

Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan, 2024-2043 Consultation Statement

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1 CONSULTATION PROCESS

Introduction

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended) in respect of the Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan Review (SNPR).
- 1.2 The legal basis of this Consultation Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (as amended), which requires that a consultation statement should:
 - contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - explain how they were consulted;
 - summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.
- 1.3 The policies contained in the SNPR are as a result of considerable interaction and consultation with the community and businesses within the ward of Stonnall. Work has involved community groups over approximately two years, as well as surveys, public meetings and events. This has been overseen and coordinated by the SNPR Steering Group which was formed to lead the SNPR. Views and interactions from this process led to the consideration and updating of the Vision and Aims in Section 2 of the SNPR, and subsequently therefore form the basis for the key policies set out in Sections 5 to 12 of the SNPR.

Organisational structure of the SNPR

- 1.4 The revised SNPR has been prepared after community involvement and engagement. The SNPR Steering Group has reflected the received views of the community of the continuing need for well-designed development principally to address local needs, along with the further provision of community infrastructure.
- 1.5 The structure put in place was a Steering Group leading on work across the range of themes that formed the basis of the draft Neighbourhood Plan revision.
- 1.6 The Steering Group, made up of volunteers and Councillors, met regularly throughout the process.

Public events and consultation activities

- 1.7 The following consultation activities were undertaken as shown in Table 1.1. Examples of the various publicity material is shown in Appendix A.

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Table 1.1: List of events and engagement activities

Date	Event	Venue	Attendees	Flyers to all households & businesses	Posters	Parish Council Magazine	Facebook/ website	Details posted online
30 Sep 23	Public Meeting to explain NP process and call for Steering Group Members	Stonnall Community Centre	20		Yes	Autumn 2023	Yes	
30 Oct 23	2 nd Meeting Public Meeting to explain NP process and call for Steering Group Members	Stonnall Community Centre	17		Yes		Yes	
17 Jan 24	Formation of Steering Group and invites for public participation	Stonnall Community Centre	28		Yes	Winter 2023	Yes	
21 Feb 24	Public meeting and request for input into Stonnall concerns and improvements	Stonnall Community Centre	21		Yes	Spring 2024	Yes	
15 May 24	Public participation and work programme schedule	Stonnall Community Centre	21		Yes		Yes	
11 Sept 24	Public Meeting specifically on housing requirements for Stonnall	Stonnall Village Hall	116	Yes, hand delivered to all households	Yes	Winter 2024	Yes	Streamed on line and Video'd
1 Nov 24	Public meeting specifically on housing requirements for Stonnall	Stonnall Community Centre	24		Yes		Yes	
5 Dec 24	Housing Needs & General Community Surveys			Hand delivered to all households	Yes		Yes	
10 Jan 25	Public Meeting to explain Consultation Day (21 Jan) Process and invites to the public	Stonnall Community Centre	20		Yes		Yes	
21 Jan 25	Official Public Consultation Day on emerging revised plan and results from public survey which ran from early December 2024 to 2 nd Jan 2025	Stonnall Community Centre	175	Yes, hand delivered to all Households	Yes	Spring 2025	Yes	

Notes

Posters	Displayed on Official Notice Boards throughout the Neighbourhood Area
Flyers	Distributed to all households and businesses within the Neighbourhood Area
Parish Council Magazine	Distributed quarterly to all households within the Neighbourhood Area

Stakeholder consultations

1.8 Consultees that the Steering Group engaged with to inform the preparation of the Plan included:

- Lichfield District Council
- Shenstone Parish Council
- St Peter's Parish Church
- St Peter's Primary School
- Stonnall Convenience Store
- Stonnall General Store
- Stonnall Fish Shop
- Stonnall Hairdressers
- JPE Shire Oak Quarry
- The Royal Oak Public House
- The Old Swan Public House
- Stonnall Hairdressers
- Stonnall Tattoo Shop
- Massala Club
- St Peter's Schools Fundraisers
- Stonnall Community Centre
- Stonnall Village Hall
- Lynn and Stonnall playing Fields
- Stonnall History Society
- Stonnall Conservation Society
- Stonnall Gardeners Guild
- Stonnall Allotments
- Stonnall Scouts and Cubs Group
- Stonnall Campaign About Roads (SCAR)
- Speedwatch
- Stonnall Coffee Club

Engaging with hard-to-reach groups

1.9 Whilst no formal monitoring or measurement of the breadth of engagement took place, it was not considered that there were any specific groups that were under-represented throughout the process. Attendance at the engagement events were from a cross section of the community that broadly represented the demographic mix of Stonnall.

Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment

- 1.10 The SNPR Group submitted a formal screening request regarding the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the draft SNPR in March 2025. Lichfield District Council provided its formal response in May 2025, stating that an SEA and an HRA were not required. A copy of the full Screening Report is included as part of the supporting evidence base.

2 KEY RESPONSES FROM CONSULTATION

Initial work preparing to undertake the Neighbourhood Plan Review

- 2.1 Following the decision in principle to commence a review of the Neighbourhood Plan, meetings with the residents was arranged. These were advertised throughout the village area with the use of emails, posters, flyers and social media (Stonnall Community Facebook page). Two meetings were held at the end of 2023 in the Community Centre, with their purpose being to engage residents about the concept of refreshing the current made Neighbourhood Plan and to hear presentations from Parish, District and County Councillors on the likely process and time length involved. It also was used to obtain their views on important areas affecting the Stonnall area.
- 2.2 The main feedback related to housing and road related traffic concerns.
- 2.3 This initial feedback helped to gain an insight into what the public were concerned about and helped to shape early thinking about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan revision.
- 2.4 In January 2024 the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was formed with approximately 30 residents committed to help, in addition to a County Councillor, two District Councillors and four Parish Councillors.

Evidence gathering stage

- 2.5 The Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group reviewed relevant data including demographics obtained from Lichfield District Council, national and local planning policy. At these meetings in early 2024, the Steering group identified community concerns about the existing plan, and experience of fulfilled and unfulfilled original plan commitments in preparing for the formal review consultation process.
- 2.6 The main 'high level' feedback was that Stonnall is not a sustainable Village that can support large scale developments. It also highlighted the infrastructure in the area (Roads, Sewers etc) cannot support a growth in numbers of houses in the Stonnall area.
- 2.7 (Some of these meetings coincided with road closures due to structural issues and also collapsed sewer systems)
- 2.8 Village support organisations and various clubs and groups were highlighted as lacking and improvements are required, especially if any development took place.
- 2.9 Rat running and speeding traffic was raised as an ongoing concern and residents wish to see improvements in road safety measures.
- 2.10 These responses helped the Steering Group to examine comments and ensure future work on the shape of the plan met with these issues in mind.
- 2.11 Especially beneficial in gaining evidence to shape the plan was an Open Public Meeting held in the large Stonnall Village Hall and was arranged specifically to get views and opinions on housing developments in the Stonnall area.
- 2.12 A capacity number of 116 residents attended to hear a presentation from a range of Councillors representing: Staffordshire County Council, Lichfield District Council (LDC), Shenstone Parish Council and views from the public were sought.

This meeting coincided with LDC's' Call for Sites' exercise leading to an Issues and Options document that LDC were working on at that time. This meeting was particularly pertinent to the new Government's increased housing targets and probable changes to the NPPF, including amendments to the consideration of Green Belt.

- 2.13 Key important learnings from this meeting that helped to shape the NP review forward were:
- Stonnall Green Belt is precious to residents and vital to protect against urban sprawl.
 - Demographics of residents need to shape village facilities such as a more effective doctor's surgery, chemist and Post Office.
 - Local facilities in general cannot sustain further development.
 - Residents moved to Stonnall village for a purpose and wish to prevent the character of the village changing.
 - The school and other vital services cannot cope with further development and increased numbers.
- 2.14 The Steering Group took all this information on board and this helped to shape the areas of focus for the revision to the plan.

