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# **Report on the Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2022 – 2033**

**An Examination undertaken for North Warwickshire Borough Council  
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submission draft version of the Plan.**

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## Main Findings - Executive Summary

From my examination of the Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) and its supporting documentation, including the representations made, I have concluded that subject to the policy modifications set out in this report, the Plan meets the Basic Conditions.

I have also concluded that:

- the Plan has been prepared and submitted for examination by a qualifying body – Polesworth Parish Council;
- the Plan has been prepared for an area properly designated – the Polesworth Neighbourhood Area – Figure 1 on Page 5 of the Plan;
- the Plan specifies the period to which it is to take effect – 2022 - 2033; and
- the policies relate to the development and use of land for a designated neighbourhood area.

I recommend that the Plan, once modified, proceeds to referendum on the basis that it has met all the relevant legal requirements.

I have considered whether the referendum area should extend beyond the designated area to which the Plan relates and have concluded that it should not.

## 1. Introduction and Background

### Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2033

- 1.1 Polesworth is a large village and civil parish within the administrative area of North Warwickshire Borough Council. The built-up areas of Warton and Birchmoor also lie within the designated area. The parish is close to the northern tip of Warwickshire with Staffordshire to the west and Leicestershire to the east. The M42 motorway runs near the western boundary of the parish beyond which is Tamworth, Staffordshire, some 6 km away. The main line railway between Tamworth and London, via Coleshill, cuts through the southwestern part of the parish.
- 1.2 The parish was designated as a neighbourhood area by North Warwickshire Borough Council in September 2017. Since that time, the Parish Council has involved the local community and businesses in the preparation of a plan that has focussed on six key issues. The resultant Plan has an overarching vision, six objectives and nine detailed policies.

## The Independent Examiner

- 1.3 As the Plan has now reached the examination stage, I have been appointed as the examiner of the Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan by North Warwickshire Borough Council, with the agreement of Polesworth Parish Council.
- 1.4 I am a chartered town planner and former government Planning Inspector with over forty years' experience. I have worked in both the public and the private sectors. I am an independent examiner and do not have an interest in any of the land that may be affected by the draft Plan.

## The Scope of the Examination

- 1.5 As the independent examiner I am required to produce this report and recommend either:
- (a) that the neighbourhood plan is submitted to a referendum without changes; or
  - (b) that modifications are made and that the modified neighbourhood plan is submitted to a referendum; or
  - (c) that the neighbourhood plan does not proceed to a referendum on the basis that it does not meet the necessary legal requirements.
- 1.6 The scope of the examination is set out in Paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) ("the 1990 Act"). The examiner must consider:
- Whether the Plan meets the Basic Conditions.
  - Whether the Plan complies with provisions under Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) ("the 2004 Act"). These are:
    - it has been prepared and submitted for examination by a qualifying body, for an area that has been properly designated by the local planning authority;
    - it sets out policies in relation to the development and use of land;
    - it specifies the period during which it has effect;
    - it does not include provisions and policies for "excluded development"; and
    - it is the only neighbourhood plan for the area and does not relate to land outside the designated neighbourhood area.
  - Whether the referendum boundary should be extended beyond the designated area, should the Plan proceed to referendum.

- Such matters as prescribed in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) (“the 2012 Regulations”).
- 1.7 I have considered only matters that fall within Paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act, with one exception. That is the requirement that the Plan is compatible with the Human Rights Convention.

### The Basic Conditions

- 1.8 The “Basic Conditions” are set out in Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act. In order to meet the Basic Conditions, the neighbourhood plan must:
- have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
  - contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
  - be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area;
  - be compatible with and not breach European Union (EU) obligations (under retained EU law)<sup>1</sup>; and
  - meet prescribed conditions and comply with prescribed matters.
- 1.9 Regulation 32 of the 2012 Regulations prescribes a further Basic Condition for a neighbourhood plan. This requires that the making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.<sup>2</sup>

## 2. Approach to the Examination

### Planning Policy Context

- 2.1 The Development Plan for this part of North Warwickshire Borough Council, not including documents relating to excluded minerals and waste development, is the North Warwickshire Local Plan 2021.
- 2.2 Planning policy for England is set out principally in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and is accompanied by the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) which offers guidance on how this policy should be

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<sup>1</sup> The existing body of environmental regulation is retained in UK law.

