this policy and subsequent amendments to the supporting text.	This support is welcomed.
95		Rotherham MBC	The Council supports the proposed approach to hot food takeaways, and notes that the supporting text refers to a range of evidence. The Council is aware that proposals to restrict hot food takeaways have attracted a number of objections (both to previous proposals in Rotherham's Local Plan and in other local authority areas). As such it is suggested that a comprehensive	The support for the policy is welcomed. It is agreed to prepare a robust and proportionate hot food takeaway supporting evidence document/statement in support of the policy.

			evidence base document should be produced to clearly set out robust justification for the policy approach. This may be helpful when responding to any objections and also at the examination stage. The Council prepared a similar document which may be of use as a starting point: https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/localplanexamination/downloads/file/97/eb58_hot_food_takeaways_-_background_paper_september_2015	
96	NE 1: GREEN BELT	Resident at consultation event	I am concerned about the use of greenbelt for housing, please use the derelict areas/brownfield first	The protection of the Green Belt is a high priority of the Plan.
97		Resident at consultation event	Not happy about the greenbelt being used for housing.	The protection of the Green Belt is a high priority of the Plan.
98		Resident at consultation event	Need to protect Greenfield sites and use brownfield sites.	The protection of the Green Belt is a high priority of the Plan.
99		Resident at consultation event	Attack on green belt.	The protection of the Green Belt is a high priority of the Plan.
100		Resident at consultation event	Planning Inspector refuses to accept brownfield sites before greenfield	Noted.
101		Resident at consultation event	Brownfield sites to be used first.	Agreed. The Plan includes policies that seek to support this.
102		Resident at consultation event	Council should take financial responsibility for the clean-up of brownfield sites for developers to use. This will protect green sites which the council maintains is a priority.	The protection of the Green sites is a high priority of the Plan. It is beyond the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan to require the Council to be responsible for the clean-up of brownfield sites.

103		Rotherham MBC	The Council recognises that access to open space is critical to improving human physical and mental health and this applies to Dinnington and everywhere else. Measures to encourage more use of Dinnington's open spaces are welcomed, although it is recognised that much of this may be beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.	Noted.
104		Rotherham MBC	It is suggested that this sentence is amended to reflect that not all of the Green Belt land referred to is of high agricultural value. Suggested amendment: Green Belt incorporates some land of high agricultural value classified as Grade 2 (very good).	This amendment is welcomed.
105		Rotherham MBC	Delete – the policy repeats national and local policy regarding Green Belts (in particular Policy CS4 Green Belt and Policy SP2 Development in the Green Belt) and provides no further locally specific guidance.	Disagree. Its inclusion reflects an awareness that this particular land use issue is of special importance to the community, and as such satisfies the Basic Conditions.
106	NE 2: LOCAL GREEN SPACES	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	We support the proposals to retain local green spaces where possible	This general support is welcomed.
107		Rotherham MBC	The Council objects to the proposed Local Green Spaces and recommends that these are removed and the policy deleted. In view of this it is recommended that the accompanying supporting text is also deleted. Notwithstanding this the comments below identify corrections and amendments to the existing text. This should not be taken as support for their retention.	Disagree. To be considered by the Steering Group.
109		Rotherham MBC	The chapter notes that it does not seek to duplicate any sites already protected. The Council supports this approach but is	Noted.