Testing the emerging Neighbourhood Plan Review

- 2.15 Following work on the amendments to the plan, a public consultation day was held in January 2024 to present the proposals.
- 2.16 A recorded number of 178 people attended the above Consultation Day at Stonnall Community Centre between 1pm and 8pm.
- 2.17 The consultation event held in January 2025 over continuous one afternoon and early evening confirmed that the key issues which the emerging Plan Review was seeking to address were the right ones. Primarily the feedback confirmed that all of the issues in the made in the original Neighbourhood Plan were still some of the most important issues to residents of Stonnall.
- 2.18 Key themes emerging from the Plan Review were put on large (3'x2') boards with pictures of these key areas that had emerged from the Housing Needs Survey and the General Community Survey that had been held in December (169 and 181 public responses respectively)
- 2.19 The public were invited to ask questions of the Steering Group team present on the day and also specifically invited to write comments on sheets of paper and/or post-it notes. The public were asked to say what they liked, disliked about the plan so far and for their comments in general.
- 2.20 The key learnings from this consultation day were:
- Reiteration of the importance of preserving the Green Belt around Stonnall.
 - There are 'acceptable' village facilities in terms of shops etc but the retail area needs refurbishment and better parking facilities.
 - Residents value the trees and hedgerows and their landscape and wish more to be done to grow, maintain and develop these important areas of nature where wildlife thrives.
 - The village infrastructure cannot cope now, never mind if further development happened.
 - The public value the history and setting of Stonnall as a village to be preserved.
 - People were interested in the future of the JPE Shire Oak quarry once it is finished and to be returned back to nature.

- Residents value the Village Hall, Community Centre and Playing Fields and wish them to be maintained and improved as vital Village Assets.
- The importance of limiting inappropriate residential infill or back land development and issues relating to the density, scale and materials used in new developments.
- People like and respect properties of a certain character that fit in with the village scene - this fed through into the Design Guidance document produced.
- New concerns raised and mitigation required against excess flooding.

2.21 This feedback helped to shape the final amendments to the Plan Review, prior to Regulation 14 public consultation.

3 REGULATION 14 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

3.1 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group finalised the draft SNPR in late-February 2025. The Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation ran for a six-week period from 14th March 2024 to 30th April 2025. A coordinated publicity campaign was undertaken which comprised:

- The draft plan with an explanatory notice was put on Shenstone Parish Council website.
- A hand delivered flyer was put through all household letterboxes throughout Stonnall area.
- An article was included on the first page of the parish newsletter which was delivered to all households in the Stonnall area.
- Posters were put on noticeboards and outside on relevant structures throughout the Stonnall area including bus shelters etc.
- Each of the village shops had a poster prominently in their windows.
- The Royal Oak and Old Swan public houses displayed posters and the pub managers were briefed on the campaign so they could direct queries as necessary.
- Stonnall Community Centre and Stonnall Village Hall had hard copies of the draft revised NP on their internal notice boards with a notice inviting comments.
- A hard copy of the Plan with instructions about the consultation was placed in Shenstone Community Library and Coffee Shop.
- Reminders were given to any groups that parish councillors visited e.g. Stonnall Coffee Club, Stonnall Campaign About Roads (SCAR) Meetings.
- Local Stonnall social media (primarily Facebook) contained regular reminders of the pre-submission consultation process and deadlines.
- Steering Group members were asked to mention the pre-submission consultation with family, friends and neighbours.
- Notifications were sent to statutory and non-statutory consultees via email.

Distribution to Statutory and Non-Statutory Consultees

3.2 In accordance with requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, relevant statutory consultees were notified by email. In addition, a range of parties that the Steering Group considered were likely to have an interest in the plan were also written to. All parties were advised to download a copy of the plan, but were advised that hard copies could be issued on request.

3.3 The full list of statutory and non-statutory consultees that were written to is as follows:

- Lichfield District Council
- Staffordshire County Council
- National Grid
- Highways England
- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Natural England

- Walsall Council
- Cannock Chase District Council
- Birmingham City Council
- Burntwood Town Council
- Hints & Canwell Parish Council (PC)
- Wall PC
- Hammerwich PC
- Hints PC
- Fradley PC
- St Peters School
- St Peters Church
- JPE Aggregates

Responses

- 3.4 In total there were four responses to the Pre-Submission Consultation. This reflected a mixture of residents and stakeholders.
- 3.5 The schedule of representations and the respective responses made are shown in Appendix B. As a result, the Submission Version (Regulation 15) of the SNPR has been appropriately amended.

