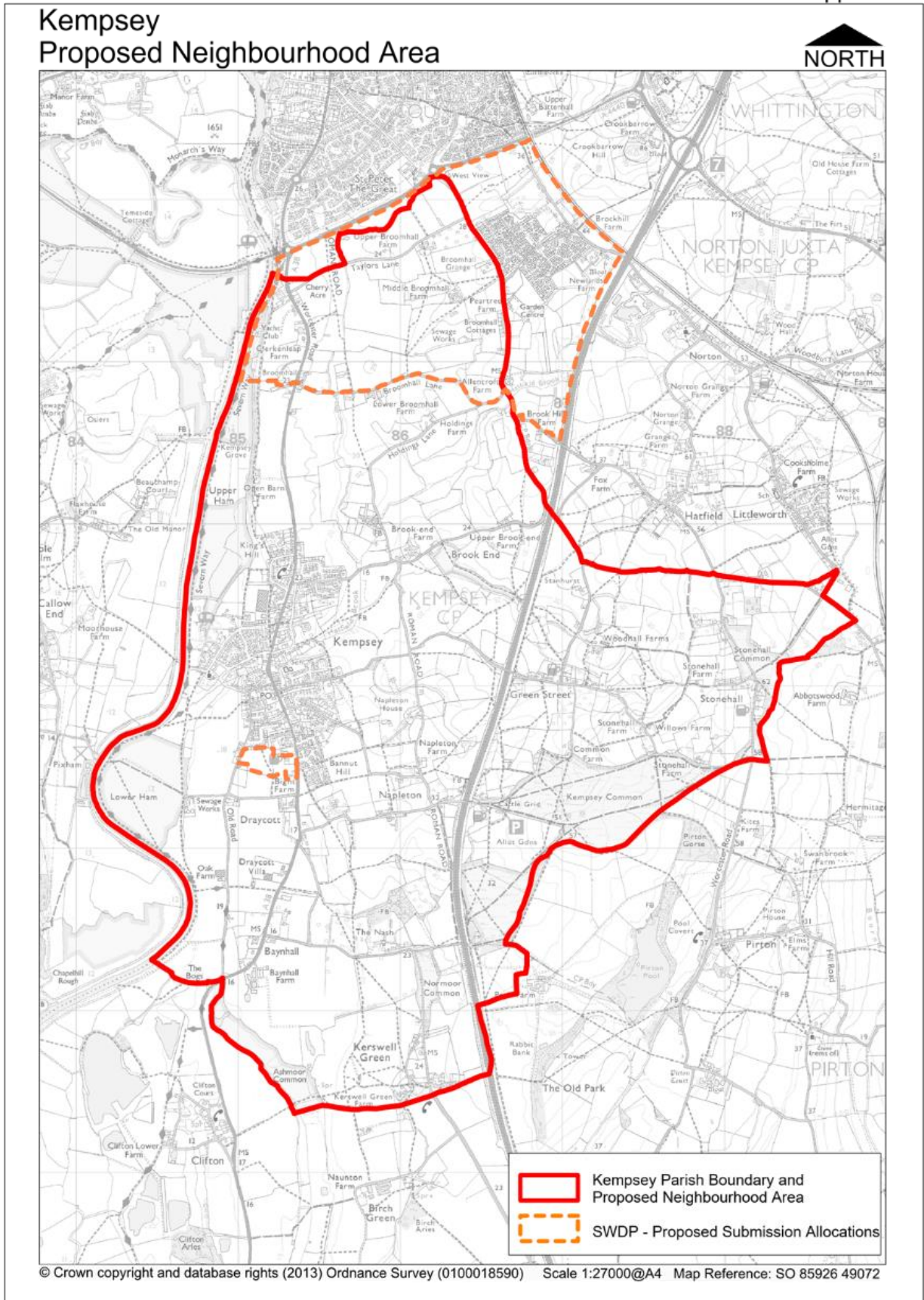


Kempsey Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation Statement – January 2016

Map 1 Kempsey Designated Neighbourhood Area

Appendix 1



1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2)¹ which defines a “consultation statement” as *a document which –*
- (a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;*
 - (b) explains how they were consulted;*
 - (c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and*
 - (d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.*
- 1.2 The Kempsey Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared in response to the Localism Act 2011, which gives parish councils and other relevant bodies, new powers to prepare statutory Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) to help guide development in their local areas. These powers give local people the opportunity to shape new development, as planning applications are determined in accordance with national planning policy and the local development plan, and neighbourhood plans form part of this framework. Other new powers include Community Right to Build Orders whereby local communities would have the ability to grant planning permission for new buildings.
- 1.3 On 28 February 2013 Kempsey Parish Council, as a qualifying body, applied to Malvern Hills District Council for the whole parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Planning Area (Appendix 1).
- 1.4 Malvern Hills consulted on the application from 29 March 2016 to 10 May 2016. During this period, representations were received from Worcestershire County Council, Worcester City Council and Wychavon District Council. These representations supported the application but sought to ensure that strategic planning policy should be taken into account when preparing the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan. Malvern Hills District Council approved the neighbourhood

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/637/contents/made>

area designation on 2 July 2013 (Appendix 2). The Designated Area follows the Parish Boundary and is shown on Map 1 above.

2.0 Informal Consultation and Public Engagement

- 2.1 The Kempsey NDP has been prepared following a thorough consultation process that has sought to engage all those who live, work and carry out business in the area.
- 2.2 This has involved a variety of consultation and engagement methods that have sought to provide as many opportunities for interested parties to be involved in the development of the plan. Throughout, this has involved the use of a dedicated set of pages on the Parish Council's web site to keep all up to date and aware of latest news on the plan. The Parish Council web site also carries agendas and minutes of key Parish Council decisions concerning the neighbourhood plan.
- 2.3 The neighbourhood plan builds on work already undertaken as part of the Parish Plan Update (February 2013).
- 2.4 Initial consultation on the neighbourhood plan was undertaken through a questionnaire survey, undertaken in September 2014. This was sent to all households and 196 responses were received. A full report on the findings of this survey were originally made available on-line and are now available on request in hard copy, the full results are included in Appendix 4 of this Statement. The survey was used to inform the key issues for the plan, the objectives and then used to support the evidence base for the policies. Where relevant references to the survey, and detailed results, are contained in the plan. A key outcome was the identified need for extra community, sport and recreation provision. As a result landowners were approached to ascertain the availability of land for such a use.
- 2.5 Regular updates on progress on the plan were made in the Parish Newsletter (KLINKS), this is delivered to all households, and on the section of the parish web site devoted to the neighbourhood plan (screenshot below).

The screenshot shows the website for Kempsey Parish Council. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, The Parish Council, Public Notices, and Living in the community. Below the menu, there is a banner for the 'KEMPSEY PARISH PLAN' featuring a colorful illustration of a village scene. To the right of the banner are three circular images: a group of people in blue shirts, a street scene with a sign, and a view of a building through trees. Below the banner, there is a search bar and a sidebar with various links: Councillors, contacts, & dates of meetings; Documents; Agendas; Minutes; South Worcestershire Development Plan - SWDP; Annual Report; and Accounts. The main content area features a news article titled 'NDP news' dated 23rd February 2016. The article text states that the Parish Council has approved the Kempsey Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for a 6-week public consultation period. It details the dates and times of presentations in St Mary's Church and provides information on where to view the document and how to provide feedback.

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NDP news
23rd February 2016

The Parish Council has approved the Kempsey Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the purposes of the 6 week minimum public consultation prior to submission of the document to MHDC. There will be two presentations in St Mary's Church on Saturday 12th March 2016 at 11.00am and 3.00pm and one on Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm. The document can now be viewed on this Kempsey Hub website and hard copies can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Consultation Period will run until 30th April 2016
To view this document [please click here](#).

A summary document will be delivered to every household prior to the presentations, but can also be viewed [here](#).

Should you wish to comment on our NDP, please put your thoughts in writing [using this document](#) and return to the Parish Office or email the NDP team at kempsey.ndp@gmail.com

- 2.6 A first draft plan was prepared in winter 2014/2015 and placed on the web site inviting comments, circulated to local groups and parish councillors.
- 2.7 All comments received were carefully considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Parish Council and used to inform the next version of the neighbourhood plan, the Kempsey Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.

3.0 Formal Consultation on the Kempsey Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan – 12 March 2016 to 30 April 2016.

- 3.1 The public consultation on the Kempsey Draft Neighbourhood Plan was carried out in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Pre-submission consultation and publicity, paragraph 14. This states that:

Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—

(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area

(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii) details of how to make representations; and

(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

- 3.2 The Kempsey Draft Neighbourhood Plan was published for formal consultation for seven weeks from 12 March 2016 to 30 April 2016.

- 3.3 The Neighbourhood Development Plan could be viewed and downloaded from the Parish Council website.

- 3.4 A summary leaflet was prepared and delivered to every household in the Parish with information about two presentation/public drop-in sessions held at St Mary's Church on 12 and 16 March 2016 (Appendix 4).

- 3.5 An email or letter was sent to all relevant consultation bodies, providing information about the consultation dates, and the locations where the Draft Plan and accompanying documents could be viewed and downloaded. Copies of the letters were sent or emailed out to local businesses and local community organisations. The list of bodies contacted can be found in Appendix 5.
- 3.6 Three presentation sessions were held at the parish church and an offer made to meet and discuss the neighbourhood plan with local groups, clubs and societies. This offer was taken up by the Cornflower Club and the Women’s Institute.
- 3.7 Respondents were encouraged to complete a Response Form (Appendix 6) and to submit completed forms/other comments by email or by post to the Parish Council no later than midnight on 30 April 2016.
- 3.8 In preparing the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan the draft plan was consulted on with for the purposes of Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment, full details of which can be found in the accompanying Environment Report as amended December 2016.

4.0 Consultation Responses to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan

4.1 All of the responses received on the on the Regulation Draft Neighbourhood Plan are summarised below highlighting their main issues and concerns, alongside this is the Parish Council's consideration of each response and how these have been addressed in the neighbourhood plan. These are presented in tables 1 to 3 below. Table 1 includes responses from residents, landowners, developers, statutory bodies and other agencies. Table 2 the detailed comments on the Regulation 14 draft plan from Malvern Hills District Council and Table 3 a further response received from Malvern Hills on a revised draft of the plan that took into account responses in Tables 1 and 2. This further work with Malvern Hills was to ensure the draft plan was ready for submission.

TABLE 1 COMMENTS RECEIVED ON REGULATION 14 DRAFT

No	NAME	COMMENTS	PAGE NO	POLICY NO	ACTION REQUIRED
1	Julie Brooks	<p>Neither supports or objects to document focusing on PO Lane development, against</p> <p>affordable housing because PO lane is too small. Concerns that NDP is only valid for 5 years and time frame too small. Need for bigger school, surgery, recreation, shops and public services.</p>			<p>Noted - Section added school surgery, recreation etc.</p> <p>Post Office Lane now has planning permission - this is not an NDP matter. The NDP runs until 2029 not for five years.</p>
2	Roy Richardson	<p>Hopes policy K9 includes provision for medical and educational facilities due to increase in village population.</p>		K9	<p>Section added medical/education facilities</p>

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3	Severn Trent Water	Generic response received			Noted
4	Melvin Smith	school needs to extend in size to accommodate increased population of children. School parking is major problem. Access in and out of PO Lane is problem, road too narrow and not fit for volumes of traffic. Surgery also needs another suitable home for increased population.			Section added school/surgery Post Office Lane now has planning permission - this is not an NDP matter. The NDP runs until 2030 not for five years.
5	Brian Lawrence	No objection to local café Welcome recreational activities for youth.			Noted - Section added re: doctors

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		Request to maintain green areas and lanes for dog walkers. Larger surgery Kempsey remain as a village, not a town			
6	Jan Fowler	This policy is 'too tight' and would prefer it to read - to meet future community, recreation and sports needs an absolute minimum of a 5.2 hectare site to the North of Pixham Ferry Lane and West of Old road South is identified on the proposals map, together with further capacity for expansion in the future for further sport and recreation provision (shown as		K10	Amended to reflect this

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		proposal K10B on Fig 5).			
7	Brian Clarke	<p>Health and education issues need to be in the plan</p> <p>Support new community centre, but why 'quid pro quo'? For extra housing when there is already huge development in Pixham Ferry Lane generating income grant. Why can't we use this?</p> <p>Could we not start a campaign to bid for HLF grants to support the building of a community centre.</p> <p>Who owns the land? Have they been approached to see if they want to gift or sell it at a discount</p>			<p>Section added medical/education facilities</p> <p>Document already takes this into consideration. The enabling development will be instigated when other options are deemed impractical.</p>

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		for the good of the village? following flooding in the Rocky, can we include a feature to protect the properties in Church street? can we have an extra pump to aid flooding defences?			This is not relevant to the NDP
8	Wendy Coen	Policy 14 - Transport, the wording may be ambiguous Developer contributions from new development will be sought to support and improve public transport links..... Limitation on what you can do with	4	14	Developer contributions (such as section 106) are sought on a case-by-case basis. This policy relates to transport contributions, but does not limit what can be sought in terms of other contributions if they are needed for a development to proceed.

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		developer contributions			
9	Ivan Benstead	Concerns Doctors Surgery will cope with 1000+ new patients and the parking needs for these patients. Very poor parking now many people using Old Road North	9	1.1	Section added school/surgery
10	Ivan Benstead	Site 8 North & South are probably best positions for a possible community, sports, recreation area. Pixham Ferry Lane is prone to flooding and this needs to be taken into account and improved. Passing points need to be large enough for lorries especially if a shop is on site	53		section re-worded to take on board these comments.

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11	Ivan Benstead	Object to lorries using Post Office Lane for the Post Office Lane development, would prefer use of Brookend Lane and Roman Road. Roman Road needs attention to reinforce the culvert	19	FIG 5	Noted - Outside of scope of NDP
12	Ivan Benstead	Can't believe the Primary School will cope with influx of pupils from new 500 houses. School playground/field would be lost if school expanded. School parking is another issue.	9	1.1	section added to take on board these comments.

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13	Ivan Benstead	It is about time the house on Church Street which has never been finished is demolished and the site cleared. Its been a disgrace since 2007 and is in a Conservation Area.	24		Noted: not a matter for the NDP. Information passed to MHDC to for possible action.
14	Helen Thompson	We do have a number of comments and questions which we will put forward, however there are a couple of questions I wanted to check out at this point: one around the access to the proposed site 8 development of a sports and recreation facility. To enable the conservation of Pixham Ferry Lane could not the access to the proposed site be through the current Bight Farm			WCC will not allow entrance to or from the development from Old Road South by motor vehicle

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		<p>development and proposed development for site 7? i.e. a similar arrangement to what we have at Plovers?</p> <p>Two: With the monies already accumulated from developers for local infrastructure what recreation provision would that buy us? i.e. what is the shortfall? is this enough to purchase site 8 without the development of site 7? and if this was the case would site 7 be eligible for housing development given that it is out of the settlement boundary?</p>			<p>All contributions and further funding will be needed to complete this project.</p>

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15	The Coal Authority	No specific comments to make on NDP			Generic response
16	John Michael	There is an error on page 9 footnote 2 - the end of the Lammas period should read 6th February	9	2	Noted - Dates removed as conflicting information is available
17	Heather Kelly	Would like a DIY shop nearer than Upton or Blackpole			Comment noted. NDP cannot be so specific.
18	Chris Bate	Highways England notes that a specific site has been put forward in the neighbourhood plan for enabling housing development to support the provision of new community, recreation and sports provision.	41 & 34	K14 & K10B	Policy K14 - support noted. Policy K10B:-Advice has been sought from Highways England Developers will amalgamate with their planning application

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		<p>This site is in addition to that identified in the draft SWDP. Accordingly, the impact of this development on the SRN has not been tested. The development will need to be assessed in accordance with 'DfT Circular 02/2013 The Strategic Road Network and the delivery of sustainable development'. Highways England is satisfied that this requirement can be addressed as the planning application comes forward. Pre application discussions with Highways</p>			

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		England are encouraged.			
19	Mr & Mrs Bradley	<p>Risk of new developments could change the beautiful character of the village of Kempsey In particular feels that Lioncourt Homes has been less than open with their dealings with the Saxon Meadows development. Objects to 21 new dwellings to the Saxon Meadows Estate view will be destroyed and no community orchard. Also not happy with the developers, is the statement regarding Affordable Housing,</p>			Noted - Outside of scope of NDP

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		which is rapidly becoming Housing Association.			
20	John D Grant	Supports all parts of Kempsey NDP			Support noted
21	Julia Grant	Supports all parts of Kempsey NDP			Support noted
22	M Smart	Access to proposed site k10B from main road is dangerous extremely narrow lane - advisory restriction on HGV access Not safe for pedestrians. Traffic trend to use Old Road South already very busy Why is the land earmarked as enabling land outside of the settlement boundary	34	K10	Noted section reworded Advice has been sought from WCC Highways. Passing Places are advised and we have requested a foot and cycle path on the other side of the hedge to make safe access for pedestrians

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		<p>when all parties involved gave the impression that at present enough larger scale building was taking place? Policy K2 criteria only allows for building Affordable housing on an exception site to meet identified local need. Community use of the proposed new facility K10 is only mentioned. The proposals give no mention to Community facilities giving the impression that the advice given to the Parish Council has been unduly influenced by the sport facility lobby and not the rest of the community</p>			

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23	Mrs C Shaw-Ling	No Comments			None
24	Lisa	Impact on her business			Noted section reworded amenity of all users is part of national planning policy and that this will be assessed as and when planning applications are made.
25	Robert Ling	No Comments			None
26	Mrs H Hughes	No Comments	23	K5	None
27	Michael Biddle	Add dentist to list of healthcare facilities	33	K9	Dentist added to Policy K9
28	Michael Biddle	delete 'control of' at the start of the sentence referring to Hatfield Brook Sentence should start 'Building on' etc.	28	K7	Change accepted

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29	Michael Biddle	Para 1.10 There are 6 public houses in Kempsey. Seabourne Inn should be included. It is identified as a Community facility in Figure 9 on page 32	9	1.10	Seabourne Inn added
30	Robin & Jennie O'Regan	Residents in Kempsey for over 50 years and have seen little change. Present village hall is an embarrassment to all. Wholeheartedly support the proposals put forward. Concerned will all needs be catered for on one site, as we feel this is important.	33	K9	Support noted
31	Jennie O'Regan	Support	34	K10	Support noted

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32	Zoe Moss	<p>Comments also relate to appendix A, B & C concerning site 8 south.</p> <p>a) Known priority species and habitats - lists as suitable. I challenge this as site 8 south is abutting a known Skylark nesting ground. Skylarks are a protected species and are listed in the Biodiversity Action Plan. In addition, the following birds have been sighted regularly in this area especially by the treatment works:- Gold crest, Fire crest, Short eared owls, Siberian chiff chaff</p>	34	K10	<p>Comments noted</p> <p>Will endeavour to protect environment</p>

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		<p>cormorants and curlews. All rarely seen birds that are attracted to the natural , unspoilt diversity of the area around site 8 south. Birders' visit this site to observe these birds in their natural habitat. These enthusiasts come not only from within the county, but also further afield. The natural habitat would seriously be harmed, affecting this natural habitat affecting the bio diversity of the area and damaging the current rare wildlife.</p>			
33	Mr G Hogan	No comment	41	K14	Policy K14 support noted

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34	Mrs E Hogan	No Comment	22	K4	Policy K14 support noted
35	Howard Farnhill	<p>New resident to Kempsey having moved here a year ago.</p> <p>Those who prepared the plan are to be commended, plan is readable and many of the proposals are sound common sense and plot a way forward.</p> <p>The plan must be read in conjunction with the plan to build 2000 homes a short distance from Kempsey. This development must be seen as complimentary to that on our doorstep.</p>			Comments Noted no action

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		<p>Kempsey lacks a nature centre, there is no village green, or other natural meeting point which new social and retail activities can be based. Has a swimming pool at the new sports facility been considered?</p> <p>I am amazed at the state of the Parish Hall, a new hall, possibly on the same site would by its design afford better facilities for existing activities, whilst making provision for new, giving a higher usage rate than at present.</p> <p>The plan seems to address the issues of the respective social groups in the</p>			

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		village. Best Wishes for the finalisation			
36	Terence Dillingham	<p>Supports the key developments outlined</p> <p>Concerns overall focus of the plan and the opportunity missed.</p> <p>Key needs Health, Education, Public Services which impacts on needs relating</p> <p>to water, gas, electricity</p> <p>You identify all the needs of those living in the community irrespective of whom might be responsible for</p>			<p>Section added medical/education facilities</p> <p>Concerns that the plan is too town and country planning focussed are noted, but the plan is a neighbourhood development plan being prepared under the Town and Country Planning Act and inevitably that has to be the plan's focus. However, the NDP has tried to address the respondents concerns wherever possible.</p>