<sup>2</sup> This revised Basic Condition came into force on 28 December 2018 through the Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018.

implemented. All references in this report are to the latest iteration of the NPPF dated December 2023 and the accompanying PPG.<sup>3</sup>

## Submitted Documents

- 2.3 I have considered all policy, guidance and other reference documents I consider relevant to the examination, including those submitted which comprise:
- the draft Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2033, February 2024;
  - a map which identifies the area to which the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan relates;
  - the Consultation Statement, February 2024;
  - the Basic Conditions Statement, February 2024;
  - all the representations that have been made in accordance with the Regulation 16 consultation;
  - the Polesworth Neighbourhood Development Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)/Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening, February 2023; and
  - the request for additional clarification sought in my letter dated 25 September 2024 and the responses from Polesworth Parish Council received on 6, 9 and 11 October 2024.<sup>4</sup>

## Site Visit

- 2.4 I made an unaccompanied site visit to the Neighbourhood Plan Area on 14 October 2024 to familiarise myself with it and visit relevant sites and areas referenced in the Plan and evidential documents.

## Written Representations with or without Public Hearing

- 2.5 This examination has been dealt with by written representations. I considered hearing sessions to be unnecessary as the consultation responses clearly articulated the objections to the Plan and presented arguments for and against the Plan's suitability to proceed to a referendum.

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<sup>3</sup> The government has recently consulted on further changes to the NPPF (albeit these are not likely to be published in final form until late 2024/early 2025): [Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system)

<sup>4</sup> View the documents at: <https://www.northwarks.gov.uk/forward-planning/neighbourhood-planning>

## Modifications

- 2.6 Where necessary, I have recommended modifications to the Plan (**PMs**) in this report in order that it meets the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements. For ease of reference, I have listed these modifications separately in the Appendix.

## 3. Procedural Compliance and Human Rights

### Qualifying Body and Neighbourhood Plan Area

- 3.1 The Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared and submitted for examination by Polesworth Parish Council, which is a qualifying body for an area that was designated by North Warwickshire Borough Council on 20 September 2017.
- 3.2 It is the only Neighbourhood Plan for Polesworth Neighbourhood Area and does not relate to land outside the designated Neighbourhood Plan Area.

### Plan Period

- 3.3 The Plan specifies clearly the period to which it is to take effect, which is from 2022 to 2033.

### Neighbourhood Plan Preparation and Consultation

- 3.4 Details of plan preparation and consultation are set out in the Parish Council's Consultation Statement, February 2024. Application for designation of the whole of the parish as a neighbourhood area was sought in April 2017 and approved by the Borough Council on 20 September 2017.
- 3.5 Since that time, targeted survey work and engagement has taken place. This has included a parish survey and several engagement events across the parish, at Polesworth, Warton and Birchmoor. The community has also been kept informed of progress via emails and through the Parish Council's web site.
- 3.6 Formal consultation under Regulation 14 took place between 15 March 2023 and 30 April 2023. About 100 representations were made, mainly from individuals but also from the Borough Council and agents acting for landowners. The comments of the Borough Council, and the Parish Council's response, are summarised in the Consultation Statement at Table 1. Table 2 contains a summary of the comments of other representors and the way in which the issues were addressed.
- 3.7 Consultation by the Borough Council under Regulation 16 was carried out between 11 July 2024 and 5 September 2024. This resulted in responses

from 16 organisations including statutory consultees, agents acting for landowners and the Borough Council itself.

- 3.8 I am satisfied that, at both the Regulation 14 and the Regulation 16 stages, the consultation process met the legal requirements and there has been procedural compliance. Regard has been paid to the advice on plan preparation and engagement in the PPG.

#### Development and Use of Land

- 3.9 The Plan sets out policies in relation to the development and use of land in accordance with Section 38A of the 2004 Act.

#### Excluded Development

- 3.10 The Plan does not include provisions and policies for “excluded development”.<sup>5</sup>

#### Human Rights

- 3.11 Polesworth Parish Council is satisfied that the Plan does not breach Human Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998). From my independent assessment, I see no reason to disagree.

### 4. Compliance with the Basic Conditions

#### EU Obligations

- 4.1 The Neighbourhood Plan was screened for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) on behalf of Polesworth Parish Council, which found that it was unnecessary to undertake SEA. Having read the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion, I support this conclusion.
- 4.2 Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan was further screened for Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), which also was not triggered. The site is not in close proximity to a European designated nature site. Natural England agreed with this conclusion.<sup>6</sup> From my independent assessment of this matter, I have no reason to disagree.