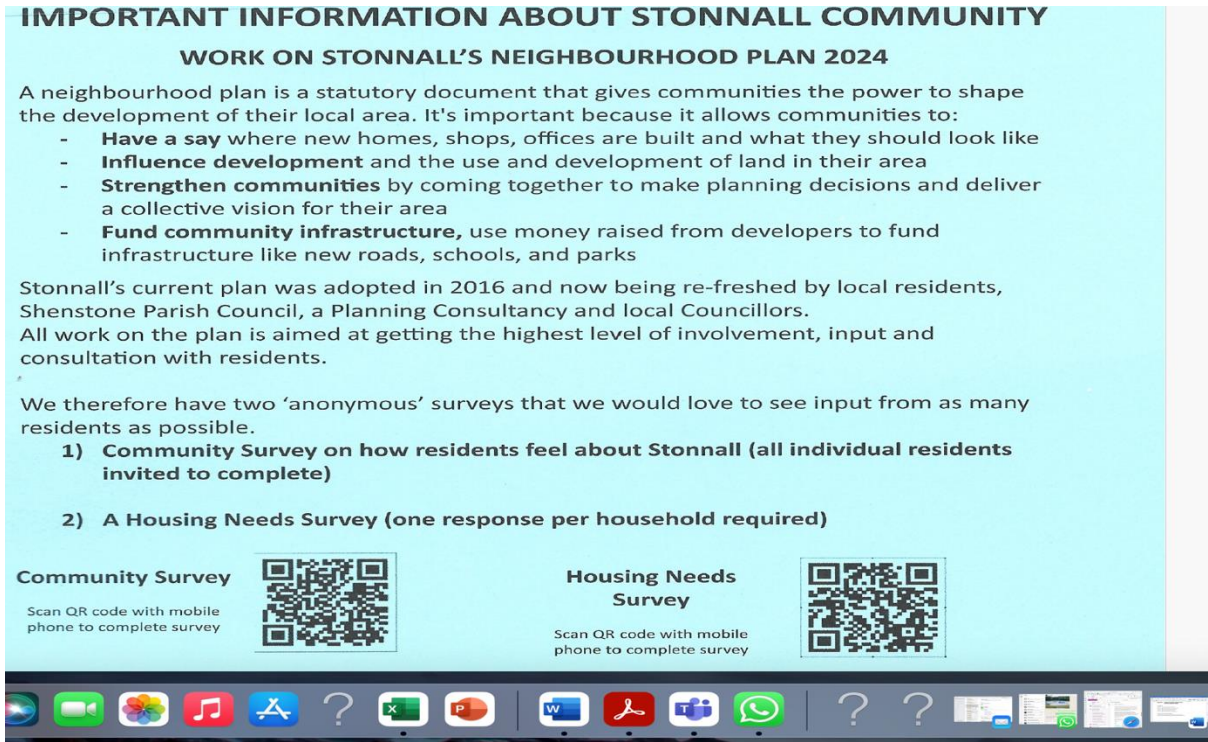
Appendix A Examples of publicity material used to promote engagement events

Parish Magazines/Newsletters (<https://www.shenstone-staffs.gov.uk/newsletters/>)

- Autumn 2023 – Page 7. General announcement of NP reviews
- Winter 2023 - Front page. Announcing review and asking for Volunteers
- Spring 2024 - Page 7. Update on Steering Groups, inviting queries
- Winter 2024 - Page 2. Update and advising of meeting dates
- Spring 2025 - Page 2. Inviting feedback at Public Consultation stage

Questionnaires with covering email and QR codes

Survey period ran from 5 December 2024 to 2 January 2025 when the Housing Needs and Community Surveys were hand delivered with instructions to all households in the Stonnall area.



How to respond to both surveys by 2nd January 2025 deadline:

- Preferred method is to Use the QR code above and attached to each survey and complete each online OR
- Fill in a hard copy of each form and drop off at any of the Stonnall Shops, Pubs, Community Halls

NEXT STEPS

- 1) Fill in the surveys and return **by 2nd January 2025**
- 2) Attend the public open day to give your full views on all matters on **Tuesday 21st January 2025** from 1pm until 8pm at Stonnall Community Centre (next to St Peter's School)

In the meantime, any queries to phil.whitehouse@shenstone-staffs.gov.uk

Thank you on behalf of the Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan Team.

Chaired by County Councillor, David Smith; david.smith1@staffordshire.gov.uk
Vice Chair District Councillor, Phil Whitehouse; phil.whitehouse@lichfielddc.gov.uk

Completion of this survey will help to shape the Stonnall Community for the years ahead.