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		<p>providing services to alleviate need.</p> <p>Despite the vision on page 11 saying ' you want to provide facilities to cater for the needs of the residents' you go on effectively to ignore the needs in health and education....</p> <p>A neighbourhood can be made up of many sub area e.g. Post Office Lane sub area will present a transport problem. It may be the identification of client groups and their needs may also help in building a real analysis of the community. e.g. under 5's, school children, pensioners</p>			

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		The process has limited itself to a town and country planning focus particularly dominated by housing development In summary the plan understates key need identification in areas of education health and in doing so is not attempting to influence those aspects of neighbourhood development			
37	Hilda Craven				Support noted
38	N Craven				Support noted
39	Malvern Hills District Council Officer Response	Please see comments			All comments reviewed and action taken where possible

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40	Kempsey Lawn Tennis Club	<p>Strong support for this policy and the retention of the existing tennis club facilities at The Playing Fields</p> <p>The Club have invested a significant amount of money in The Playing Fields since forming in 1989 and consider the site to be an excellent location. As such the Club has no desire to leave at this time and would like to see its current facilities expanded in the future</p>	34	K10 A	K10A -support noted
41	Kempsey Lawn Tennis Club	<p>Welcome the proposed policy which would provide much needed additional</p>	34/35	K10B	K10B - support noted

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		<p>space for overall sport and recreation within the village.</p> <p>With regard to the finer detail of any future policy, Kempsey Lawn Tennis Club would welcome the provision of an indoor facility that would be large enough to facilitate coaching sessions for the Clubs younger players, given the existing lack of such facilities within the village at the present time.</p> <p>With the provision of additional space at the proposed site off Pixham Ferry Lane, Kempsey Lawn Tennis Club would welcome the</p>			

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		<p>opportunity to expand its current facilities at the Playing Fields. The club are currently developing their own thoughts regarding what could be possible in the future, with it being suggested that an additional flood lit court could be accommodated</p>			
42	Historic England	<p>Please see response</p>			<p>See accompanying Environment Report.</p>
43	Mary Day	<p>Access on Pixham Ferry Lane has very high verges and mud from the fields gets deposited on the road when it rains - no space for provision of passing places.</p>	36	K10B	<p>Noted - section reworded</p> <p>Detailed highway and flooding issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.</p>

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		<p>The road is little more than a track and weight of traffic will break up the road</p> <p>The alternative access via Old Road South is dangerous due to number of vehicles parked on kerb/path.</p> <p>The roads in the new estate being built at present with main access from A38 would be a better route.</p>			
44	Rebecca Day	<p>Pixham Ferry Lane unsuitable for increased traffic, unlikely to accommodate traffic a sports centre would attract. It's also prone to flooding.</p>	36	K10B	Noted - section reworded

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		<p>of course people would probably use Old Road South which is already congested.</p> <p>The Lower Ham is used by dog walkers and bird watchers and is an area of beauty and serves as wetlands. The natural environment and habitat could be destroyed.</p> <p>DRAYCOTT COACH HOUSE IS A GRADE 2 LISTED BUILDING</p>			<p>Detailed highway and flooding issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.</p>
45	Ray Ellis		41	K14	Support for Policy K14 noted
46	Ray Ellis		33	K9	Support for Policy K9 noted

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47	Ray Ellis		20	K2	Support for Policy K2 noted
48	Ray Ellis	Concerned no plan to extend schooling, doctors, drainage and local transport	18	K1	Section added school/surgery
49	Ann Skerm	The Lanes in Kempsey are one of the special features of the village, but they will provide little pleasure to walkers and cyclists if used by cars and coaches on a regular basis. Sorry to see Pixham Ferry Lane lose its identity the safety of those on foot	34	K10	Noted - Section reworded Detailed highway and flooding issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.

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		is a more important issue to be addressed.			
50	Mrs J Brookes	There is a memorial seat on the green open space at Bannut Hill with an inscription. Why has the green not be listed as designated space and the Bannut Hill seat as a memorial seat?	38	K11	Bannut Hill green space has been added
51	Mr & Mrs Levitt	Flabbergasted that site 8 (South) meets the suitable access to public highway criteria, by using Pixham Ferry Lane. We understand every sports facility should have a footpath	36/56/58	K10B	Noted - section reworded Detailed highway and flooding issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.

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		<p>along the full length of its approach road to enable people to reach it on foot. Fears pedestrian safety. Totally disagrees with this statement</p>			<p>Foot and cycle path has been requested on the other side of the hedge.</p>
52	<p>Worcestershire County Council Officer Response</p>	<p>Please refer to letter</p>			<p>General comments noted - no change, the plan includes an appropriate level of background material. Green Infrastructure - add to Policy K12 a reference to Green Infrastructure statements.</p>

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53	Peter Scurrell	No additional comments to make.			<p>Comments on Minerals and Waste noted - amend para 4.1. Comments on flood risk noted - suggested change would duplicate SWDP and national Policy. No change. Heritage comments noted. The documents referred to are part of the NDP's evidence base. Designated heritage assets are already protected. NDP identifies and seeks to protect non-designated heritage assets - amend Policy K6 to include "setting". Amend justification on page 28 to include full title of NCA. Comment on K13c noted - no change. Policy K13b - address ambiguity - change to "Development proposals needed to support the retention, limited expansion or suitable diversification of existing rural employment sites (i.e. those outside Kempsey village, as defined by the settlement boundary) will be supported when they do not have a significant adverse impact on local roads, residential amenity, enjoyment of the countryside, landscape, heritage assets or wildlife. Transport comment - does this include K10? Sustainability - these comments are noted. Some are not NDP matters and others will be dealt with through other development plan policies e.g. the SWDP. No change. Education - add in a reference to responding to local need.</p> <p>Support noted</p>

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		<p>Warmly congratulates the NDP Steering Group and the Parish Council for documents and presentations.</p>			
54	Jane & Nick Sprang	<p>How would the new Community, Sports and Recreation facility be managed and will there be curfews imposed on these facilities? Concerns with vandals, light pollution and noise</p>	34/36	K10	<p>Details will be taken into account when planning facility</p>
55	Jane & Nick Sprang	<p>It was mentioned that Old Road South would have some sort of bollard system but this doesn't appear to be on the plan. The nature of Pixham Ferry Lane</p>	34/36	K10	<p>Detailed highway issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.</p>

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		will be spoil if this is the access route to the recreation land. Object to Pixham Ferry being the main access to the Community area			
56	Christopher Capewell	I align my objections to the suggested Policy with that of my parents' - The proposal to access the new recreational grounds down Pixham Ferry Lane The lane is not designed to accommodate the suggested increase, nor the introduction of coaches		K10	Detailed highway issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.
57	Natural England	Please refer to response			

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					No specific comments on the plan. The relevant guidance will be considered, where it has not been already, and taken on board in the plan if necessary.
58	Joy Oram	Highly impressed with presentation and attention to detail Hope it will be given approval			Comments noted no change
59	J Lloyd				
60	Joan & Nigel Chambers	objects to access to future sports area via Pixham Ferry Lane as lane is not suitable due to problems with flooding and safety Passing places will spoil the nature of the lane	34/36	K10B	Detailed highway and flooding issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.

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61	Mrs M Livingstone	Kempsey should be a village. Problems with parking and traffic due to school and nursery that already use Post Office lane			Comments noted. No change to the plan
62	Mrs M Livingstone	Kempsey will soon be a town and grow to become part of Worcester City if further expansion is allowed.			Comments noted. No change to the plan.
63	G Swan	It is my understanding that developer contributions do not necessarily go to the location but to the relevant county council to use as they wish. Monies should benefit the area.	41	K14	Outside of scope of NDP Discussion re the use of developer contributions are ongoing with MHDC

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64	G Swan	<p>Overall supports the plan. Worried that if adopted overridden by County Council or Central Govt.</p> <p>If this was to happen Kempsey could not develop in a sustainable way SWUE will have a significant impact on the village especially to A38.</p>			Comments noted. No change to plan.
65	R Bowley	<p>Para 1.9 suggest this comment be strengthened by indicating its original size prior to the St. Peters development</p>	9		Comments noted. No change to plan

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		<p>Para 1.11 Suggest reference is made to population/dwellings size when Plovers Rise sports field was first established and compared with the likely situation in 12/18 months' time when the current developments and others approved but not yet started in Kempsey Village are completed.</p>			<p>This info is not readily available and does not in our opinion enhance the document sufficiently</p>
66	R Bowley	<p>para 3.2 Suggest objectives 3,4,5 and 6 be qualified by adding ' where beneficial to the community'</p>	11		<p>We have been advised that this opens up a whole series of questions about " what is beneficial". Not changed</p>

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67	R Bowley	Requires revision to recognise current status of SWDP	14		Plan to be revised, where necessary, to take account of adopted SWDP.
68	R Bowley	Suggest 4th item be revised to avoid any firm commitment to preserve existing facilities. It is very likely the Community Centre will not in future years show a worthwhile net return on its value and it may be necessary to realise its value to support any new Community Centre funding requirements	10		No change. These were the issues identified at the time - they make no commitment as to what you may or may not do through the plan.
69	R Bowley	Para 4.1 Revision required to reflect latest SWDP situation.	12		Plan to be revised, where necessary, to take account of adopted SWDP.

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70	R Bowley	It may well prove beneficial to the Community for some development of Plovers Rise facility so beware of any blanket prohibition.	15		Plan to be revised, where necessary, to take account of adopted SWDP.
71	R Bowley	<p>P34 K10A requires to be rewritten to allow the Parish /Council to use this facility in any manner considered beneficial to the Community and this could involve partial redevelopment</p> <p>K10B requires major revision 1. any such site must be adequate to increase 30/40 years not just 15.</p>	34	K10	<p>Policy K10A - comment noted. No change, suggested wording does not provide sufficient clarity on future uses.</p> <p>Comments on K10B noted. This policy sets parameters for the possible enabling development. Disagree with response. No change.</p>

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		<p>2. It is adequate to meet the needs forecast for the next 5 years when account is taken of the 400/500 homes likely to be constructed in this period.</p> <p>3. Totally inadequate to meet potential needs on page 35</p> <p>4. Target should be to acquire both north and south elements of Site 8 shown on page 53</p>			
72	R Bowley	<p>P33 The first paragraph should be omitted/revised. Full commercialisation of the existing Community Centre is economically unrealistic.</p>	33	K9	Wording has been amended

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73	Mark Chatburn	Please refer to comments			<p>Policy K1 - no contradiction with K2 - the two policies set out the development appropriate to the different locations.</p> <p>Policy K2 - no contradiction with the enabling development. K2 sets a plan-wide policy, K10 is an allocated exception that will only be allowed in particular circumstances set by Policy K10.</p>

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					<p>Policy K3 - seeks to secure an appropriate mix. Mix on sites already approved can be ascertained from the relevant planning application. Mix on future sites will be decided in accordance with adopted planning policy. Policy K7 - do you want to protect "The Triangle". Policy K7 add in The Hams? Figure 10 - comment noted. Policy K9 - the plan has been developed to take account of existing and need for new community space - no change. Objection to Policy K10B noted. the exact facilities and the level of enabling development will be assessed, if, and when this situation arises against K10 and other policies in the NDP. No change. See previous comments on highways and flooding on Pixham Ferry Lane. Policy K11 - support for local green spaces noted. The Hams was not considered to meet the criteria set in NPPF for designation as a local green space. The tranquillity and wildlife of The Hams will be protected by other development plan and neighbourhood plan policies. Policy K14 concerns about bus services and speeding noted - these are not NDP matters. In terms of funding the Parish Council will work with all key partners to bring transport projects forward.</p>
74	Merrill Capewell	Concerns access to recreation facilities via Pixham Ferry Lane			Detailed highway issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.

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75	Helen Thompson	Please refer to comments			see response to 73 above - duplicate response
76	Gladman	Please refer to comments			<p>Policy K1 - amend criterion (a) to "it seeks to bring prioritise previously developed land that is not of high environmental value..." to bring in to line with NPPF.</p> <p>Policy K2 - comment noted, no change. Policy K3 - comment noted, no change. SHMA referenced in Justification. Policy K4 - no change. MHDC have raised no conformity issues regarding this policy. Policy K7 - comment noted, no change. Policy K10b - comment noted, no change. Comments on SEA noted, plan has been screened as appropriate by MHDC in the accompanying Environment Report.</p>
77	Phillipa Capewell	Concerns access to recreation facilities via Pixham Ferry Lane			Detailed highway issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.
78	Louise Lilly	Please refer to comments	34 -36	K10B	Detailed highway issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.

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79	John Reader	Please refer to comments			<p>Page 3 - the whole of the parish is the designated neighbourhood plan prequestionnaire results supplied. The plan is sufficiently forward looking. Comments on demographics and economy noted. The urban extension has been taken account of in preparing the NDP. The NDP is realistic and aspirational. Kempsey village (with its settlement boundary) will be the main focus for housing development. The other villages in the NDP area will be subject to a more restrictive policy (K2). Doctor's surgery and school added to Figure 9. Full commercialisation of community centre could be undertaken when we no longer need it. For example, the Nursery may look to expand. Comments on community facilities noted. Whilst there are no specific proposals for business or transport these areas are adequately covered by NDP policies.</p>
80	Chris Waller	Multi - Species grassland		K12	Document amended

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81	Raymond Capewell	Concerns access to recreation facilities via Pixham Ferry Lane			Detailed highway issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.
82	Bilfinger GVA	Please refer to comments			The representation puts forward a large reserve housing site. This is not considered necessary and would not be in general conformity with the SWDP. Remove references to "other site" from Justification of K10 - contradicts policy that only identifies one site.
83	Jane & Nick Sprang	In the paragraph on page 36 of the development plan which starts 'The area identified for future community recreation and sports provision' Further down	36	K10 B	No decision has been made. Detailed highway issues will be assessed when considering any future planning application.

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		<p>this paragraph it says' Access to the recreation land will be by Pixham ferry lane which will have passing places. This clearly implies that the parish Council has already made its decision on the access to the proposed site and are not considering any other options</p>			
84	Trevor Geens	<p>Should the green area adjacent the bus stop opposite the Crown public house be included in this table? Should St Marys Close be referenced 'Tranquilly' if not then it should be in the</p>	38	Table 1	<p>Noted Table being amended. Definition of Public Green space is very specific. Only those fulfilling all criteria will be included.</p>

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		same section as The Limes & Christina Close			
85	Trevor Geens	Windmill Hill cannot now be protected as it is now approved for building	28	K7	Noted and removed
86	Mr G Swan	I consider it imperative that this policy, if and when approved is strictly adhered to If not, then I would envisage the road infrastructure in particular would not cope with all the increased volume on what are narrow or very narrow village roads.	18	K1	Supporting Comments noted - no action

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87	Mr G Swan	Support provided the key statement under K13(a) is strictly adhered to, i.e. do not have an adverse impact on residential amenity, traffic places or Highway safety	39/40	K13	Supporting Comments noted - no action
88	Mr G Swan	Vital that the significant gap is maintained at all costs to avoid Kempsey losing its village status and becoming a dormitory of Worcester	22	K4	Supporting Comments noted - no action
89	R Bowley	Suggest a. be deleted as in today's world it is meaning less In the justification for this policy suggest phrase 5.2 hectare on page 21 is omitted	20/21	K2	Comment on K2a noted - no change. No change to justification.

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90	R Bowley	This draft NDP has never been before the full Working party for proper consideration as a complete document...			The working party approved the document subject to corrections made to grammatical errors, spelling and page throws. These were dealt with in conjunction with the Consultants on the master copy. No content meaning was altered.
91	R Bowley	Are items a,b, and c all to be satisfied or does compliance with any one condition qualify for development acceptance? I suggest infilling should be incorporated into item a.	18	K1	K1 all criteria have to be satisfied. Noted and amended
92	R Bowley	There should be a positive statement as to how this monitoring is to be carried out.	44		Noted and section rewritten

TABLE 2 – MHDC OFFICER COMMENTS AT REGULATION 14

Policy	Comments	Parish Council Response
Why we are doing it and Next Steps (pages 3 – 7)		
	Please see suggested text changes in the accompanying Word version of the Consultation Draft	Text amended as suggested
Introduction and Background (pages 8 - 9)		
	Please see suggested text changes in the accompanying Word version of the Consultation Draft.	Text amended as suggested
Key Issues for Kempsey (page 10)		
	Please see suggested text changes in the accompanying Word version of the Consultation Draft.	Text amended as suggested
Vision and Objectives (page 11)		
	Please see suggested text changes in the accompanying Word version of the Consultation Draft.	Text amended as suggested
National and Local Planning Policy Context (pages 12 – 17)		
	Please see suggested text changes in the accompanying Word version of the Consultation Draft. Most of the amendments relate to the fact that the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) has been adopted since the Consultation Draft of the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan was prepared and issued for consultation.	Text amended as suggested
K1 - New Housing Development in Kempsey (pages 18 – 20)		
New housing development within the Kempsey village settlement boundary (Figure 5) will be permitted if:	Please see suggested text changes in the accompanying Word version of the Consultation Draft. The Background / Justification says that the Neighbourhood Plan identifies a revised development boundary. It is worth noting that SWDP 2C, footnote 2, says that the boundary to sites allocated for development outside and adjoining an existing settlement boundary (e.g. SWDP59f and SWDP 59/8) will form the basis of an extension to the existing development boundary. The proposed development boundary in the neighbourhood plan needs to be checked for consistency with the SWDP (particularly in relation to SWDP59f). Policy K1 is taking the concept of an	Text amended as suggested Plans amended as suggested.

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<p>a) It is on previously developed land, or is the conversion, re-use or extension of an existing building;</p> <p>b) It does not lead to the loss of community or recreation facilities or local employment opportunities; and</p> <p>c) It accords with other relevant policies of the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan and SWDP</p>	<p>extended settlement and appears to also include windfall sites that have been granted planning consent. This could be made clearer.</p> <p>In Figure 5 it would be helpful if the Proposals Map more clearly indicated that land to the west of Old Road South is proposed for community, sports and recreation use and that land to the east of the road is for possible enabling housing development.</p> <p>Please see suggested text changes in the accompanying Word version of the Consultation Draft.</p>	
K2 - New Housing Development in Kempsey Parish outside of Kempsey Village (page 20 - 21)		
<p>New housing development within the parish, but outside of the Kempsey village settlement boundary, as shown</p>	<p>Please see suggested text changes in the accompanying Word version of the Consultation Draft.</p> <p>It is suggested that criterion d) may be more related to design rather than the concept of new housing development.</p>	<p>Text amended as suggested.</p> <p>Criterion (d) now in sub-section</p>

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<p>in Figure 5, will be strictly controlled. New housing development will only be permitted outside of the settlement boundary when it is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Demonstrated that the dwelling is necessary for use by rural workers including persons employed in agriculture, horticulture, forestry or a rural enterprise; b) Affordable housing on an exception site to meet identified local need; c) A replacement of an existing dwelling with 	<p>In relation to criteria e), what if the conversion is a loss of something that the community wishes to retain, such as a community building? An option could be to add that the development should accord with other relevant policies in the plan and SWDP (similar to Policy K1).</p>	<p>relating to extensions.</p>

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<p>established use rights and where the replacement dwelling does not exceed the footprint of the dwelling to be replaced by more than 30% and is in accordance with SWDP 18;</p> <p>d) An extension to an existing dwelling that is subordinate to, and does not dominate the character and appearance of the original dwelling ; or</p> <p>e) Conversion or re-use of existing buildings where there is no need for substantial reconstruction</p>		

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or need for large extensions.		
K3 - Housing Mix (pages 21 – 22)		
All new housing developments over 5 units will be expected to provide a range of types, sizes and tenures of housing.	<p>Please see suggested text changes in the accompanying Word version of the Consultation Draft, particularly relating to the wording of SWDP14.</p> <p>The Background / Reasoned Justification could include a cross reference any local housing needs surveys (existing or future).</p>	<p>Text amended as suggested</p> <p>Reference made to local housing needs</p>
K4 - Development in the Significant Gap (pages 22 – 23)		
<p>The Significant Gap (as shown on Figure 4) between Kempsey and Worcester will be maintained. The purpose of maintaining the gap is to provide a clear separation between Kempsey and Worcester in order to retain the individual identity of Kempsey. Acceptable development in the significant gap will include:</p> <p>a) The re-use of rural buildings;</p>	<p>It is suggested that “acceptable development in the significant gap may will include:”</p> <p>It should be noted that SWDP 2 indicates that playing fields may also be acceptable development in the Significant Gap. It is suggested that “including outdoor recreational uses” could be added on the end of criterion c).</p> <p>In relation to criterion d), it should be noted that “minor” extensions to existing dwellings can be difficult to define and in some cases will be permitted development anyway. The definition of minor could repeat that used in Policy K2 e).</p>	<p>Amend to include “may”.</p> <p>Add “playing fields”.</p> <p>No change to “minor extensions”.</p>

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b) Agricultural and forestry-related development; c) Other open land uses; and d) Minor extensions to existing dwellings.		
K5 - Designated Heritage Assets (pages 23 – 24)		
<p>Development proposals that conserve, enhance and respect the setting of the parish's Listed Buildings and Conservation Area (see Figure 7) will be encouraged.</p> <p>The Listed Buildings in Kempsey are found in Appendix 1.</p>	<p>Whilst the 26 Listed Buildings are listed in Appendix 1, it may be useful to show their location (and the 4 scheduled ancient monuments) in Figure 7.</p> <p>Paragraph 3 of the Background / Justification refers to the Worcestershire Villages Historic Environment Resource Assessment, but it is not clear whether / how this relates to Policy K5.</p> <p>Reference in the Background / Justification to the Kempsey Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Strategy (Dec 2008) may be helpful.</p>	<p>Update and retain Appendix 1.</p> <p>Other comments noted. No change.</p>
K6 - Protecting Non-Designated Heritage Assets (pages 25 – 27)		
Proposals requiring consent which affect the non-designated heritage assets listed below, and shown on	Non-designated heritage assets can be afforded a level of protection through a neighbourhood plan. Non-designated heritage assets must, however, have a significant heritage interest for their significance to be a material consideration in the planning process.	Include additional evidence base material in Appendix.

