



Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan Submission Consultation

Representation Form

Shenstone Parish Council has submitted the Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan to Lichfield District Council. Under Section 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012¹ Lichfield District Council are now consulting on the proposed neighbourhood plan and would like your comments.

For your representation to be taken into account at the Neighbourhood Plan Examination and to keep you informed of future progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, your contact details are needed. **The closing date for representations to be made is Wednesday 1st October at 23:59pm.**

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

Policy & Strategy

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). Personal information provided will be processed in accordance with the [privacy notice](#).

You can view the Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan and its associated documents on the [district councils website](#) or hard copies of the documents are available in reception at Lichfield District Council.

¹ Including amendment regulations; The Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and The Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016.

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

Name(s): Lichfield District Council

Name(s) of Organisation (if applicable): Lichfield District Council

Address (including postcode): District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield, WS13 6YZ

Email address: matthew.pullan@lichfielddc.gov.uk

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 too:

Neighbourhood plan – whole plan

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

General comments

Lichfield District Council welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan which was submitted to the District Council in July 2025 in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting evidence base is now subject to public consultation in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The District Council provided comments at the previous public consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan, and we are pleased to see that these comments have been taken on board and have helped inform the final version of the Plan.

The District Council has commenced a review of its existing Local Plan and undertook a consultation on its Local Plan 2043: Issues and Options document in October 2024. As this was an early stage of consultation, the document did not contain specific policies or site allocations. Given the relatively early stage of the new Local Plan, the Neighbourhood Plan will need to be in general conformity with the adopted Local Plan, which consists of the Local Plan Strategy 2015 and Local Plan Allocations 2019 documents.

It should be noted that as the Local Plan 2043 progresses, it will start to gain weight in planning decision making, in accordance with national policy. The District Council will continue to engage with the Parish Council and provide advice and guidance in respect of the new Local Plan at the appropriate time.

As part of the ongoing work on the new Local Plan, the District Council has prepared and will continue to prepare and update its evidence base, which will be made publicly available and can be used to inform the neighbourhood plan. Recent evidence that has been published and may be of interest is listed below:

- [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](#)
- [Housing and Economic Needs Assessment \(HEDNA\) 2025](#)
- [Lichfield District Design Code Supplementary Planning Document 2024](#)
- [Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Assessment 2025](#) and [Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy & Action Plan 2025](#)

The District Council will be able to provide advice and guidance on any of the above evidence documents should this be required.

Specific comments:

Within the following section, where comments recommend amended text this will be highlighted in **bold text** with text recommended to be removed in ~~strike through~~.

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8	Paragraph 4.1.	Suggest amendment to text: 'Neighbourhood Planning is supported in the NPPF through paragraphs 30 and 31. forms part of the NPPF legislation, to Neighbourhood Plans allow local communities to shape sustainable development within their area and to enable local communities to address their strategic needs and priorities. A Neighbourhood Plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan and plan positively to support these policies.'
9	Policy H1, Paragraph 5.1.	Suggest amendment to policy text: 'The design of development should comply with the principles outlined in the Stonnall Design Guide and the Lichfield District Design Code

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		Supplementary Planning Document Lichfield District Design Code Supplementary Planning Guidance document (see Policy D1)'
9	Paragraph 5.1.1.	<i>'However, the 2024 Lichfield Strategic Housing Availability Assessment did not identify any sites as developable within the Stonnall <u>Neighborhood</u> Area'</i> Please ensure English spelling of neighbourhood is used instead.
10	Policy H3, Paragraph 5.3.	Suggest amendment to policy wording: 'Support will be given to residential development proposals that provides well designed homes which meet the needs of older people which are either adapted to meet the needs of older people or are can be easily adapted to meet their needs capable of adaptation.'
12	Policy D1, Paragraph 6.1.	Suggest amendment to policy wording: 'Proposals must demonstrate how they have been informed by the Stonnall Design Guide and the Lichfield District Design Code Supplementary Planning Document Lichfield District Design Code Supplementary Planning Guidance document.
13	Policy T1, Paragraph 7.1.	Suggest amendment to policy wording: ' Planning permission will be granted for Proposals for new or improved cycling or pedestrian access to facilities and services will be supported providing that they take account of the residential amenity of adjacent properties and do would not otherwise affect the safe flow of traffic on the highway network.'

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14	Policy LSH1, Paragraph 8.1.	Suggest renaming the policy to 'Improving Local Retail Provision '
16	Paragraph 9.1.2.	Suggest adding separate bullet point for second issue listed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An inability to get an appointment • Impractical opening hours/perception of opening hours • Other local GP surgeries offer a wider range of services.
18	Paragraph 10.2.1.	The Lichfield Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Assessment was published in May 2025 and replaces the previous study from 2020. As such, to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan's evidence remains up to date, reference should be made to the new strategy as well as its accompanying action plan (Lichfield Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Strategy & Action Plan)
20	Policy HB1, Paragraph 11.1.	Suggest amendment to policy wording: 'Heritage assets within the Neighbourhood Area (especially listed buildings and non-designated heritage assets as identified in the neighbourhood plan) and their settings must be protected, conserved and enhanced when development proposals are brought forward.'
22	Policy LE1, Paragraph 12.1.	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. '
22	Paragraph 12.1.1.	Suggest amendment to text: 'There are no statutorily protected nature conservation sites within the plan area. However, there are a number of parcels of UK Priority Habitat including deciduous woodland near New Barns Farm,

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		Forge Wood, Mill Farm and Fishpond Cottages.'

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