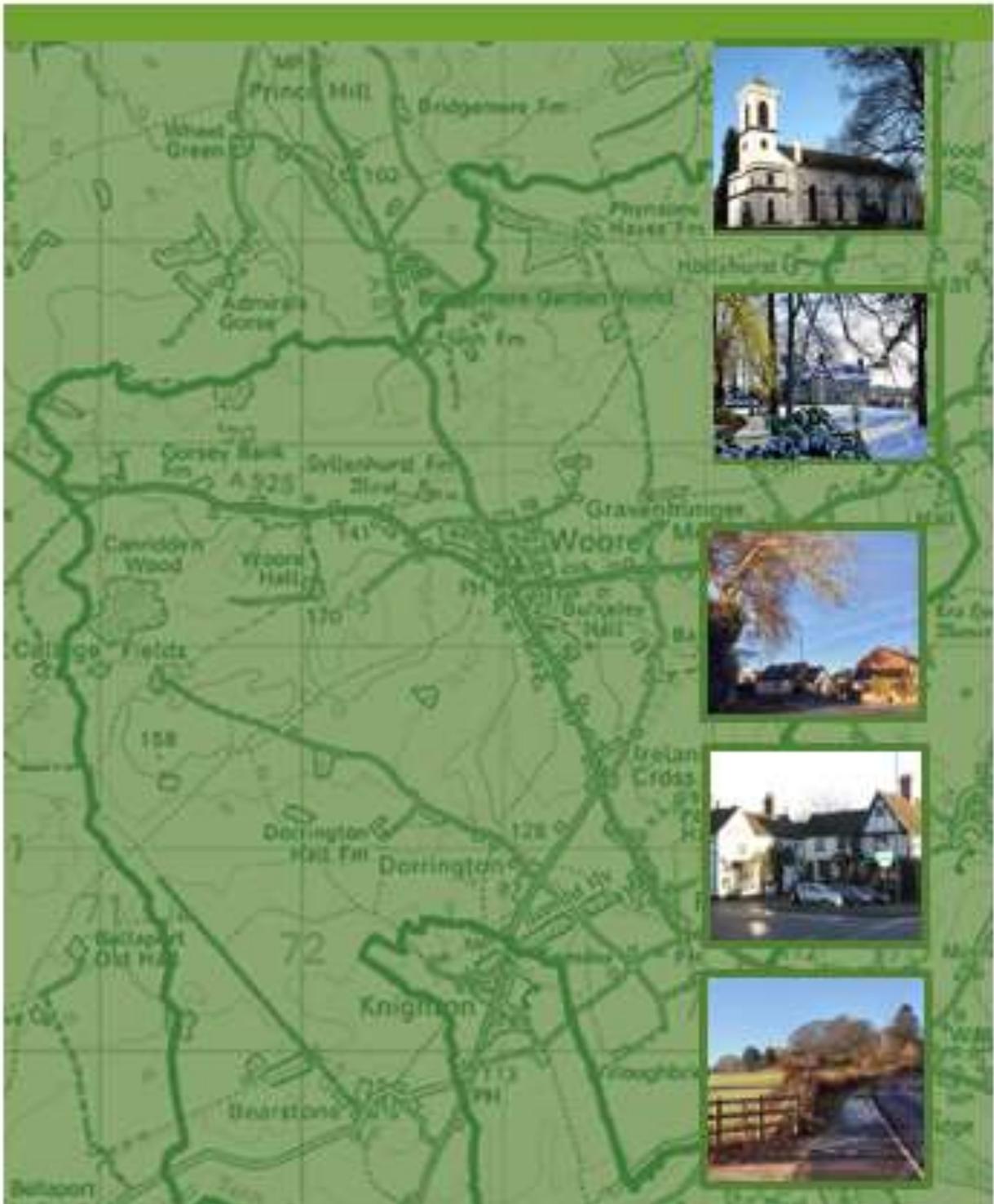


WOORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION STATEMENT APRIL 2018



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 in respect of the Woore Neighbourhood Plan. The legal basis of the Statement is provided by Section 15 (2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should:

- Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Woore Neighbourhood Plan;
- Explain how they were consulted;
- Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- Describe how those issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Woore Neighbourhood Plan.

1.2 Woore is a small civil parish in the north east corner of Shropshire, which at the time of the 2011 census had a population of 1069. This has meant that consultation with members of the community has been a real possibility at a manageable scale, which has helped to allow the community to become aware of the Neighbourhood Plan, and to contribute to its development through various consultation events and questionnaires. Additionally, the Parish Council has published information on its website <http://www.wooreparishcouncil.org> and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has maintained a dedicated Neighbourhood Plan website <http://www.woorenp.org.uk> where Neighbourhood Plan documents, the minutes of meetings, details of events, and background evidence have been published and available to view.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Woore Neighbourhood Plan is a community plan and must derive its vision, objectives and policies from the community. From the outset the Parish Council were determined that the residents should be kept informed and given every opportunity to inform the Steering Group of their views. Communication and consultation, in various forms, has played a major role in formulating the Woore Neighbourhood Plan. The plan recognises that consultation is vital to the Neighbourhood Planning process, as this is the mechanism through which the wishes of the community are incorporated in to the Plan.

2.2 It was considered essential to:

- Promote a high degree of awareness of the project
- Invite residents to join the Steering Group
- Encourage everyone to contribute to the development of the Neighbourhood Plan
- Promote consultation events and provide regular updates on the status of the Neighbourhood Plan and its development

2.3 Key to this programme was publicity to gain residents engagement. This was gained via public meetings, press releases in local newspapers, drop-ins, postal information, displays at village events, information in parish newsletters, surveys and electronic media via the parish council and

the Neighbourhood Plan website, along with the community facebook page. Meeting minutes, and questionnaires can be viewed on the Woore Neighbourhood Plan website at <http://www.woorenpt.org.uk>

2.4 The Parish Council first agreed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan in March 2014, but work really began to commence in 2016. This was in response to the desire of the local community to have a greater say in future planning decisions. A public meeting was held on 11th March 2016, with a representative from Shropshire Council explaining the purpose and process of making Neighbourhood Plans. This was well attended by over 40 residents. The following week, on 16th March 2016, a general meeting was held and a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee was formed, which undertook preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.