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<p>Figure 8, must demonstrate how they conserve and enhance that heritage asset.</p>	<p>Draft Policy K6 lists 12 proposed non-designated heritage assets but the plan does not currently include robust evidence to explain the significance of the assets. It is considered that the neighbourhood plan will need to provide evidence of the significance of the proposed non-heritage assets. It is suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group use the criteria in the Malvern Hills Local List Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to assess the significance of proposed non-designated heritage assets – available at http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/documents/10558/867999/Local+List+SPD+15.5.15.pdf/09453be1-ac2a-431b-9d0b-316ceb04e279. The evidence could be presented in an Appendix to the neighbourhood plan or in a Background Report.</p> <p>It is suggested that the Background / Justification could usefully include reference to Section 7 of the NPPF (Conserving and enhancing the historic environment) and SWDP 6 (Historic Environment) and SWDP 24 (Management of the Historic Environment).</p> <p>The Background / Justification includes reference to Historic England's Good Practice Guide for Local Heritage Listing. It would be helpful to summarise how the Good Practice Guide has supported the choices made and the approach taken.</p>	
K7 - Protecting the Historic Landscape (pages 27 – 30)		
<p>The historic landscape of the parish will be protected for its visual, cultural, historical, archaeological and architectural interest. In particular, development proposals should have regard to sustaining and enhancing the following:</p>	<p>Policy K7 appears to be seeking to protect views or features in Kempsey. Whilst NPPF paragraph 131 says that in determining planning applications, local planning authorities should take account of the desirability of new development making a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness, we have the following concerns about K7 as currently drafted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear justification is required as to why particular views or features should be protected (on an individual basis) and should be displayed clearly on a map. The Background / Justification refers to the Worcestershire Villages Historic Environment Resources Assessment, but it is not clear how the views / features listed relate to the Resource Assessment. 2. Planning Practice Guidance says that “<i>a policy in a neighbourhood plan should be clear and unambiguous. It should be drafted with sufficient clarity that a decision maker can</i> 	<p>Change policy title. Include additional evidence. Remove ambiguity from Policy K7.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kempsey Common and views of the Malvern Hills from the Common. - Views to the northeast from Green Street/Kempsey Common of the Clent Hills. - Normoor, Kerswell Green and Stonehall Common (ancient ponds) - Ashmoor Common – site of special scientific interest. - North and south Hams: rare Lammas land (common land for half the year) access to uninterrupted views of the Malvern Hills, 	<p><i>apply it consistently and with confidence when determining planning applications.” It is considered that K7 is not currently sufficiently concise or precise that it could be applied consistently and with confidence by decision makers.</i></p> <p>3. Policy K7 appears to be seeking to protect landscape views and features rather than the historic environment. Although views can be considered historic, it needs to be recognised that the landscape is a palimpsest and that vistas will alter over time. An alternative approach to identifying views might be to identify heritage assets within particular discrete features, for example, the scheduled barrows on Kempsey common.</p>	

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<p>and to the Severn Way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Rocky, area of natural vegetation bisected by the Hatfield Brook. A traditional green space adjacent to the church. - Windmill Hill (Kings Hill) named after an ancient mill, enjoys splendid views of the Malvern Hills and the flood plain of the Severn. - The confluence of Hatfield Brook and the River Severn in Kempsey village. This is a wildlife corridor as well as providing essential land drainage for a 		

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<p>large area extending well outside Kempsey. Control of building on, near, or affecting the gathering grounds of the Hatfield Brook outside the boundaries of Kempsey parish should be avoided to reduce the risk of flooding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Significant Gap, see figure 4. - Holdings Lane to top of Bestmans Lane (old Roman road). 		
K8 - Protection and Improvement of Community Facilities (pages 31 – 33)		
<p>Proposals leading to the loss or change of use of the community facilities identified in</p>	<p>Policy K8 seeks to protect 11 specific community facilities, including 5 public houses and a farm shop. Were there any criteria for identifying the particular community facilities listed? If so, it might be helpful to outline these in the Background / Justification. Are there any community facilities that Policy K8 will not be applied to?</p>	<p>Comments noted. No change.</p>

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<p>Figure 9 to non-community uses will not be permitted unless the following can be demonstrated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) There is clear justification that the facility is no longer viable; or b) the proposal includes alternative provision, on a site within the parish, of equivalent or enhanced facilities. Such sites should be accessible by public transport, walking and cycling and have adequate car parking. 	<p>The Parish Council could consider nominating certain buildings e.g. public houses as Assets of Community Value. The driving principle of the Assets of Community Value legislation is to provide a Community Right to Bid should such assets come onto the open market thereby offering communities an opportunity to seek to acquire and operate a local asset for the benefit of the local and wider community.</p>	
K9 - New and Extended Community Facilities (pages 33 – 34)		
<p>Proposals for new, or extensions or improvements, to existing community</p>	<p>Clarification is required about which community facilities Policy K9 would relate to. On the one hand, Policy K8 identifies 11 specific community facilities. On the other hand, the Background / Reasoned Justification for K9 refers only to the Community Centre, Parish Hall, Youth Centre and healthcare facilities (the latter are not listed as community facilities in K8).</p>	<p>Policy refers to all community facilities.</p>

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<p>facilities will be permitted provided that they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Within or adjoining the settlement boundary; b) Of a scale that meets the needs of the local community and in keeping with the character of the area c) Provided with adequate parking and operational space; and d) Accessible by walking, or cycling, or public transport 	<p>As currently worded, Policy K9 would apply to proposals for any community facilities, including public houses (based on the community facilities identified in Policy K8). Is this the intention of the policy?</p>	<p>Amend to clarify.</p>
<p>K10 - Existing and Future Community, Recreation and Sport (pages 35 – 36)</p>		
<p><i>K10A: Existing Provision</i></p> <p>Existing local sports and recreation facilities</p>	<p>Policy K10B makes clear that land to the west of Old Road South is proposed for sport and recreation provision and that land to the east of Old Road South may be considered for enabling housing development. It is suggested that the Proposals Map on page 19 could indicate more clearly which part of the site is being proposed for sport and recreation provision and which for</p>	<p>Amend as suggested.</p>

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<p>currently at Plovers Rise (see Proposal K10A, Figure 5) will be protected for such uses and development to enhance these facilities will be encouraged.</p> <p><i>K10B: Future Provision</i></p> <p>To meet future community, recreation and sport needs a 5.2 hectare site to the north of Pixham Ferry Lane and west of Old Road South is identified on the Proposals Map for further sport and recreation provision (shown as Proposal K10B on Figure 5).</p> <p>In developing this area for further community, recreation and sport provision enabling housing development may be considered on the 3.5 hectare parcel</p>	<p>possible enabling development. It would also be helpful if the policy made it clearer on which part of the site that community facilities are proposed.</p> <p>It is suggested that the Background / Reasoned Justification could refer to the South Worcestershire Playing Pitch Strategy 2015 (including the Malvern Hills District Council Playing Pitch Strategy Assessment Report 2015) – available at http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/parks-and-open-spaces - which provides strong evidence for the need for expansion.</p> <p><i>In relation to football provision:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The pitches located at the current playing fields off Plovers Rise have been assessed as showing signs of overuse and compaction.</i> <i>Kempsey Colts identified a current shortage of provision and when taking into account population growth and club development, it has been calculated that there will be insufficient youth, 9v9, 7v7 and 5v5 pitches. With a need for at least 2 additional youth pitches, 1 x 9v9 and 1 x 7v7 pitch.</i> <p><i>In relation to cricket provision:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Kempsey Cricket Club has poor facilities with a requirement for an artificial wicket and training facilities (cricket nets) to support club activity.</i> <i>2 adult teams and 2 junior teams are likely to be generated through population growth. This demand is likely to be focused on Hanley Castle CC and Kempsey CC, due to the location of growth, however neither have capacity.</i> <p>Paragraph 4 of the Background / Justification indicates that proposals to expand existing provision (Plovers Rise) will be encouraged, yet Paragraph 7 indicates that there is no room for expansion. It is suggested that the wording of these paragraphs be revisited to ensure consistency. Paragraph 4 also suggests that allotments would be encouraged at the Plovers Rise facilities which would not appear to be wholly consistent with the sports uses.</p> <p>It is suggested that reference to the need for 700 sq. metre storage for mowers and rollers in Paragraph 5 of the Background / Justification is an unnecessary level of detail.</p>	

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<p>of land on the east of Old Road South between Sunnyside Farm and Bight Farm. Such enabling development will only be permitted where it is demonstrated by the Parish Council that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The enabling development is necessary to secure the delivery of land at K10B for community, recreation and sports provision; b) sufficient funding for the community, recreation and sport provision cannot be assembled without including such enabling development; and 	<p>Appendix 3 helpfully explains the rationale that led to the identification of Site 8 South. It is noted, however, that one of the reasons that Site 8 North was ruled out was because it was not available for sports, recreation and community use. In the event that an area of land larger than Site 8 South is required for sports and recreation use, it is suggested that the Parish Council explore with the landowners whether any land north of Site 8 South could be available.</p> <p>It is noted that one of the reasons that Site 1 was ruled out was because it is within the Strategic Gap. It should be noted that SWDP 2 indicates that playing fields may be acceptable development in the Significant Gap.</p>	

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<p>c) the amount of enabling development is the minimum necessary to provide the identified community, recreation and sport provision on site K10B.</p>		
<p>K11 - Protecting Local Green Space (pages 36 – 38)</p>		
<p>The local green spaces, identified in Table 1 and on Figure 12, will be protected. Development harmful to these local green spaces will only be permitted in very special circumstances.</p>	<p>Policy K11 seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces in line with the NPPF. However, further evidence is required to demonstrate the local significance of the proposed Local Green Spaces and clarify which spaces are proposed for designation.</p> <p><u>Policy:</u> It is suggested that the proposed Local Green Spaces are listed in the policy, rather than just in the reasoned justification. For example:</p> <p><i>“The spaces listed below and shown on the map in Figure 12 are proposed as areas of Local Green Space:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - xxxxx - xxxxx <p><i>These areas will be protected as important Local Green Spaces, and will be retained in their current use and protected from inappropriate development other than in very special circumstances.”</i></p>	<p>Insert additional evidence.</p> <p>List local green space in policy and map.</p>

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	<p><u>Proposed Local Green Spaces:</u> Policy K11 currently says that the “spaces, identified in Table 1 and on Figure 12, will be protected”. Table 1 lists ten spaces in total, one under the heading “Conservation Areas”, four under the heading “Recreational Areas”, and five under the heading “Local Green Spaces”. These headings are rather confusing. Figure 12, which depicts just the 5 sites listed under the Local Green Space heading. It is suggested that only these sites are proposed for Local Green Space designation. If this is the case, what is the intention of the other five areas listed under the headings “Conservation Areas” and “Recreational Areas”? If they are not proposed as Local Green Space they should be deleted from Policy K11.</p> <p>It is suggested that the title of Table 1 and Figure 12 be amended to Proposed Local Green Spaces.</p> <p><u>Justification / Evidence:</u> NPPF states that an area must be “demonstrably special to a local community and hold particular local significance” to be designated as Local Green Space. At present there does not appear to be sufficient evidence in Policy K11 to demonstrate that the proposed spaces are “demonstrably special”. Although Table 1 briefly indicates the way in which a space is significant in relation to the NPPF criteria (i.e. for its beauty, recreational value etc), there is no evidence provided to support this. More evidence should therefore be provided to justify the designation of each proposed Local Green Space, demonstrating why it is of particular significance to the local community and how it meets the NPPF criteria.</p> <p>In the Background / Reasoned Justification it may be helpful to explain the difference between the Green Spaces identified in SWDP 38 (Green Space) and the Local Green Spaces in Policy K11.</p> <p><u>Map:</u> At present, Figure 12 only marks the approximate location of the proposed Local Green Spaces. To achieve designation, all of the proposed spaces must be clearly mapped to show their location and size, and each space must have clearly defined boundaries which show the precise area each designation would apply to.</p> <p>Malvern Hills District Council has produced some draft guidance on the process of designating Local Green Space (attached) which may be helpful.</p>	

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K12 - Green Infrastructure (page 39)		
<p>Development proposals will be encouraged that protect, extend and enhance the network of green infrastructure (open spaces, watercourses, commons, footpaths, lanes (including quiet lanes), banks, and ditches, woodlands, hedgerows and multi species grassland etc.) in the parish.</p> <p>Development proposals that would lead to an interruption or severance of the existing green infrastructure network will not be permitted.</p>	<p>Policy K12 says that “development proposals that would lead to an interruption or severance of the existing green infrastructure network will not be permitted.” Whilst policy K12 is well intended, it is considered that the policy currently lacks sufficient clarity that a decision maker could apply it consistently and with confidence when determining planning applications. For example, would the proposals in K10B and K14 comply with K12? Policy K12 could clearer if the components of the green infrastructure were identified and mapped.</p> <p>It is suggested that the Background / Justification includes reference to SWDP 5 (Green Infrastructure) and SWDP 38 (Green Space).</p>	
K13a - Development or Re-development of Land for Employment Uses within the Settlement Boundary (pages 39 – 40)		
<p>Proposals to develop or redevelop land for employment purposes within the Kempsey</p>	<p>K13a compliments SWDP 8 (Providing the Right Land and Buildings for Jobs).</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

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<p>village settlement boundary will be permitted where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) They re-use existing land or buildings, and do not have an adverse impact on residential amenity, traffic flows or highway safety; or b) They are for the diversification of an existing rural enterprise; c) The business can be contained within existing premises and the appearance of the existing building is not materially altered; d) The scale and design of the extension or redevelopment 		

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<p>is appropriate to the location, existing buildings and the character of the area; and;</p> <p>e) The business operation will not lead to a significant adverse impact on the residential amenity or character of the area through its scale, nature of operation, access and parking provision, noise or traffic generated by visitors, staff and deliveries.</p>		
K13b - Expansion of Existing Employment Sites Outside the Settlement Boundary (page 40)		
<p>The expansion of existing employment sites outside the Kempsey village</p>	<p>Policy K13b is consistent with SWDP 12 (Employment in Rural Areas)</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

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<p>settlement boundary will be supported where it has been demonstrated that intensification on the existing site is not viable or practical.</p>		
K13c - Farm Diversification (page 40)		
<p>Proposals to diversify farm businesses for employment, tourism, leisure and recreation uses will be permitted providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The proposed new use does not detract from or prejudice the existing agricultural undertaking or its future operation; b) The scale of activities associated with the proposed development is appropriate to the rural 	<p>Policy K13c is consistent with SWDP 12 (Employment in Rural Areas).</p> <p>In K13c(c), it is suggested that there should be a new paragraph which starts “Where planning permission is required for the residential conversion of a building as part of a farm diversification ...”</p> <p>In relation to historic farm buildings which are converted into domestic dwellings, the Kempsey neighbourhood plan could add detail over-and-above that in the SWDP. For example, it is suggested that they should maintain an evidential link to their agricultural past. Certain design elements would be considered to be out of place within this form of building group.</p> <p>Generally extensions to rural buildings will be unacceptable with the exception of small ancillary extensions. If the extension detracts from the character of the building it should be resisted. If a building merits retention, the conversion should be of a scale that permits the new use of the building within its current footprint. Extensions to create habitable rooms would normally be unacceptable.</p> <p>If a farmstead or rural building is to be converted into a holiday let permission, it will normally be subject to a condition which limits the buildings use to prevent its occupation as a dwelling. Where holiday lets form part of a farm diversification scheme the holiday home should be seen as an asset making a contribution to the farm business, therefore it should not be sold separating it from that business.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

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<p>character of the area; and</p> <p>c) Wherever possible existing buildings are used to reduce the need for additional built development. Where planning permission is required for the residential conversion of a building as part of a farm diversification project, it will only be granted where a marketing exercise has shown that employment, tourism, leisure and recreation uses are unviable.</p>	<p>Employment development would be encouraged if a rural buildings conversion can retain its original character.</p>	

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K14 – Transport (Page 41)		
<p>Developer contributions from new development will be sought wherever possible to support and improve public transport links to Kempsey, improve highway safety and improve routes and networks for walking and cycling. Priorities for improvements include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measures to improve the bus service to and from Kempsey. - Cycleway to link Kempsey with St Peters alongside the A38 and via the proposed development at Broomhall community and Norton 	<p>The intention behind Policy K14 is consistent with Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). PPG says that neighbourhood plans can identify infrastructure that is needed to support development and ensure that a neighbourhood can grow in a sustainable way. PPG also indicates that a neighbourhood plan should set out the prioritised infrastructure required to address the demands of development identified in the plan and can consider how additional infrastructure requirements might be delivered – which is what Policy K14 is seeking to do.</p> <p>However, the Background / Justification suggests that the four priorities for transport improvements are in full accordance with existing Malvern Hills District Council policies. This is not entirely correct. SWDP 4 (Moving Around South Worcestershire) and Infrastructure Delivery Plan include strategic priorities for transport but do not specifically list the four priorities in Policy K14. It is therefore suggested that Policy K14 say that “Local priorities for improvements include ...” The first sentence in the Background / Justification therefore needs to be amended.</p> <p>It is considered that Figure 13 relating to footpaths is probably not relevant to Policy K14. It may be of relevance to K12.</p>	

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<p>Barracks community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Footpath improvements along Old North Road to the doctor's surgery - Speed restrictions on Church Street, Post Office Lane, Old North Road, Old Road South and Squires Walk. 		

TABLE 3 - MHDC COMMENTS AHEAD OF REGULATION 16

Policy	Comments	Parish Council Response
Layout & Format	<p>Currently, policies flow one to another – starting at the top, middle or bottom of a page depending on where the previous policy finishes. Figure 13 (Footpaths and Bridleways) relates to Policy K12 on page 43 but is placed after Policy K14 on page 46. To help readability and assist in distinguishing between policies it is suggested that each policy begin on a new page. It may also be helpful to list the Plan policies in the table of contents on page 8.</p> <p>It is also suggested that consideration could be given to updating some of the policy numbers. Policies K1 and K2 distinguish between new housing inside (K1) and outside (K2) the development boundary. Policy K13a relates to employment land inside the development boundary and K13b outside the development boundary. For consistency, it is suggested that K13a, K13b and K13c could be re-numbered K13, K14 and K15.</p> <p>To help consultees and the examiner comment on the Plan it is suggested that Background / Justification paragraphs are numbered.</p> <p>It is suggested that the title of some policies could be re-considered. Four policies are preceded by the words protection or protecting. It may be more appropriate, for instance, for Policy K11 to be simply titled Local Green Space. Also, the title of Policy K4 could simply be The Significant Gap given that the thrust of the policy is that there should not be development in the Gap.</p>	<p>Each objective to start on new page. Plan policies listed at start of document.</p> <p>Policies to be numbered consecutively.</p> <p>Background/Justification paragraphs to be numbered.</p> <p>Policies titles amended where appropriate.</p>
Cover		
	When Kempsey Parish Council submit the plan proposal to MHDC (Regulation 15), the District Council are required to publicise the Plan	Cover to include “Regulation 16”. Plan period to be in cover.

