

EAST HANNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Consultation Statement

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Abbreviations

CFO	Community First Oxfordshire
EHPC	East Hanney Parish Council
EHNP	East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan
EHNPSG	East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
OCC	Oxfordshire County Council
VOWH	Vale of White Horse District Council, also abbreviated to ‘the District’

1. Introduction

This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, section 15 (2). These require that when a qualifying body submits a Neighbourhood Development Plan to the local planning authority it must be accompanied by a consultation statement.

Part 5 of the Regulations sets out that a consultation statement should contain:

- details of the people and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan;
- an explanation of how they were consulted;
- a summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the people consulted;
- a description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

This document provides the information as required by Part 5, as well as providing:

- a background on why we decided to produce a Neighbourhood Plan;
- the aims of consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan;
- details of how we initially consulted with the local community and published our intention to develop a plan;
- The stages of the consultation that we went through;
- Changes to the Plan following consultation to meet concerns, needs and objectives.

The extent of engagement is considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and East Hanney Parish Council to fulfil the obligations set out in the Regulations. The Consultation Statement supports and describes the process of consultation as envisaged through the Localism Act 2011 and the associated Regulations and sets out how it has been applied in East Hanney. This has improved the Plan and ensured that it best meets community expectations and the aspirations of East Hanney Parish Council.

2. Background to Consultation Throughout the Development of the Neighbourhood Plan

The project to develop a Neighbourhood plan commenced in 2016, when a working group of parish councillors (the Steering Group) was set up to monitor developments in the field of neighbourhood planning and ultimately advised the full parish council to proceed with developing a plan. The Steering group was open to interested residents, and by the time the plan was launched the group included representation from various community groups as well as interested residents, and members of the Parish Council.

3. Aims of the East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Process

The aims of the East Hanney Neighbourhood Plan consultation process were:

- To involve as much of the community as possible throughout all consultation stages of Plan development so that the Plan was informed by the views of local people and other stakeholders from the start of the neighbourhood Planning process;
- To ensure that the community were aware of the development of the Plan by way of use of both the local free magazine, social media, and consultation events:

- To ensure that consultation events took place at critical points in the process where decisions needed to be taken;
- To encourage participation in the consultation process by way of engagement across different community groups and residents so that the views of all could be gathered from as wide a range of people as possible, using a variety of approaches, communication and consultation techniques;
- To update on progress at significant stages so as to inform, including through the Parish Council web site; and
- To ensure that results of consultations were used to develop policies to address community and village needs, and thus enable a plan for the village, that would help shape the future of the village for the period of the plan.

4. East Hanney Consultation Strategy

The strategy set out by the steering group

- Once the parish council had given the go-ahead in principle, the objective was to commence engaging the village. At the start this was through an open launch meeting. That meeting was followed over the months by consultation events with as many community groups as possible to produce wide-ranging views, and a comprehensive understanding of what was of concern to residents, what they liked, and what they hoped for the future.
- To supplement the results from consultation events by way of a community survey, which together with the information gathered from consultation events would help shape the policies and objective of the plan, as well as provide the evidence.
- Keeping people informed throughout the process by publishing regular updates on the Parish Council village website and by making copies of steering group minutes available.
- To undertake evidence studies where needed, and to consult with professional support where needed on technical planning matters. Also, to secure guidance for the neighbourhood planning process, by consulting with strategic advisors and members of the VOWH Neighbourhood Planning team.
- Ensuring that all steering group meetings were open meetings advertised on the Parish Council website;
- Engaging early with various statutory bodies such as OCC Highways and Thames Water;
- Engaging early with various key village organisations such as the school, the Hanney Flood Group, the Letcombe Brook Project;
- Engaging in dialogue with certain key organisations whose input was identified early on as key to the Plan. These included Thames Water, various departments at OCC, and the Neighbourhood Planning team at VOWH;
- Providing landowners with information of the process, inviting them to participate in village events and informing them of the Regulation 14 consultation;
- Conducting a village community survey (undertaken jointly with West Hanney), with information gathered in respect of East Hanney, and any shared facilities.
- Asking 'lay readers' to comment on an early draft of the Neighbourhood Plan;

