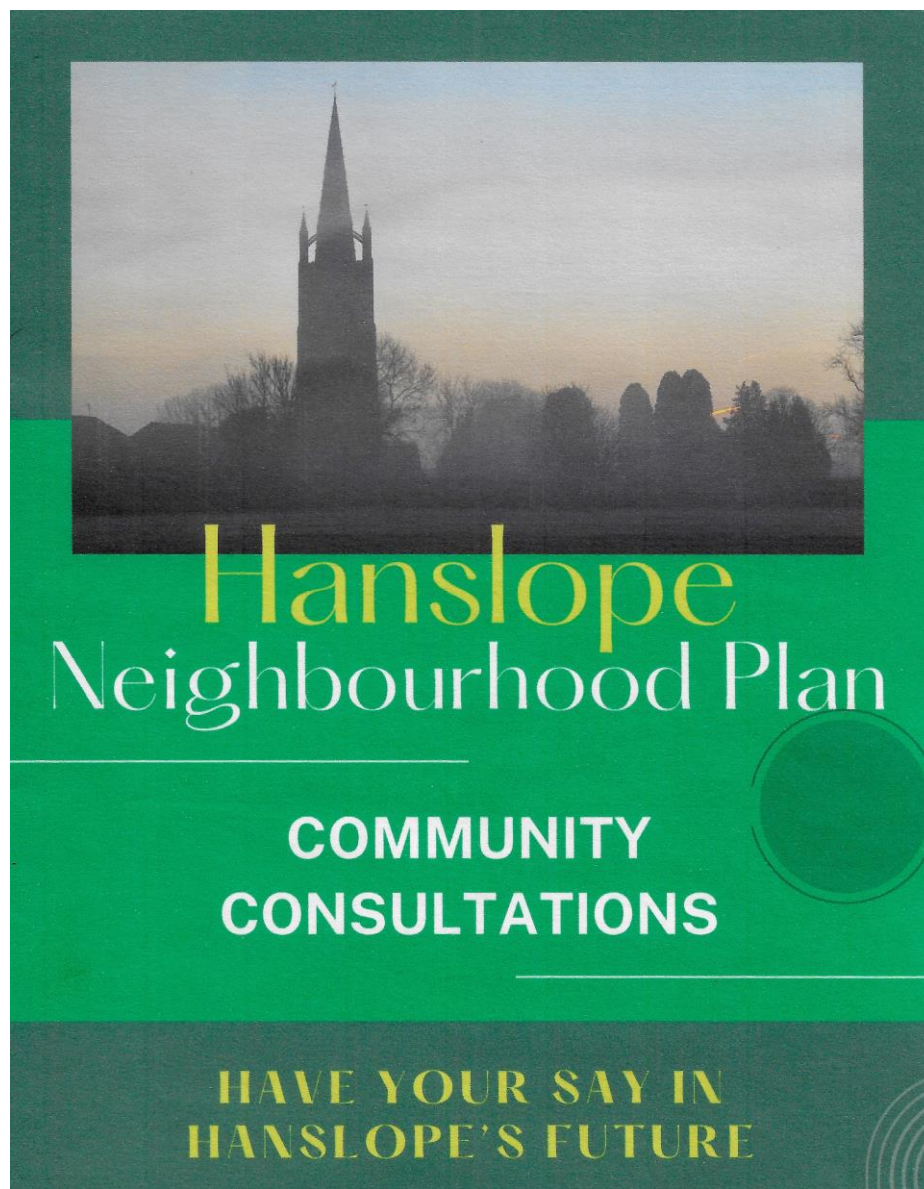


Hanslope Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2016 – 2031 Review



Consultation Statement

Produced by Hanslope Parish Council under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

August 2024

1. Introduction

Following the decision of the Parish Council in 2022 to review the made Neighbourhood Plan a steering committee of volunteers from the Parish Council and residents met to discuss the best ways to consult with the residents to find out their opinions on the existing made plan and suggest/comment on modifications. The Parish Council is keen to make sure the plan is relevant and up-to-date and reflects residents' views, planning policies and the needs of the parish.