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	<p>(Regulation 16) It is suggested that the cover of the Plan says Regulation 16.</p> <p>Set out the period for which the Plan will have effect on the cover – i.e. 2016 – 2030.</p>	
Why we are doing it		
	<p>The following is suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 4, 2nd sentence – replace “form” with “inform”. • Figure 2, stage 3 – replace “Consult” with “Pre-submission consultation and publicity” • Figure 2, stage 9 – insert “vote” between majority and vote 	Amend as suggested.
Next Steps		
	<p>The following is suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 4 – “...examiner jointly appointed by the Parish Council and Malvern Hills District Council (with the agreement of the Parish Council)” • Paragraph 5 – ensure consistent use of capital N’s and P’s in Neighbourhood Plan. • Paragraph 6 – A copy of the Neighbourhood Plan can be ...” <p>It is suggested that the Table of Contents lists the Plan policies.</p>	Amend as suggested.
Introduction and Background		
	<p>The following is suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraphs 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7 provide a snapshot in time (the 2011 Census). The exact numbers change and lose relevance over time. It is suggested that it may be more relevant to provide percentages / proportions rather than numbers. For example, 4% are under 4 years of age, 14% 	<p>Comment noted. Include percentages where considered necessary.</p> <p>Para. 1.10 amend as suggested.</p>

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	<p>between 5 and 17, 56% between 18 and 64 and 26% aged 65+.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 1.10 – “Community facilities [the Parish include has a small doctors’ dispensing surgery, There is a Church” • Paragraph 1.8, footnote 3 – detailed reference to the Worcestershire Wildlife magazine is interesting, but it does contrast with a lack of robust, proportionate, evidence for some of the policies. • Paragraph 1.11, footnote 4 – It is suggested that the UN definition of sustainable development is probably out of context in relation to community facilities listed. • Reference should be made to the fact that a Strategic Environmental Assessment screening was carried out by MHDC. The screening indicated a possible need for a SEA or Historic Impact Assessment (HIA) in relation to Policy K10B. Reference will need to be made to whether a SEA or HIA were undertaken. 	<p>Para. 1.8 comment noted – refer to evidence base at appropriate locations elsewhere in the NDP.</p> <p>Delete footnote 4.</p> <p>Para. 1.12 update references to SEA.</p>
Key Issues for Kempsey		
	<p>The following is suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The list of key issues was fine for earlier drafts of the Plan, but it may be helpful to make them tighter and more positive for this version of the Plan which will be examined. For example, “Future housing growth that, if not managed, could lead to Kempsey losing its character and appearance” could be re-worded along the lines of “Managing future housing growth that, if not managed, could lead to ensure that Kempsey does not lose ing its identity as a rural village character and appearance” • Paragraph 2.2 currently says “A number of these issues ...” Where were the other issues identified? 	<p>Comments on issues noted – but these a written to reflect the views expressed during the various consultations.</p> <p>Amend para. 2.2 as suggested.</p> <p>Amend para. 2.3 as suggested.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 2.2 - “A full copy of the survey is available at www.-- - on request. • Paragraph 2.3 – “The following section sets out how we intend want to tackle ...” 	
Vision and Objectives		
	<p>Is the Vision for Kempsey parish <u>or</u> the village to be an “identifiable” rural community? With the Worcester South urban extension it might be difficult to ensure that the whole parish continues to be a rural community.</p> <p>For Objectives 4, 5 and 6, care needs to be taken not to overdo the use of the term “protect, improve and expand”. The Wantage Neighbourhood Plan (in Oxfordshire) recently failed at examination, partly due to its extensive protectionist policies. Also, will the Plan achieve all the objectives – e.g. expand the green infrastructure?</p>	<p>Comment noted, No change.</p> <p>Comment on objectives noted. No change. These reflect the consultation work undertaken and are in line with national and strategic planning policy.</p>
National and Local Planning Policy Context		
	<p>For the purposes of the pre-submission consultation in March / April 2016, Section 4 provided helpful information for consultees on the national and strategic planning context.</p> <p>The examination version of the Plan (which this will be) needs to be factually accurate, relevant and up-to-date. For example, since the pre-submission version of the Plan was prepared the SWDP has been adopted and this needs to be reflected in Section 4.</p> <p>The following is suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For consistency with other examiner reports and the SWDP, it is suggested that NPPF is referred to as the Framework. • Paragraph 4.1 – revise to reflect the Basic Conditions against which the Plan will be examined. 	<p>Section 4 has been revised where appropriate and is accurate, relevant and up to date.</p> <p>NPPF to be referred to as “the Framework”.</p> <p>Comments on para. 4.1 and 4.3 to 4.9 noted but these are considered relevant and the NDP is considered to meet the Basic Conditions.</p> <p>Delete para. 4.10.</p> <p>Revise para. 4.11 as suggested.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraphs 4.3 and 4.9 – delete. Currently, these paragraphs are assertions which will not be proven until after the examination. It is suggested that when the Basic Conditions Statement is prepared the positive contributions to sustainable development be picked up in this section of the Plan. • Paragraph 4.10 – delete because now overtaken by events (adoption of the SWDP). • Paragraph 4.11 – a revised paragraph 4.11 would probably sit more naturally after the section on the SWDP. • Paragraph 4.12 – delete because it repeats paragraph 4.7. • Paragraph 4.13 – delete because it repeats paragraph 4.11. • Paragraphs 4.14 – 4.19 – delete. The Plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan in force – i.e the SWDP. References to the Malvern Hills Local Plan are now redundant. • Paragraph 4.20 – 1st sentence is correct. Remainder of paragraph has been overtaken by events and can be deleted. • Paragraph 4.23- refers to a large housing allocation (singular). The SWDP includes 4 allocations – SWDP 59/8, 59/8a, 59e and 59f. 	<p>Delete 4.12 and 4.,.13.</p> <p>Delete 4.14 to 4.19.</p> <p>Revise 4.20 as suggested.</p> <p>Add in detailed references to the four allocations.</p>
5.0 Neighbourhood Plan Policies		
	<p>Paragraph 5.1 - It is suggested that wording along the following lines would tighten the 2nd sentence – “Planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan (this includes the SWDP and Neighbourhood Plan), unless material considerations indicate otherwise”.</p>	<p>Amend para. 5.1 as suggested.</p>
K1 - New Housing Development in Kempsey		

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<p>New housing development within the Kempsey village development boundary (Figure 5) will be supported when it meets the following:</p> <p>a) It seeks to prioritise the use of previously developed land that is not of high environmental value, or is the conversion, re-use or extension of an existing building; and</p> <p>b) It does not lead to the loss of community or recreation facilities or local employment opportunities; and</p> <p>c) It accords with other relevant policies of the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan and South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP); and</p> <p>d) It is not in an area at risk of flooding.</p>	<p>Policy K1 generally seeks to support housing development within a revised village development boundary which includes sites allocated in the SWDP contiguous with the settlement boundary.</p> <p>K1a says the policy seeks to “prioritise the use of previously developed land that is not of high environmental value”. For clarity, is the policy proposing that new housing development will only be supported on previously developed land? If so, this could be considered too restrictive. (As background, the SWDP was not allowed to prioritise previously developed land over green field land - see SWDP Inspector’s report paragraph 121, page 26). It is suggested that alternative policy wording could be “It is infill development seeks to prioritise the use of previously developed land that is not of high environmental value, or is the conversion, re-use or extension of an existing building.”</p> <p>The SWDP addresses the issue of flood risk in Policy SWDP 28 (Management of Flood Risk). Flood risk is therefore covered by K1(c). It is therefore suggested that K1(d) be deleted.</p> <p>Planning Practice Guidance says that proportionate, robust, evidence should support the policies. Whilst guidance says that the evidence should succinctly explain the intention and rationale of policies, it is suggested that the justification in the Policy K1 may be a little too succinct. It is suggested that the Background / Justification could be expanded to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference to how the Policy has regard to the Framework. This could be an extract from the Basic Conditions Statement. • The SWDP makes provision for around 28,400 dwellings including around 2,600 dwellings at Broomhall Community and Norton Barracks Community (Worcester South urban extension), much of which will be in the Kempsey parish. The SWDP also allocates 315 dwellings in Kempsey at Bight Farm, 	<p>K1a add “wherever possible”.</p> <p>Delete K1d.</p> <p>Revise “Background/Justification”.</p> <p>Revise Policies Map to be consistent with SWDP and existing planning approvals.</p>

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	<p>on the Main Road and Brookend Lane. In light of this, it is considered that there is no immediate need to identify sites for further development in Kempsey within the Neighbourhood Plan. The Framework stipulates that Plans should be positively framed it does not require new or additional policies where local needs can be shown to be already met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notwithstanding the above, Policy K1 provides flexibility and supports development within the development boundary, providing it accords with other policies in the Plan and SWDP. • Policy K1 is considered to be in general conformity with the strategic policy SWDP 2 (Development Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy). SWDP 2 focuses most development on the urban areas where both housing needs and accessibility to lower-cost public services are greatest. SWDP 2B says windfall development proposals will be assessed in accordance with the settlement hierarchy. Kempsey village is identified as a Category 1 settlement in the hierarchy. The role of Category 1 settlements in the SWDP is predominately aimed at meeting locally identified housing and employment needs. • The SWDP identifies a development boundary for Kempsey. The development boundary includes sites allocated for development outside and adjoining an existing settlement boundary (including SWDP 59/8 and SWDP59/9). Where a housing allocation is not coterminous with the development boundary, it will not be included in the boundary. • The Neighbourhood Plan proposes to update the development boundary, applying the principle adopted in the SWDP. • Figure 5 shows the proposed revised development boundary for Kempsey village, including SWDP allocations coterminous with the development boundary. It should be noted that proposed development boundary in the Neighbourhood Plan is slightly different to that in the SWDP. The SWDP 59/f allocation (and therefore SWDP) includes part of the 	

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	<p>Significant Gap whereas the Neighbourhood Plan excludes the Significant Gap. There is good reason for the Neighbourhood Plan seeking to exclude the Significant Gap from the development boundary but this will need to be explained in the Background / Justification.</p> <p>In Figure 5 it would be helpful if the Proposals Map more clearly indicated that land to the west of Old Road South is proposed for community, sports and recreation use and that land to the east of the road is for possible enabling housing development.</p>	
<p>K2 - New Housing Development in Kempsey Parish outside of Kempsey Village (page 20 - 21)</p>		
<p>New housing development within the parish, but outside of the Kempsey village development boundary, as shown in Figure 5, will be strictly controlled. New housing development will only be supported outside of the development boundary when it is:</p> <p>a) Demonstrated that the dwelling is necessary for use by rural workers including persons employed in agriculture, horticulture, forestry or a rural</p>	<p>Policy K2 seeks to strictly control housing development in the open countryside in accordance with SWDP 2. The policy provides flexibility for new development for use by rural workers, rural exception sites, replacement dwellings, house extensions and conversions.</p> <p>Policy K2 provides a clear local interpretation of SWDP 2C as it relates to housing development.</p> <p>It is suggested that Policy K2 d) and e), which relate to extensions and conversions, be decoupled from K2 a) to c) – i.e. after K2 c) there would be separate paragraphs relating to extensions and conversions:</p> <p>Extensions to existing dwellings will be supported providing that they are subordinate to, and do not dominate the character and appearance of the original dwelling.</p> <p>Conversions or the re-use of existing buildings will be supported providing there is no need for substantial reconstruction or need for large extensions.</p>	<p>Decouple paragraphs (d) and (e) and amend as suggested.</p> <p>Amend K2 c as suggested.</p> <p>Revise “Background/Justification”.</p>

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<p>enterprise and when in accordance with SWDP policy SWDP19;</p> <p>b) Affordable housing on an exception site to meet identified local need and when in accordance with SWDP policy SWDP16;</p> <p>c) A replacement of an existing dwelling with established use rights and where the replacement dwelling does not exceed the footprint of the dwelling to be replaced by more than 30% and is in accordance with SWDP policy SWDP 18;</p> <p>d) An extension to an existing dwelling that is subordinate to, and does not dominate the character and appearance of the original dwelling ; or</p> <p>e) Conversion or re-use of existing buildings where there is no need for substantial</p>	<p>For consistency with Policy K1 it suggested that Policy K2 add “c) It accords with other relevant policies in the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan and South Worcestershire Development Plan.”</p> <p>Similar to K1, it is suggested that the justification in the Policy K1 may be a little too succinct. It is suggested that the Background / Justification should be expanded to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific reference to those parts of national policy that K2 has regard to. For example, paragraph 55 of the Framework says that local planning authorities (and this applies to neighbourhood plans) should avoid new isolated homes in the countryside unless there are special circumstances such as the essential need for a rural worker to live permanently at or near their place of work. • Reference to SWDP 16 (Rural Exception Sites), SWDP 18 (Replacement Dwellings in the Open Countryside), SWDP 19 (Dwellings for Rural Workers) to explain the intention and rationale of Policy K2. <p>Paragraph 3 of the Background / Justification needs to be re-worded. The paragraph is trying to say that housing development outside but coterminous to the development boundary on a parcel of land to the east of Old Road South and north of Pixham Ferry Lane may be supported as enabling development if it is necessary to secure the delivery of land to the west of Old Road South for community, recreation and sports provision – see Policy K10B.</p>	

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reconstruction or need for large extensions.		
K3 - Housing Mix		
<p>All new housing development over 5 units will be expected to provide a range of types, sizes and tenures of housing.</p>	<p>Policy K3 proposes that housing development over 5 units should provide a range of housing types, sizes and tenures without setting out what specific mix would be required.</p> <p>Policy K3 is broadly consistent with SWDP 14 (Market Housing Mix) which seeks a mix of types and sizes (but not tenures) in developments of 5+ units.</p> <p>The policy will only be relevant to sites where it is intended to build a group of dwellings. Even sites up to 10 dwellings may find it difficult to provide a range of house types and tenures.</p> <p>Evidence from the SHMA (2014) supports the need for a mix of housing.</p> <p>Policy K3 does not set out how the policy is to be delivered. It is suggested that the following wording could be added to the policy:</p> <p>Applicants should demonstrate how the proposal will meet local needs.</p> <p>It is suggested that the Background / Justification could be strengthened / expanded to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the policy is to secure the provision of housing to support mixed and balanced communities and to ensure that a range of household needs continue to be accommodated. • Reference to paragraph 50 of the Framework. 	<p>Amend as suggested.</p>

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K4 - Development in the Significant Gap		
<p>The Significant Gap (as shown on Figure 4) between Kempsey and Worcester will be maintained. The purpose of maintaining the gap is to provide a clear separation between Kempsey and Worcester in order to retain the individual identity of Kempsey. The following development will be supported in the Significant Gap:</p> <p>a) The re-use of rural buildings; b) Agricultural and forestry-related development; c) Other open land uses; and d) Minor extensions to existing dwellings.</p>	<p>Policy K4 seeks to maintain the Significant Gap between Kempsey village and Worcester.</p> <p>Whilst the huge importance of the Significant Gap to Kempsey is understood locally, it may not be understood by the independent examiner unless it is clearly spelt out in the Background / Justification.</p> <p>Policy K4 is broadly consistent with SWDP 2(D) which seeks to ensure the retention of the open character of the Significant Gap.</p> <p>There are a small number of subtle (but potentially important) differences between Policy K4 and SWDP 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K4 seeks to provide a clear separation between Kempsey and Worcester, whereas SWDP 2(D) seeks to ensure the retention of the open character of the Significant Gap. • K4 says that certain types of development <u>will be supported</u> in the Significant Gap, whereas SWDP 2 paragraph 8 says they <u>may be acceptable</u>. • SWDP 2 paragraph 8 lists “playing fields” amongst possible acceptable uses in the Significant Gap, whereas K4 does not. • K4c is consistent with SWDP 2 paragraph 8, but could potentially be clearer by adding “other open land uses that maintain the openness of the gap”? <p>For the examination, it will be important to understand, and if necessary, justify any differences in principle between K4 and SWDP 2(D).</p> <p>Given the importance of the Significant Gap to Kempsey it will be important that there is robust, proportionate, evidence to support the</p>	<p>Bring K4 in to line with SWDP Policy 2.</p> <p>Amend Background/Justification to highlight strategic setting of Policy K4.</p>

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	<p>policy. Currently, the Background / Justification is based largely on community aspiration rather than robust, proportionate evidence. It is suggested that the Background / Justification could be strengthened by including reference to SWDP 2(D) and drawing on evidence supporting the SWDP policy.</p>	
K5 - Designated Heritage Assets		
<p>Development proposals that conserve, enhance and respect the setting of the parish's Listed Buildings and Conservation Area (see Figure 7) will be supported.</p> <p>The Listed Buildings in Kempsey are found in Appendix 1.</p>	<p>Policy K5 supports development proposals that “conserve, enhance and respect the setting of” Listed Buildings and the Conservation Area within Kempsey parish.</p> <p>Figure 7 helpfully shows the Kempsey Conservation Area. The map could, however, be made clearer.</p> <p>Heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource, which are protected by national legislation and policy. Policy K5 rightly distinguishes between designated heritage assets (such as listed buildings and conservation areas) and non-designated heritage assets (which are covered by Policy K6).</p> <p>Section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires decision makers to have special regard to the desirability of preserving a listed building or its setting. Section 72(1) of that Act requires decision makers to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas. All development proposals relating to designated historic assets are subject to these statutory tests, which affords them a high degree of protection.</p> <p>The Framework requires that historic assets should be conserved in a manner that is appropriate to their significance.</p>	<p>Amend as suggested.</p>

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	<p>It is suggested that the Background / Justification should also include reference to SWDP 6 (Historic Environment) and SWDP 24 (Management of the Historic Environment).</p> <p>Paragraph 2 of the Background / Justification says that there are 4 scheduled ancient monuments and 28 Listed Buildings in Kempsey. The Listed Buildings (but not the scheduled ancient monuments) are listed in Appendix 2.</p> <p>Paragraph 2 of the Background / Justification says Historic England have identified 39 farmsteads and 10 out farms. Are these within Kempsey? And if so, are they designated or non-designated heritage assets? If they are designated heritage assets, what is their relevance to Policy K5 which relates to Listed Buildings and the conservation Area? Also, what are “out farms”?</p> <p>Paragraph 3 of the Background / Justification refers to the “Worcestershire Villages Historic Environment Resources Assessment” and “Historic Landscape Characterisation Assessment” but does not explain what these are or their relevance to Policy K5</p> <p>Reference in the Background / Justification to the Kempsey Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Strategy (Dec 2008) may be helpful.</p>	
K6 - Protecting Non-Designated Heritage Assets		
<p>Proposals requiring consent which directly affect non-designated heritage assets and their settings must demonstrate how they conserve and enhance</p>	<p>Policy K6 seeks to identify and protect 11 non-designated heritage assets and their settings.</p> <p>The aspiration to identify non-designated heritage assets through the neighbourhood plan process is appropriate. However, it is suggested that the link between Policy K6 and the Local List SPD could be strengthened.</p>	<p>Amend as suggested to refer to MHDC Local List and remove identified non-designated heritage assets from K6 and include in Appendix.</p>