- Conducting the Pre-Submission (Reg 14) Consultation as required by the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations;
- Seeking the support of the VOWH Neighbourhood Planning staff for the drafting of the initial policies, and then on creation of the draft informed by the village consultation event, a formal review of the draft plan prior to entering the Regulation 14 Consultation. Thereafter, the undertaking of a process of engagement under which the policies were amended and refined to meet Planning officer recommendations, and final review of the draft Plan by VOWH Neighbourhood Planning staff prior to submission;
- Making best use of advice provided by consultants, primarily Community First Oxfordshire 'CFO', which included detailed professional technical support from CFO by a Chartered Surveyor and Chartered Town Planner who provided input to policy drafting, assisted with technical aspects of policy requirements including the Design Code and Guide, and provided village area and land assessments for the Local Green Spaces policy.

In addition, specialist planning advice has also been received from Mark Doodes Planning in respect of the Settlement Boundary policy and associated area assessment.

Keeping relevant parties informed throughout the process

Throughout the process of consultation and engagement:

1. Open consultation events were held throughout the summer of 2016 and 2017 and during 2020.
2. Regular updates and progress reports have been published on the East Hanney Parish Council website;
3. The steering group has held regular open meetings, sometimes once or twice a month in the early stages, and the times, dates and minutes of all meetings have been published on the EHCP website.
4. Throughout the progress of the Plan and updates have been a regular item on the Parish Council Meeting Agenda which is monthly, supported by sub group meeting events reported to the full Parish Council with public participation;
5. All relevant documents, with appendices have been published on the EHPC website, initially in draft form, and then in their final versions.
6. Good use has been made of the monthly village magazine 'Hanney News' to publicise events, and provide updates through the Parish Column and in features such as for the Regulation 14 Consultation.

5. Consultation Stages in the Development of the Neighbourhood Plan

The development of the Neighbourhood plan comprised the following stages:

- Establishment of Steering Group.
- Area Designation. The consultation for area designation received twelve representations in total. A summary is provided in Appendix A.
- Initial launch consultation event on 17th April 2016 in the Hanney War Memorial Hall.

- Further open consultation events for engagement and discussion of initial approaches were held with different community groups and relevant organisations throughout 2016 and the start of 2017 as summarised in section 6. This included events in the village on 19 June, 30 June and also via a stall at the school summer fete on 9 July 2016.
- Ongoing consultation at stages throughout with key stakeholders, particularly with the Neighbourhood Planning Team at VOWH so that the principles and policies of the plan were developed with the comfort of guidance and oversight from the District, to enable the needs and objectives of the plan to be developed on a basis both compliant with the VOWH Development Plan and NPPF guidance.
- Statutory 6-week consultation in accordance with Regulation 14 commenced on 21 December 2021 until 8 February 2022 a period of 7 weeks, the minimum statutory period being extended to 7 weeks in order to allow for the Christmas period.

5.1 Establishing the Extent of Our Neighbourhood Area

Area Designation was applied for in January 2015 and was approved by the Vale of White Horse District Council Cabinet Member on 17 June 2015.

The consultation for area designation received twelve representations in total. A summary is provided in Appendix A of the supporting appendices document.

The Community consulted on our intentions and views on the Neighbourhood Area were received.

The process for area designation included decision at a full Parish Council meeting to which the public were invited.

5.2 Consultation on developing the Neighbourhood Plan vision, aims, and objectives

A series of consultation events took place early in the process.

An initial launch consultation event took place on 17th April 2016 in the Hanney War Memorial Hall. This event aimed to explain the neighbourhood plan process to villagers, seek initial views on key aims and objectives and seek support for the whole process.