3. CONSULTATION EVENTS

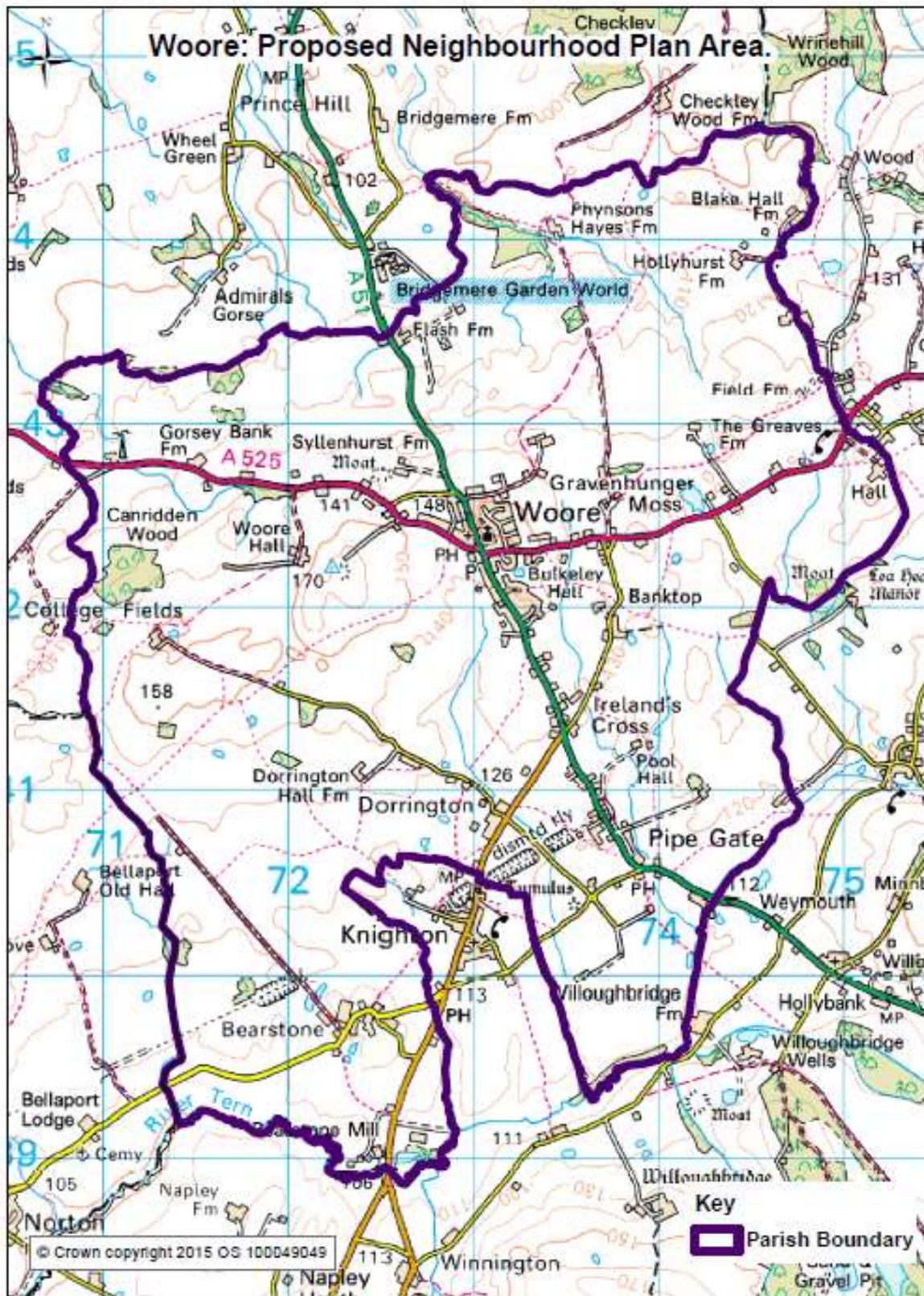
3.1 THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION

3.2 **Who was consulted and how were they consulted?** The Consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan Area ran from 25th September 2015 to 6th November 2015. The proposed area was consulted upon for a six week period, and was available to view on Shropshire's website. Comments could be made online, by email or by post.

3.3 **What issues and concerns were raised?** No objections were raised

3.4 **How have the issues and concerns been considered?** The proposed area was considered appropriate and desirable for the purposes of preparing a neighbourhood plan. Woore Parish comprises the village of Woore and the settlements of Pipe Gate, Irelands Cross, Dorrington, Gravenhunger and Onneley (part). Woore is designated as a Community Hub in the Shropshire Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan serving the surrounding hamlets and isolated groups of dwellings and businesses. Together the Woore Community Hub and the surrounding settlements offer a range of services which contribute to a sustainable community. These areas are critical to the sustainable development of the Parish. Shropshire Council felt that the proposed Area was sensible and appropriate, reflecting local choice and realistic opportunities for the provision of community infrastructure. No changes were made to the proposed Woore Neighbourhood Area, which was officially designated by Shropshire Council on 10th February 2016.

3.5 Woore Designated Area



4 INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

4.1 **Who was consulted and how were they consulted?** An initial questionnaire was delivered to every household in the parish in December 2016. The questionnaire can be seen on the following web links

<http://www.wooreparishcouncil.org/shared/attachments.asp?f=5f38d80e%2Dad61%2D47b2%2D9094%2Dea1bd2ac9b5b%2Edocx1> or [http://www.woorenpt.org.uk/questionnaire/Woore First Questionnaire - Final.pdf](http://www.woorenpt.org.uk/questionnaire/Woore%20First%20Questionnaire%20-%20Final.pdf).

4.2 The questionnaire was prepared by the Neighbourhood Plan steering group and asked the following questions:-

1. On a scale of 1-5 (low to high) how important are the following issues to you?
 - Jobs
 - Village Centre
 - Leisure/Recreation/Community Facilities
 - Natural Environment
 - The historic/traditional environment
 - Infrastructure (utilities and services e.g. broadband, transport, sewers etc.)
2. What do you like about where you live?
3. What do you dislike about where you live?
4. What do you see as the main threats to the future of our Parish?
5. YOUR VISION – How would you like to see our Parish in 2036?
6. What type of development would you support (Infrastructure, Housing, Business etc.)?
7. What type of development would you object to (or not support)?
8. What priority issue would you really like to be included in the Plan?

4.3 The questionnaire also asked how many people the form represented, or allowed for separate forms to be completed for each person. The postcode of respondents was also asked for, to ensure that a good spread of returns from throughout the parish was achieved.

4.4 The questionnaire could be returned by email or by posting in a box placed at the Village Shop (The Country Store).



4.5 **What issues and concerns were raised?** There were 168 questionnaire responses, a response rate of 30%, raising a number of issues and concerns.

4.6 When asked what residents liked about living in Woore Parish, overwhelmingly the answer was the rural environment followed by the village amenities. When asked what they didn't like about living in the parish, the largest responses were the dislike of traffic, over development of housing, and the lack of amenities and facilities. The main threats to the future of Woore Parish were seen to be the over development of housing, lack of infrastructure and increase in traffic, a lack of amenities and a lack of affordable housing.