			<p>concerned that the sites proposed as Local Green Spaces are contradictory to this stated aim (see later specific comments on Policy NE2).</p> <p>This paragraph refers to a list of protected green sites which is not provided. In light of other comments the Council suggest the following list of sites which should be included here, as sites protected by existing policies (the relevant policy reference is also given): □ Dinnington High School Playing Fields (relevant policy: Policy SP 62 Safeguarding Community Facilities) □ Lodge Lane Recreation Ground (relevant policy: Policy CS 4 Green Belt, Policy SP 2 Development in the Green Belt, Policy SP 38 Protecting Green Space) □ Leys Lane Pocket Park (Policy CS 4 Green Belt, Policy SP 2 Development in the Green Belt) □ High Nook Road / Keats Drive (Policy SP 38 Protecting Green Space) □ High Nook Road / Byron Road / Shakespeare Drive (Policy SP 38 Protecting Green Space)</p>	
110		Rotherham MBC	<p>There appears to be an inconsistency between the supporting text and the sites put forward; it refers to not duplicating sites already protected in the Local Plan. However a number of sites are within the Green Belt as shown in the Policies Map accompanying the adopted Sites and Policies document. As such these sites already benefit from policy protection equivalent to that which designation as Local Green Space would offer. National Planning Practice Guidance indicates that in these circumstances consideration should be given to whether</p>	<p>Disagree. It is considered that the Plan does demonstrate how the proposed Local Green Space designations satisfy the tests set out in national planning policy and justification is provided for the extra level of protection given to those sites already covered by Green Belt.</p>

			any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space. The supporting evidence base document does not demonstrate any additional benefits and as such the Council does not support allocation of Local Green Space designations in such circumstances.	
111		Rotherham MBC	A number of sites are allocated for residential use in the Policies Map accompanying the adopted Sites and Policies document; however the Council consider that these would be classed as incidental green space subject to protection under Policy SP38 Protecting Green Space. It is considered that such sites would have sufficient existing protection, and the Council does not consider that such sites should be designated as Local Green Space.	Disagree. It is not considered that the sites have sufficient existing protection through their general identification as incidental green space in the Local Plan. The NPPF (para 99) is explicit that communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them through a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan.
112		Rotherham MBC	Finally, it is considered that the allocation of several proposed Local Green Spaces would not be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan, nor would they be consistent with planning for sustainable development. The Council does not support such proposals and considers that their inclusion could risk the Neighbourhood Plan not meeting the basic conditions.	Disagree. It is considered that the Plan does demonstrate how the proposed Local Green Space designations satisfy the tests set out in national planning policy and justification is provided for the extra level of protection given to those sites already covered by Green Belt.
113		Rotherham MBC	The guidance in NPPF at paragraphs 99 to 101 is clear that Local Green Space designation is only appropriate in limited circumstances. With regard to the evidence base document justifying the proposed	It is considered that evidence base to support the designations is reasonable and proportionate. It is based on

			designations the Council notes the requirement of paragraph 40 of the PPG section on neighbourhood planning (Reference ID: 41-040-20160211) that "Proportionate, robust evidence should support the choices made and the approach taken." The "Supporting Evidence" document does not appear to be robust and the methodology appears to have no step 3 in its four stage approach. It also contains a number of subjective statements with little substantial detail or justification.	a model successfully applied in preparation of other neighbourhood plans. Many of the criteria as set out in the NPPF are by their nature subjective for example is it beautiful.
114		Rotherham MBC	<p>Dinnington High School Playing Fields - This proposed designation is not supported. The site is allocated for community use in the Local Plan and is subject to Policy SP62 Safeguarding Community Facilities. As such it is considered that the site enjoys existing policy protection and its inclusion is therefore contrary to aims set out earlier in the neighbourhood plan regarding such sites.</p> <p>With regard to the site assessment form the following concerns are raised: <input type="checkbox"/> It is not considered that 'put forward by the community' is sufficient justification to demonstrate local significance of the Green Space. There is no indication of the scale of support (it could be suggested by one person, or it could have been suggested by 50). <input type="checkbox"/> The 'beauty' of the site is subjective and there is no indication of what 'some beauty' correlates to or means. <input type="checkbox"/> The Council disagrees with the conclusion that the site does not contribute to Local Plan strategic requirements. The Council considers educational sites, school and</p>	We consider that it is suitable for designation, especially having regard for paragraphs 76 and 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework concerned with the identification and designation of Local Green Space.