Further open consultation events for engagement and discussion of initial approaches were held in the village on 19 June, 30 June and also via a stall at the school summer fete on 9 July 2016.

Inputs to feed into our aims and objectives was sought by using SWOT analysis and an ideas board.

Throughout 2016 members of the steering group held events and individual conversations with many local organisations, including the school, pre-school, various local farmers and landowners, the village shop, the Chapel, Thames Water, the pub, the Church, OCC Highways (As detailed in the appendices). Where appropriate, dialogue was continued with some of these organisations' as ideas matured.

This was followed in Nov 2016 by a village wide survey to the 345 households within the village, the questions for which were compiled with the help of consultants. Steering group members devoted a lot of time and effort to obtaining responses. A **73.9%** response rate was achieved. This survey was very helpful in ascertaining the key issues to be addressed.

The steering group spent several meetings formulating the draft vision, aim and objectives, using the inputs from the events held.

5.3 Consultation on the issues and options

The community survey together with the numerous consultation events held produced and evidenced a number of important themes and concerns. It also highlighted those aspects of the village which the community valued, wished to protect, and those aspects which living within East Hanney benefited the community.

Further consultation events such as the public meeting held in response to the overwhelming majority response from the community survey for a settlement boundary was held at which the issues and options were discussed, and the initial outline of a proposed settlement boundary discussed. Certain of the early consultation events were held jointly with the neighbouring village of West Hanney as a number of facilities are shared. Responses provided relevant to shared events are indicated within the Appendices to this document.

A major concern of the community as evidenced by the survey, was the impact on the future of the village of future development being planned, including on the character of the village, the natural green environment, how life in the village may be affected, and the ability to be able to support the significant increase in population and housing numbers which the village has been subjected to.

Information about important considerations and requirements relating to future developments was achieved through the consultation process, such as where they should be located, what type of housing mix is required to meet future needs, density, designs and materials. These and other aspects are addressed within the plan.

The survey and events identified a real concern about lack of social and community infrastructure as well as whether the established public infrastructure such as sewage and drainage would be able to cope. There is also significant concern about flooding.

The consultation also identified certain specific aspects or areas within the village which were important or of concern to the community or which they wished to preserve, such as the Hanney Gap/prevention of coalescence with other villages so that East Hanney remain a separate settlement with its own distinct features and character. Also identified was the desire for protection of green spaces especially around the old network of footpaths which run through the village and along the brook, as well as protection for the Letcombe Brook within the Parish and its associated environment.

These topics have been consistent throughout the period since the community survey was undertaken and are regularly subject of discussion at planning meetings held with the community in the village to discuss responses to and impact on the village of the various significant development applications received. For example, in respect of the 2 applications each for 200 dwellings south and east of the village (both rejected on appeal), and at the community consultations hosted by the Parish Council in respect of the planning applications for development off the Causeway, at Dews Meadow off Summertown, and at Ashfields Lane, the latter 2 both being sites with significant flood issues.

The consultation survey and the wide range of consultation events held has influenced the policies that are within the plan and helped provide vision. The steering group has developed policies with the assistance of advisors and through consultation with the VOWH Neighbourhood Planning team.

The policies set out to plan for the future and address both concerns and where possible enable for sufficient social and community facilities to be provided to serve the new expanded community. Also, to seek protection where achievable through planning policy, for those aspects of village life and community which through the consultation have been identified as important and special to the way of life within East Hanney.

In order to be able to provide within the plan for certain of these aspects consultation with professional and affected specialist parties such as Thameswater, Letcombe Brook Project, OCC highways, have taken place and professional consultants engaged for consultation to give guidance for example in respect of a technical assessment of local green spaces, and for a settlement boundary. Issues and options as well as updates in the development of the plan and policies have been tabled at Parish Council meetings.