This consultation statement:

- Contains details of persons and bodies who were consulted about the modified neighbourhood plan
- Explains how they were consulted
- Summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted and
- Describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed modified neighbourhood plan.

The Consultation Statement summarises all the statutory and non-statutory consultation that has been undertaken with the community and other bodies and stakeholders in reviewing the made Hanslope Parish Neighbourhood Plan. It describes how concerns have been addressed and what changes have been made as a result of the consultations.

2. Summary of Community Engagement

The objective was to engage with the widest possible cross section of the community within the parish of Hanslope, including all age groups and the commercial sector. This was to get the broadest possible engagement and response.

To provide a clear and direct contact the NP has its own dedicated section of the parish website publishing the Steering Group (SG) meeting notes and general information. The Parish Clerk provides the contact point through the PC email address and has close liaison with the SG team managing the project. Email: parishclerk@hanslopeparishcouncil.gov.uk

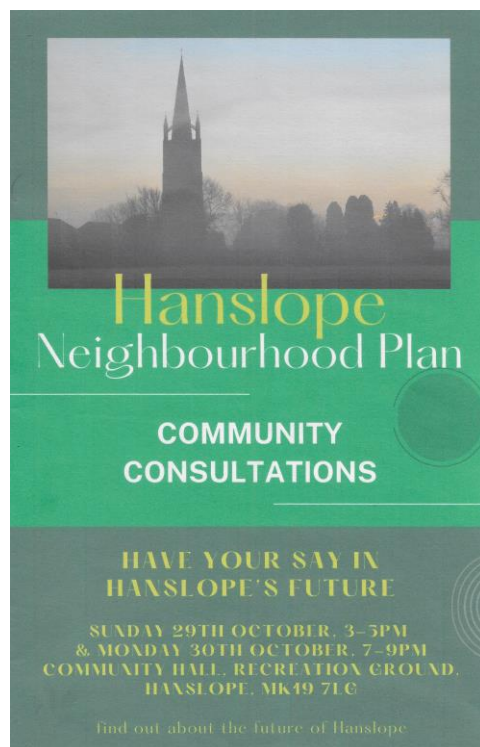
Initial community engagement began in late 2022 with an online village survey, widely advertised on social media, the parish magazine (Hanslope Clarion) and on the Parish notice board next to the shops. 247 responses were recorded, questions included:

- How long the respondent had lived in the village (over 51% more than 10 years);

- Where they lived prior to moving to Hanslope: (58% within 10 miles or from Milton Keynes);
- The main reason for moving: (47% for a more rural lifestyle);
- Use of village facilities: the recreation ground, the village shops and the village hall had frequent use but that there were a significant number of responders who never use any facilities;
- Should more houses be built in the parish: (88% said no but this response is not surprising as over 400 new houses, an increase of 40%, had been built between 2018 and 2024);
- Whether the growth of the village has had any impact on you and/or your family: (53% negative, 18% positive and 9% none);
- Whether the growth of the village had an impact on their experience of the healthcare facilities: (13% no impact 65% had problems accessing healthcare);
- The impact, if any, on you/your household of traffic levels in the village: (4% no impact, 8% traffic seems about the same, 71% traffic has increased. 84% felt there were more road closures and diversions with 7% disagreeing);
- Thinking forward to the next 15 years, 2037, what does the village need? The overwhelming response was for more sports facilities (49%) and more health facilities (48%).

To see the full survey results go to Appendix 1

Another round of community consultations took place in October 2023 starting with a leaflet delivered to every household in the parish outlining how every resident could have a say in what was included in the Neighbourhood Plan.