4.7 When asked what development they would support, the main response was small scale business expansion, followed by small scale housing development, improved infrastructure, low cost housing, and better recreational facilities and amenities. Respondents were asked what development they wouldn't support. The main response to this was large housing estates, industrial development and green field developments.

4.8 Respondents were asked for their vision for the Parish of Woore, and the main responses were to retain the present rural character, have better amenities and a thriving community.

4.9 **How have the issues and concerns been considered?** The results highlighted the issues which were important for local people to see included in the Neighbourhood Plan, and formed the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan vision, objectives and policies, and helped to determine what evidence needed to be gathered to inform the policies. The vision and objectives were drafted as a result of the concerns raised and the importance the community felt towards certain issues. A number of issues were raised which were outside the remit of the neighbourhood plan, such as speeding, and these were passed on to the Parish Council.



5. COMMUNITY DROP-IN EVENT AT WOORE VICTORY HALL

5.1 **Who was consulted and how were they consulted?** A community drop in event was undertaken at Woore Victory Hall on 27th February 2017, to display questionnaire responses and give further opportunity for questions and comments. In order to advertise the event and ensure that as many members of the community were made aware of the drop in, information was given in the parish newsletter which was delivered to all residents, banners were erected in strategic locations throughout the Parish, information was given on the parish noticeboards, and details provided on the websites. Additionally, the event was both advertised and written about in the local press – the Market Drayton Advertiser. The drop in also gave the opportunity for the steering group to meet the local residents and listen to their concerns. The event allowed for discussion with members of the Steering Group, and people were invited for further comments on the preliminary survey questions. Over 30 residents attended.

5.2 There was a display providing further information as to what neighbourhood planning was all about, along with boards detailing the responses that had been received from the initial questionnaire. A further display board detailed a proposed draft vision and objectives, and was an invite to residents to give their thoughts and comments on the way that the plan was progressing and what they thought of the draft vision and objectives.



5.3 **What issues and concerns were raised?** Comments were received which included concerns about HS2, infrastructure, broadband and mobile telecommunications, concerns about inappropriate development, parking problems, and the need to ensure that the valued rural setting of the Parish was maintained.

5.4 **How have the issues and concerns been considered?** The comments received were used to further develop the vision and objectives. They also helped determine what policy topics should be considered, what green spaces should be protected, and helped determine what questions should be asked to gain further information in a subsequent longer questionnaire.

6. WOORE BIG QUESTIONNAIRE

6.1 **Who was consulted and how were they consulted?** In June 2017 another questionnaire was delivered to each household, which would provide further details and information that could be used to help draft the policies for the Neighbourhood Plan. The questionnaire was delayed until after the general election, so that they would not be confused with canvassing material for the election. The questionnaires were delivered from 10th to 14th June by volunteers, and were collected by volunteers on 24th or 25th June in order to both try and get the best number of returns possible, and to help people if necessary, and answer any queries related to the Plan. Alternatively, they could be posted in a box at the village shop (The Country Store). 4 large banners were placed around the parish to advertise the questionnaire, and information provided on the parish notice boards.

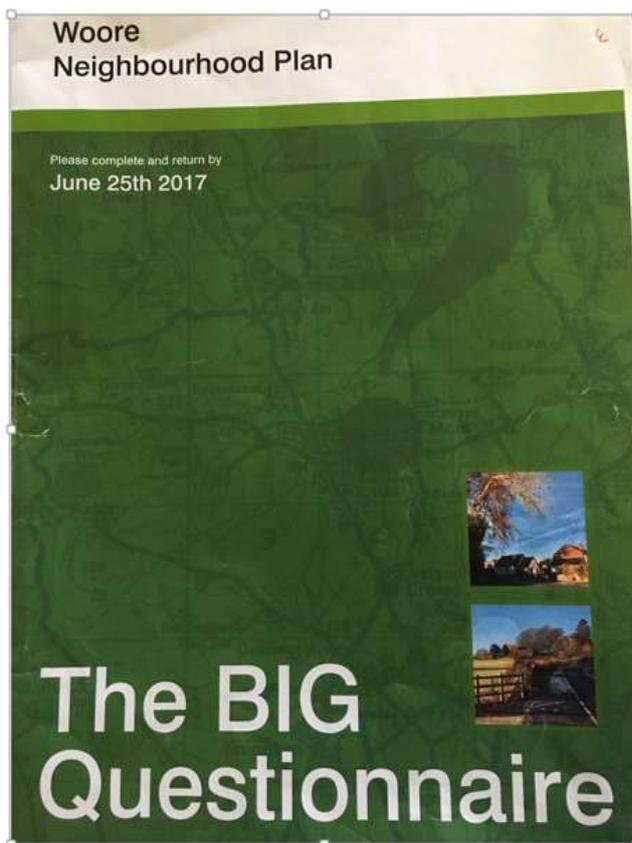
6.2 The questionnaire asked 30 questions, and also gave information on neighbourhood planning, and asked if anyone would like to get involved or would like further details regarding the

Plan. The questionnaire asked whether respondents supported the draft vision and objectives or had any suggested amendments, and also covered housing, sensitive gaps, design, parking, local facilities, the countryside and green spaces and the rural economy. The questionnaire also asked if respondents had any further comments or thought that anything else should be included. The questionnaire can be seen on the following weblink:-

[http://www.woorenpt.org.uk/questionnaire/Woore Big Questionnaire.pdf](http://www.woorenpt.org.uk/questionnaire/Woore%20Big%20Questionnaire.pdf).

6.3 **What issues and concerns were raised?** 304 questionnaires were received, a response rate of 54%, indicating significant interest and support for the Neighbourhood Plan. 92% of respondents completely or mainly agreed with the proposed vision, and an average of 98% of respondents agreed with the proposed objectives. The analysis of the questionnaire can be viewed at

<http://www.woorenpt.org.uk/questionnaire/Questionnaire%20Analysis%20August%202017.pdf>



6.4 The results highlighted further issues that the local community felt were most important to them. The size and type of housing that the respondents felt appropriate was raised, with smaller developments, affordable housing and a good mix being favoured. The 3 most important sensitive gaps were highlighted. Responses were given on design and parking issues, along with which facilities were well used, which needed improving, which green spaces were considered to be the most important, which footpaths were used and valued, and what would help support the growth of local businesses. The need for new homes to be environmentally friendly was also raised.