Assistance has also been received from members of the community in respect of those aspects of the village which they like and dislike which is reflected within the Character Assessment and the outcomes of the community survey.

5.4 Pre-submission, Regulation 14, consultation

At its meeting on 8 September 2021, the East Hanney Parish Council resolved to approve the process by which the Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan had been developed and to approve its release to allow a statutory six-week consultation as per Regulation 14 of the Town and County Planning, England, Neighbourhood Planning (general) regulations, 2012. The draft Pre-Submission Plan was published in line with the Regulations for consultation on 21 December 2021 until 8 February 2022 - a period of 7 weeks, the minimum statutory period being extended to 7 weeks in order to allow for the Christmas period.

The formal Regulation 14 statutory consultation was carried out 21 December 2021 until 8 February 2022, a period of 7 weeks.

The draft documents were made available to be viewed online through a dedicated page on the Parish Council website Neighbourhood Plan page via the web address and link below. Interested parties could also provide comment by way of email using a gmail account established for the consultation (see below) or through physical submission on forms provided within the village shop. The Parish web site was enabled to receive comments directly online: <https://www.easthanneyparishcouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan.html>; EHPCConsultation@gmail.com

Following the completion of the Regulation 14, pre-submission consultation the comments received from the local community and other interested parties have been reviewed and changes made to this updated version. In addition to changes to this main document and certain of the policies, amendments have also been made to some of the reports included in the appendices and to the appendices of the plan.

After redrafting of the Plan following this consultation, the re-drafted Plan was submitted to VOWH's Neighbourhood Planning team for further consideration and comment in order to ensure compliance.

In some policy areas, feedback was received from specialists within the District Council Planning team. This feedback focused on, for example, from drainage in respect of flooding and flood risk, and in relation to those aspects of the Plan concerning the environment, biodiversity and Letcombe Brook (being a rare chalk stream which runs through the village). Following receipt of these final comments the plan has been updated and been subjected to a final review by members of the District Neighbourhood planning team before final submission.

The Regulation 14 consultation gave rise to the inclusion of some additional policies such as in respect of Heritage assets which was recommended by OCC, and the inclusion of a policy on nature recovery and biodiversity as recommended by the District Planning team in light of the relevance of nature recovery and the concerns of the community regarding impact on biodiversity within the village. The additional detailed specialist comments and consultation responses received from the planning team and specialists from the District Council has been very helpful.

6. Summary of Consultation Activities

Date	Event	More information in:	Duration	Engagement
17th April 2016	East Hanney and West Hanney Neighbourhood Plans Public Consultation Launch event	Appendix	Evening Event	East and West Hanney residents via posters, advertising on websites
22 March 2016	History Group engagement		Members sent responses to 3 questions	Discussion at a History group meeting and responses to questions sent to NP steering committee
17 May 2016 6pm – 7:30pm	East and West Hanney Neighbourhood Plans Youth Consultation Event		Evening Event	Interactive discussion with youth, wish list for play and leisure facilities attained, and what young people like or dislike about the village.
23rd May 2016	New Development Engagement Event	Appendix	Evening Event	Invitations posted to all residents in new housing to east of A338
8th June 2016	Thames Water engagement		Meeting	2 Members of EHPC and 2 representatives from Thames Water, (Local/Government Liaison Officer and Town Planning Manager)
15 th June 2016	Statement received from Hanney Chapel regarding their long term vision	Appendix	Statement	The Hanney Chapel members
19th June 2016	Public Engagement event – Tea and Scones		One day Event	Open to all, advertised on Hanney Community Facebook page
30th June 2016	East and West Hanney Neighbourhood Plans and the Hanneys Flood Group Open Meeting on East Hanney Village Green	Appendix	Evening Event	Approx 25 residents attended
9 th July 2016	Engagement at St James Primary School and Preschool fete		One day event	200-250 attendees at the fete
12 th July 2016	Engagement with Oxfordshire Highways	Appendix	Evening Meeting	2 representatives from Oxfordshire County Highways
19th July 2016	East and West Hanney Neighbourhood Plans Consultation with Letcombe Brook Project	Appendix	Evening Event	Project Officer, Letcombe Brook Project and representative from Weir Farm attended
	East Hanney and West Hanney Neighbourhood Plans Community Survey	Appendix	Paper copy survey	Hand delivered to every house in East Hanney
17th March 2017	Public meeting in the Hanney War Memorial Hall to listen to any	Appendix	Evening Event	

