



Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan Submission Consultation Representation Form

Shenstone Parish Council has submitted the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan, 2015-2029 to Lichfield District Council. Under section 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Lichfield District Council are now consulting on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan and would like your comments. In order for your representation to be taken into account at the Neighbourhood Plan examination and keep you informed of the future progress of the Neighbourhood Plan your contact details are needed. **The closing date for representations to be made is 20th November 2015 at 17:15pm.**

Please return your completed representation forms by the closing date via email to developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk or by post to the following address;

Development Plans & Implementation
Lichfield District Council
District Council House
Frog Lane
Lichfield
Staffordshire
WS13 6YY

All comments will be publicly available and identifiable by name and organisation (where applicable). Please note that any other personal information provided will be processed by Lichfield District Council in line with the Data Protection Act 1998.

You can view the Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents via <http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/shenstonenp> or hard copies of the documents are available in reception at Lichfield District Council and at Shenstone Library.

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Please complete the boxes below using a separate form for each representation:

Name(s): Keith Jones

Name(s) of Organisation (if applicable):
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Address (including postcode):

Email address:

Please state whether you would like to be notified of the Council's decision on the Neighbourhood Plan Proposal:

Yes

No

If 'Yes' is your preferred method of contact either via email or post?

Email

Post

Please state which part of the Neighbourhood Plan (for example which section, paragraph or policy) your representation relates to:

Section 3.1, section 3.6, section 9 and policy GSC2

Please use the space below to make comments on this part of the Neighbourhood Plan:

My main issue with the plan as it stands is the lack of any proposals to provide amenity space or facilities for the largest section of the village residents, those aged 45-80. Whereas there are a number of very specific proposals to expand facilities for children and teenagers, and to further dominate the so-called village playing fields with more facilities for football.

If you look at section 2.11 of the plan it details the demographic make up of the village population. The graphs show that around **57%** of the population is in the 45-80 age range, with around **10%** aged between 11 and 18 and **7%** in the 0-10 range. Further, this profile seems to be continuing over time, as identified in section 2.13

"2.13 Shenstone experienced very strong growth in its retirement population (aged 65 and older) whilst also experiencing a decline in much of its population of working age (aged 30 to 64). This demonstrates not only an ageing population structure but also a declining workforce, although this could be partially offset by the increase in young people that will be of working age during the plan period (age 11 to 28). This is shown in Figure 2.2."

Further on in the document it states at 3.1:

"An ageing population that has particular demands in terms of their accessibility to services and appropriate recreational facilities."

and at 3.6 it states :-

*"Provide new and improved community facilities to address the needs of the **local population**"*

In section 9 we have:-

"Environment and Community Facilities

- *Protect and maintain existing green spaces of value to the **community**.*
- *Provide new and improved community facilities to **address the needs of the local population**.*
- *Enhance the village by improving the appearance and safety of the village centre.*
- *Protect the existing village facilities of value to the community "*

Now, having talked about an ageing population and a desire to meet the needs of the local community, we encounter policy GSC2:

"POLICY GSC2: PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT SHENSTONE PLAYING FIELDS

The provision of additional community facilities at Shenstone Playing Fields will be strongly supported, including:

- *Further play equipment - for 7% of the residents?*
- *Building of a wall for climbing and ball games - for 10% of the residents?*
- *Extension of the skateboard park - For 10% of the residents?*
- *An appropriate all-weather surface on the training area – Benefitting perhaps a small number of the residents but mostly for the non-residents who make up the football team*

Improvements to the following facilities will be strongly supported:

Rebuilding of the Shenstone Sports and Social Club to be a community building, including a coffee shop, changing rooms and toilet facilities as well as space to cater for community activities such as music, drama and dance. - Firstly, this is a commercial venture and should not be included in the SNP. Secondly, our village is in no need of another community building. We have at least four already which can cater for all of the above - except perhaps "changing rooms" which again are of no benefit to the vast majority of residents of Shenstone.

- *Floodlights at Shenstone Tennis Club and refurbishment of the tennis courts.*

*Improvements and new provision should seek to provide for the range of needs of **all sectors of the community**. Unfortunately I can't seem to find any proposal or policy within the plan which addresses the current and future recreational needs of the majority (57% and growing) of the residents of Shenstone.*

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