6.5 **How have the issues and concerns been considered?** The questionnaire highlighted what was important to the community and what the policies should focus upon, and the results were used, along with other evidence, to inform the Neighbourhood Plan policies and justification. The questionnaire results were fed into survey monkey online, so that they could be analysed more simply. A report detailing the results was produced.

6.6 It was recognised that smaller housing developments were favoured, as was affordable housing, bungalows and a good mix of house types. 2 storey non uniform properties were favoured, and brownfield, infill and conversions preferred over greenfield. Housing and design policies reflecting these results, along with other evidence, were drawn up. A policy reflecting the 3 most valued sensitive gaps was produced, and a parking policy drafted reflecting the results. Areas to be designated as Local Green Space were taken forward to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan (Woore Village Green, St. Leonard’s Way Play Area and St. Leonard’s Churchyard Extension). The dissatisfaction of businesses with mobile reception and broadband was raised, and a policy drafted to recognise and help address these concerns.

6.7 Again, a number of issues outside the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan such as bus routes and times, speeding, road maintenance and community clubs and events were raised. These were passed on to the Parish Council.

6.8 An article highlighting the main results from the questionnaire appeared in the local press, in the Market Drayton Advertiser, in August 2017.



7. FURTHER DROP IN EVENT AT WOORE VICTORY HALL – 11th OCTOBER 2017

7.1 **Who was consulted and how were they consulted?**

7.2 The drop in event was advertised on the Parish council and the Neighbourhood Plan websites, on banners placed around the Parish, in the Parish newsletter which is delivered to each

household, and in a press release in the Market Drayton Advertiser. Approximately 30 residents attended. The steering group were on hand to help explain the results of the questionnaire, and answer any queries.

7.3 The results from the questionnaire and the analysis were displayed on boards for people to look at and comment upon.



7.4 **What issues and concerns were raised?** Comments were largely supportive of the way that the Neighbourhood plan was progressing. Further comments were raised about HS2, traffic, and opinions were given on housing, green gaps and local green spaces.

7.5 **How have the issues and concerns been considered?** Again, comments were used to highlight what draft policies should be developed. Although HS2 is of strategic importance, such was the strength of feeling regarding the effect that its development may have on the Parish, that it was decided to draft a policy to seek to ensure that any temporary changes to the road network that its development might bring remain temporary and should be returned to their original state.

8 REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION AND FURTHER DROP IN

8.1 As required under Part 5, Section 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Woore Parish Council undertook a six week pre-submission consultation on the draft Woore Neighbourhood Plan between 22nd January 2018 and 5th March 2018. Within this period Woore Parish Council:

- Consulted with statutory consultation bodies
- Described where the pre-submission Woore Neighbourhood Plan could be inspected
- Detailed how to make representations, and the date by which these should be received
- Sent a copy of the pre-submission Woore Neighbourhood Plan to Shropshire Council Planning department

8.2 **Who was consulted and how were they consulted?** Information regarding the pre-submission consultation was available on the Woore Parish Council and the Woore Neighbourhood Plan websites. Banners were placed throughout the Parish and there was information on notice

boards, and details were provided in the Parish newsletter which was delivered to every household. Information was sent by post and email to other statutory consultees and interested organisations. Consultees were informed of where they could view the plan electronically, and advised that comments were to be received by the Neighbourhood Planning Team by 5th March 2018. Printed copies of the Plan could also be viewed at Woore Country Store, or on written/email request. An online version of the Plan could be viewed on the Neighbourhood Planning Team website at <http://www.woorenpt.org.uk/WooreReg14Jan2018.pdf> and the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Woore Parish Council website at <http://www.wooreparishcouncil.org/community/woore-parish-council-10149/neighbourhood-plan1/>



8.3 Comments on the Plan could also be submitted via printed response forms and could be sent via email or post to the Neighbourhood Plan team. The feedback forms were also available to download at the above websites, and were provided at a public Drop In Session at Woore Victory Hall from 6 - 8 pm on Wednesday 7th February 2018 with members of the Team available to display printed copies and answer questions. Banners were displayed to advertise the drop in event which was attended by over 20 residents, and information regarding the consultation was given in the Market Drayton Advertiser in the week of 22nd January 2018.

the hearing in Telford, Mr Durrie was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he died. He was identified by his mother Lisa Durrie.

Parish's draft plan is prepared

THE Wince Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee has prepared a draft plan for the parish of Wince.

The consultation period for this plan will run until March 5.

The purpose of the consultation is to seek representations from statutory consultees and others whose interests may be affected by the draft proposals made.

Comments are available from www.wince.org.uk

Off to see wizard?

THIS town's Amateur Society is preparing for performances of a famous musical.

Market Drayton Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society will perform 'The Wizard of Oz' between February 22 and February 24 at the Festival Drayton Centre.

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8.4 A list of consultees was provided, and along with residents, the following people and groups were consulted –

Severn Trent Water Ltd
National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups
Cable and Wireless
NHS Property
Homes & Communities
SSE
Clee Hill Safeguard
Natural England
Virgin Media
Dyfed Powys Police
West Mercia Police

Kidsgrove Town Council
Loggerheads Parish Council
Madeley Neighbourhood Planning Team
Madeley Parish Council
Market Drayton & Rural Areas LJC
Market Drayton Town Council
Moreton Saye PC
Nantwich Town Council
Newcastle Borough Council
Newcastle Mayor
Norton In Hales Parish Council

Welsh Assembly
United Utilities Water PLC
Sport England
Coal Authority
National Grid
EE
Civil Aviation Authority
Network Rail Town Planning Team LNW
Network Rail
Environment Agency
Western Power
Adderley Parish Council
Alsager Town Council
Audlem Parish Council
Barthomley Parish Council
Betley, Balterley & Wrinehill Parish Council
Buerton Parish Council
Cheswardine Parish Council
Market Drayton Mencap
NeuroMuscular Centre
Shropshire Carers Trust4All
Shropshire Council for Disabled Children
Shropshire Disability Network
Shropshire RDA
Barratt Homes
Bentley Motors
Bentley Motors Limited
Berrys
Bridgemere Garden World
Chamber of Commerce
Chamberlain Developments
Chetwode Arms
Coopers Arms
David Wilson Homes
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Falcon
JRT Developments
Meakins Coal Yard
Oak-Ngate Ltd Liverpool
Persimmon Homes
Raleigh Hall Properties Ltd
Stoke- & Staffordshire Enterprise Partnership
Taylor Wimpey
The Marches LEP
Tree Tops Homes
TT Pumps