			college playing fields and grounds will not be suitable for designation. The NPPF states that local planning authorities should give great weight to the need to create, expand or alter schools (paragraph 94). In order to address future needs for school places there may be a need to reconfigure the arrangement of school buildings and playing fields. □ The proposed designation could limit the ability of the school to undertake reconfiguration in the future, should this be required, contrary to strategic policies in the Local Plan (in particular Policy CS29 Community Facilities and Policy SP62 Safeguarding Community Facilities). Any need to reconfigure the school could also occur in the longer term, beyond the current Local Plan period (2013 – 2028), and the Council is mindful that designation as Local Green Space could remove this option. Designation therefore may not be in conformity with national planning guidance which states that Local Green Space must be capable of enduring beyond the plan period (NPPF paragraph 99).	
115		Rotherham MBC	Leys Lane Pocket Park - The Council notes that the site boundary identified on figure 2 is incorrect and does not correspond with the description or photograph of the site as set out in the evidence document. The comments below relate to the correct site. This proposed designation is not supported. The site is allocated in the Local Plan as Green Belt. NPPF indicates that policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for	We consider that it is suitable for designation, especially having regard for paragraphs 76 and 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework concerned with the identification and designation of Local Green Space.

			<p>the Green Belt (paragraph 101). As such it already benefits from policy protection equivalent to that which designation as Local Green Space would offer.</p> <p>In such cases Planning Practice Guidance states that consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space. (Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 37-010)</p> <p>It is not considered that the supporting evidence document provides any evidence of any demonstrable additional benefit or additional protection in policy terms stemming from designation as Local Green Space.</p> <p>With regard to the site assessment form the following concerns are raised: <input type="checkbox"/> It is not considered that 'put forward by the community' is sufficient justification to demonstrate local significance of the Green Space. There is no indication of the scale of support (it could be suggested by one person, or it could have been suggested by 50). <input type="checkbox"/> The 'beauty' of the site is subjective and there is no indication of what 'some beauty' correlates to or means.</p>	
116		Gladman Developments	<p>Gladman do not believe the DNP supporting evidence is sufficiently robust to justify the proposed allocation of site 2, 'Leys Lane Pocket Park' as LGS. To all intents and purposes, the land designated on the map, Figure 2: Proposed Local Green Spaces would appear to be agricultural land with no public access, aside from the bridleway along its southern edge. The issue of</p>	<p>We do consider that the evidence is sufficiently robust and proportionate to support its designation. We consider that it is suitable for designation, especially having regard for paragraphs 76 and 77 of the National Planning Policy</p>

			<p>whether LGS meets the criteria for designation has been explored in a number of Examiner's Reports across the country and we highlight the following decisions:</p> <p>The Seldlescombe Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Report² recommended the deletion of an LGS measuring approximately 4.5ha as it was found to be an extensive tract of land.</p> <p>The Oakley and Deane Neighbourhood Plan Examiners Report³ recommended the deletion of an LGS measuring approximately 5 ha and also found this area to be not local in character. Thereby failing to meet 2 of the 3 tests for LGS designation.</p> <p>The Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Report⁴ identifies both proposed LGS sites 'in relation to the overall size of the Alrewas Village' to be extensive tracts of land. The Examiner in this instance recommended the deletion of the proposed LGSs which measured approximately 2.4ha and 3.7ha.</p> <p>Highlighted through a number of Examiner's Reports set out above and other 'made' neighbourhood plans, it is considered that Leys Lane Pocket Park has not been designated in accordance with national policy and guidance and subsequently is not in accordance with the basic conditions.</p> <p>Whilst the Parish Council have sought to undertake some form of evidence base it does not overcome the failure to meet the specific policy requirements set out above with regards to the scale of land to be designated and therefore the proposed designation of land on Leys Lane. This land</p>	<p>Framework concerned with the identification and designation of Local Green Space.</p>
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			is not a recreational area and has no public access. In terms of meeting the second test there is no evidence base to support that this field is 'demonstrably special to a local community.' In relation to its beauty, it is not of any particular scenic quality. The designation of the Pocket Park has not been made in accordance with basic conditions (a) and (d). Gladman therefore recommend that Site 2 be deleted as an LGS in its entirety.	
117		Rotherham MBC	<p>Former Miners Welfare Ground This proposed designation is not supported. The area shown comprises over half of the site allocated for residential use in the Local Plan (H80), which is estimated to have capacity for 131 homes.</p> <p>With regard to the site assessment form the following concerns are raised: <input type="checkbox"/> The name and address of the site refers to the land being 'that part not identified for housing'; however the Sites and Policies document does not identify such an area. The whole site is allocated for residential use, with the site development guidelines clarifying that "Part of the site has been formerly used for recreational purposes, but is currently vacant. Development proposals involving the loss of open space will need to satisfy Policy SP 38 'Protecting Green Space'." <input type="checkbox"/> The Council does not agree with the conclusions under 'Does the site contribute to LP strategic requirements...', as set out further below. <input type="checkbox"/> Reference is made to aspirations to develop the site as a sports facility. No evidence has been provided as to this aspiration; there is no indicative plan, nor</p>	While it is considered that it is suitable for designation as a Local Green Space, it is recognised that the precise area to be identified as local green space is best determined through the planning application process. This is in part follows discussions with the sites agents. It is agreed to remove the proposed designation, but articulate the communities aspirations for LGS provision on the site in the supporting text.