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<p>those heritage assets. Non-designated heritage assets in the neighbourhood plan area are listed below, and shown on Figure 8,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baynall Farm – converted Hop Kiln and Barn • Wooden Chapel, Kerswell Green • Napleton Grange (Elgar lived there for 10 years), Napleton Lane • Little Grange , Napleton Lane • Mount Emerald, Bestmans Lane • The Lodge (Mount Emerald), Bestmans Lane • Draycott House, Main Road • Draycott Cottage, Draycott Lane • Ivy Lodge, Old Road North • Bakery Buildings (cottages next to Parish Hall) 	<p>As background, there are a number of buildings / assets within the parish that have local heritage value which may not be appropriate for national listing, but could be locally listed. The Local List will be designated and maintained by Malvern Hills District Council, but it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to nominate non-designated heritage assets for consideration in the MHDC Local List SPD through the neighbourhood plan process. As non-designated heritage assets these buildings would be afforded some protection through local planning policy. It is suggested that the identification of proposed non-designated heritage assets could be included in a re-titled Appendix 2 - Heritage Assets under Consideration for Local Listing.</p> <p>Figure 8 helpfully maps the location of the proposed heritage assets and Appendix 2 provides a very short narrative for each asset.</p> <p>It is important when proposing local heritage assets in Appendix 2 to ensure that they meet the necessary criteria. The Local List SPD says that local heritage assets will need to be significant with regard to at least one of the following - a significant period in the District's history, the social history of the District or a notable example of planned or incidental planning or associated with an individual of local importance. In addition a nominated asset will need to be significant having regard to one or more of the following – age, rarity, aesthetic value, group value, evidential value, archaeological interest, designed landscape, landmark status and social / communal value.</p> <p>It would be helpful if Appendix 2 included a photograph of each of the proposed heritage assets.</p> <p>It is suggested that Policy K6 be re-drafted along the following lines:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dove Cottage, Post Office Lane 	<p>Proposals requiring consent which affect a building or structure on the Local List must demonstrate how they protect or enhance the heritage asset.</p> <p>The renovation or alteration of buildings or structures identified on the local heritage list should be designed sensitively, and with careful regard to the heritage asset’s historical and architectural interest and setting.</p> <p>It is noted that Policy K6 is accompanied by a photograph of The Talbot public house, but The Talbot is not one of the proposed local heritage assets.</p>	
K7 - Protecting the Historic Landscape		
<p>The historic landscape of the parish will be protected for its visual, cultural, historical, archaeological and architectural interest. In particular, development proposals should have regard to sustaining and enhancing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kempsey Common with views of the Malvern Hills and Clent Hills. views to the northeast from Green 	<p>It is considered that the purpose and the rationale behind Policy K7 is unclear.</p> <p>At the time of the pre-submission consultation the MHDC officer interpretation was that the policy was probably seeking to protect views or features in Kempsey, but it seems that the policy is seeking to protect a mixture of views, ponds, a SSSI, brooks, a lane and the Significant Gap (which is covered by K4).</p> <p>Our previous concerns about Policy K7 remain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robust, proportionate, evidence should be provided to explain why each of the proposed views or features should be protected. As currently drafted, Policy K7 is not sufficiently concise or precise that it could be applied consistently and with confidence by decision makers. 	<p>Revise k7 and “Background/Justification” to make policy more robust and precise.</p>

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<p>Street/Kempsey Common of the Clent Hills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normoor, Kerswell Green and Stonehall Common (ancient ponds) • Ashmoor Common – site of special scientific interest. • north and south Hams: rare lammas land (commonable land for half the year) access to uninterrupted views of the Malvern Hills, and to the Severn Way. • The Rocky, area of natural vegetation bisected by the Hatfield Brook. A traditional green space adjacent to the church. • The confluence of Hatfield Brook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a practical framework within which decisions on planning applications can be made with a high degree of predictability and efficiency, proposed views or features should be displayed clearly on a map. <p>Paragraph 1 of the Background / Justification refers to the Severn and Avon Vales National Character Area 106 but there is no explanation of what this is or how it relates to the policy.</p> <p>Paragraph 2 of the Background / Justification refers to the Worcestershire Villages Historic Environment Resources Assessment and principles of Historic Landscape Characterisation. Again, there is no explanation of what these are or how they relate to the policy.</p> <p>Paragraph 3 of the Background / Justification sets out paragraph 131 of the Framework. As currently worded, it is not clear whether this is intended to be part of the policy or part of the rationale for the policy.</p>	

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<p>and the River Severn in Kempsey village. This is a wildlife corridor as well as providing essential land drainage for a large area extending well outside Kempsey. Building on, near, or affecting the gathering grounds of the Hatfield Brook outside the boundaries of Kempsey parish should be avoided to reduce the risk of flooding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Significant Gap, see figure 4. • Holdings Lane to top of Bestmans Lane (old Roman road). 		
K8 - Protection and Improvement of Community Facilities		
Proposals leading to the loss or change of use of the community facilities	Policy K8 seeks to protect 12 specific community facilities, including 6 public houses and a farm shop.	Delete Appendix 3.

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<p>identified in Figure 9 to non-community uses will not be supported unless the following can be demonstrated:</p> <p>a) There is clear justification that the facility is no longer viable; or</p> <p>B) The proposal includes alternative provision, on a site within the parish, of equivalent or enhanced facilities. Such sites should be accessible by public transport, walking and cycling and have adequate car parking.</p>	<p>The Framework, paragraphs 69 and 70 highlight the important role planning can play in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities.</p> <p>Appendix 3 sets out paragraphs 69 and 70 of the Framework. It is suggested that Appendix 3 is deleted and that the key points are summarised in the Background / Justification.</p> <p>The Background / Justification could be strengthened if there was a clearer indication of why the 12 community facilities had been singled out for particular protection.</p> <p>If the community wishes to protect these facilities, have any of them been proposed as Assets of Community Value? The driving principle of the Assets of Community Value legislation is to provide a Community Right to Bid should such assets come onto the open market thereby offering communities an opportunity to seek to acquire and operate a local asset for the benefit of the local and wider community.</p> <p>It is suggested that Policy K8a could be strengthened by adding:</p> <p>If the existing use is no longer economically viable, evidence should be provided to show that the site has been actively marketed, at the market rate current at the time, for at least 12 months and that no sale or let has been achieved during that period.</p> <p>In the event that new a Community Centre and Youth Centre were provided, as proposed in Policy K9, what would be the communities aspirations for the current Community Centre and Youth Centre?</p>	<p>Amend “Background/Justification” as suggested.</p> <p>Comments on Assets of Community Value noted.</p> <p>Amend K8a as suggested.</p>
<p>K9 - New and Extended Community Facilities</p>		

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<p>Proposals for new, or extensions or improvements to existing community facilities will be supported provided that they are:</p> <p>a) Within or adjoining the Kempsey village development boundary (Figure 5);</p> <p>b) Of a scale that meets the needs of the local community and in keeping with the character of the area;</p> <p>c) Provided with adequate car parking and operational space; and</p> <p>d) They are accessible by walking, cycling, and public transport</p>	<p>Policy K9 supports new or extended “community facilities” within or adjoining the Kempsey development boundary, subject to scale respecting the character of the area, adequate car parking and sustainable access.</p> <p>Clarification would be helpful about which community facilities Policy K9 would relate to. On the one hand, Policy K8 identifies 12 community facilities, including 6 public houses. On the other hand, the Background / Reasoned Justification for K9 refers only to the Community Centre, Parish Hall and Youth Centre. If the policy is about the provision of a new community facility to accommodate the community centre and parish office it should be made clearer.</p> <p>As currently worded, Policy K9 would apply to proposals for any community facilities. Is this the intention of the policy?</p> <p>Figure 5 shows a small gap between the development boundary and land to the west of Old Road South (part of Policy 10B). Based on the boundaries shown on Figure 5, the land may not meet criteria K9a.</p> <p>If the land for new and expanded community facilities is within or adjoining the development boundary, is K9d necessary?</p>	<p>Policy K9 applies to all community facilities – make this clearer in K9.</p> <p>Add in “and including” to K9a to encompass Site K10Bi.</p>
K10 - Existing and Future Community, Recreation and Sport		
<p><u>K10A: Existing Provision</u></p> <p>The existing sports and recreation facilities at Plovers Rise (see Proposal K10A, Figure 5) will be protected. Proposals to improve and enhance these</p>	<p>Policy K10 A seeks to protect existing sports and recreation facilities at Plovers Rise.</p> <p>Paragraph 2 of the Background / Justification lists the current facilities at the site and paragraph 7 says the existing facilities cannot be extended.</p> <p>If community facilities at Plovers Rise are to be protected, would it not be more appropriate to include them in Policy K8?</p>	<p>Separate policy to include “existing” and “future” provision.</p> <p>Amend Policies Map to take into account comments.</p> <p>Amend “Background/Justification” as suggested.</p>

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facilities will be supported.		Update reference to SEA.
<p><u>K10B: Future Provision</u></p> <p>To meet future community, recreation and sport needs land to the north of Pixham Ferry Lane and west of Old Road South is identified on the Proposals Map for further sport and recreation provision (shown as Proposal K10B on Figure 5).</p> <p>In developing this area for further community, recreation and sport provision enabling housing development may be considered on land to the east of Old Road South and north of Pixham Ferry Lane between Sunnyside Farm and Bight Farm (Shown as proposal 10C on figure 5). Such enabling development will only be supported</p>	<p>Policy K10B allocates land to the west of Old Road South (K10B on the Figure 5) for community, recreation and sports use.</p> <p>The policy recognises that land to the east of Old Road South (K10C) may be considered for enabling housing development.</p> <p>It should be noted that site K10C is not currently indicated on Figure 5. The parcel of land related to possible enabling housing development needs to be labelled K10C to provide clarity.</p> <p>Paragraphs 1, 3 and 6 of the Background / Justification seek to explain the need for additional land for sport and recreation uses, whilst paragraphs 4 and 5 outline the types of sports and recreation uses that are needed.</p> <p>Paragraphs 8 and 11 of the Background / Justification say that land to the west of Old Road South and north of Pixham Ferry Lane has been identified as potentially suitable for community, sports and recreation use because it is level, well-drained and has safe access. It is suggested that Paragraphs 8 and 9 should be combined to say that following a site appraisal and selection process, site K10B is proposed because it is the only site that meets the essential suitability requirements including size (minimum 5 hectares), availability, relatively flat, not affected by flooding, not covered by national or local planning designations, has suitable access to the public highway, is within or adjacent to the development boundary, is considered to have no adverse impact on residential amenity etc (see Appendix 4). References to removing verges, road widening etc should be removed.</p>	See above.

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<p>where it can be demonstrated that:</p> <p>a) The enabling development is necessary to secure the delivery of land to the north of Pixham Ferry Lane and west of Old Road South for community, recreation and sports provision;</p> <p>b) sufficient funding for the community, recreation and sport provision cannot be assembled without including such enabling development; and</p> <p>c) the amount of enabling development is the minimum necessary to provide the identified community, recreation and sport provision on land to the north of Pixham Ferry Lane and west of Old Road South.</p>	<p>Paragraph 9 of the Background / Justification explains how the Parish Council intend to fund delivery of the recreation and sports facilities. Planning Practice Guidance says neighbourhood plans should only contain policies relating to the development of land. The details of how the recreation and sports facilities may be funded could be included in a Background Document, but is not necessary in the Plan.</p> <p>Paragraph 10 of the Background / Justification suggests that enabling housing development <u>may</u> be considered if there is insufficient funding to develop community, recreation and sports facilities. It is considered that paragraph 10 gives different messages to that in Policy K10B. Policy K10B says enabling development <u>will</u> be supported if certain conditions hold, whereas paragraph 10 indicates that in these circumstances enabling development will be <u>considered</u> (ie, not necessarily supported). Paragraph 10 also says “<u>currently</u>, the preferred site for such development is ...” These two factors do not provide a framework within which decisions on planning applications can be made with a high degree of predictability and efficiency as required by paragraph 17 of the Framework.</p> <p>It is suggested that paragraph 10 is re-written to reflect the certainty suggested by Policy K10B.</p> <p>Something that is lacking from the Background / Justification is any reference to the intention to re-locate the community centre and parish offices to the proposed site at K10B.</p> <p>Paragraph 11 says that site K10B has been identified following a detailed assessment of 11 potential sites. The site assessment process is set out in Appendix 4. When adopted, the Neighbourhood Plan will not include the detailed assessment of sites considered and rejected. In anticipation of this, it is suggested that the site assessment process is set out in a separate Background Paper rather than an Appendix.</p>	

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	<p>As part of the consultation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Opinion, Historic England indicated that an SEA or historic impact assessment (HIA) may be required to assess the potential impact of Policy K10B. The Background / Justification needs to indicate if an SEA or HIA has been undertaken, and its findings.</p> <p>The issue of whether an SEA / HIA is required and any findings should also be picked up in the Site Assessment Background Paper. Any SEA / HIA undertaken will need to accompany the Basic Conditions Statement when the neighbourhood plan is submitted to the District Council.</p>	
K11 - Protecting Local Green Space		
<p>The Local Green Spaces, identified in Table 1 and on Figure 12, will be protected. Development harmful to these Local Green Spaces will only be permitted in very special circumstances.</p>	<p>Policy K11 proposes 7 Local Green Spaces in line with the NPPF.</p> <p>Evidence to support the proposed Local Green Spaces is provided in Appendix 6 and translated into an untitled table on page 41. Appendix 6 and the table provide a very helpful starting point for identifying Local Green Spaces, but further work will be required to demonstrate that the spaces are “demonstrably special”. Table 2 in the draft Clifton upon Teme neighbourhood plan provides a good example of how evidence on Local Green Spaces could be better presented.</p> <p>Figure 12 shows the location of the proposed Local Green Spaces. It is suggested that the title of the map be re-titled to “Proposed Local Green Spaces”. It should be noted that all of the proposed spaces must be clearly mapped to show their location and size, and each space must have clearly defined boundaries which show the precise area each designation would apply to.</p>	<p>Update and revise Appendix 6 and table.</p> <p>Policies Map comment noted. No change.</p> <p>Comment on policy wording noted. Amend K11 to take account of NPPF.</p>

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	<p>The current wording for Policy K11 suggests that development on Local Green Spaces may be supported if it was not considered harmful. It is suggested that the Policy could be tightened to:</p> <p>The Local Green Spaces, identified in Table 1 and on Figure 12, will be protected from development except harmful to these Local Green Spaces will only be permitted in very special circumstances.</p>	
K12 - Green Infrastructure		
<p>Development proposals should protect, extend and enhance the network of green infrastructure (open spaces, watercourses, commons, footpaths, lanes (including quiet lanes), banks, and ditches, woodlands, hedgerows and species rich grassland etc.) in the parish,</p> <p>Development proposals that would lead to an interruption or severance of the existing green infrastructure network will not be supported.</p>	<p>Policy K12 says that development proposals that would lead to an interruption or severance of the existing green infrastructure network will not be supported.</p> <p>Whilst Policy K12 is well intended, it is considered that the policy lacks sufficient clarity that a decision maker could apply it consistently and with confidence when determining planning applications.</p> <p>To provide some clarity to applicants and decision makers, it would be helpful if the green infrastructure network to which the policy relates could be mapped.</p> <p>Whilst the policy refers to Tree Preservation Orders in the parish and an extensive web of footpaths and bridleways (the latter mapped in Figure 13), it is considered that there is currently a lack of robust, proportionate, evidence to support Policy K12.</p> <p>It is suggested that the Background / Justification includes reference to SWDP 5 (Green Infrastructure) and SWDP 38 (Green Space).</p>	<p>Map green infrastructure network and refer to Policy SWDP5 in Policy K12.</p>
K13a - Development or Re-development of Land for Employment Uses within the Settlement Boundary		

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<p>Proposals to develop or redevelop land for employment purposes within the Kempsey village development boundary (Figure 5) will be supported where:</p> <p>a) They re-use existing land or buildings, and do not have an adverse impact on residential amenity, traffic flows or highway safety; or</p> <p>b) They are for the diversification of an existing rural enterprise;</p> <p>c) The business can be contained within existing premises and the appearance of the existing building is not materially altered;</p> <p>d) The scale and design of the extension or redevelopment is appropriate to the location, existing buildings and the character of the area; and</p> <p>e) The business operation will not lead to</p>	<p>Policy K13a supports the development or re-development of land within the Kempsey development boundary for employment purposes where:</p> <p>(i) It re-uses existing land / buildings and does not have an adverse impact on residential amenity or traffic flows, or</p> <p>(ii) It is the diversification of an existing rural enterprise, can be contained within existing premises, scale and design of any extension is appropriate to the location and would not have a significant adverse impact on residential amenity or traffic flows.</p> <p>K13a(c) suggests the development must be contained in the existing building, but (d) would allow extensions, so these are not consistent. Also, K13a(a) allows the re-use of land and buildings - so this could be redevelopment, not contained in existing buildings. The conflict in the policy needs to be resolved, possibly with the use of “or” or “and” between criterion.</p> <p>The Framework is committed to supporting sustainable economic growth. Policy K13a provides the flexibility to re-use existing land or buildings and supports the diversification of existing rural enterprises, subject to appropriate scale, design, residential amenity and highways considerations.</p> <p>SWDP 8E (Providing the Right Land and Buildings for Jobs) supports the provision of employment land and conversion of existing buildings to support job creation providing the development supports an existing business or new enterprise of a scale appropriate to the location. It is considered that Policy K13a could compliment SWDP 8E, subject to the above conflict between the different criterion being resolved.</p> <p>Currently, there is a lack of robust, proportionate, evidence to support Policy K13a. It is suggested that the Background / Justification could</p>	<p>Revise “Background/Justification”.</p> <p>Delete criteria (c) to (e).</p>

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a significant adverse impact on the residential amenity or character of the area through its scale, nature of operation, access and parking provision, noise or traffic generated by visitors, staff and deliveries.	usefully draw on the Framework, SWDP 8 and, if appropriate, views expressed in parish surveys.	
K13b - Expansion of Existing Employment Sites Outside the Settlement Boundary		
Development proposals that would support the retention or limited expansion of existing rural employment sites (i.e. those outside the Kempsey village development boundary) will be supported when they do not have a significant adverse impact on local roads, residential amenity, enjoyment of the countryside, landscape, heritage assets or wildlife.	<p>Policy K13b supports the retention or limited expansion of existing employment sites outside the Kempsey development boundary, subject to there being no significant adverse impact on residential amenity, traffic impact, landscape, heritage asset and wildlife.</p> <p>Paragraph 28 of the Framework says that planning policies should support economic growth in rural areas in order to create jobs and prosperity by taking a positive approach to sustainable new development. This is to include supporting sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business and enterprise in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well designed new buildings.</p> <p>SWDP 12C (Employment in Rural Areas) supports the expansion of existing employment sites in rural areas where it has been demonstrated that intensification of the existing site is not viable or practical. It is considered that Policy K13b compliments SWDP 12.</p> <p>Currently, there is a lack of robust, proportionate, evidence to support Policy K13b. It is suggested that the Background / Justification could</p>	<p>Revise “Background/Justification”.</p> <p>No change to Policies Map.</p>

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	<p>usefully draw on the Framework, SWDP 12 and, if appropriate, views expressed in parish surveys.</p> <p>It would be helpful if the Plan included a map showing the location of the existing employment sites in the parish.</p>	
K13c - Farm Diversification		
<p>Proposals to diversify farm businesses for employment, tourism, leisure and recreation uses will be supported providing:</p> <p>a) The proposed new use does not detract from or prejudice the existing agricultural undertaking or its future operation;</p> <p>b) The scale of activities associated with the proposed development is appropriate to the rural character of the area; and</p> <p>c) Wherever possible existing buildings are used to reduce the need for</p>	<p>Policy K13c supports farm diversification outside the Kempsey development boundary, subject to the proposed uses not detracting from existing agriculture undertakings and the scale of development being appropriate to the character of the area.</p> <p>Paragraph 28 of the Framework says that neighbourhood plans should promote the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses.</p> <p>SWDP 12D (Employment in Rural Areas) supports farm diversification, subject to similar considerations as Policy K13c. Policy K13c is consistent with SWDP 12D.</p> <p>Currently, there is a lack of robust, proportionate, evidence to support Policy K13c. It is suggested that the Background / Justification could usefully draw on the Framework, SWDP 12 and, if appropriate, views expressed in parish surveys.</p>	<p>Revise “Background/Justification”.</p>

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<p>additional built development.</p> <p>Where planning permission is required for the residential conversion of a building as part of a farm diversification project, it will only be granted where a marketing exercise has shown that employment, tourism, leisure and recreation uses are unviable.</p>		
	<p>Related to farm diversification, the Kempsey neighbourhood plan could add detail (or a policy) over-and-above that in the SWDP in relation to historic farm buildings which are converted into domestic dwellings.</p> <p>For example, it is suggested that they should maintain an evidential link to their agricultural past. Certain design elements would be considered to be out of place within this form of building group.</p> <p>Generally extensions to rural buildings would be unacceptable with the exception of small ancillary extensions. If the extension detracted from the character of the building it should be resisted. If a building merited retention, the conversion should be of a scale that permitted the new use of the building within its current footprint. Extensions to create habitable rooms would normally be unacceptable.</p> <p>If a farmstead or rural building was to be converted into a holiday let permission, it would normally be subject to a condition which limited the buildings use to prevent its occupation as a dwelling. Where</p>	