Prees PC
Shropshire Association of Local Councils
Adrian Cooper, Planning, Shropshire Council
Shropshire Council
Shropshire Councillor for Woore
Sandbach Town Council
Stapeley and District Parish Council
Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council
Shawbury Parish Council
Staffs County Council
Sutton Parish Council
Whitchurch Rural Parish Council
Whitchurch Town Council
Willaston Parish Council
Wistaston Parish Council
Woore Parish Council
Wybunbury Parish Council
Owen Paterson MP
Carers Federation
Disability Information Bureau
Arriva Midlands
Vodafone
O2
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service
Historic England
Forestry Commission (England)
Dwr Cymru (Welsh Water)
Wem Town Council
Wem Rural Parish Council
Childs Ercall Parish Council
Crewe Town Council
Dodcutt-cum-Wilkesley Parish Council
Doddington and District Parish Council
Cheshire East Council
Hankelow Parish Council
Hatherton and Walgheton Parish Council
Hinstock Parish Council
Hodnet Parish Council
Hough and Chorlton Parish Council
Ightfield Parish Council
Woore Bowling Club
Woore Cricket Club
Woore Primary and Nursery School
Woore Tennis Club
Methodist Church, Woore

WW Planning
 Defence Infrastructure Organisation MOD
 Traveller Times
 Woore Village Hall
 Irish Traveller Movement
 Friends, Families and Traveller Law Reform Project

St. Leonard’s Church. Woore
 Church Commissioners for England
 Gypsy Council
 Friends, Families and Travellers
 The Romany Society

8.5 30 comments were made at the Regulation 14 stage. These were from 4 residents, 1 non-resident, 9 statutory bodies, 1 Parish council and 2 developers/ landowners. The issues raised included comments about HS2, suggestions re the design policy and broadband policy, the Parish’s community facilities, parking standards, the suggestion of inclusion of a housing site, strengthening the historic environment elements, the scale of the green gaps, and the suggestion of the inclusion of a further local green space (the school playing field). A summary of the comments received along with the steering group’s response and changes is given below in Appendix 1.

8.6 Along with making comments, respondents were asked to complete a form asking whether they agreed or disagreed with each policy. The policies were, on the whole, overwhelmingly supported. This is summarised in the table below.

Policy	Total Answering	Total Agreeing	Total Disagreeing	Percentage Agreeing	Percentage Disagreeing
HOU1 – Scale of New Housing	20	20	0	100.0	0.0
HOU2 – New Housing Location	20	20	0	100.0	0.0
HOU3 – Design	20	20	0	100.0	0.0
GAP1 – Sensitive Gaps	22	21	1	95.5	4.5
ECON1 – Rural Economy	22	22	0	100.0	0.0
INF1 – Parking	22	20	0	90.9	0.0*
INF2 – Communications Infrastructure	22	22	0	100.0	0.0
COM1 – Community Facilities	22	22	0	100.0	0.0
COM2 – Recreation, Play and Open Space Facilities	22	22	0	100.0	0.0
COM3 – Local Green Spaces	20	20	0	100.0	0.0
ENV1 – Footpaths/Sustainable Transport	20	20	0	100.0	0.0
ENV2 – HS2	20	20	0	100.0	0.0

*2 (9.1%) commented without agreeing or disagreeing explicitly

8.7 **How have the issues and concerns been considered?** The issues and concerns have been given full consideration, and changes have been made to the Neighbourhood Plan accordingly, in preparation for formal submission. It was not considered necessary to allocate further housing sites. Policy INF2 ‘Communications Infrastructure’ has been amended following suggestions, as has policy ENV2 ‘HS2’. Policy HOU2 ‘New Housing Location’ has had an addition and an amendment, and HO3 ‘Design’ and ECON1 ‘Rural Economy’ have been amended following suggestions. Policy COM2 ‘Recreation, Play and Outdoor Sports Facilities’ has been amended slightly following the response from Sport England, and two of the recreation maps (at the Bowling Green and Cricket Ground) have been amended following their suggested amendments. A summary of the representations made, along with the Steering Groups response and recommended amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan is detailed in Appendix 1.

8.8 Additionally, although Shropshire Council did not formally respond at the Regulation 14 stage, a meeting was held between the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, and Shropshire's Principal Planning Policy Officer in May 2018, shortly after Regulation 14 had been undertaken and the representations considered. Helpful comments and suggestions to strengthen the Neighbourhood Plan policies were made by the Officer, including ensuring that the policies were phrased positively, and ensuring that Policy HOU1 would not conflict with any changes that may occur in the forthcoming Local Plan Review. It was also suggested to reiterate the consultation that had taken place throughout the Neighbourhood Plan process with landowners and developers. The changes made following the meeting are detailed in Appendix 2.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 The publicity, engagement and consultation completed throughout the production of the Woore Neighbourhood Plan has been open and transparent, with opportunities provided for both statutory consultees and those that live and work within the Neighbourhood Area to feed into the process, make comment, and to raise issues, priorities and concerns for consideration.

9.2 All statutory requirements have been met and consultation, engagement and research has been completed. This Consultation Statement has been produced to document the consultation and engagement process and is considered to comply with Part 5, Section 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

APPENDIX 1: REPRESENTATIONS FROM REGULATION 14 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

1. WOORE RESIDENTS

Ref No	Respondent	Comment	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Response
1	AG	HOU3 –a bit more detail, perhaps covering areas such as quality & colour of brickwork.	Noted, results from the questionnaire highlighted the view that houses are non-uniform, therefore the decision was taken not to be too prescriptive in the policy. However see response to number 20 below.
2	AG	INF1- Nice to restrict use of the Audlem road by HGVs – for the benefit of Audlem as much as Woore.	Noted. This is a main trunk road however, and the policy relates to parking provision in the Parish.
3	AG	INF2–but – high speed broadband will only become a reality with provision of fibre-optic cables to individual homes.	Agree. Add to policy ‘Where appropriate, new housing development should ensure that residential properties have high speed broadband connectivity capability.’
4	AG	COM1–The destruction of the Bowling Green should be resisted. This is a facility at the heart of the community.	Noted. In addition, the green has been registered as a Community Asset by the Parish Council.
5	AG	COM2 –as above.	Noted.
6	AG	ENV1–what’s a BOAT? (A525 on map).	Shropshire Council has responded that BOAT in Fig H stands for Byway Open to All Traffic – resident has been notified.
7	AG	ENV2–I appreciate the PC is doing the best it can but the case for traffic passing through has not been made.	Response from residents in the Questionnaires would support this, however this is beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.
8	CG	HOU2–Avoiding Greenfield sites is paramount.	Noted. This is the intent of this Policy, suitable sites within the development boundary did not include Greenfield as detailed in policy HOU2
9	CG	INF1– The church needs adequate parking to allow it to continue to function.	Noted
10	JR	HOU3–I feel G could be worded more strongly – e.g. require use of rather than ‘take account of’.	Whilst there was wide support as detailed in 6.18 for eco and environmentally sustainable technology, it is considered that the policy wording as written is appropriate.
11	JR	INF1–This is not enough parking – one bedroom potentially 2 people + visitors = 3 spaces.	Policy of number of parking spaces was established based on the responses gathered from residents in the Big Questionnaire. This was actually increased from the initial proposal, and