#### Main Issues

- 4.3 Having regard for the Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan, the consultation responses and other evidence, and the site visit, I consider that there are seven main issues relating to the Basic Conditions for this examination. These concern:

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<sup>5</sup> See section 61K of the 1990 Act.

<sup>6</sup> Email dated 27 April 2023 in Appendix 1 of the Screening Opinion.



- Green Spaces;
- Sustainable Design and Construction;
- Landscape;
- Heritage Assets;
- Community Facilities;
- Transport; and
- Preserving the Identity of Polesworth's Villages.

- 4.4 Before I deal with the main issues, I have a few observations to make with regard to the representations. First, the Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan should be seen in the context of the wider planning system. This includes the North Warwickshire Local Plan as well as the NPPF and PPG. It is not necessary to repeat in the Neighbourhood Plan matters that are quite adequately dealt with elsewhere.<sup>7</sup> Having said that, there may be scope to give emphasis to matters particularly relevant in the context of Polesworth.
- 4.5 Secondly, the Neighbourhood Plan does not have to deal with each and every topic raised through the consultation. In this regard, the content of the Neighbourhood Plan and the scope of the policies is largely at the discretion of the qualifying body, albeit informed by the consultation process and the requirements set by the Basic Conditions.
- 4.6 Thirdly, my central task is to judge whether the Neighbourhood Plan satisfies the Basic Conditions. Many of the representations do not demonstrate or indicate a failure to meet those conditions or other legal requirements. Similarly, many of the suggested additions and improvements are not necessary when judged against the Basic Conditions.
- 4.7 The following section of my report sets out modifications that are necessary in order to meet the Basic Conditions. Some of the proposed modifications are factual corrections.<sup>8</sup> Others are necessary in order to have closer regard to national policies and advice. In particular, plans should be succinct and contain policies that are clearly written and unambiguous.<sup>9</sup> A decision maker should be able to apply them consistently and with confidence when determining planning applications. In addition, the policies should be supported by appropriate evidence.<sup>10</sup>

## Issue 1 – Green Spaces

- 4.8 Policy PNP1 identifies 12 areas as potential Local Green Spaces. One of these is Hoo Monument (PNP1/8), an obelisk and surrounding land to the south of the B5000. This lies within an area (H4) allocated for development under the North Warwickshire Local Plan and where there is

<sup>7</sup> See NPPF, Paragraph 16 f).

<sup>8</sup> Modifications for the purpose of correcting errors is provided for in Paragraph 10(3)(e) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act.

<sup>9</sup> NPPF, Paragraphs 15 and 16 d).

<sup>10</sup> PPG Reference ID: 41-041-20140306.

provision for a Masterplan Framework and Design Guide to be developed by the landowners alongside, and approved by, the Borough Council.

- 4.9 The proposed Local Green Space designation would apply to the obelisk itself and 1.83 ha of surrounding land, roughly circular in shape. There is also reference, in Paragraph 5.7 of the Plan, to a suggested wider green buffer around the monument of around 10 hectares in extent.
- 4.10 I appreciate that the designation of the monument and the 1.83 ha of surrounding land would act as a constraint in drawing up the Masterplan Framework and Design Guide. Nevertheless, I consider that the designation meets the appropriate criteria. As to a wider green buffer, this had not been defined in any way. In any event, the area involved, whether 10 hectares or 10 acres,<sup>11</sup> would certainly constrain the development of the area without any meaningful justification. Reference to the green buffer should be deleted.
- 4.11 A further candidate site is St John's Church Allotments (PNP1/12). In error, these allotments have not been marked on the Policies Map nor have they been described in the Local Green Spaces Assessment (Appendix 1, Table 1). Be that as it may, the Parish Council has provided me with further information regarding the site.<sup>12</sup> I saw that the allotments comprise a relatively small area within the built-up area of Birchmoor. They would be special to the community as a garden area where locals could grow fruit and vegetables in a quiet and tranquil environment.
- 4.12 I find that all the proposed sites meet the criteria set out in Paragraph 106 of the NPPF as amplified by guidance in the PPG.<sup>13</sup> I am also content that the Local Green Spaces are capable of enduring beyond the end of the Plan period (NPPF, Paragraph 105). However, as indicated above, amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan and Policies Map are required as described in proposed modification **PM1**.
- 4.13 Policy PNP2 is concerned with protecting other green spaces within the designated area. I have experienced a degree of difficulty in identifying all the candidate spaces and linking the information in Appendix 2, Table 1 (Other Open Spaces Assessment) with the spaces shown on the Policies Map. For clarity, all the sites should be numbered in the table and on the map. Table 2 should also be re-titled to match the policy (to Other Green Spaces Assessment).
- 4.14 My comments are limited to the sites plotted on the Policies Map and which I had the opportunity to inspect. Of these, the Parish Council has

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<sup>11</sup> The Parish Council's response dated 11 October indicates that 10 acres has been erroneously reported as 10 hectares.