	representations regarding the proposed East Hanney village boundary following a notice issued on the EHPC website in February 2017			
2018-2019	Development of wording for individual policies with members of the VOWH Neighbourhood Planning team	Development of first full draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.		First/early draft of Plan provided to VOWH Neighbourhood Planning team
18 th November 2019	Meeting with members of VOWH Planning team, feedback and development meeting.		Afternoon.	Attended by: D Kirk, S McKechnie (EHNPSG), D Bryson, A Richardson (VOWH NP Planning Team).
24 th February 2020	Public meeting in the Hanney War Memorial Hall to discuss documents updated following VOWH feedback			
2020/21	Finalisation of detail of policies and document detail			Guidance from members of VOWH Planning team, Community First Oxfordshire advisors (CFO).
November 21	Consultation by way of detailed review of policies, supporting text, and appendices	All documents and policies updated for Reg 14.		Reviewed by members of EHNPSG, and advisors at CFO.
November/December 21	Consultation with VOWH NP Planning,	Review of draft Plan prior to release for Reg 14 Consultation		Dialogue between members of EHNPSG and N. Merritt (VOWH NP Planning team).
December 21	Regulation 14 Consultation			Period of 7 weeks Consultation.
21 June 22	Meeting with Thames Water- Planning Future Water Resources		Evening East Hanney	TW consultation meeting with TW, EHPC and members of EHNPSG discussion on impact of potential reservoir on the Designated area and community.
January and February 2022	Responses from Regulation 14 Consultation			
February 22	Detailed line by line review			By resident lay reader as part of process to update the draft.
24 th June 2022	Zoom meeting with Oxfordshire Treescapes Project	Consultative discussion on biodiversity within the Designated area.	Morning	Attended by: D Kirk, S McKechnie (EHNPSG), M Crockett (Treescapes Project). Provision of Treescapes report with mapping of East Hanney, and detail of the NRN.

July 22	Correspondence and dialogue with Letcombe Brook Project (environmental group supported by Environment Agency and VOWH).	Dialogue in respect of the updated drafting of the Letcombe Brook Policy.		With Mark Bradfield Project Officer Letcombe Brook Project. Letter of support outlining current thinking on aspects of environmental planning/considerations affecting the brook and draft policies received.
9th Nov 22	Meeting with members of VOWH Neighbourhood Planning team,	Dialogue and presentation. Design Code and Guide Supplemental feed back on policies from specialist areas, Steps to Reg 16 Consultation.	Afternoon	Attended by: D Kirk (EHNPSG), S McKenna, T McCulloch (CFO), E. Wright, R.Rios (VOWH Neighbourhood Planning Team).

7. Summary of issues raised and changes to the Plan

Early Consultations

Many issues were raised in the early stages of consultation which helped shape the Plan and led to changes to the early drafts. These included:

- Preferences for the location of development relative to the village – to keep developments small and in keeping with the rest of the village, including a preference for a settlement boundary which would help give guidance as to where development may be located.
- Development of a Village Character Assessment to aid conservation and design policies. Protection of village character
- Identity and character of the village, including protecting against coalescence.
- Value of East Hanney as a dark skies village, with need to minimise street lights
- Concerns about capability and capacity of the village to support an increased population in light of the historic and small nature of the village, having only limited community facilities, such as for children’s play.
- Developing an Open Spaces policy and designating Local Green Spaces
- The importance the village attaches to protecting the Letcombe Brook and the natural environment around the villages. The Letcombe Brook Project Officer has assisted in the drafting of a policy relating to Letcombe Brook and provided some technical supporting statements for inclusion in the Neighbourhood plan. Further drafting provided by the specialist planning officer and ecologist at the VOWH Neighbourhood Planning team.
- Concerns about loss of biodiversity and impact on the environment of the village and village character.
- Concerns about flooding and increased risk of flooding arising from development and climate change.
- The priority to be attached to providing more homes suited for young families and elderly residents
- To see solutions to traffic problems in the village such as speed of traffic through the village, and volume of traffic along the A338, as well as the level of air quality as a consequence along the A338 within the village.
- Lack of public transport links

The main changes that were made to the Plan in response to comments made at various stages are:

- Refinement of the number and extent of areas proposed as Local Green Spaces
- Introduction of a policy on Historical environment
- Introduction of a policy on Nature Recovery and biodiversity
- Development of the policy on flooding to incorporate climate change
- Development of the policy on sustainable development to incorporate environmental impact.
- Inclusion within the policies relating to Public Open Space and that for Green infrastructure and places for play, of a requirement for spaces delivered from new development to be made available to the Parish Council to manage and operate. This is needed to ensure access and

prevent the multiple issues encountered by residents where such space has been handed to a managing agent.

Pre-submission, regulation 14, consultation

Prior to the formal Reg 14 consultation and following discussions with VOWH Neighbourhood Planning staff, the draft plan was updated to incorporate suggested changes in preparation for Regulation 14.

As a result of the formal Reg 14 consultation. responses were received from:

- Oxfordshire County Council
- Vale of White Horse District Council
- Natural England
- Highways England
- Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks
- Coal Authority
- West Hanney Parish council
- The following Community organisations:
 - Hanney War Memorial Hall– Village Hall
 - Hanney Youth- sports group
- Villagers (at consultation open events and in response to the Regulation 14 consultation).

The key issues raised during the pre-submission consultation and the actions taken are summarised in the following table:

Consultee	Subject	Summary of comment or recommendation	Action Taken
VOWH	General formatting and some inconsistencies in references to parties' titles and to existing policies. Some repetition.	Tidying up and remove duplicated wording. Check references.	The drafting of the plan has been reviewed throughout, references formalized, and the entire document formatted.
VOWH	SEA report not provided	SEA report to be provided	Updated SEA report provided within the Base Line Evidence appendix.
VOWH	Policy EHNP1 Village character sustainable development and design	Wording recommended to provide clarity. Reference to key views document suggested	Suggested wording incorporated. A Key Views document is now provided as an Appendix

VOWH	EHNP3 Infill	<p>Amendments to drafting recommended.</p> <p>Design Code to incorporate/ provide for development that responds to character, to align with EHNP3</p>	<p>Policy amended as recommended.</p> <p>Design code redrafted.</p>
VOWH	EHNP2 Settlement Boundary	<p>Settlement Boundary map to be updated to include the allocated sites from VOWH Development Plan, Part 2. Revised policy drafting provided.</p>	<p>Map updated. Policy wording applied.</p>
VOWH/OCC	EHNP4 Coalescence	<p>Requirement to align the map which illustrates the Hanney Gap to reflect the same space as designated within the West Hanney NDP.</p> <p>Requirement to change wording to reflect an ‘unacceptable narrowing of the countryside gap’, and to align with Development policy 29.</p> <p>Policy should be clear it only covers areas within the Parish.</p> <p>OCC requested clarity that the primary school is outside of the related area.</p>	<p>Map updated. Policy redrafted as recommended.</p> <p>Clarity provided relevant to the location of the school, outside of the area of concern.</p>
VOWH-Supplementary	EHNP4 Coalescence	<p>Maps to be labelled identifying areas.</p> <p>Recommendation for revision of policy to reflect requirement for separation.</p>	<p>Maps updated.</p> <p>Recommended drafting incorporated. Supporting text updated to reflect separation of settlement.</p>