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	<p>holiday lets formed part of a farm diversification scheme the holiday home should be seen as an asset making a contribution to the farm business, therefore it should not be sold separating it from that business.</p> <p>Employment development would be encouraged if a rural building conversion retained its original character.</p>	
K14 – Transport		
<p>Developer transport contributions from new development will be sought where appropriate to support and improve public transport links to Kempsey, improve highway safety and improve routes and networks for walking and cycling.</p> <p>Priorities for improvements include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • measures to improve the bus service to and from Kempsey. • cycleway to link Kempsey with St 	<p>Policy K14 says that the Parish Council will seek developer contributions (Section 106 contributions or CIL) for transport projects which improve public transport links to Kempsey, improve highways safety and improve walking and cycling routes. The policy lists 3 transport priorities.</p> <p>Our comments / suggestions on K14 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The identification of transport priorities is consistent with PPG which says that neighbourhood plans can identify infrastructure that is needed to support development and ensure that a neighbourhood can grow in a sustainable way. PPG also indicates that a neighbourhood plan should set out the prioritised infrastructure required to address the demands of development identified in the plan and can consider how additional infrastructure requirements might be delivered – which is what Policy K14 is seeking to do. • The focus of the policy should be about identifying transport priorities rather than how these might be funded. It is suggested that the spending of developer contributions may be more appropriate in a section of the plan related to implementation. 	<p>Include suggested priorities in “Background/Justification” section.</p>

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<p>Peters alongside the A38 and via the proposed development at Broomhall community and Norton Barracks community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • speed restrictions on Church Street, Post Office Lane, Old North Road, Old Road South and Squires Walk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whilst the intention of the policy is laudable, it does not provide a practical framework within which decisions on planning applications can be made with a high degree of predictability and efficiency, particularly in relation to the 1st and 3rd transport priorities. • It is not clear from the supporting text if the transport priorities are part of strategies or schemes developed in partnership with others, such as the County Council, Sustrans or bus companies. If the cycle route has been identified it would be helpful to include it on a map (even if only indicative). • The Background / Justification suggests that the 3 priorities for transport improvements are in full accordance with existing Malvern Hills District Council policies. This is not entirely correct. SWDP 4 (Moving Around South Worcestershire) and Infrastructure Delivery Plan include strategic priorities for transport but does not specifically list the priorities in Policy K14. It is therefore suggested that Policy K14 say that “Local priorities for improvements include ...” The first sentence in the Background / Justification could be amended to say that “the proposals generally accord with ...”. • In relation to the cycle / foot path linking the south and north sides of the A4440, if the route is outside the neighbourhood area, it would fall outside the remit of the neighbourhood plan. 	
<p>How to Comment on this Document</p>		

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Monitoring and Review	It is suggested that the final sentence in paragraph 7.1 be replaced to say – “If the neighbourhood plan becomes out of date, the Parish Council (in consultation with Malvern Hills District Council) may decide to update the plan, or part of it.”	Amend as suggested in new para. 8.2
Glossary	It is suggested that Community Facilities be added (see SWDP page 284)	Amend as suggested.
Appendix 1 Listed Buildings in Kempsey	Suggest add the 4 scheduled ancient monuments	Noted. No change.
Appendix 2 – Non-Designated Heritage Assets	Awaiting comments from Conservation Officer	No comments received.
Appendix 3 – Promoting Healthy Communities – (extract from NPPF)	It is suggested that this is an unnecessary duplication of the Framework and should be deleted.	Delete.
Appendix 4 – Support for Future Community, Sport and Recreation Development	<p>When adopted, the neighbourhood plan will not include an assessment of all the potential sites which were considered for additional community, sport and recreation use.</p> <p>Whilst the information is an essential part of the evidence base, it is suggested that the evidence is included as a supporting Background Paper.</p>	Extract as a separate evidence base paper.
Appendix 5 – Aspirations for Health, Education and Transport	<p>Planning Practice Guidance says that “wider community aspirations than those relating to development and use of land can be included in a neighbourhood plan, but actions dealing with non-land use matters should be clearly identifiable. For example, set out in a companion document or annex”.</p> <p>In light of the above Guidance, it is considered appropriate to capture wider community aspirations and possible actions for the Parish Council in an Appendix.</p>	Agreed. Added as new section 6.0.

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	<p>It is suggested that Appendix 5 could include an introduction which explains the purpose of the Appendix and that the Parish Council role in encouraging or supporting the community projects or aspirations is made a little clearer.</p>	
<p>Appendix 6 – Local Green Space</p>	<p>When adopted, the neighbourhood plan will not include the detailed assessment of potential Local Green Spaces.</p> <p>Whilst the information is an essential part of the evidence base, it is suggested that the assessment be included as a supporting Background Paper.</p> <p>Please note that the Framework distinguishes between Open Space (in paragraphs 73 – 74) and Local Green Space (paragraphs 76 – 78). The Framework glossary definition of Open Space is “all open space of public value, including not just land, but also areas of water (such as rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs) which offer important opportunities for sport and recreation and can act as a visual amenity.”</p> <p>It is noted that the current use and description of some proposed Local Green Spaces in Appendix 6 is indicated as “open space and recreation area” and “mowed grass open space” which may potentially be more appropriately be defined as Open Space. To be designated as Local Green Space there will be a need to show that the area is “demonstrably special”.</p>	<p>Now included in Table 1 in main body of NDP.</p>

Appendix 1 – Neighbourhood Area Application

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28 February 2013

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For the attn: of Mr David Clarke

Dear Sir

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

Please find attached Kempsey Parish Council's application for designation of a neighbourhood area in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. I would be grateful if Malvern Hills District Council would publicise the area application as required by the Regulations and consider designating the parish as a Neighbourhood Area.

- a) I enclose a map marked Appendix I identifying the area to which the application relates. This map shows the parish boundary together with the areas that the evolving South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) has indicated as the preferred areas for future development in the parish.
- b) It is considered that the parish as a whole is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, and attached as Appendix II is a copy of the statement included as part of the application for the original Neighbourhood Planning Front Runner Scheme.
- c) Kempsey Parish Council (KPC) is the relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Neighbourhood Act.

Appendix III sets out the proposed procedure to prepare a neighbourhood plan of which some items have already been proceeded with.

Appendix IV indicates a time line in respect of the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NPD) which is up to date with the exception of identifying a planning expert to formulate the plan since without further funding in addition to the £20,000 Front Runner Grant it will be necessary for KPC to undertake the necessary work mainly with volunteers.

Community Engagement

Very recent community engagement has been undertaken by both MHDC and KPC in respect of the proposals for the SWDP. In addition contact has been made and consultation continues with all the active parish organisations in respect of the updating of the parish plan.

Contact details are as follows:

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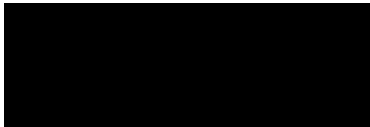
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The original Parish Plan of 2006 together with an update in 2007 is available on the Kempsey Parish Council website – Kempsey Hub at www.kempseyhub.co.uk. This is now being updated by a working party.

If any further information is required at this stage please contact Mike Biddle direct.

Yours faithfully



S Baxter
Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Cc: Bob Bowley
- Mike Biddle
John Michael

Neighbourhood Planning Frontrunners Scheme – Application for a Neighbourhood Plan for Kempsey Parish Council

Statement for Kempsey Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Introduction

The Statement is prepared to set out the aspiration of Kempsey Parish Council to bid Government funds (Neighbourhood Plans Front-Runners Scheme) to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish under the Government's Localism Agenda.

The Make-up of Kempsey Parish

The Parish of Kempsey covers an area of 3233 acres (1307 hectares) and is one of the largest Parish in the Malvern Hills District. In 2004 when the Parish Plan was prepared, the population of the Parish was 3027 with 1325 households, 15% of population is under 16, 12% are aged between 16 and 30, while 17% are aged 30-44. Figures for these groups are all below the county average. 27% of people are 45-59, 6.7% are 60-64 and 21.5% are above 65. The Kempsey figures for the 45-65+ age groups are above the county average.

There is a wide diversity of businesses in Kempsey: everything from the one person business to large companies, in total there are more than 130 businesses. They make a significant contribution to the community, both in employment terms, and in supporting village activities, notably support for Kempsey Parish News through advertising. There is a marked daily ebb and flow of people in and out of the village. 11% of survey respondents work in Kempsey and 48% travel out of the village to work. However, a significant number travel in to work in horticulture/agriculture and for the care of the elderly. New businesses are being created and existing businesses are being enhanced to meet village demand.

There is significant change within the District and the Parish that concerns local residents and the business community. The Parish Council is keen to review and update the Parish Plan prepared in 2004 and to set out future aspirations of the local community in line with the Government's Localism Agenda and to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish to inform future development and regeneration decision in the Parish and for delivery and management of services and facilities to meet wider community needs.

The Neighbourhood Plan area will cover the Parish of Kempsey as indicated on the map enclosed and will be centred on the village of Kempsey with surrounding hamlets to include Kerswell Green, Baynall, Napleton, Stonehall, Green Street, Broomhall, Clerkenleap and all other land and outlying properties within the boundary.

There is currently a Parish Plan Working Party set up by Kempsey Parish Council to review and update the present Parish Plan and to formulate new Neighbourhood Plan. The Kempsey Parish Council wants to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan

working with District Council that will provide a framework for the future development and regeneration of the settlements in the Parish to deliver community facilities and develop services that will meet the needs of the wider communities.

Need and Objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan

The natural progression is to update the Parish Plan to the new form being promoted by the Government. The objective of the Parish Council is to address number of key issues set out below that will be explored and developed in formulating new initiatives for sustainable economic, social and environmental prosperity:-

- To ensure that future development, infrastructure and business development of Kempsey Village and it's environs is suitable for a rural location,
- To identify, encompass and promote community infrastructure, business development and future housing requirements in the area as previously addressed in the Parish Plan,
- To develop a 2 year project plan to formulate and prepare the Kempsey Parish Neighbourhood Plan by analysing current Parish Plan to see what objectives have been delivered and those that still need to be delivered and take forward through the consultation process future needs of the Parish in developing the Neighbourhood Plan.
- To undertake wider community participation and consultation (workshops and questionnaires) with the all local residents, businesses and community organisations including the young people within the parish.
- To work with the District Council to formulate policies within the Neighbourhood Plan that will support the delivery of the emerging South Worcestershire Development Plan
- To further develop the existing working relationship with Malvern Hills District Council and Worcestershire County Council to identify resources and funding opportunities to enable the delivery of projects formulated in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- To develop links with other neighbouring parishes namely; Norton juxta Kempsey, Severn Stoke and St. Peter's and to consider cross boundary issues.

Funding

The government grant of £20K will be to meet the cost of preparing the Neighbourhood plan over the 2 years of the project and will work with District Council to allocate funds to meet the expenditure over this period.

The Process

The Parish Council is keen to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Kempsey in

accordance with the requirements of the emerging regulations. As this is a 2 year project, all regulations set out by the Government for the Neighbourhood Plans will be incorporated to ensure that the Plan can be adopted to deliver sustainable prosperity within the Parish and the District.

Further Information

Further information on the activities of the Parish Council and its governance are available on the Parish Council Website www.kempseyhub.co.uk. The website includes the current Parish Plan and the statistics and data on the local population and business activities.

Getting Started	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a list of contacts • Get the community on board • Establish a Steering Group • Produce a programme for developing the plan • Develop a communication strategy
Identifying the Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather together relevant information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a profile of the area - Identify assets and designations - Review existing plans and strategies - Discussions with stakeholders - Summarise the findings to identify the area's strengths and weaknesses • Define and agree the boundaries of the neighbourhood area with Malvern Hills District Council (<u>minimum 6 week consultation</u>)
Developing a vision and objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft the vision and objectives • Check for conformity with strategic policies in the Development Plan • Check the draft vision and objectives with the community
Drafting the Neighbourhood Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate Options • Prepare a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (<u>minimum 5 weeks consultation</u>) • Assess the impact of options • Develop preferred options • Develop an implementation plan • Check conformity with strategic policies in the Local Plan
Consultation and Submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-submission consultation and publicity (<u>minimum 6 week consultation</u>) • Prepare final Plan Proposal and Sustainability Appraisal • Submit Plan Proposal to Malvern Hills District Council (<u>minimum 6 week consultation</u>)
Independent Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Examiner • Examiner's report published
Referendum and Adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referendum • Adoption

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Kempsey MDP Timeline

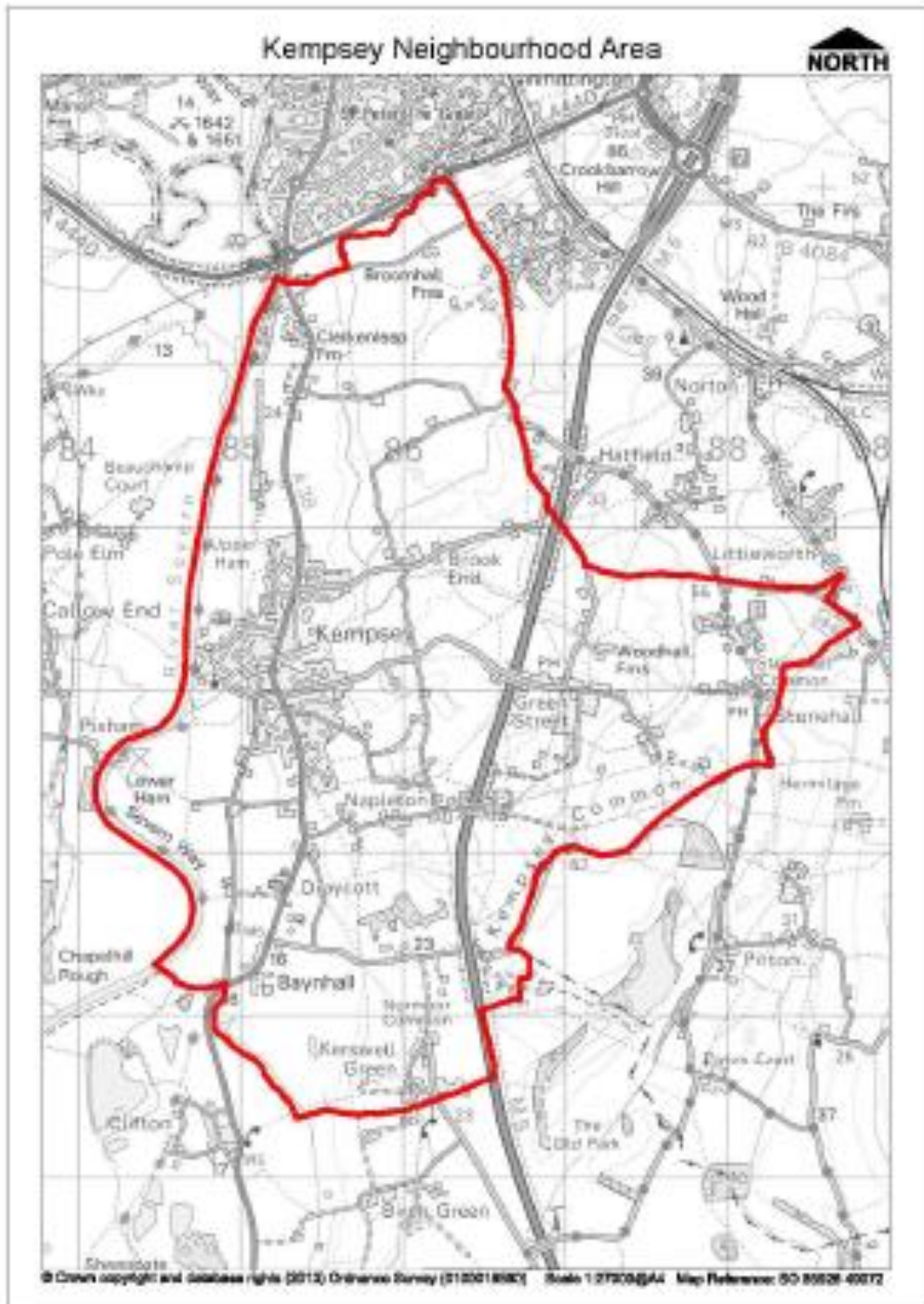
Year	Month	Step
2013	September	Getting Started
	October	Develop list of contacts set up steering group
	November	Carry out consultation sessions and define neighbourhood develop consultation strategy
	December	establish and secure funding Identify and contract planning expert to formulate plan
2013	January	Identify key economic and social issues facing community
	February	Review existing plans for area
	March	Carry out sustainability survey
		Establish main focus for intelligence gathering
		Carry out community survey and consultation exercises Carry out equality impact assessment
2013	April	Identify key National Planning Policy Framework and Local Planning Policy Objectives
	May	Develop the sustainability framework objectives and criteria Hold community meetings to check validity of vision
2013	June	Generate options
	July	Appraise options using sustainability framework
	August	Audit existing infrastructure and designations Carry out survey and needs assessments Feedback to the community and check for support
		Appraise draft options using sustainability framework
2013	September	Draft the Neighbourhood Plan
	October	Check proposals conform with national and local planning policy
	November	Further involve community with consultation needs Check evidence base
2013	December	Consultation and submission
		Prepare the sustainability appraisal report
		Hold Community meetings to confirm support
		Send document to local business for comment and in-site comment from community
		Check validity of plan with local planning authority Submit Plan with relevant documentation
2014	January	Independent Examination
2014	February	Referendum and adoption

Appendix 2 – Malvern Hills Neighbourhood Area Decision



Neighbourhood Area Decision Notice Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Name of Neighbourhood Area:	Kempsey
Qualifying Body:	Kempsey Parish Council
Consultation Dates:	Friday 29 th March to Friday 10 th May 2013
Is the organisation making the area application a relevant body under section 61G(2) of the 1990 Act?	Yes
Is the Neighbourhood Area considered to be appropriate under section 61G(4) of the 1990 Act?	Yes
Does the area overlap with another designated area (section 61G(7))?	No
For joint area application, are all relevant bodies included as per section 61G(2) of the 1990 Act?	Not applicable
Were any comments received during the consultation period?	Yes – from Worcestershire County Council, Worcester City Council and Wychavon District Council
Summary of comments received	Support the application. Requested that the District Council consider whether it is satisfied that the proposed neighbourhood area boundary is consistent with, and would not undermine the South Worcestershire Development Plan. Requested that the emerging neighbourhood plan take account of various strategic documents and designations.
Are any modifications required to this or any adjoining neighbourhood area as per section 61G(6) of the 1990 Act?	No
Decision under Regulation 7 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012:	
The application for the designation of the parish of Kempsey, as shown on the map overleaf, as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of neighbourhood planning is APPROVED.	
Date of Decision: 2 nd July 2013	



Appendix 3 – Questionnaire Survey

Introduction

The survey was delivered to every household in the Parish of Kempsey and respondents were given the option of either completing a paper copy and returning it to the Parish Office or completing the survey online. In total 196 responses were received, with 50 of those being completed online (26%). The responses evaluated in this report represent roughly 13% of the households in the Parish. Whilst this is probably not a large enough sample to be able to statistically represent the whole parish it will give some insightful information about the views of the people of Kempsey.

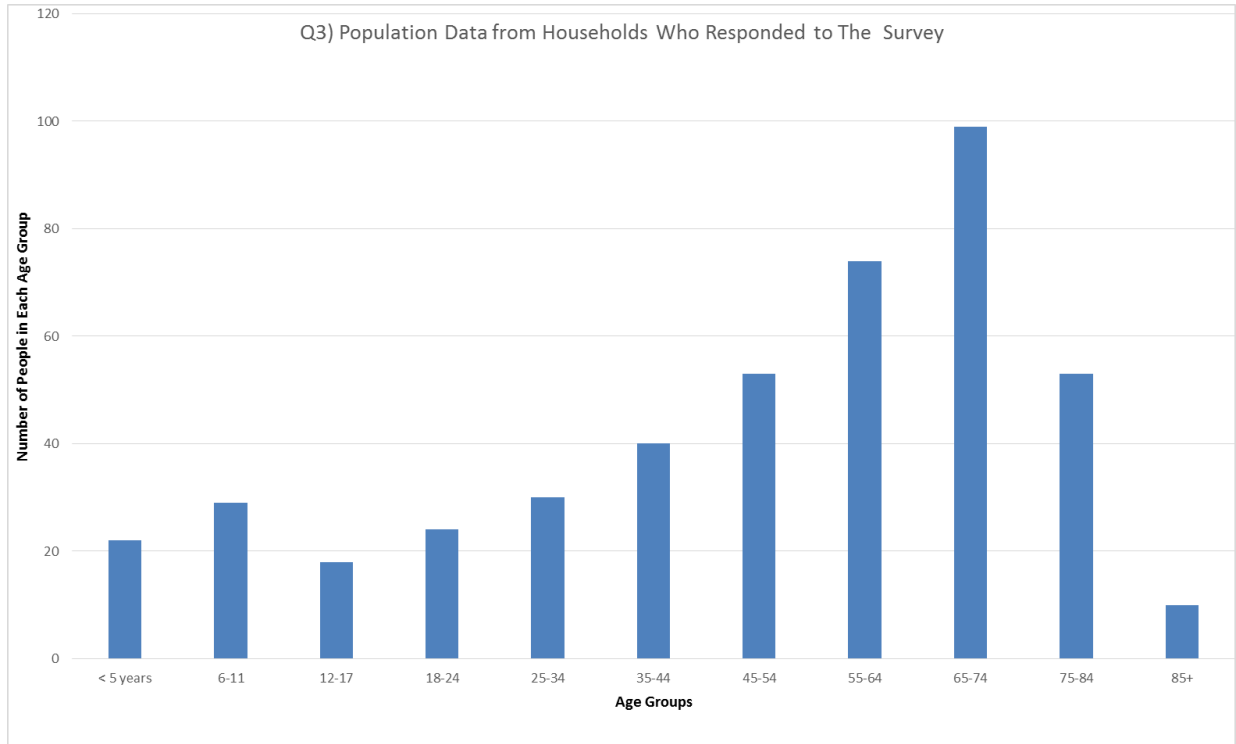
Question 1:

This question asked for a postcode to validate that the respondent resided in Kempsey. Of the 196 respondents, two failed to supply a post code, two failed to provide a valid post code and one supplied a post code outside of Kempsey Parish, with 97% of respondents providing post codes within Kempsey Parish. Therefore, it can be concluded that the majority of data collected came from residents of Kempsey Parish.