			<p>evidence that funding has been secured or that a development would be viable. As such it is considered that this aspiration should have little weight in any decision making.</p> <p>As established above, the Sites and Policies document does not identify the specific area of Green Space to be retained as part of the residential development. This would be established at planning application stage, with proposals involving any loss of open space required to satisfy Policy SP38. As such the conclusion is wrong to state that the neighbourhood plan seeks to protect that part of the site to be retained for green space.</p> <p>Through the arbitrary identification of this part of the allocation site, the proposed Local Green Space designation is likely to significantly limit the ability of the site to deliver the estimated number of homes. The neighbourhood plan is not accompanied by any evidence that the impact on the viability of delivering this residential development site has been considered, or that the site would be able to broadly deliver the number of homes identified in the Sites and Policies document.</p> <p>Government's planning practice guidance (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/viability) makes clear that the primary role of viability assessment is at plan making stage, and also makes clear that a neighbourhood plan needs to be deliverable, and that the sites and the scale of development identified in a plan should not be subject to such a scale of obligations and policy burdens that their ability to be developed viably is threatened</p>	
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			<p>(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhoodplanning--2 - Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 41-005-20140306). Whilst not forming part of national planning policy or guidance, the Council is aware of the Locality viability toolkit for neighbourhood planning (https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/Viability-toolkit-forNeighbourhood-Planning.pdf). This guidance makes clear that testing viability is an important part of the plan-making process, and states that neighbourhood planning groups introducing new policy requirements (that carry costs to development) over and above Local Plan policy...should ensure development remains deliverable during the plan period.</p> <p>If included as Local Green Space the Council considers that this would conflict with strategic policies in the Local Plan; in particular, the site's allocation for housing which contributes towards meeting the housing requirement for this settlement grouping and indeed for the borough as a whole. Planning Practice Guidance is relevant to this issue.</p>	
118		DJP planning on behalf of CISWO	<p>This representation objects to the wording of draft policy NE2. The draft policy proposes the allocation of the majority of the site at Lodge Lane as Local Green Space as shown in figure 2 of the draft plan (replicated in figure 1 overleaf). The draft policy states that development proposals that would result in the loss of an identified Local Green Space will not be supported other than in very special circumstances.</p>	<p>While it is considered that it is suitable for designation as a Local Green Space, it is recognised that the precise area to be identified as local green space is best determined through the planning application process. This is in part due to discussions with yourselves.</p>