<sup>12</sup> See response dated 11 October 2024 to my questions.

<sup>13</sup> See PPG Reference ID: 37-013-20140306.

now indicated that the spaces at Austrey Road, Warton are not of a quality that deserves protection.<sup>14</sup>

- 4.15 Of the remaining spaces, I saw that, typically, they comprise grass verges or spaces of very average quality within housing estates. I can see that they would be appreciated by local residents. However, to require replacement if they were lost would be unduly onerous. To my mind, and leaving aside issues of on-going maintenance, the quality of the typical space is not of a level that would justify replacement. Additionally, it is unlikely that replacement elsewhere within the settlement would act as compensation for those experiencing the loss.
- 4.16 Proposed modification **PM2** sets out amendments that would add clarity to the identification of "other green spaces" as well as deleting the requirement for equivalent or better replacement provision should green space be lost.

## Issue 2 – Sustainable Design and Construction

- 4.17 Policy PNP3 is a comprehensive development management policy with 23 criteria on the subject of sustainable design and construction. The opening paragraph of the policy (and Paragraph 5.13 of the Plan) references the 'Polesworth Design Code' saying that this should be used by all those involved in the development process.<sup>15</sup> To be given weight, I would normally expect such a document to have been progressed as part of the Plan.<sup>16</sup> I have not been given a copy of the Code as part of the documentation supporting the examination<sup>17</sup>, albeit I understand a draft document has been produced and will be the subject to formal consultation in due course. For the purposes of Policy PNP3, it would be premature to include reference to the draft Polesworth Design Codes and Guidelines when the document has not been subject to appropriate public engagement and opportunity for comment. Accordingly, I recommend deletion of the reference to the Polesworth Design Codes and Guidelines in the Policy and an amendment to the wording in Paragraph 5.15 to reflect the intention to undertake consultation on the draft Design Codes and Guidelines at a later date.
- 4.18 Criterion (e) of the policy calls for amenity space sufficient to meet the needs of the development although the word "sufficient" is not explained. I note, however, that the matter is dealt with in general terms in Policy

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<sup>14</sup> See response dated 11 October 2024 to my questions.

<sup>15</sup> This documents does not appear to found on the Parish Council's website (or readily located elsewhere).

<sup>16</sup> See NPPF, Paragraph 134.

<sup>17</sup> See PPG Reference ID: 26-008-20191001: "*Design codes can be applied to all development types including residential, commercial, mixed use, open space, landscape or public realm requirements. They can be adopted as a supplementary planning document, or appended to a Neighbourhood Plan, Community Right to Build Order or Neighbourhood Development order.*"

LP22 of the Local Plan and its supporting text. As such, I would expect provision to be “in accordance with the Local Plan”.

- 4.19 Criterion (f) refers to “net-gain for wildlife”. Whilst the term “net-gain for biodiversity” is widely understood, “net-gain for wildlife” is not. For the avoidance of doubt, “biodiversity” should be used in place of “wildlife”.
- 4.20 Criterion (i) of the policy refers to including measures that seek to improve pedestrian facilities and linkages in the parish and beyond. However laudable the objectives, I would expect the requirement to be limited by the tests relating to planning obligations.<sup>18</sup> Rewording of the criterion will be necessary.
- 4.21 Appropriate amendments to Policy PNP3 are set out in proposed modification **PM3**.

### Issue 3 – Landscape

- 4.22 Criterion (f) of Policy PNP4 (Conserving and Enhancing the Landscape) seeks to minimise the encroachment of development into visually exposed landscapes. Where development is proposed on the edge of villages, there is a requirement to enhance views of the settlement edge and avoid inappropriate incursion into the surrounding countryside.
- 4.23 I can see that, for much of the designated area, these provisions would have value. However, the whole of the area generally east of Dordon and south of the B5000 is allocated for development in the Local Plan (Policy H4). In this regard, I find it difficult to reconcile the Neighbourhood Plan proposals and the Local Plan allocation. The H4 land should be excluded from the policy as in proposed modification **PM4**.