		Recommended some re-drafting	
VOWH	EHNP5 – Retention of trees and Hedgerows	Ecology specialist recommended policy is reviewed to ensure clarity	Recommendation implemented. Additional supporting material including tree and hedgerow maps incorporated.
VOWH	EHNP6- Letcombe Brook	Policy is lengthy and could be more precise. Alternative drafting proposed.	Policy amended, alternative recommended drafting applied.
VOWH/Supplementary	EHNP6- Letcombe Brook	Comment by ecology specialist. Further alternative wording proposed re: 20 metre buffer.	Policy amended, updated drafting applied.
VOWH	EHNP7- Local Green Spaces	Further consideration should be given to the number and extent of the proposed spaces. Map should be annotated with a letter against each space, to show where each is located relevant to the text. Add references to other nearby Neighbourhood Plans which have a LGS Policy.	The proposed LGS have each been subject to further review by an independent consultant, and consideration of responses to the Reg 14 Consultation from landowners also taken into consideration. The number and extent of spaces has been materially reduced. Certain of the spaces retained are also reduced in size. Each has been reconsidered against the qualifying criteria. Revised annotated map provided. Reference provided to other local NP's which have LGS Policy.
VOWH - Supplemental	EHNP7- Local Green Spaces	Detail to supporting text recommended by planning specialist.	Amendments applied.
VOWH	EHNP8- Housing Density	Policy should be considered further	Policy reconsidered. Takes approach of reflecting

		as the drafting states a different number of dwellings per hectare, than Core policy 23. Comment about % level of public open space, and the proposed last sentence being overly restrictive.	neighboring densities. Edge of village location should be lower to provide softer edge. Approach and drafting discussed with NP Planning team. Amendments actioned.
VOWH	EHNP 9- Housing mix	Needs more clarity and to give reference to meeting district wide need. Revised drafting and inclusion of a table relating to affordable housing recommended.	Policy updated, table and revised wording adopted.
VOWH	EHNP 10-Housing for an aging population	Second criteria to be removed as repeats what is in VOWH Local Plan, development policy 2.	Policy refined to reflect requirement.
VOWH	EHNP11- Community Facilities and Infrastructure	Policy to be more precise. Alternative wording recommended.	Recommended wording adopted.
VOWH	EHNP12 – Green Spaces for play	Alternative wording recommended.	Recommended wording adopted.
VOWH	EHNP13- Dark Night Skies and Light pollution	Minor amendments proposed.	Drafting updated as recommended.
VOWH	Policy EHNP14- Sustainable Development in New Housing Schemes	Policy had 4 distinctive themes of flood risk, sustainable design, noise levels, and air quality. Recommendation to revisit and consider	Policy sub-divided into two policies covering a) sustainable development and environmental impact and b) Flood Mitigation in new Housing schemes and Climate change.

		<p>splitting policy content.</p> <p>Also recommended inclusion of climatic change, and review of the flood risk element. Noise level element also to be reviewed so that there is not a blanket restriction approach.</p>	<p>Flood risk element reviewed, as recommended.</p> <p>Noise level element reviewed as recommended.</p>
OCC	New additional policy recommendation	New policy relating to Historic Environment recommended with draft policy wording provided by OCC.	New policy adopted as recommended. New policy inserted as a new Policy EHNP5.
VOWH	New additional policy recommendation	New policy relating to Nature Recovery Networks and Biodiversity, recommended, drafting based on policy Culham NP.	New policy adopted as recommended. New policy inserted as a new Policy EHNP9.
VOWH	Design Guidance and Codes	<p>Recommendation to revisit the document to take account of the National Model Design Code as published July 21.</p> <p>General improvements relating to specific codes suggested.</p>	Design Guide and Codes document has been rewritten with particular attention to the suggested changes to the codes, and with reference to the National model as published July 21 (noting that the original draft as submitted had evolved at an early stage of this plan).
Community First Oxfordshire/VOWH	Biodiversity and Nature Recovery	Further evidence	<p>Treescapes Report inclusive of detail on Nature Recovery Network within the Parish commissioned, excerpts applied.</p> <p>Plan text amended.</p>
VOWH - Supplemental	Biodiversity and Nature Recovery	Recommended amendment to policy draft.	Recommended amendment adopted.