		<p>2 bedroom = 2 adults + 1 child who will grow up to be an adult, & so on. Maybe extra parking space can be provided on a development, although street parking there is less likely to be a problem. Any dwelling fronting onto a main road should have at least one more parking space than bedroom.</p>	<p>allows for generous amount of parking above and beyond current practice.</p>
12	JR	<p>ENV2–delete enhanced – HS2 could take a different view to enhancement & say e.g. straightening out bends is an enhancement.</p> <p>Why is there no mention of encouraging HS2 to use alternatives to the road network, or of ensuring consultation with the parish over any alterations needed?</p>	<p>Agreed and amend policy to delete words “or enhanced” from ENV2</p> <p>Noted, this is beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
13	FR	<p>Further to the questionnaire submitted by me last year to the team set up by the Parish Council to produce the above plan, I wish to comment on a number of matters as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I note that the areas edged red have been extended to include the Manor House field in Audlem Road and the site along the B5026 at Ireland’s Cross, presently part of the Bearstone Stud, both of which now have planning permission. 2. The field adjacent to the Bearstone Site which is in my ownership, has not been included and is classed as a sensitive area despite the fact that it is located at the centre of Ireland’s Cross and is immediately opposite to the Bearstone Site. 3. Despite both the above sites having full planning permission for some time now, no progress has been made on siteworks. I believe the lack of progress at Ireland’s Cross is related to foul drainage problems, which I discovered in April 2016 had yet to be resolved. Negotiations between myself and the owner of Bearstone Stud to purchase 	<p>Comments noted, but are not applicable to Neighbourhood Plan policies.</p>

		<p>an easement across my land to connect to the public sewer in London Road subsequently broke down over a difference in valuation of £3000, my own valuation having been produced by a chartered valuation surveyor.</p> <p>4. I understand that permission has now been obtained to lay a foul sewer from his site to connect to an existing sewer in Dorrington Lane. On the drawing this sewer is called an outfall sewer, although in my experience of drainage (which is considerable) no similar sewer has ever been called an outfall sewer. A sewage screen is also to be installed in the final manhole, which would provide a maintenance problem for Severn Trent as well as an unpleasant sewage odour particularly in hot summer weather. I can only surmise this is to prevent blockage in the inverted siphon which exists under the old railway cutting. I would consider this an obviously inferior solution to the alternative which connects to the main sewer in London Road, and I am surprised that Severn Trent appear to have agreed to this proposal. It is also an extremely expensive solution.</p> <p>5. Finally, I would expect that the Parish Council will try to block development of any kind on the Ireland's Cross field mentioned in (2) above. This seems to me to be a retrogressive approach to an area which effectively constitutes the centre of Ireland's Cross and could be made a landmark highlighting the Ireland's Cross area before entering the transitional zone of Crossways leading to Pipe Gate,</p>	
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		<p>which always had a more industrial character. I can assure you that I am totally opposed to any attempt to fill this field with yet another mediocre housing estate, and would therefore like to see a communal garden at the northern part of this field which includes a public footpath connecting the A51 with the bus stop on the B5026 laid directly through this garden on a route just north of the present Shropshire prune trees. On the southern boundary, I would suggest a small lodge adjacent to the existing field gate and a larger or manor house towards the centre of the southern boundary designed as an architectural feature, with a landscaped garden to complement the communal garden to the north.</p> <p>I trust you will give consideration to the above with respect to the interests of the whole parish.</p>	
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2. NON WOORE RESIDENTS

Ref No	Respondent	Comment	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Response
14	Cllr JV	INF2—see response from Loggerheads Parish Council.	See response to 3.

3. COUNCILS

Ref No	Respondent	Comment	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Response
15	Loggerheads Parish Council (& Cllr JV)	INF2—support all policies, but you should strengthen the Plan to ensure that all new development in the parish has high-speed broadband connectivity and that this is a condition imposed on planning permission for any new	See response to 3.

		development. In the rural areas served by Pipe Gate exchange many existing subscribers still lack high speed access (and no plans to extend this at public expense) – so it should be imposed on developers to provide it.	
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4. BUSINESSES

Ref No	Respondent	Comment	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Response
		None received other than Developers'	

5. PUBLIC BODIES & OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Ref No	Respondent	Comment	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Response
16	Severn Trent Water	We currently have no specific comments to make however, please keep us informed as your plans develop and when appropriate we will be able to offer a more detailed comments and advice.	Noted.
17	DwrCymru	I can confirm that Woore falls outside of Welsh Water's operational boundary, as such we have no comment to make.	Noted.
18	National Grid	<p>An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus. National Grid has identified the following high-pressure gas pipelines as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FM04 - Alrewas to Audley • FM21 - Audley to Alrewas <p>From the consultation information provided, the above overheads powerline does not interact with any of the proposed development sites.</p> <p><i>Gas Distribution – Low / Medium Pressure</i></p> <p>Whilst there is no implications for National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus, there may however be Low Pressure (LP) / Medium Pressure (MP) Gas Distribution pipes present with proposed development sites. If further information is required in relation to the Gas Distribution network please contact plantprotection@nationalgrid.com</p>	Noted, and map passed to Parish Council.
19	Environment Agency	<p>We do not make comments on a draft plans at the regulation 14 (non-statutory) stage.</p> <p>We do not offer detailed bespoke advice on policy but advise you ensure conformity with the local plan and refer to guidance within our proforma guidance (latest copy attached).</p>	Noted.