			<p>The proposed allocation of the site allocates almost the entirety of the site as Local Green Space, despite Appendix 3 'Local Green Spaces' of the draft Neighbourhood Plan acknowledging that the site has been allocated for development within the recently adopted Sites and Policies Document, as indicated in figure 2.</p> <p>The policy states that the Local Green Space allocation will be limited to: 'that part not identified for housing in the approved Sites and Policies Document 2018'. However, the Local Plan allocation does not identify a specific area of the site for housing. The site extends to 6.35 hectares and the Local Plan envisages that 131 dwellings could be delivered within the site. At a standard density of 30 dwellings per hectare this suggests that approximately 60% of the site could be occupied by housing with the remainder retained as greenspace.</p> <p>The wording of draft policy NE2 allocating almost the entirety of the site as Local Green Space within the draft Neighbourhood Plan is therefore unsound and not in accordance with the strategic policies of the up-to-date Local Plan. Paragraph 29 of the Framework sets out that: 'Neighbourhood plans should not promote less development than set out in strategic policies for the area, or undermine those strategic policies.'</p> <p>The wording of draft policy NE2 conflicts directly with the strategic allocation of this site for housing.</p>	<p>It is agreed to remove the proposed designation but articulate the communities aspirations for LGS provision on the site in the supporting text..</p>
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			Recommendation: The allocation of this site as Local Green Space should therefore be removed from the draft Neighbourhood Plan.	
119		Rotherham MBC	<p>Lodge Lane Recreation Ground - This proposed designation is not supported. The site is allocated in the Local Plan as Green Belt. NPPF indicates that policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for the Green Belt (paragraph 101). As such it already benefits from policy protection equivalent to that which designation as Local Green Space would offer. Furthermore it is also protected through Policy SP 38 Protecting Green Space.</p> <p>In such cases Planning Practice Guidance states that consideration should be given to whether any additional local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space. (Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 37-01020140306).</p> <p>Whilst recognising the value of the site in recreational terms, it is not considered that the supporting evidence document provides any evidence of any demonstrable additional benefit or additional protection in policy terms stemming from designation as Local Green Space.</p> <p>With regard to the site assessment form the following concerns are raised: <input type="checkbox"/> It is not considered that 'put forward by the community' is sufficient justification to demonstrate local significance of the Green Space. There is no indication of the scale of support (it could be suggested by one person, or it could have been suggested by</p>	We consider that it is suitable for designation, especially having regard for paragraphs 76 and 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework concerned with the identification and designation of Local Green Space.

			50). □ The 'beauty' of the site is subjective and there is no indication of what 'some beauty' correlates to or means.	
120		Rotherham MBC	<p>Corner of High Nook Road and Keats Drive - This proposed designation is not supported. It is allocated for residential use in the Local Plan, but comprises an area of incidental Green Space. As such these incidental green spaces benefit from the protection of Policy SP38 Protecting Green Space. This clarifies that "Development that will result in the loss of small incidental areas of green space, not specifically identified on the Policies Map, but which make a significant contribution to the character of residential areas and / or green infrastructure, and function as a facility for the benefit of the local community, will not normally be permitted."</p> <p>With regard to the site assessment form the following concerns are raised: □ It is not considered that 'put forward by the community' is sufficient justification to demonstrate local significance of the Green There is no indication of the scale of support (it could be suggested by one person, or it could have been suggested by 50). □ The 'beauty' of the site is subjective and there is no indication of what 'some beauty' correlates to or means □ Reference is made to formal use of the site, with football given as an example; however no evidence is provided that the site includes formal pitch markings or equipment. As such it is considered that any activities undertaken on the site are of an informal nature only.</p>	We consider that it is suitable for designation, especially having regard for paragraphs 76 and 77 of the National Planning Policy Framework concerned with the identification and designation of Local Green Space.

			<p>The Council considers that a Local Green Space designation is unwarranted, given that adequate protection already exists under Policy SP38. As a result, the designation conflicts with the approach set out in the draft Neighbourhood Plan which refers to not seeking to duplicate protections where sites are already protected through Policies in the Rotherham Local Plan.</p> <p>The Council is not convinced that the site meets the criteria for designation as set out in the NPPF (in particular paragraph 100(b)) since there does not appear to be any robust evidence that it is demonstrably special or holds particular local significance. Indeed, it does not appear to the Council to differ from other areas of incidental green space within the parish not identified for designation.</p>	
121		Rotherham MBC	<p>Corner of High Nook Road, Byron Road and Shakespeare Drive - This proposed designation is not supported. It is allocated for residential use in the Local Plan, but comprises an area of incidental Green Space. As such these incidental green spaces benefit from the protection of Policy SP38 Protecting Green Space. This clarifies that "Development that will result in the loss of small incidental areas of green space, not specifically identified on the Policies Map, but which make a significant contribution to the character of residential areas and / or green infrastructure, and function as a facility for the benefit of the local community, will not normally be permitted."</p> <p>With regard to the site assessment form the following concerns are raised: <input type="checkbox"/> It is not</p>	<p>It is agreed to remove this designation mainly reflecting that planning permission has been granted by Rotherham MBC for its development for housing.</p>