8. Conclusions

The various elements of the consultation process were all important in shaping the Neighbourhood Plan. Early dialogue with various key organisations such as Thames Water, Letcombe Brook Project, OCC and VOWH were very valuable and had a major influence on the shape of the plan.

The very high level of response to the community survey of 73.9% strongly reflected the great feeling of community within the village which had developed over many years. The high turnout and positive responses enabling a clear picture of the concerns and needs of the village to be gained. This meant that the key issues were clear from an early stage in the development of the Plan and were able to be refined at the various stages through the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process.

The effort which went into obtaining a high response rate to the village survey was very worthwhile as it was felt the survey results gave a good overview of the community's views on future development.

The various events which villagers were invited to attend did not necessarily attract high turnouts, but various of the meetings did, such as the launch meeting and that held to discuss the results of the community survey, and the consultation meeting for the settlement boundary. The various events including those of a less formal nature such as the tent/stand at the village school fete helped by enabling an environment whereby honest and detailed information regarding concerns and hopes for the future planning of the village could be garnered.

The steering group set out to hold a range of different types of community engagement sessions aimed at gathering opinion from the full range of resident types, not just families, but also those with specialist interests, those who were elder and the young, including for example a pizza evening held for the youth. In this way the full spectrum of the community had opportunity to voice their concerns, identify needs, and hopes for the future.

The Character Assessment which was undertaken by members of the steering group at an early stage was also very informative, and helped support the development of policies, and matters such as requirements for design. The provision of a Design Code and Guide which relates to the Character Assessment is important for helping to address concerns relating to future development and impact of new development on village character. The character assessment and feedback from members of the community was of great assistance.

Technical support and good feedback and direction from key stakeholders and interested parties such as the Neighbourhood planning team at the District, together with support from advisors, and ongoing feedback from residents throughout the process enabled development of the plan to ensure policies which both provide for the future needs of East Hanney, and address concerns where possible through local planning policy relevant to the Parish.

Progress of the development of the plan has been updated on the Parish website and good use has also been made of social media in the village and the local free monthly magazine 'Hanney News' which is delivered to every household. Within the Parish Council website the Neighbourhood Plan has its own page, and the details of updates and major events such as the Regulation 14 consultation given. The web site also enabling residents access to the draft plan documents and to provide a

response electronically for that consultation. There also being other means of response including by email, and by paper copy submission, available.

The Reg 14 pre-submission consultation demonstrated general support for the draft Plan and was very helpful in introducing greater strength or clarity to some aspects of the Plan.

- The responses received from landowners helped shape the policy for Local Green spaces, the responses being reviewed jointly by the steering group and an appointed professional advisor.
- Response was received from West Hanney Parish Council with whom East Hanney shares some facilities helped guide considerations relating to shared village assets.
- The responses received from public sector stakeholders, specifically OCC and VOWH was very helpful both in terms of guidance and enabling the finer detail of policy to meet the needs identified thus the objectives of the plan and vision.

Throughout the process the steering group has listened to the messages attained from each of the consultation events and wider resident and stakeholder feedback. The group has worked with professional advisors to address those areas where expertise has been needed and developed policy reflective of the needs and requirements identified and evidenced through consultative process. The detail of the policies provided being developed with the assistance of professional advisors and responsive to feedback and guidance received from both OCC and the VOWH Neighbourhood Planning team.