		If site allocations were in Flood Zone 3 or 2 we may seek to advise further upon the draft being formally consulted upon it by the Local Planning Authority.	
20	Historic England	<p>Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Historic England is generally supportive of both the content of the document and the vision and objectives set out in it.</p> <p>We do have some minor comments that you may wish to consider.</p> <p>HOU2 - It is important when siting new housing within existing historic settlements that consideration is given to its potential impact on heritage assets, both designated and currently undesignated. We suggest adding into Policy HOU2 a line stating “does not adversely affect heritage assets or their settings”.</p> <p>HOU3 - In a similar vein in relation to Policy HOU3- Design we suggest the addition of a line stating “the design of new housing should respect the character of the locality and the local vernacular and contribute positively to local distinctiveness”. This will bring the Neighbourhood Plan more fully into line with Shropshire Core Strategy Policies CS4 and CS6. In addition, we do not believe it is necessary or appropriate to qualify the requirements of Policy HOU3 by suggesting good design principles should be followed only “where appropriate and viable”. In our view (and see the National Planning Policy Framework Section 7) good design will always be appropriate and issues of viability should be no justification for allowing poor design.</p> <p>ECON 1 -Finally, and as a general point, the Parish clearly has a strong agricultural base and numerous historic farmsteads. Whilst we support, as the Plan suggests, the conversion to beneficial uses, including employment uses, of redundant historic buildings we are concerned to ensure that this is done in a sensitive manner. Therefore we suggest that you consider the inclusion of the following wording in Policy ECON 1 viz:</p> <p><i>“Redevelopment, alteration or extension of historic farmsteads and agricultural buildings within the Parish should be sensitive to their distinctive character, materials and form. Due reference should be made and full consideration be given to the Shropshire Farmsteads Characterisation Project”.</i></p>	<p>Agreed, policy HOU2 will be amended with suggested wording.</p> <p>Agreed. Policy HOU3 will be amended with suggested wording.</p> <p>Agreed. Wording as detailed will be deleted from Policy HOU3</p> <p>Agree with sentiment, Policy ECON1 to be updated with the addition of the following wording to end of e) “where development is sensitive to their distinctive character, materials and form”.</p> <p>Amend justification to read ‘It is considered important that the redevelopment, alteration or extension</p>

		<p>https://new.shropshire.gov.uk/environment/historic-environment/historic-farmstead-characterisation/</p> <p>Further information about this can, if necessary, be obtained from Giles Carey of the Shropshire Council Historic Environment Record (HER) Service.</p> <p>In conclusion, overall the plan reads as a well-considered fit for purpose document which we consider takes a suitably proportionate approach to the historic environment of the Parish. Beyond those observations we have no further substantive comments to make. I hope you find this advice helpful.</p>	<p>of historic farmsteads and agricultural buildings should be sensitive to their distinctive character, materials and form. Due reference should be made and full consideration given to the Shropshire Farmsteads Character Project (and add weblink).</p> <p>Noted, with thanks.</p>
21	Natural England	Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.	Noted.
22	Network Rail	Network Rail has reviewed the documentation submitted by the applicant and this proposal will not impact the railway infrastructure.	Noted.
23	Coal Authority	Having reviewed your document, I confirm that we have no specific comments to make on it.	Noted.
24	Sport England	<p>COM2 - It is noted that the wording of COM2 part iii) states :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“...the development is for alternative amenity, play or recreation provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.”</i> <p>This could lead to the loss of sports facilities for the provision of amenity or play equipment which would not meet our policy or accord with para 74 of the NPPF. Sport England recommends that the wording be altered to incorporate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“Or in the case of the loss of sports and recreation facilities, the development is for alternative sports and recreation facilities, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.”</i> 	<p>Accepted. Policy COM2 to be amended as suggested wording accordingly.</p> <p>After discussions with the school, there is a possibility that with the continued growth of</p>

	<p>In addition, the school playing fields should be protected by adding them to figure D and appendix 1 in the same way as the cricket ground, tennis courts and bowls green.</p> <p>Finally, the maps for the cricket ground and the bowls green should include the pavilion buildings and the car parking within the boundary of land protected by this policy as they are essential associated facilities without which would have a negative impact on the use of the sports facilities.</p> <p>In terms of more general advice, government planning policy, within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.</p> <p>It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74. It is also important to be aware of Sport England’s statutory consultee role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England’s playing fields policy is set out in our Planning Policy Statement: ‘A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England’.</p> <p>http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy</p> <p>Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 74 of the NPPF, this takes the form of assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority</p>	<p>the school’s numbers, it may at some point in the future be necessary to build additional classroom provision on part of the school grounds. This would need to be done sensitively and at a minimal loss to any play space. Any changes would need to be done following appropriate guidelines and with guidance and input from Sport England. It is not therefore considered appropriate to designate the playing fields as Local Green Space.</p> <p>Agreed with maps regarding bowling green and cricket ground, maps in REC3 and REC1 and Figure D will be amended as suggested.</p> <p>Noted</p>
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		<p>has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.</p> <p>Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.</p> <p>http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance</p> <p>Any new housing developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.</p> <p>In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how any new development, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.</p>	
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	<p>Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.</p> <p>NPPF Section 8: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities</p> <p>PPG Health and wellbeing section: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing</p> <p>Sport England's Active Design Guidance: https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign</p>	
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6. DEVELOPERS

Ref No	Respondent	Comment	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Response
25	James Clayton, Treetops Homes	<p>My company owns the land on which sits the car park and the bowling green opposite Swan Court on the Nantwich Road in Woore.</p> <p>On 8th January 2018, I attended the Parish Council meeting with members of Woore Bowling Club to inform the Council of the intentions of the respective parties.</p> <p>In December 2017, Woore Bowling Club applied for planning approval to move the green and the club to a new site in Onneley, as part of a plan to form a multi-sport facility with Onneley Cricket Club.</p> <p>All parties are mutually agreeable that this is in the best interests of the Bowling Club and Cricket</p>	<p>Noted, but such a change would be in conflict with the expressed views of the Parish Council in registering the Bowling Green and adjacent car park as Community Assets and also in conflict with views by residents in the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process.</p>

		<p>Club. Additionally, this will safeguard the long-term viability of the bowling club.</p> <p>Tree Tops Homes Ltd will assist the Bowling club members in their endeavours to move to the new site which includes a new pavilion.</p> <p>With the above in mind, Tree Tops Homes Limited intends to develop the car and bowling green site (once the re-location of the club has been actioned), and to this end, I would like to register the site to be included within the Woore Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Can you please advise how I may do this?</p>	<p>It is not considered necessary to allocate sites in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
26	WW Planning for Geolane Company Limited	HOU1 - The policy and settlement boundary shown are supported.	Noted.
27	WW Planning for Geolane Company Limited	<p>HOU2 –Support in the main, but for clarity the policy could add a further clause to this end:</p> <p>h) is a site which has previously been accepted as being suitable for residential development or is committed for small scale (up to 10) dwellings.</p>	<p>Disagree. This is thought unnecessary. If a site is committed, planning permission will not need to be sought. Sites that are resubmitted will always need to be considered on their merits and in line with the most up to date policy context.</p>
28	WW Planning for Geolane Company Limited	<p>HOU3 –Support in the main, but with respect it is considered that clause e is too restrictive. It is possible to have designs with basements or with rooms within the roof that might breach this policy. Surely it is better to support good design appropriate to its setting. Might this work better?</p> <p><i>E alternative) It is likely that that most new development will be no more than 2storeys in height. Where housing of greater scale is proposed applicants will need to show why such development is appropriate to its setting and well designed in its own right.</i></p>	<p>Agreed, policy HOU3 E amended as follows:</p> <p>“New dwellings will normally be no more than 2 storeys high, unless such development is appropriate to its setting, topography, and is well designed in its own right.”</p>