			<p>considered that 'put forward by the community' is sufficient justification to demonstrate local significance of the Green Space. There is no indication of the scale of support (it could be suggested by one person, or it could have been suggested by 50). □ The 'beauty' of the site is subjective and there is no indication of what 'some beauty' correlates to or means</p> <p>The Council considers that a Local Green Space designation is unwarranted, given that adequate protection already exists under Policy SP38. As a result, the designation conflicts with the approach set out in the draft Neighbourhood Plan which refers to not seeking to duplicate protections where sites are already protected through Policies in the Rotherham Local Plan.</p> <p>The Council is not convinced that the site meets the criteria for designation as set out in the NPPF (in particular paragraph 100(b)) since there does not appear to be any robust evidence that it is demonstrably special or holds particular local significance . Indeed, it does not appear to the Council to differ from other areas of incidental green space within the parish not identified for designation.</p> <p>Policy wording as set out above the Council does not support the identified sites proposed, and recommends that the policy is also deleted. Notwithstanding this, should the policy remain then there are no issues raised with the policy wording set out in Policy NE2, except that 'accompanied plans'</p>	
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			should be replaced with 'Figure 2 Proposed Local Green Space Map'.	
122	NE 3: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	Fisher German on behalf of RNN Group	We consider this policy to be vague at present. Green Infrastructure within the Parish should be properly identified, either as a map or by means of a description. Currently there is no explanation of what qualifies as Green Infrastructure, making the plan overly vague. While examples of Green Infrastructure are listed and examples of Local Wildlife Sites are given, there needs to be a clear definition of what or where is included in operation of the policy	It is agreed that it would be beneficial if this policy was made more locally specific.
123	NE 3: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	We support the proposals to retain local green spaces where possible and encourage the provision of retained and enhanced green infrastructure wherever possible within developments. However, The Trust would like to see consideration to incorporate ecological features within all areas of open and green space and to encourage the creation of an ecologically coherent network across the borough. These can be achieved through for example, varying mowing regimes within areas of amenity grassland which could also include the planting of wildflower seed with a single annual mow along field margins of playing fields. The Trust would be happy to provide advice on suitable schemes as and when appropriate. Encouragement for developers to utilise native species for ornamental planting and areas of open space would also be greatly encouraged as many non-native invasive species are often favoured by developers	This general support for the policy is welcomed. It is agreed to make reference in the supporting text to incorporate ecological features within all areas of open and green space and to encourage the creation of an ecologically coherent network across the borough as suggested.

			(e.g. rhododendron, cotoneaster, Japanese rose, mont bretia).	
124		Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Furthermore, whilst we have no objection to the proposals, we feel they could be further strengthened in order to meet the national aims set out within the NPPF to achieve a net gain in biodiversity. We would recommend that the plan puts a responsibility on all development to seek a 'net gain in biodiversity' evidenced through the utilisation of metrics (DEFRA recommended). We would be happy to advise further should it be considered necessary.	It is agreed to amend the text as recommended.
125		Rotherham MBC	Corn bunting has almost disappeared from Rotherham and it is down to one site now so it is suggested to delete reference to this species	It was included as is officially listed as one of the 'priority species' to be found in the Parish. While it is not considered appropriate to delete reference to this species, it is agreed to make reference to that this species has almost disappeared.
126		Rotherham MBC	Five Local Wildlife Sites are mentioned but this list omits Long and Little Thwaite Woods Local Wildlife Site. The paragraph should be updated to reflect this (see map at appendix 3 showing location of the LWS sites in Dinnington). There is no individual discussion of these sites. Dinnington Marsh for example is threatened by development and possibly by an invasive aquatic plant. Throapham Common could be affected by development of allocation site H75. How will semi-improved grasslands be protected and managed? How will existing	Thank you for the additional sites and evidence. These will be incorporated into the document.