Example Posters and flyers for Public Consultation

**STONNALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

**THE REVISED PLAN HAS BEEN DRAFTED AND IT
IS NOW TIME FOR STONNALL RESIDENTS TO
COMMENT ON THIS.**

The Plan is available to see at:

Parish Council Website www.shenstone-staffs.gov.uk

Hard copy to inspect in:

- **Shenstone Library**
- **Shenstone Parish Council Office (by appointment only)**
- **Stonnall Village Hall and Community Centre inside Notice Boards**
- **Completed responses may also be dropped off at Stonnall Community Centre and Stonnall Village Hall**

The Residents Consultation period starts at 9am on Friday 14th March 2025 and all comments (in favour or against) must be in writing/email and received by the Shenstone Parish Council Clerk by 5pm on Wednesday 30th April 2025

MEETINGS IN JANUARY

ALL MEETINGS IN STONNALL COMMUNITY CENTRE (The Hut)

STONNALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY - 7.30pm - UPDATE

TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY - 1pm – 8pm - OPEN DAY

THIS PUBLIC CONSULTATION DAY IS FOR EVERYONE TO LOOK AT PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CURRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND HAVE YOUR SAY ON IMPORTANT MATTERS AFFECTING THE VILLAGE

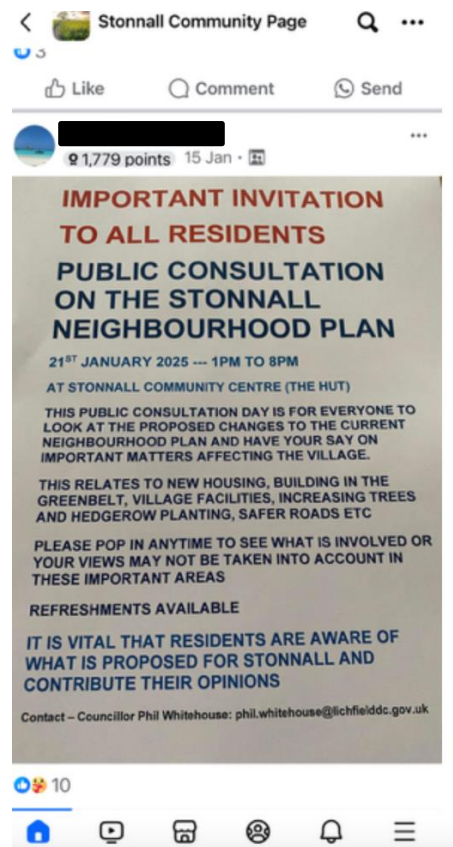
A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area. It may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development.

Neighbourhood plans relate to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. It may deal with a wide range of issues like housing, employment, heritage and transport. A Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to examination and referendum and then form part of the Local Development Plan. This statutory status gives Neighbourhood Plans far more weight than some other local planning documents, such as parish plans, community plans and village design statements.