### Issue 4 – Heritage Assets

- 4.24 Policy PNP5 (Non-designated Heritage Assets) is written as if the features identified in the policy are to be formally designated as non-designated heritage assets through the Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst there is evidence to support the designation of many of the assets, others would not meet the requirements set out in guidance.<sup>19</sup>
- 4.25 Be that as it may, I am now advised that “There is no expectation of formal designation” and that “Any formal designation would be through the Local List maintained by North Warwickshire Borough Council”. They are “assets which the community identified through our consultation processes”.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> See NPPF, Paragraph 57.

<sup>19</sup> See PPG Reference ID: 37-005-20140306 to ID: 37-022-20140306.

<sup>20</sup> See Parish Council’s response dated 11 October 2024 to my questions.

- 4.26 I can see that the assets identified have a certain significance and could be described as Assets of Local Historic Value that would be worthy of consideration under the Neighbourhood Plan. In effect, they are candidate non-designated heritage assets. The available evidence will be considered by the Borough Council prior to any inclusion on the Local List. However, for the time being, they would not have the status of designated or non-designated heritage assets. Any policy would need to be qualified by the provisions of the Development Plan and, particularly, the NPPF.
- 4.27 A degree of editing of Policy PNP5 and the supporting text will be necessary to accord with the latest evidence. Appropriate policy changes are set out in proposed modification **PM5**.

#### Issue 5 – Community Facilities

- 4.28 Policy PNP6 is concerned with the protection of existing services and facilities, as listed in the policy and shown on the Policies Map. In this regard, I have been supplied with two versions of the Policies Map, one at A4 size and a larger plan at a scale of 1:4,541. The services and facilities are plotted on the A4 plan but not on the large-scale version.
- 4.29 To be able to identify the various facilities, and apply the policy consistently and with confidence, they need to be shown on the large-scale Policies Map; also, numbered and cross-referenced to the facilities named in the policy. This would be effected through proposed modification **PM6**.
- 4.30 A similar issue arises in relation to Policy PNP7 – Sport, Recreation and Leisure Facilities. For the reasons stated, they need to be shown on the large-scale Policies Map. Proposed modification **PM7** refers.

#### Issue 6 - Transport

- 4.31 Policy PNP8 lists a number of transport projects that “will be brought forward during the plan period”. Whilst this information is informative, there is no indication as to *how* the projects are to be brought forward.
- 4.32 To be sought in relation to development proposals, the transport projects would have to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 57 of the NPPF. Re-wording of the policy will be necessary in order to make clear the circumstances under which the proposals could be brought forward. This is addressed in proposed modification **PM8**.

#### Issue 7 – Preserving the Identity of Polesworth’s Villages

- 4.33 The final policy in the Neighbourhood Plan is Policy PNP9 – Preserving the Separate Identity of Polesworth’s Villages. One of the measures that will be supported is, “Maintaining as open land the non-strategic open space identified on the Policies Map”.

- 4.34 It is clear from Paragraph 5.47 of the Neighbourhood Plan that the non-strategic open spaces in question are the same as those identified as “Other Green Spaces” under Policy PNP2. These already enjoy protection under that policy. To give two different labels to the same spaces would be confusing and unnecessary. The spaces should be called Other Green Spaces as identified under Policy PNP2 (proposed modification **PM9**).

## Other Matters

- 4.35 All policy areas have been considered in the foregoing discussion. With the modifications that I have recommended, the Plan would meet the Basic Conditions. Other minor changes (that do not affect the Basic Conditions), including those suggested by North Warwickshire Borough Council as well as consequential amendments, corrections and up-dates<sup>21</sup>, could be made prior to the referendum at the Councils’ discretion.

## 5. Conclusions

### Summary

- 5.1 The Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan has been duly prepared in compliance with the procedural requirements. My examination has investigated whether the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements for neighbourhood plans. I have had regard for all the responses made following consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan and the evidence documents submitted with it.
- 5.2 I have made recommendations to modify a number of policies and text to ensure the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements. I recommend that the Plan, once modified, proceeds to referendum.

### The Referendum and its Area

- 5.3 I have considered whether or not the referendum area should be extended beyond the designated area to which the Plan relates. The Polesworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan as modified has no policy or proposals which I consider significant enough to have an impact beyond the designated Neighbourhood Plan boundary, requiring the referendum to extend to areas beyond the Plan boundary. I recommend that the boundary for the purposes of any future referendum on the Plan should be the boundary of the designated Neighbourhood Plan Area.