			<p>woodlands be managed? How will management be done on native species? How will woodland be expanded?</p> <p>Natural England's aims are noble aims but is it worthwhile or sensible to include them if there is no means (i.e. manpower/money) to implement them?</p> <p>Throapham Orchard has no protection except as a Principal Habitat under the NERC AQct (2006) and as a UK and Rotherham BAP habitat. It could be threatened by development to the east and north-east when allocation site H76 is developed. This would result in the orchard being almost entirely encircled by development.</p> <p>There is no mention of ancient woodlands (such as Swinston Hill Plantation, Brand's Wood or Anston Stones Wood).</p> <p>There is no mention of SSSIs (Anston Stones Wood SSSI is nearby) in the document.</p>	
127		Rotherham MBC	It also seems to have no mention of 'right of way' and 'footpaths' in the NP which should be a section devoted to these.	It was considered whether the Plan should include a specific section on 'right of way' and 'footpaths'. It was considered that this was not appropriate. It should be noted that Policy BED 2 and the supporting evidence highlights the benefits of walking and cycling.
128		Rotherham MBC	The Council considers that the policy does not add anything locally specific to the Local Plan policies regarding biodiversity and wildlife and is far weaker. The policy would	It is hoped that the additional evidence and commentary, including that provided by

			be better framed around identifying the specific locally significant and important features that should be protected and focus on these. In the absence of any locally specific element to the policy then it is recommended that this is deleted.	Rotherham MBC, will help to address this.
129	BED 1: DINNINGTON CHARACTER BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURE S OF LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST	Rotherham MBC	The Council is concerned at the un-evidenced opinions expressed in the first four bullet points. No baseline information or evidence is provided on - how the current infrastructure provision is insufficient and inappropriate; - how development has or may impact on the character of Dinnington; - how development is often not sympathetic to the needs and character of Dinnington; and - who in particular are not benefiting from growth and how. In the absence of any evidence to support these opinions they should be deleted.	It is not considered proportionate not appropriate to provide baseline information to substantiate where are we now. As discussed previously, the group have looked at the available statistics and evidence and drawn their conclusions appropriately. The evidence is provided in the Plan itself. The independence AECOM study highlighted that some of the development that has taken place in the Parish was sometimes not sympathetic. That high levels of deprivation and economic inactivity to be found in the Parish provides good evidence that not everyone is benefiting from the growth. It is agreed to look at the evidence case.
130		Rotherham MBC	The Council welcomes the evidence base document "Character buildings and structures of local heritage interest" and considers that this utilises a reasonable	This support for the supporting evidence is welcomed, and it is agreed

			methodology to assess heritage assets. It is suggested that for clarity reference should be made in the supporting text to this document	to strengthen reference to this supporting document.
131		Rotherham MBC	<p>The Council broadly supports this policy and the heritage assets identified. For clarity it is suggested that a clearer description of the sites (including their address where relevant) should be given to enable the policy to be implemented. For example 'Dave's computer shop', or 'currently Panache Café' are poor descriptors as the occupants could change in future years and do not allow an officer considering an application to easily identify the address or location. In addition it is suggested that the sites should be identified on accompanying inset maps.</p> <p>In terms of the policy wording it is suggested that this could be strengthened by including a requirement for development proposals which may impact on the identified assets to be accompanied by a heritage statement. A form of wording is suggested below:</p> <p>Development proposals that may impact upon any Dinnington Character Building or structure shall be accompanied by a heritage statement which considers the impact of the specific development proposed with regard to the character, context and setting of the assets on or in the vicinity of the site.</p>	This support for the Policy is welcomed. The suggested additional wording for the Policy is welcomed.
132		Fisher German on behalf of RNN Group	Policy BED1: Dinnington Character Building and Structures of Local Heritage Interest should be reworded in respect of the first criterion which applies a level of protection to non-heritage buildings commensurate to listed buildings and other designated heritage assets. This is inappropriate and	It is agreed to amend the reword the Policy to make this clearer. It now requires development proposals to take account of their heritage status.