IT IS VITAL THAT RESIDENTS ARE AWARE OF WHAT IS PROPOSED FOR STONNALL AND CONTRIBUTE THEIR OPINIONS

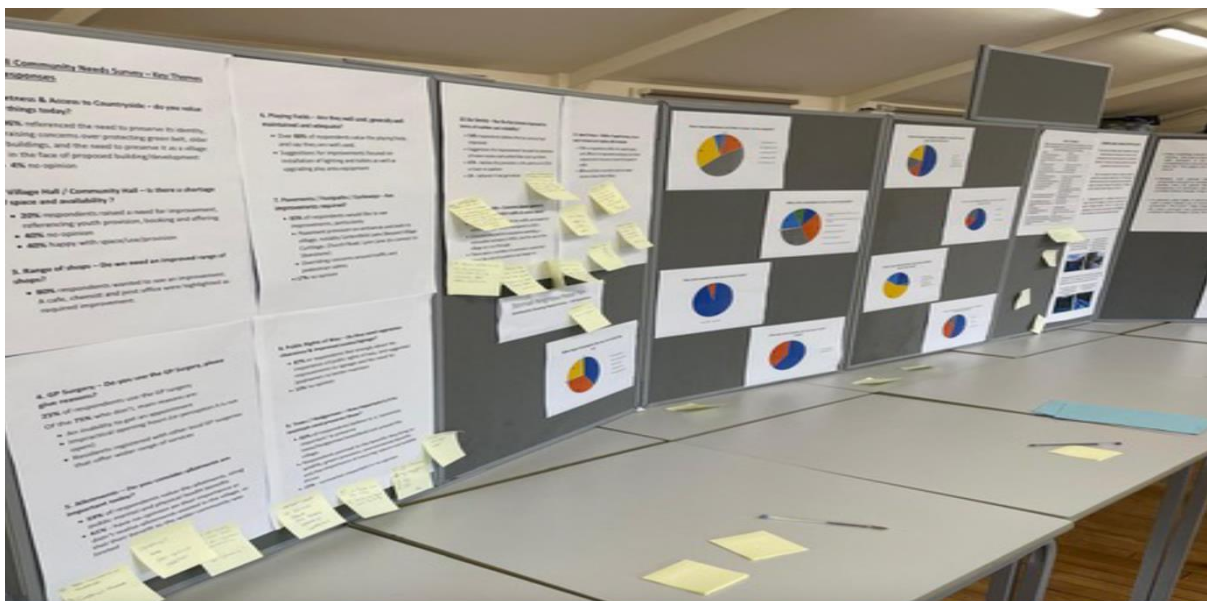
Social Media

Used throughout the revision period to promote all dates of meetings plus explanations of key matters and requests for feedback



Photographs

Photographs of the public feedback day 21st January 2025



Appendix B Schedule of comments and responses to Pre-Submission Consultation

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Ref.	Name of Body/ 'Resident'	Representation	Response by Parish Council	Amendment to Plan
1	Staffordshire County Council- James Chadwick (Principal Planning Policy Officer)	<p>Generally supportive of the proposals in the draft plan. The only comment we have is: Where you talk about biodiversity net gain on page 22:</p> <p><i>"The design of individual buildings and of neighbourhood scale green and open spaces, including private gardens, will help to ensure that existing habitats present in Stonnall can thrive and a range of new habitats can be created. This is in line with the requirement of the Environment Act 2021 for all new development (excluding small householder proposals) to achieve net biodiversity gain of at least 10%"</i></p> <p>They could say they want to see development going beyond the mandatory requirement, say 20%, or they could say they want the 10% to be achieved in the neighbourhood / parish. Otherwise, there isn't a lot of point as it's mandatory.</p> <p>Bird bat etc requirements is supported by NPPF 187 d)</p> <p>d) minimising impacts on and providing net gains for biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures and incorporating features which support priority or threatened species such as swifts, bats and hedgehogs;</p>	Thank you for your response. Further clarity and justification has been added to page 22.	Update relevant paragraph on page 22 to include the recommended changes.
2	Residents- Gill and Brian Chelener	<p>"Firstly we would like to thank all those involved in preparing the new plan for our village with all the meetings and the hours to bring it all together .</p> <p>Having read the new plan, we are in favour of the updated version to carry us on into the future as a village. The importance of retaining the village for its many qualities and benefits is covered in the plan.</p> <p>We are so lucky to live here open countryside, a safe environment and the wonderful people of our village".</p>	Thank you for your comment, it has been noted.	N/A
3	Lichfield District Council- Melissa Ross (Senior	<p><u>General Comments:</u></p> <p>The policies within the neighbourhood plan are welcomed. Many reflect the policies within the existing plan which were</p>	All general comments have been noted.	N/A