### Overview

- 5.4 It is evident that a considerable amount of time and effort has been devoted to the development and production of this Plan and I congratulate

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<sup>21</sup> See PPG Reference ID:41-106-20190509.

those who have been involved. The Plan should prove to be a useful tool for future planning and change in Polesworth over the coming years.

*Andrew S Freeman*

Examiner

## Appendix: Modifications

<b>Proposed modification number (PM)</b>	<b>Page no/ other reference</b>	<b>Modification</b>
PM1	Page 27 and Table 1	<p>In connection with Policy PNP1 – Protecting Local Green Space, delete Paragraph 5.7.</p> <p>In the Local Green Spaces Assessment (Appendix 1, Table 1, Page 61), delete the words, “The Parish Council also suggest that a wider green buffer is identified to help protect this site – see paragraph 5.7 of the PNP.”</p> <p>In the Local Green Spaces Assessment (Appendix 1, Table 1, Page 64), complete the assessment for the St John’s Church Allotments site (PNP1/12).</p> <p>On the Policies Map, show site PNP1/12 – St John’s Church Allotments.</p>
PM2	Page 28, Table 2 and Policies Map	<p>Substitute the following for Policy PNP2:</p> <p>“Development that would result in the loss of other green spaces (shown on the Policies Map) will only be supported when it can be clearly demonstrated by the applicant that the open space no longer performs a useful open space function in terms of the local environment, amenity or active public recreation use.”</p> <p>Delete the spaces at Austrey Road, Warton from Table 2 and the Policies Map.</p> <p>Change the title of Table 2 to “Other Green Spaces Assessment”.</p> <p>Number all the Other Green Spaces shown on the Policies Map and give equivalent numbers to the spaces described in Table 2.</p> <p>Delete from Table 2 the entry for any Other Green Spaces not shown on the Policies Map.</p>



PM3	Pages 29 and 30	<p>In the opening paragraph of Policy PNP3, delete the second sentence.</p> <p>Replace the final section of Paragraph 5.13 with the following:</p> <p>“To this effect, there is a National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. In addition, the Parish Council has produced the draft Polesworth Design Codes and Guidelines. This is an advisory document that is indicative of the sort of considerations that might be addressed by applicants. Formal consultation on the draft document by the Parish Council is envisaged in due course.”</p> <p>At the end of criterion (e), add “in accordance with the Local Plan”.</p> <p>In criterion (f), change “wildlife” to “biodiversity”.</p> <p>At the end of criterion (i), add “in accordance with the tests relating to planning obligations”.</p> <p>In the final paragraph of Section 5.13, delete all but the first sentence.</p>
PM4	Page 33	<p>In Policy PNP4, at the commencement of criterion (f), insert the following words:</p> <p>“Other than in relation to land to the east of Polesworth and Dordon (Local Plan Policy H4),”.</p>
PM5	Pages 38, 39 and elsewhere	<p>Replace Policy PNP5 with the following:</p> <p>“Policy PNP5 – Assets of Local Historic Value</p> <p>The assets identified in Appendix 2 and shown on the Policies Map will be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, as demonstrated by the latest evidence, and national and development plan policy. When affected directly or indirectly by development proposals, the scale of any harm or loss will be taken into</p>

		<p>account as well as the significance of the asset.</p> <p>The Parish Council will work with North Warwickshire Borough Council to include these assets on the Borough's Local List.”</p> <p>Carry out consequential amendments to the text of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Policies Map recognising, in particular, the use of the term Assets of Local Historic Value instead of non-designated heritage assets.</p>
PM6	Page 41 and Policies Map	<p>Number the services and facilities identified in Policy PNP6.</p> <p>On the large scale Policies Map, show the numbered services and facilities.</p>
PM7	Page 43 and Policies Map	<p>In relation to Policy PNP7, show the sport, recreation and leisure facilities on the large-scale Policies Map.</p>
PM8	Page 45	<p>At the end of Policy PNP8 – Transport, insert the following sentence:</p> <p>“Development proposals will be expected to contribute to these projects where the tests set out in Paragraph 57 of the NPPF are met.”</p>
PM9	Page 49	<p>In Policy PNP9, substitute the following for consideration c): “Maintaining as open land the Other Green Spaces identified under Policy PNP2.”</p>