			should be reworded to reflect the status of such structures, subservient to designated assets.	
133		Rotherham MBC	Whilst part 1 of this policy does re-iterate many elements of existing policy, such as SP55 Design Principles, there are elements which are locally specific through references to the Parish. The Council consider that there is further scope for a more effective policy to be created by focusing on guidance specific to the Parish.	This general support for the Policy is welcomed.
134		Rotherham MBC	As previously highlighted by the Council, part 2 of the policy relating to infrastructure is likely to require re-wording to ensure it is implementable. What infrastructure would this refer to? Some infrastructure requirements could be dealt with via condition, and would not strictly be required to be 'addressed' before granting planning permission. Certain infrastructure may also be covered by CIL. There should also be recognition of what is within the remit of planning and what isn't, i.e. if a doctor's surgery exceeds capacity, an extension cannot be secured as part of any planning permission.	The policy is explicit that it refers to " <i>any infrastructure needs arising as a result of proposed new development</i> ". <i>It is recognised that some infrastructure requirements could be dealt with via condition and CIL. In such instances, it is considered that they have been 'addressed' before granting planning permission and would therefore meet the test contained in the Plan. The Plan does make reference to that CIL payments can only be used on infrastructure. It is not considered appropriate or proportionate for the Plan to go into more detail about the types of projects that can be funded. It is agreed to include a link to the Borough</i>

				Council website where more information about CIL can be found.
135		Rotherham MBC	This paragraph identifies the infrastructure on the CIL Regulation 123 list and refers to expansion of the Police station at Dinnington. This list reflected the infrastructure requirements of a range of providers at the time of its preparation; however since that time the Council is aware that the police service no longer identify this as a requirement, indeed the police station itself has now closed. Consideration should be given to updating the neighbourhood plan to reflect this current position.	It is agreed to remove reference to the police station from the Borough Council's 123 list.
136	BED 3: DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	Rotherham MBC	The policy requires re-wording for clarity; the second paragraph in particular does not read correctly. Furthermore, developer contributions are limited in what they can be spent on and, in the case of S106 contributions not covered by CIL they must be directly related to the site being developed. It is suggested that there should be clarity on when this policy applies. As worded it would apply to all applications, including small developments of say 1 or 2 homes. It is suggested that this would be most appropriately applied to larger scale developments which are more likely to result in the provision of infrastructure. The generally accepted definition of major development is: 10 or more dwellings, or the creation of 1,000 sq m or more of floorspace, or where a site is of 1 hectare or more.	The Policy is drawn from an approved Neighbourhood Plan. It is considered that provides sufficient clarity. It is agreed that developer contributions are limited what they can be spent. It is considered that there is sufficient clarity on when the policy applies. It specifically states, "where in accordance with relevant national and local planning policies". It agreed to add 'with the tests' to add further clarity. It is not considered

				necessary or desirable that the policy will only apply to large scale development.
137		Rotherham MBC	It is also suggested that the supporting text should clarify that the Parish Council will be responsible for prioritising and spending of that element of CIL receipts which go to Parish Councils; however for CIL receipts retained by RMBC, prioritisation and spending decisions will be determined by Council Members.	It is agreed to amend the text to clarify this.
138		Fisher German on behalf of RNN Group	Development Contributions – the Neighbourhood Plan Group are reminded that all requests for planning obligations must be evidenced and comply with appropriate regulations. Attention is raised to the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation 2010 122 (2), which outlines that planning obligations must be, a) Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; b) Directly related to the development, and c) Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development. 6.5 It must also be remembered that the Council are unable to request Section 106 obligations to deliver items on the Regulation 123 List.	This is noted.
139	MONITORING	Rotherham MBC	Refers to the neighbourhood plan being monitored annually, with assessment against agreed 'success measures'. What are the 'success measures'? These should be identified in the neighbourhood plan.	It is agreed to expand on the success measures.

ⁱ This does not cover any strategic or technical comments received such as typographical errors and minor wording changing