The leaflet outlined

- What's a neighbourhood plan?
- Does it really work?
- What's happening now?
- Have your say now!
- Can I get involved?
- What else can I do?
- Attend the next Parish Council Meeting
- How to reach us:
 - Phone
 - Email
 - Parish website
 - Postal address

To see the full leaflet go to Appendix 2

Two open, public meetings were held on Sunday 29 October 3-5pm and Monday 30 October 7-9pm at the Community Hall on the recreation ground. On show were displays of proposed modifications to existing policies on key views (Policy HAN4), incorporating new Public Open Green Spaces on the new housing developments (Policy HAN8) and introducing a new policy HAN10 to protect the open green space between Hanslope village and the Long Street settlement. Members of the Steering Group were on hand to answer questions, clarify the proposals, describe the work done to date and invite comments online or on paper.

Appendix 3 shows the comments received and the SG's initial responses.

3. Pre-submission consultation

Pre-submission consultation was undertaken for six weeks between 11 June and 23 July 2024.

Statutory consultees were sent copies of the revised neighbourhood plan in June 2024 and asked for their comments, they were:

Homes England
 Natural England
 Environment Agency
 Historic England
 Network Rail
 Highways England
 Telecomms Operators
 Health – MK Clinical Commissioning Group
 Electricity and Gas companies
 Water and Sewerage – Anglian Water
 Canal and River Trust
 Bedford Group of Drainage Boards
 Voluntary Bodies:

Community Action
Equality Council
Councils of Faith
MK Chamber of Commerce
Milton Keynes Centre for Integrated Living

Seven replies were received:

- Historic England, National Grid, National Highways, Canals & Rivers Trust made no comments.
- Milton Keynes City Council made some corrections to the text and these have been included;
- Anglian Water commented on Policy HAN8 Local Green Spaces as they have assets forming part of their water and water recycling network located with the vicinity of the designated areas but noted that the policy and supporting text provides scope for them to undertake operational development as operational works are permitted to be undertaken to ensure the network is maintained, therefore no changes need to be made.
- Environment Agency comments identified important environmental constraints that affect this Neighbourhood Plan Area and provided advice that identified opportunities to strengthen the plan and enhance the scope of environmental objectives. The comments on water quality notes that the Plan area boundary includes the Hanslope Water Recycling Centre, which is currently operating close to or exceeding its permitted capacity. The Agency does not have any significant concerns providing the Plan does not allocate sites for growth development across the Plan period. The NP does not currently allocate new sites for development but the Agency recommends the plan includes a policy that captures the important emerging issue of water resources in the event of any infill development coming forward during the plan period, not yet allocated, however the new MK City Plan 2050 policy CEA5 §8.2 Water Efficiency covers this issue and the NP does not need to duplicate the policy. Appendix 4 shows their full response.

The revised NP was published on the Parish Council website on 11 June 2024 and comments were invited by email or letter to the clerk by 23 July 2024 allowing six weeks for responses.

Only one written response was received from a parish resident and this came from the landowner of Hales Folly Farm who objected to the new policy HAN10 The Gap clearly defining Long Street as a separate settlement. He objected because he does not wish to see any policy restrictions on his property and asked that his land be removed from the proposed policy. The SG had several discussions over the importance of 'The Gap' and the setting of the Grade 2 listed farmhouse and felt its position in open farmland was important not only to the house itself but also to the separation of the settlements referred to in comments in a Planning Inspector's report at the end of a planning appeal

(APP/Y0435/W/21/3282446). Several comments from other residents at the open meeting supported 'The Gap' therefore it was felt the policy HAN10 should remain as it is and any future planning decisions made by the Local Planning Authority may take the policy into account.

4. Conclusion

The Neighbourhood Plan Review steering group is grateful for all the help and support it has been given by residents, organisations and consultants. Their local knowledge, professional expertise, skill, local interest and commitment to preserving and improving the Parish have helped us greatly in completing this review.

Attached:

Appendix 1 Village Survey - Your Village – Your Voice November 2022

Appendix 2 Community Consultations Leaflet

Appendix 3 Consultation Events comments and feedback

Appendix 4 Environment Agency consultation response