29	WW Planning for Geolane Company Limited	<p>GAP1 - Whilst the sentiments are understood there are 3 dangers in this approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the first place the extent of protected land runs way beyond any generally perceived benefit of protection along the main routes. • Secondly such an approach can often end up becoming the established norm and not allowing itself to be open to review or re-evaluation in future plans. • Thirdly and finally. There is no evidence in this policy that it is supported by a rational well argued landscape evaluation. <p>It is suggested that a simpler roadside only approach be taken and that it is made clear that this will be re-evaluated in future plans to assess its relevance at the time.</p>	<p>Noted, but Disagree. There are other examples of green gaps of this scale.</p> <p>The gaps can be reassessed when the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan are reviewed.</p> <p>7.2-7.7 details rationale for policy and is in line with the Shropshire Local Plan, Core Strategy and the Shropshire Local Plan Review.</p>
30	WW Planning for Geolane Company Limited	<p>ECON1 - It's a good and well worded policy. Most rural employment now and in the future is not and will not be in agriculture. Policy needs to support; as this does, appropriate rural businesses.</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p>

APPENDIX 2: CHANGES FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL AFTER REGULATION 14

Comment		Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Response
1	<p>Clarify that consultation was undertaken with landowners and developers.</p>	<p>Agree. Add 'and interested parties and landowners' to paragraph 1.12; and add 'landowners and' to paragraph 4.12.</p> <p>Add new para 6.14 'Local residents and landowners were asked if they had any suggestions for new housing through the Big Questionnaire consultation in June 2017. No specific sites were put forward for consideration at this stage. At the Regulation 14 consultation stage, residents, statutory consultees and landowners and developers were consulted. Their responses can be viewed in the Consultation Statement at http://www.woorenpt.org.uk . Two developers</p>

		<p>replied, and one developer proposed a site for consideration to be included as a housing site in the Neighbourhood Plan. This site, however, was on land that has been registered as a community asset and it was not deemed appropriate or necessary to allocate the site for residential development, which would have been in opposition to the expressed views of the Parish Council in registering the sites, of residents in the Big Questionnaire, and Sport England in its response on the Bowling Green's inclusion in the Plan.'</p> <p>Add to Para 6.16 – 'It is not therefore considered necessary to allocate further sites for residential development, and no appropriate sites were suggested through the consultation stages. '</p>
2	<p>Amend Policy HOU1 and justification to ensure that the Policy will reflect the position that Shropshire Council, through the Local Plan Review, may take regarding future housing figures.</p> <p>Amend para 6.11 to read – 'As part of the Local Plan Review Shropshire Council have agreed that in rural areas they fully support the principle of local housing requirements being derived in discussion with the local community through the Parish Council, and that are supported by evidence. Woore Parish Council consider the figure of around 30 new houses up to 2036 is an appropriate figure for the Parish, reflecting Woore as a Community Hub; population figures and household projections; the approach in the adopted SAMDEV; and the policy direction of the emerging Local Plan partial review which has a high growth, but urban focussed principle for the delivery of development. Whilst a figure of around 30 dwellings is considered to be appropriate, the policy recognises, however, that should further evidence of need come forward through the Local Plan Review, the emerging Local Plan may seek to propose an additional housing requirement on to the Community Hub in discussion with the Parish Council.'</p>	<p>Agree. Amend paragraph 6.11 as suggested, although change the last sentence to read 'Whilst a figure of around 30 dwellings is considered to be appropriate, the policy recognises, however, that should further evidence of need come forward through the Local Plan Review, <i>Shropshire Council, through the emerging Local Plan</i> may seek to propose an additional housing requirement on to the Community Hub in discussion with the Parish Council.'</p> <p>Amend HOU1 to read 'Development boundaries around the individual parts of the community hub of Woore, Irelands Cross and Pipe Gate are defined and shown on Figure B. Within the development boundaries, new housing development consistent with housing numbers set by Shropshire Council for Woore as a Community Hub within the Local Plan Review will be supported. In order to meet local housing needs, and to remain on a scale appropriate to the existing character of Woore Parish, it is envisaged that this figure will be for around 30 dwellings from 2016-2036, incorporating small scale residential developments of up to ten dwellings per development.'</p> <p>Add to para 6.6 to strengthen the justification – 'National Planning Guidance stresses that the reasoning and evidence informing an emerging Local Plan process can be relevant for Neighbourhood Plans, for example up-to-date housing needs evidence is relevant to the question of whether a housing supply policy in a</p>

		<p>neighbourhood plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.’</p> <p>Add to para 6.7 for clarification ‘use the most up to date housing need evidence’</p>
3	Amend the Sensitive Gap Policy GAP1 to ensure that it reflects local and national policy on the open countryside.	<p>Agree. Amend Policy GAP1 to read ‘In order to maintain the established pattern of development and the distinctive identities of Woore, Irelands Cross and Pipe Gate, new development must minimise the impact on the open character of the sensitive gaps as defined in Figure C. The sensitive gaps should be respected, and unacceptable coalescence levels of the built form avoided. The sensitive gaps are designated as open countryside, where new development will be strictly controlled in line with local and national policies.’</p>
4	Ensure that the policies are phrased in a positive manner.	<p>Agreed. Amend policies GAP1 (as above); The first paragraphs of INF1 and COM2, and Policy COM1 as below-</p> <p>INF 1 - ‘Development must not exacerbate existing parking problems in the parish, or lead to the loss of existing parking provision unless the lost parking places are adequately replaced in a nearby and appropriate alternative location, or an agreed alternative transport facility be provided or a contribution made to mitigate the loss. ’</p> <p>COM1 – ‘Proposals for the refurbishment and improvement of all community buildings, car parks, and recreational facilities together with the shops and public houses will be supported. Changes of use of community facilities which require planning permission will be supported where the proposed use will provide equal or greater benefits to the community, the facility is replaced elsewhere, or it is demonstrated that the facility is no longer required. New community facilities in appropriate locations will be supported.’</p> <p>COM2 – ‘All sports fields and areas currently used for play and recreation as shown on Figure D and Appendix 1 will be protected and, where possible, enhanced. Development for alternative uses will only be supported when:....’</p>