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	Policy and Strategy Officer)	<p>found to be meet the basic conditions when the neighbourhood plan was examined. As such comments made within this representation will, in the main, relate to those elements of the plan which have been amended and/or elements where other local or national planning policy has changed since the neighbourhood plan was first prepared. Additionally, some minor comments are provided within the 'specific comments' section of this representation which aim to provide clarity.</p> <p>Given the relatively early stage of the new local plan, the relevant local plan with which the neighbourhood plan will need to be in general conformity remains the adopted local plan, which consists of the Local Plan Strategy and Local Plan Allocations documents.</p> <p>It is pleasing to see direct reference is made within the neighbourhood plan to the design code document.</p> <p>The district council will be able to provide advice and guidance on any of the evidence documents should this be required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Call for Sites Schedule 2024 ■ Settlement Sustainability Study 2024 ■ Open Space Assessment 2024 ■ Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessments ■ Five-year Housing Supply 2024 ■ Five-year Housing Supply Addendum 2025 ■ Authority Monitoring Report 2024 ■ Call for Sites Schedule 2024 ■ Settlement Sustainability Study 2024 ■ Open Space Assessment 2024 ■ Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessments 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Five-year Housing Supply 2024 ■ Five-year Housing Supply Addendum 2025 ■ Authority Monitoring Report 2024 		
		Paragraph 1.1 – suggest changing the last sentence in the paragraph to “the period 2024 to 2043.”	Noted and changed	The last sentence on Paragraph 1.1 changed to “the period 2024 to 2043.”
		Paragraph 2.4 – Suggest adding a new bullet point after ‘rat run’ and before ‘improve’ to separate the two distinct issues.	Noted and changed	Bullet point added after ‘rat run’ and before ‘improve’
		Paragraph 2.4 – decapitalise ‘Village’ under communication.	Noted and changed	‘Village’ changed to ‘village’
		Paragraph 2.4 – decapitalise ‘Village Groups’ under community groups	Noted and changed	‘Village Groups’ changed to ‘village groups’
		Paragraph 3.3 – decapitalise ‘Floor materials supplier’	Noted and changed	‘Floor materials supplier’ changed to ‘floor materials supplier’
		In the fourth paragraph, to strengthen the reference to ‘locally interesting features’, it is suggested this is rephrased as ‘non-designated heritage assets’, in line with the terminology used in the NPPF.	Noted and changed	‘locally interesting features’ rephrased to ‘non-designated heritage assets’
		Paragraph 4.0 – Suggest consideration of the Design Code. Or other national guidance such as the National Design Guide and Building for Healthy Life	Noted although these are not policy which is the subject of this section.	N/A
		Policy H2 – This policy refers to Lichfield District Design Code Supplementary Planning Guidance document, this should be Lichfield District Design Code Supplementary Planning Document	Noted and changed	Wording changed to Lichfield District Design Code Supplementary Planning Document
		Policy D1 – Suggest rewording the policy to the following: “Development within the parish of Stonnall must preserve and, where appropriate, enhance the character, appearance, and setting of the village. Proposals must demonstrate how	Noted and changed	Policy reworded to “Development within the parish of Stonnall must preserve and, where appropriate, enhance

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		they have been informed by the Stonnall Design Guide and the Lichfield District Design Code Supplementary Planning Guidance. Particular regard should be given to local distinctiveness, materials, layout, scale, and landscape setting. Development located outside the defined village boundary must be sensitively designed and must not harm the character or setting of Stonnall."		the character, appearance, and setting of the village. Proposals must demonstrate how they have been informed by the Stonnall Design Guide and the Lichfield District Design Code Supplementary Planning Guidance. Particular regard should be given to local distinctiveness, materials, layout, scale, and landscape setting. Development located outside the defined village boundary must be sensitively designed and must not harm the character or setting of Stonnall."
		Policy LSH1 - Unsure the policy can specify that planning permission will be granted – as this is clearly a matter for the decision-making process and would be undertaken in accordance with all local plan and neighbourhood plan policies. Suggest rewording to "delivery of proposals that seek to extend the range of facilities offered from the existing retail units identified on Map A will be supported."	Noted, agreed and changed.	Reworded to "delivery of proposals that seek to extend the range of facilities offered from the existing retail units identified on Map A will be supported"
		Policy LSH2: Suggest rewording policy to "Stonnall Village Shops – Streetscene Improvements – Enhancements to the streetscene to ensure the vitality and viability of shops will be supported."	Noted and changed	Policy reworded to "Stonnall Village Shops – Streetscene Improvements – Enhancements to the streetscene to ensure the vitality and viability of shops will be supported"
		Paragraph 10.1.1 – In the third paragraph, 'Village Groups, Parties and Weddings' should be lower case.	Noted and changed	Changed to 'village groups, parties and weddings'
		Paragraph 10.2.1 – In the second paragraph, the 'The Village' should be lower case	Noted and changed	Changed to 'the village'

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		Policy LE1 – Suggest the following wording change: “will be expected to deliver biodiversity net gain on site, unless it can be satisfactorily demonstrated that such measures are not practicable	Noted and changed, although the wording is slightly amended to reflect the response to comments from Staffordshire CC.	Wording changed to ‘will be expected to deliver biodiversity net gain on site. This should be provided on site or, if that is not possible, then elsewhere within the parish.’”
		Policy LE1 – Suggest the following wording change “The incorporation of design features into new development that encourages local wildlife and biodiversity to thrive (such as integrated bat and bird boxes, green roofs, insect hotels, etc) will be supported.”	Noted and changed	Wording changed to “The incorporation of design features into new development that encourages local wildlife and biodiversity to thrive (such as integrated bat and bird boxes, green roofs, insect hotels, etc) will be supported”
		Policy LE1 – Suggest revised wording: “Development should aim to retain natural habitats (such as trees, woodlands, hedgerows, etc) unless it has been clearly demonstrated that no reasonable viable alternatives exist. Development will be resisted where it will negatively impact Priority Habitats. Where mature trees need to be removed to facilitate development, these should be replaced with suitable native tree species at a ratio of 2:1. When selecting floral species for new planting schemes, these should consist primarily of native species or those considered to be climate resilient. Planting schemes should be designed to provide landscape-scale connectivity and contribute to wider habitat enhancement.”	Noted and changed	Wording changed to “Development should aim to retain natural habitats (such as trees, woodlands, hedgerows, etc) unless it has been clearly demonstrated that no reasonable viable alternatives exist. Development will be resisted where it will negatively impact Priority Habitats. Where mature trees need to be removed to facilitate development, these should be replaced with suitable tree species at a ratio of 2:1. When selecting floral species for new planting schemes, these should consist primarily of native species or those considered to be climate resilient. Planting schemes should be designed to provide landscape-scale connectivity