The post codes that were supplied showed coverage of the village of Kempsey as well as outlying hamlets such as Kerswell Green and Stonehall Common. The aim of this survey was to gather views from across the Parish and not just within the main village of Kempsey and the post code data suggests that the surveys reached all targeted areas.

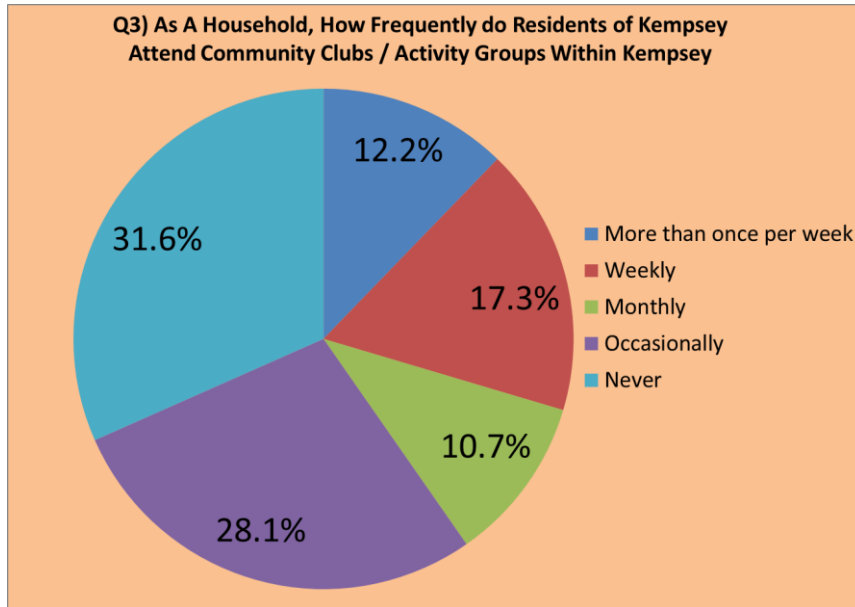
Question 2:

Question 2 sought to understand more about the demographics of households in the Parish of Kempsey. Of the households who completed the survey it was found that the average occupancy is 2.3 people per household. 19% of homes have at least one person under the age of 18, whereas 53% had at least one member over 65. The data would suggest that only 50% of households have at least one person of the traditional working age of between 18 and 65. The data gathered in the survey suggests that the most common age group in the Parish is 65-74 years and seems to be generally skewed in towards this age group but it is unknown whether this is a true representation of the demographics of the Parish and some account may need to be taken for this when analysing the survey results.



Question 3:

This question asked the respondents to answer how regularly members of their household attend any of the clubs or activity groups that exist within Kempsey. 68% of households who took part in the survey reported that they do attend community groups within Kempsey with 30% attending at least once a week. However, 32% of households reported that they never attend any of the groups within Kempsey. This appears to show that the people of Kempsey are actively involved within the community.

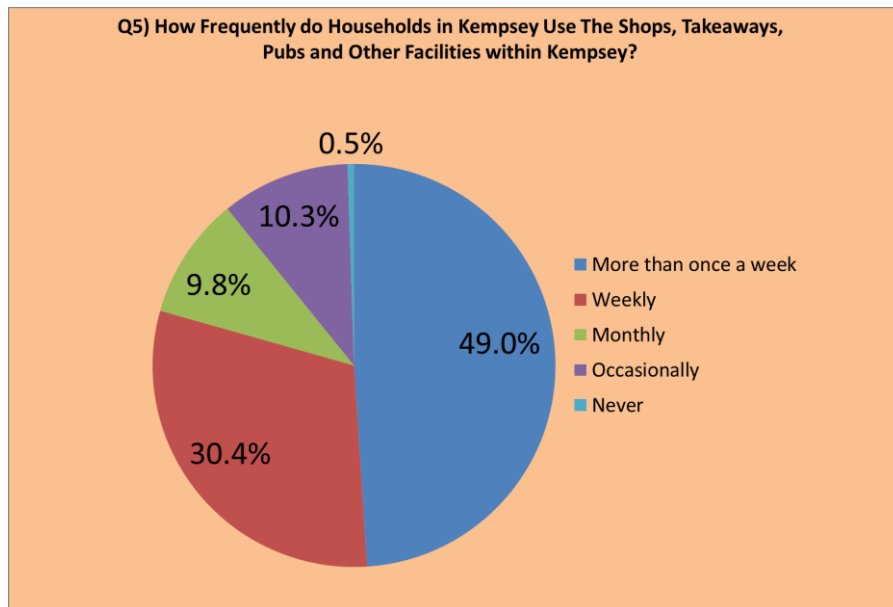


Question 4:

In order to understand why the residents of Kempsey may not attend the various community groups or activities that take place in the Parish those who answered 'never' to Question 3 were asked to explain why. The most popular reason was a lack of time, this was closely followed by instances where their particular interests were not catered for within Kempsey and so they have to go elsewhere to pursue them, and some reported that there was nothing which appealed to them within Kempsey. Only eight respondents (4%) reported that they never attend any of the groups within Kempsey because they don't know what clubs were available within the village, this suggests that the clubs and activities that are available are well known and well-advertised.

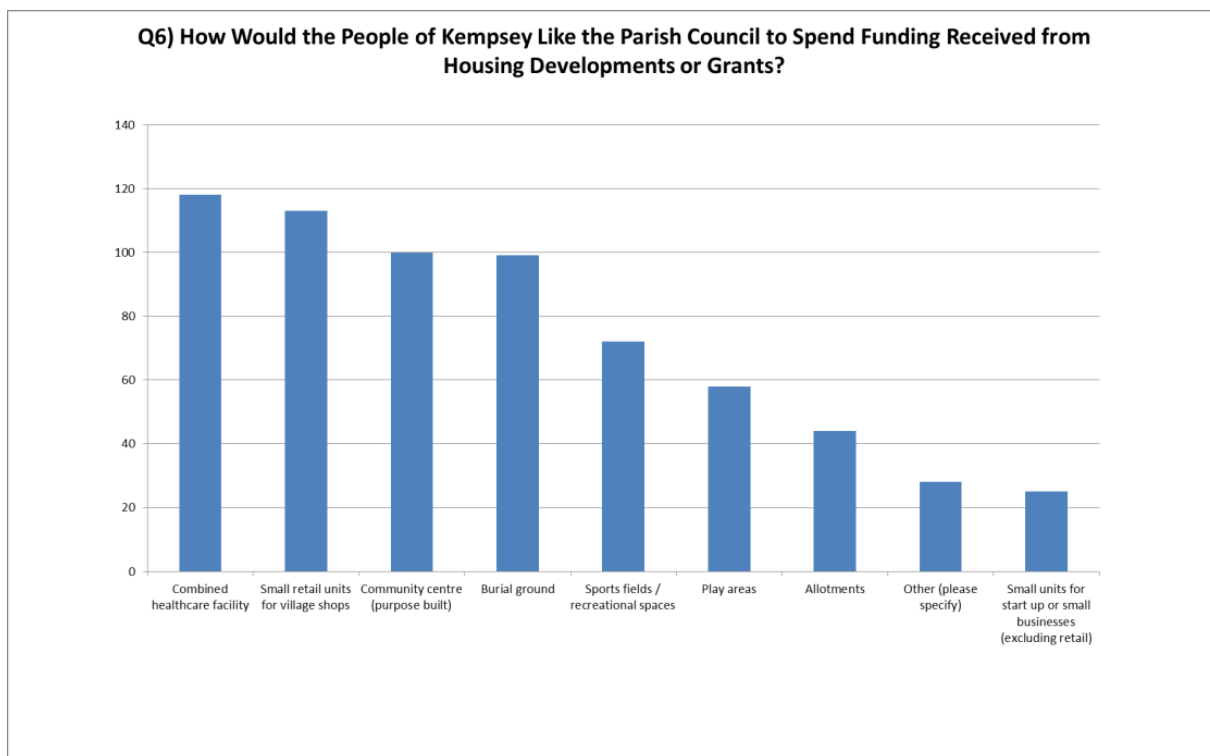
Question 5:

Question five explored how frequently households use the shops, pubs, takeaways and other facilities within Kempsey. It was very encouraging to find that almost 80% of households use the facilities at least once a week and just 0.5% reported never using the facilities.



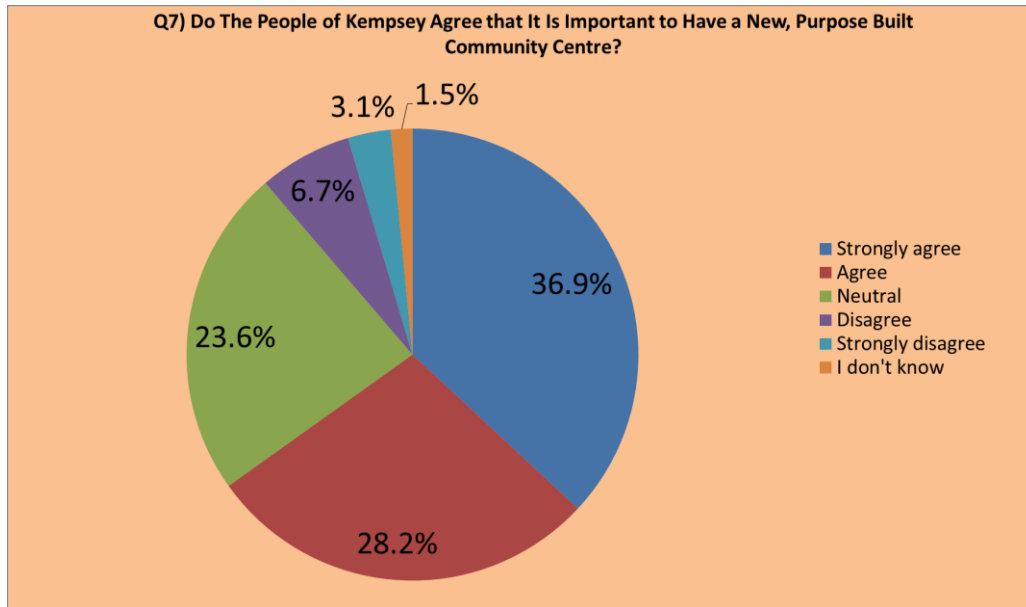
Question 6

This question sought to understand people’s priorities for new facilities, which may be possible using funds raised as a result of the new housing developments planned for Kempsey. Respondents were asked to select a maximum of four from nine choices. The three most popular were: a combined healthcare facility, small retail units for village shops and a purpose built community centre. The least popular (excluding ‘other’) were play areas, allotments and small units for start-up businesses. This is a little surprising as play areas have normally ranked highly amongst the priorities of the people of Kempsey, but this may be a reflection of the age bias of the respondents with older respondents being less likely to have young children who would use these facilities.



Question 7

This question was intended to measure the strength of opinion behind a goal from the old “Parish Plan” document, which was to obtain a new, purpose built, community centre within Kempsey. The majority of respondents (65%) either agreed or strongly agreed that it is important to have a new community centre building, with less than 10% disagreeing with this suggestion.



Question 8:

Respondents were asked to rank in order of preference various functions that could be incorporated into a new facility. These were then weighted and an average score calculated to allow them to be compared. The most popular function was to have a combined healthcare facility, followed by a dedicated room for a visiting post office or policeman and rooms which could serve multiple uses. People seemed less keen on having space for shops, a cinema room or an internet café – again possibly a reflection of the age range of respondents.

Functions of A New Community Centre	Average Score
Combined healthcare facility	7.2
Dedicated room for visiting Police / Post Office	6.7
Multiple use rooms	5.8
Large hall / function room with bar	5.8
Library	5.2
Farmer's market	4.6
Shop / retail / business units	4.4
Cinema room	3.3
Internet café	2.9

Question 9:

Respondents were asked to think about what facilities would be important to them within a new community centre. The one which scored most highly was car parking followed by educational and disabled facilities.

Facilities Within A New Community Centre	Average Score
Car park	7.1
Educational / learning facilities such as smart boards	6.6
Disabled facilities, such as audio loop	5.9
Cycle shed / parking	5.0
Kitchen	4.9
Wi-Fi	4.9
Soft play area for children	4.2
Sensory / visual impairment room	4.1
Sprung floor	3.4

Question 10:

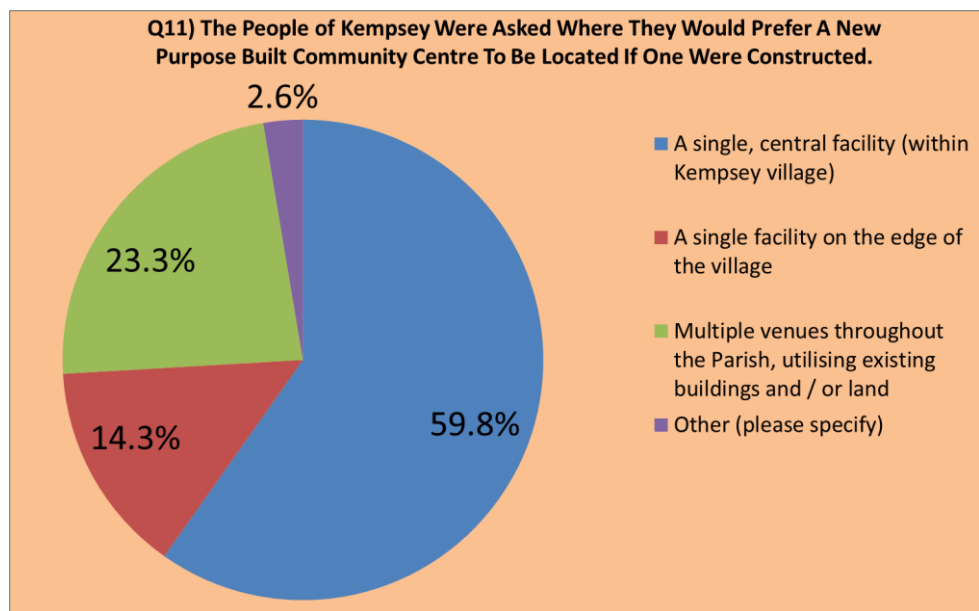
When asked to suggest other functions and facilities that should be included in a new community centre facility many people felt that there should be a Café. Other popular suggestions were provision for indoor sports and a gym.

The ability to have multi-functional rooms was popular, it was suggested that these could be used for meetings of various groups and clubs and that there should be provision for storage of equipment used by these groups and a sound system. Also, it was suggested that the rooms should be available to hire to groups or to host visiting services such as the Citizen's Advice Bureau. It was also suggested that the centre could be used to advertise local jobs.

The inclusion of outdoor facilities is also important to the respondents. It was suggested that any new facilities should cater for sports and recreation with a large outdoor area that could accommodate features such as a skate park, basketball hoops, a play area, picnic tables, a bowling green, village fetes and car boot sales.

Question 11:

Question 11 sought to understand what people think about the location of a new community centre for Kempsey. They were asked to state whether they would prefer for it to be a single, central facility; a single facility on the edge of the village or multiple venues spread around the parish: by far the most popular was a single, central facility within the village of Kempsey.

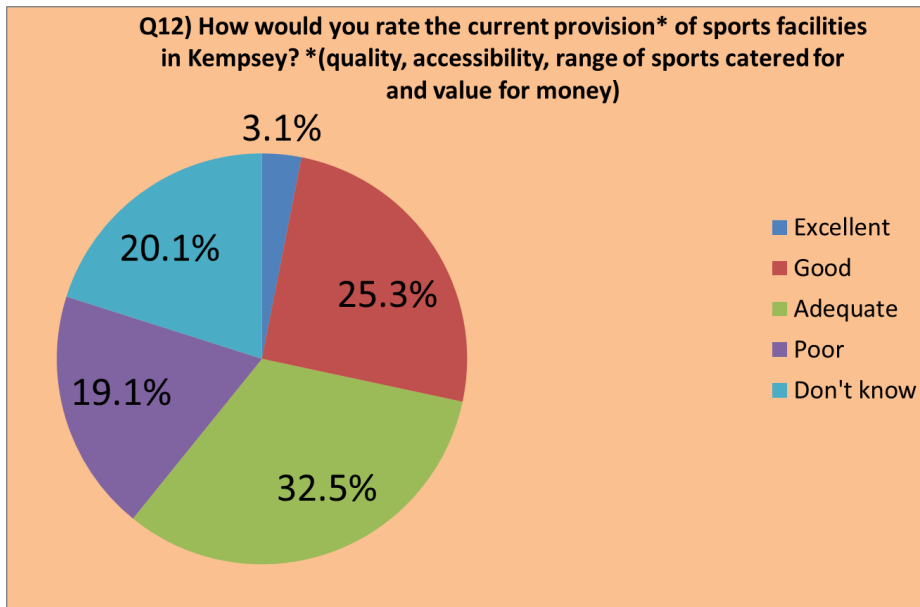


Where people had specified another option, the comments included making more use of other existing facilities within the village and renewing existing buildings rather than building new ones. Adequate consideration for access, parking and noise were also raised as particular issues.

Question 12:

Residents were asked to rate the current provision of sports facilities within Kempsey, taking into consideration the quality, accessibility, the range of sports that were catered for and the value for money that they offered.

Only 3% of residents felt that the current provision was excellent. However, 61% thought it adequate or better, with 19% of respondents rating it as poor.



Respondents were given the opportunity to expand upon their answers. A popular theme was a lack of provision for a broad range of sports and there were suggestions that there should be facilities for 5-a side football, hockey, netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, squash, skateboarding, jogging, keep fit, bike riding, athletics, a bowling green and even a swimming pool. A few respondents felt that the existing tennis facilities should be expanded and made more widely available to the public as the time of use is currently restricted for non-members and it was commented that there should be more cooperation between the existing users to make better use of what is already available. It was also suggested that there should be all weather pitches and floodlights to allow for mid-week training sessions

There were also common themes regarding the facilities that are available at Plovers rise: it was suggested that there should be more storage for sports equipment, better changing facilities and public toilets.

As discovered in question 10, it was felt that there should be facilities for indoor sports. Other notable suggestions were that the sports facilities should be 'dog free' that there should be more open space and that there should be more play facilities throughout the village.

Question 13:

This question asked people to rank a list of new or additional sports and recreation facilities for Kempsey and also offered respondents the chance to suggest their own ideas.

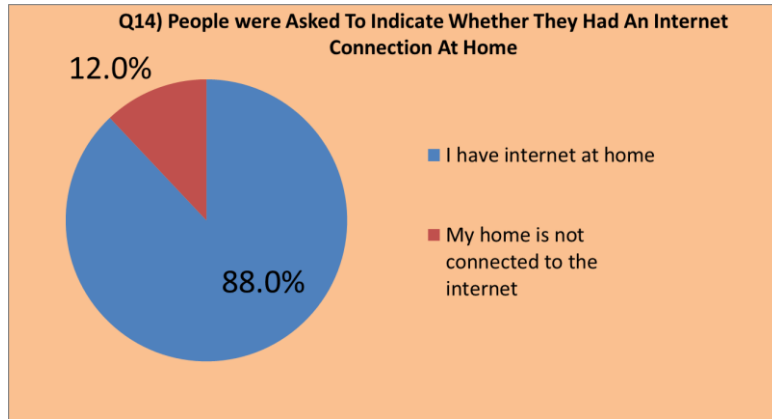
From the list that was provided, the most popular facilities were additional play equipment and open spaces for games, with the average score for these options being quite close. The items which scored less highly were a skate park, an athletics track and a BMX track.

Additional sports or recreational facilities for Kempsey	Average Score
Play equipment for children (5-12 years of age) (improved / additional)	6.6
Open space for ball games e.g. rounders / knock up football	6.3
Play equipment for children (12-16 years of age) (improved / additional)	6.0
Bowling green	5.5
Football pitches (improved / additional)	5.2
Cricket ground (improved / additional)	5.1
Skate park	4.7
Athletics track	4.0
BMX track	3.2

The additional suggestions put forward by respondents included a sports hall, cycling facilities, a swimming pool and a golf course. Several respondents commented that they felt there is sufficient facilities within the village already and one person stating that “if I wanted the above facilities I would choose to live in a town or a city. I prefer to live in a village”. Skateboarding facilities appeared to divide opinion, with some people suggesting they would be good facilities and other concerned about noise issues.

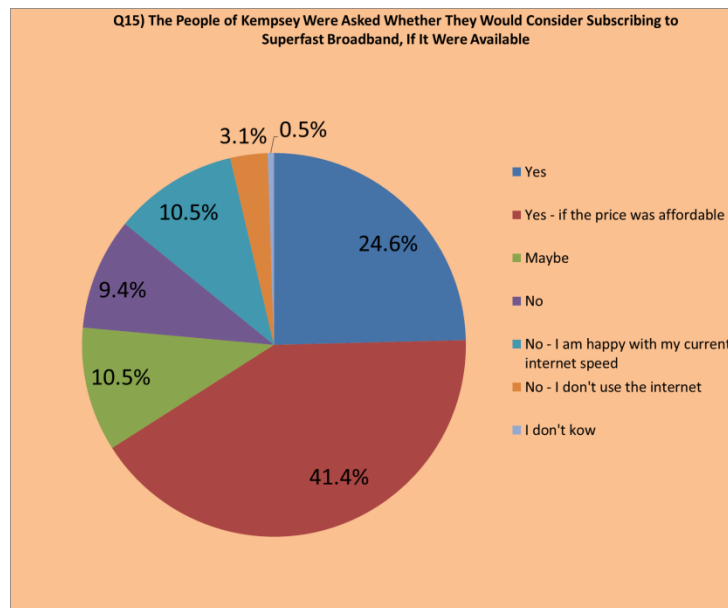
Question 14:

This question asked whether people had access to the internet and it was found that nearly 90% of respondents did, which is quite impressive given that the distribution of the ages of respondents is skewed heavily towards older generations who are often thought of as not having access to the internet. Given that this indicates the vast majority of people are connected to the internet this should be given more emphasis when communicating with Parishioners as a low cost and effective means of keeping people up to date with news.



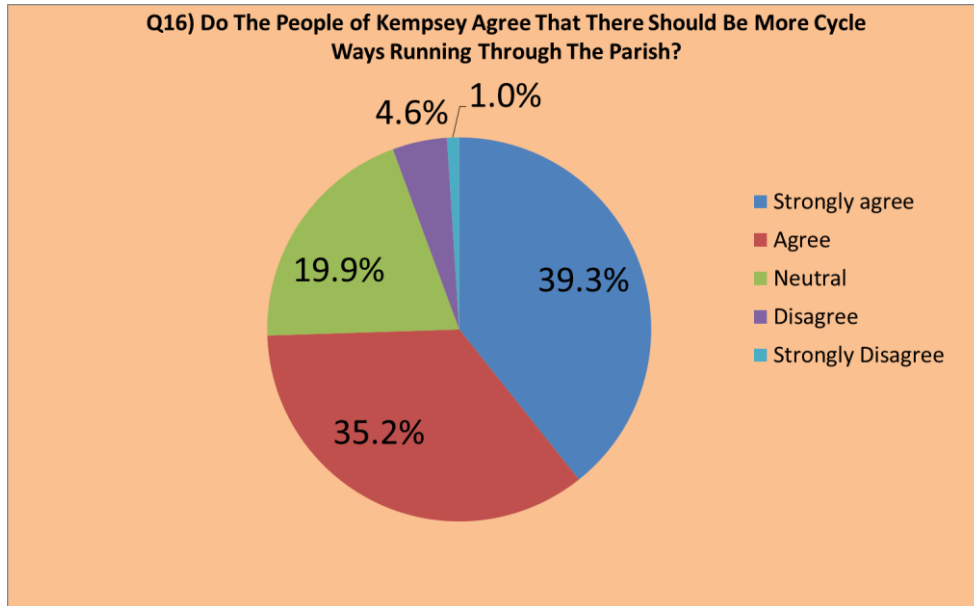
Question 15:

With Superfast Broadband being introduced in Worcestershire, the survey sought to identify how popular take up might be and what would be the important factors in making the decision whether or not to subscribe to it. Two thirds of respondents indicated that they would consider subscribing to Superfast Broadband when it is available within Kempsey. Again, this illustrates that the people of Kempsey are forward thinking with respect to their use of the internet. The most popular reason for not wanting superfast broadband was that respondents felt that they were happy with their existing internet connection.



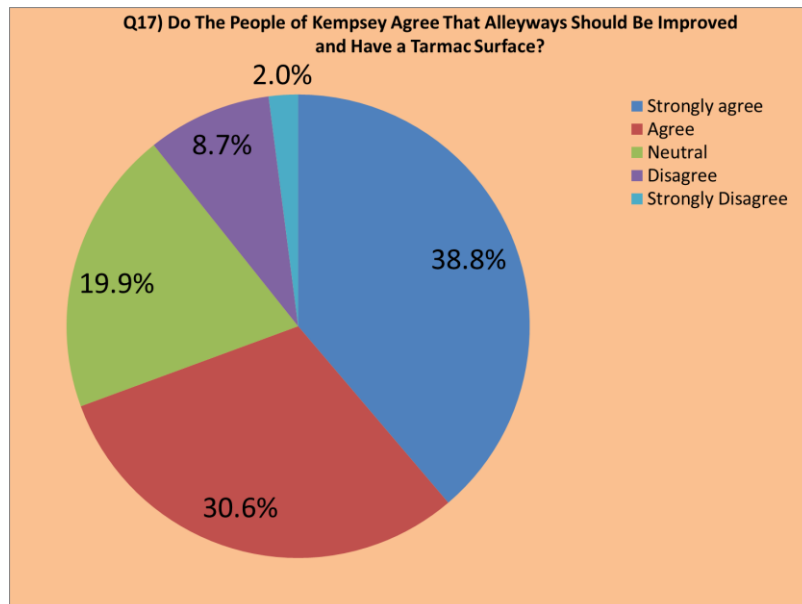
Question 16:

It would seem that there is strong support for improving the provision of cycle paths through Kempsey with 75% of respondents agreeing that there should be more cycle ways with a significant proportion of those in strong agreement. Just 6% of respondents disagreed with this proposal.



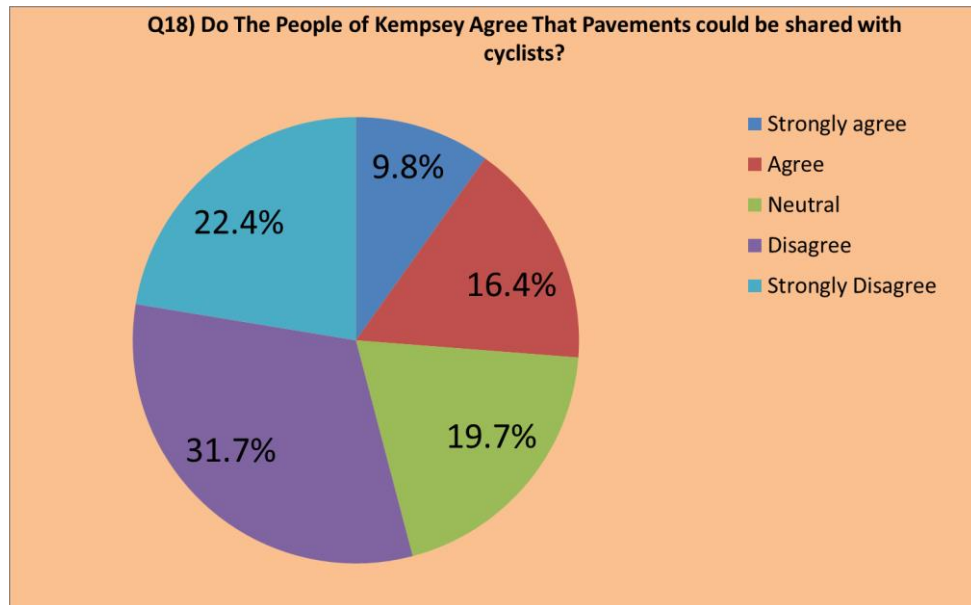
Question 17:

When questioned whether the alleyways in Kempsey should be improved, just fewer than 70% of respondents agreed with this proposal with only 11% disagreeing.



Question 18:

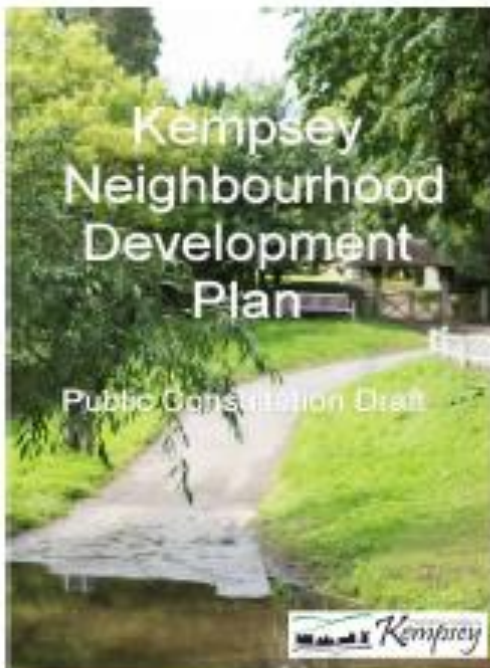
Support was less strong for the suggestion that footpaths should be shared with cyclists, with 54% of people disagreeing with this and only 26% of people either agreeing or strongly agreeing with the idea.



Conclusion

This report contains useful evidence about the needs, aspirations and behaviour of the people of Kempsey, which can be used in preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish. The information presented within this report is based upon raw data contained in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, which is available for further analysis if needed.

Appendix 4 – Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation Summary Leaflet



Our say in the future of Kempsey!

The Localism Act 2011 gives Parish Councils the power to prepare a statutory **Neighbourhood Development Plan** to influence development in the local area.

Planning applications are determined in accordance with national planning policy and the local development plan - the Neighbourhood Plan will be an integral part of this framework.

March 2016

Public Consultation

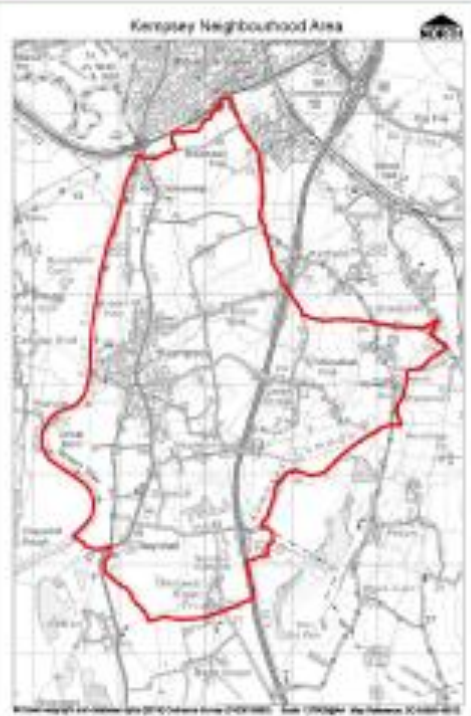
Since 2013, a group of Parish Councillors and local residents have been working up a Draft Neighbourhood Plan. The results of the Questionnaire sent to all parishioners in 2014 have been included.

The Plan proposes policies for housing, recreational facilities, green spaces, local heritage and other key themes likely to be affected by future development.

To finalise our Neighbourhood Plan we are now consulting with all parishioners.

We now need you to tell us what you think of the Plan.

This is a summary - see page 2 to find out how to obtain a copy of the Full Plan and how to contact us. We strongly recommend that parishioners read the Full Plan.



Our aim - To ensure that Kempsey Parish continues to be an identifiable, sustainable, rural community with facilities to cater for the needs of the residents.

Key Issues for Kempsey

The key planning issues which have been identified for the Neighbourhood Plan are:

- Effect of housing growth on the character of Kempsey village.
- Erosion of the "Significant Gap" green space between Kempsey and Worcester.
- Protecting the significant historic assets within the Parish.
- Safeguarding existing and providing additional community facilities.
- Better local recreational facilities.
- Enhancing and utilising green spaces across the Parish.
- Poor access to health care facilities.
- Threats to the wider countryside.
- Promoting sustainability and employment by encouraging appropriate local businesses.
- Promoting safer, more accessible transport.

Policies

A summary of how we want to tackle each of these issues is given below.

For fuller details please consult the **Full Draft Neighbourhood Plan**, copies of which can be downloaded from www.kempseyhub.co.uk or obtained free of charge from the Parish Office on 01905 828183 (9am – 2pm).

Tell us your views

The Public Consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan will last from 12 March until 30 April 2016. There will be presentations in St Mary's Church on Saturday 12 March at 11am and 3pm, and on Wednesday 16 March at 7:30pm.

Your feedback is very important to us. Please write to the Parish Office, Community Centre, Main Road, Kempsey WR5 3LQ or email kempsey.ndp@gmail.com

How we will use your feedback

The results of the consultation will be considered very carefully and used to finalise the Neighbourhood Plan. A Consultation Statement will be published alongside the amended version of the Plan setting out how the representations received have been considered and used to influence and inform the content of the Plan.

The amended Neighbourhood Plan, together with all supporting documentation will be submitted to Malvern Hills District Council. Following their review, the Plan will be subjected to Independent Examination by a jointly appointed Examiner, to consider whether the Plan meets planning requirements and has been appropriately prepared.

Once the Examiner is satisfied, a local Referendum will be held amongst parishioners on the Electoral Register to accept or to reject the Plan. A straight majority vote (50% of turn-out +1) for acceptance will be required before the District Council must adopt the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan will then be used to determine planning decisions in the Parish alongside County and National Planning Policies.

Summarised Policies

Policy 1 – New housing development in Kempsey

New housing development within the Kempsey village settlement boundary will be permitted if:

- It is on previously developed land or is the conversion, re-use or extension of an existing building; and
- It does not lead to the loss of community or recreation facilities or local employment opportunities; and
- It accords with other relevant policies of the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan and the South Worcestershire Development Plan.

Policy 2 – New housing development in Kempsey Parish outside of Kempsey Village

New housing development in Baynhall, Green Street, Kenswell Green, Stonehall Common and the open countryside will be strictly controlled.

Policy 3 – Housing mix

All new housing developments over 5 units will be expected to provide a range of types, sizes and tenures of housing.

Policy 4 – Development in the significant gap

The openness of the area will be preserved to maintain a significant gap of open land between Kempsey and Worcester.

Policy 5 – Designated heritage assets

Development proposals that conserve enhance and respect the setting of the Parish's listed buildings and conservation area will be encouraged.

Policy 6 – Protecting local heritage

The local heritage assets identified in the plan should be conserved, enhanced or their setting respected where practical.

Policy 7 – Protecting the historic landscape

The historic landscape of the parish will be protected for its visual, cultural, historical, archaeological and architectural interest.

Policy 8 – Protection and improvement of community facilities

Many community facilities will be protected as community assets.

Proposals leading to the loss or change of use of community assets to non-community uses will not be permitted unless the following can be demonstrated:

- The proposal includes alternative provision, on a site within the Parish, of equivalent or enhanced facilities. Such sites should be accessible by public transport, walking and cycling and have adequate car parking; or

- Satisfactory evidence is produced that there is no longer a need for the asset.

Proposals for the improvement of existing community assets will be supported when they are clearly of benefit to the community.

Policy 9 – New and extended community facilities

Proposals for new, or extensions or improvements, to existing community facilities will be permitted provided that they are:

- Within or adjoining the settlement boundary; and
- Of a scale that meets the needs of the local community and in keeping with the character of the area; and
- Provided with adequate parking and operational space; and
- Accessible by walking, cycling or public transport.

Policy 10 – Recreation and sport

Local sports and recreation facilities, currently at Plovers Rise will be protected. The expansion of other sports fields and sports facilities will be encouraged within the Parish.

Policy 11 – Protecting local Green Space

The local green spaces, identified in the plan, will be protected.

Policy 12 – Green Infrastructure

Development proposals will be encouraged to protect, extend and enhance the network of green infrastructure (open spaces, watercourses, commons, footpaths, lanes (including quiet lanes), banks, and ditches etc.) in the Parish.

Development proposals that would lead to an interruption or severance of the existing green infrastructure network will not be permitted.

Policy 13 a – Land for employment uses within the Settlement Boundary

Restrictions will apply to prevent adverse impact on residential amenity, traffic flows and highway safety and to ensure that the character of the area is maintained.

Policy 13 b – Expansion of employment sites outside the Settlement Boundary

The expansion of existing employment sites outside the Kempsey village settlement boundary will be supported where it has been demonstrated that intensification on the existing site is not viable or practical.

Policy 13 c – Farm diversification

Agri-business diversification requiring approvals will be permitted providing the underlying agricultural context is not compromised. Conversion of farm building for residential use will be permitted only where all other options have been shown to be unviable.

Policy 14 – Transport

Developer contributions from new development will be sought wherever possible to support and improve public transport links to Kempsey, improve highway safety and improve routes and networks for walking and cycling.

Appendix 5 – List of bodies, groups and businesses contacted at Regulation 14

Kempsey Tennis Club

Sport England

TW Midlands

Vale Fire and Security

Ocean Blue Graphics

Barratt Homes

Linden Homes

Taylor Wimpey

McColls

Herbert Banks

Astons Coaches

Arc Surveyors

St Mary's Church

HTE Solutions

Pollyanna Hammond Party Hire

Heritage Manor

Kempsey Cars

KJB Carpet Cleaning

Mark Holloway Windows

Sunnyside Garage

Hanley Castle High School

Kempsey Primary School

Zain Shariff

Kempsey Guides

Kempsey Scouts

Sandra Raw Dogs

Kempsey Colts

Kempsey Cricket Club

Worcestershire County Council

CTI Worcestershire

Worcester LEP

Worcester Volunteer Centre

National Grid

Severn Trent

Western Power

NHS Worcestershire

Highways England

Network Rail

Historic England

Environment Agency

Natural England

DBWPCC

Coal Board

Homes and Communities Agency

Powick Parish Council

Malvern Hills District Council

Severn Stoke Parish Council

Norton Juxta Kempsey Parish Council

Whittington Parish Council

Wychavon District Council

Hope Church

Haresfield Surgery

Draycott Villa Nurseries

FLAG

Edwards Motors

Magic AM Ltd

Magic Moments Day Nursery

Painters Cottage Day Nursery

The Lawns Nursing Home

Festival Housing

The Hair Gallery

Sunnyside Garage

Seabourne Leisure

The Anchor Inn

The Huntsman Inn

The Crown

The Talbot

The Walter de Canteloupe Inn

The Original Stores

West Mercia Police

Appendix 6 – Regulation 14 Response Form

Office Use Only Consultee No. Representation No.
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Kempsey Neighbourhood Development Plan

Pre-Submission Regulation 14 Consultation

12th March 2016 to 30th April 2016

ALL RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY Saturday 30th April 2016

Representation Form

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ONE FORM FOR EVERY COMMENT MADE

Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Email	
Tel. No.	

Please state to which part of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan your representation refers. (Please indicate below)

Page Number	
Policy Number	

Are you supporting, objecting, or making a comment? (Please indicate with X)

Support	
Object	
Making a Comment	

Please Turn Over

Please use the box below for any comments.

Thank you for your time and interest. Please return this form to:

**Kempsey Parish Council, Community Centre, Main Road, Kempsey,
Worcester. WR5 3LQ.**

**Email: kempsey.ndp@gmail.com by no later than midnight on Saturday 30th
April 2016.**

**The Kempsey Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared by the
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and approved by Kempsey Parish Council.**