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				and contribute to wider habitat enhancement
		Paragraph 12.1.1 – Revise wording from “there are a number of Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitats” to “there are a number of parcels of UK Priority Habitat”.	Noted and changed	Reworded to “there are a number of parcels of UK Priority Habitat”
		Paragraph 12.1.1 - Remove the third paragraph referring to Staffordshire BAP. Local BAPs were superseded in 2020 and are no longer relevant.	Noted and changed	Paragraph has been removed
		Paragraph 12.1.1 – Suggest amending the wording in the fourth paragraph to include the following “This is in line with the requirement of the Environment Act 2021 (with some limited exemptions) for all new development (excluding small householder proposals) to achieve net biodiversity gain of at least 10%.”	Noted and changed	Wording amended to “This is in line with the requirement of the Environment Act 2021 (with some limited exemptions) for all new development (excluding small householder proposals) to achieve net biodiversity gain of at least 10%.”
		Policy LE2 – “trees and hedgerows which are likely to become visually significant when a site is developed” – It is unclear how this could be determined prior to the development being implemented. It is recommended that this wording be removed.	Noted and changed	“trees and hedgerows which are likely to become visually significant when a site is developed” has been removed
		Paragraph 14.1.1 – The Rural Settlement Sustainability Study is referenced several times throughout the document. It is suggested that reference is instead made to the recently updated Settlement Sustainability Study 2024, which demonstrates both the deficiency and over-capacity of services and facilities in Stonnall.	Noted and changed	Reference is now made to Settlement Sustainability Study 2024 over The Rural Settlement Sustainability Study.
		Policy HB1 – It is suggested that the second paragraph is amended to refer to 'non-designated heritage assets as identified in the neighbourhood plan', as currently only conservation areas have locally listed buildings identified within the district.	Noted and changed	Paragraph 2 of Policy HB1 amended to refer to 'non-designated heritage assets as identified in the neighbourhood plan'

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		Policy HB3 – It is advised that contact is made with Shane Kelleher (shane.kelleher@staffordshire.gov.uk), Staffordshire County Council's archaeologist, to check whether there are any additional considerations to take into account.	Staffordshire County Council were consulted as part of the Regulation 14 consultation process and no comments were received.	N/A
		Stonnall Design Guide, paragraph 1 & 2 – Suggest making it clear that this is subject to justification.	Noted and changed	Clarity added to both paragraphs stating this is subject to clarification
		Stonnall Design Guide, paragraph 6 – Suggest providing an example image of slates to set a high quality example.	Noted and changed	Photograph added
		Stonnall Design Guide, paragraph 7 – Suggest rewording from "Reclaimed or locally sourced materials should be used if availability and viability allows" to "Reclaimed, locally sourced will be favourably encouraged."	Noted and changed	Reworded from "Reclaimed or locally sourced materials should be used if availability and viability allows" to "Reclaimed, locally sourced will be favourably encouraged"
		Stonnall Design Guide, paragraph 8 – Suggest steering away from composite cladding as this is often low quality. Suggested wording change: "High quality cladding may be acceptable with clear design justification".	Noted and changed	Wording changed to "High quality cladding may be acceptable with clear design justification".
		It is suggested that the Shenley Neighbourhood Plan is reviewed, as it contains some strong examples of design policies. Additionally, Building for a Healthy Life (2020) provides a useful framework for outlining high-quality design, which could be helpful to draw from.	This is noted. However, it is considered that the design policies in the Stonnall NP Review provide an appropriate context to ensure high quality schemes come forward.	N/A

