

# HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2017 - 2028

## Consultation Statement



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## 1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1.1.** This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2)<sup>1</sup> which defines a “Consultation Statement” as a document which:
- contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
  - explains how they were consulted;
  - summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and,
  - describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 1.1.2.** The Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood 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 Plans 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. Neighbourhood Plans form part of this Framework. Other new powers include Community Right to Build Orders whereby local communities have the ability to grant planning permission for new buildings.
- 1.1.3.** The proposal to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Hampton-in-Arden was launched at the Annual Parish Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012. This meeting, to which all residents of the Parish were invited to attend, was held in Fentham Hall and the proposal was enthusiastically received. Working in partnership with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (Solihull MBC), Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council formally approved the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan in September 2012 and a Working Group was established to formulate the timetable, data collection and consultations. An application was made to Solihull MBC for the Civil Parish to be designated a Neighbourhood Area and this was approved in June 2013.
- 1.1.4.** The Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan builds on earlier work undertaken by the Parish Council in partnership with other organisations, to provide a planning framework and design context for the Parish. The Hampton-in-Arden Society prepared and published the *Hampton-in-Arden Village Design Statement* in 2003 (see Appendix A) and the Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council published a *Parish Plan: A Vision for the Future* in January 2010 (see Appendix B). Both of these documents are endorsed by Solihull MBC. These documents set out various proposed actions for the maintenance and development of the Parish.

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## 2. Draft Neighbourhood Plan Development and Informal Public Consultation

### 2.1. Plan Development

**2.1.1.** Following designation of the Neighbourhood Area in 2013, a Working Group was established consisting of volunteers from different local groups and organisations and Parish Councillors. The Working Group was tasked to consider the following themes:

- Housing;
- Local economy;
- Transport;
- Environment; and,
- Community.

**2.1.2.** The Working Group met on a regular basis, and throughout the development of the Draft Plan continued to talk to local residents and businesses about their future aspirations. Throughout the process the Group liaised closely with relevant officers of Solihull MBC. The Parish Council website had a designated area which was regularly updated with information about the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association website also included details. The significant amount of dedicated time and hard work provided by the Group led to the formulation and development of the Vision, Objectives, Policies and Key Actions included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

**2.1.3.** The stages of preparation for the Neighbourhood Plan were identified as follows:

- **Getting Started:** Getting the community on board, producing a programme, developing a community engagement strategy;
- **Sustainability Appraisal:** To be prepared and consulted on alongside the Neighbourhood Plan and to be used to assess the suitability of Policies;
- **Developing Vision and Objectives:** Gathering relevant information (through consultation with the Parish residents, businesses and community groups), identifying the Neighbourhood Area's strengths and weaknesses, producing the draft Vision and Objectives, checking for conformity with strategic national and local policies and checking the draft Vision and Objectives with the community;
- **Developing the Plan:** Developing policies, developing an implementation plan, finalising the draft Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan, checking for conformity with strategic national and local policies and completing a formal statutory six week consultation on the draft Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan to get feedback from the community and other stakeholders (and making any necessary changes to the Plan); and,
- **Independent Examination:** Submission of Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan to Solihull MBC, formal six-week publication period, appointment of an Examiner and publishing Examiner's report to the community.

### 2.2. Targeting and Methods of Consultation

**2.2.1.** Table 2.1 below outlines the methods of consultation that were identified as being appropriate for the purpose:

**Table 2.1: Methods of Consultation used during Production of the Neighbourhood Plan**

Proposed Consultees	Methods of Consultation
Residents of the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletters delivered to each household;</li> <li>• Consultation Survey posted to each household;</li> <li>• Parish Quarterly Newsletter;</li> <li>• Public Meetings/Exhibitions;</li> <li>• Community Festival and other Events;</li> <li>• Publication on Parish Council website and Catherine-de-Barnes Resident Association website;</li> <li>• Web response by e-mail;</li> <li>• Annual Parish Meeting; and,</li> <li>• Paper copies of Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan deposited in various locations during formal six week consultation period.</li> </ul>
Local businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation Survey delivered by post;</li> <li>• Consultation letter sent by post; and,</li> <li>• Paper copies of Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan deposited in various locations during formal six week consultation period.</li> </ul>
Statutory Bodies General Consultation Bodies Local Community Groups Other Consultees General Public Employers in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification letter or e-mail;</li> <li>• Publication on Parish Council website and Catherine-de-Barnes Resident Association website;</li> <li>• Summary leaflets;</li> <li>• Public Meetings;</li> <li>• Parish Newsletters;</li> <li>• Paper copies of Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan deposited in various locations during formal six week consultation period; and,</li> <li>• Digital copies of Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan emailed to Statutory bodies during formal six week consultation period</li> </ul>

**Parish Questionnaire: The Consultation Survey**

- 2.2.2.** During the spring of 2014 a Residents Questionnaire was sent to all households on the Hampton-in-Arden Parish Register of Electors and all identified businesses operating within the Parish (see Appendix C). All 803 homes in the Parish received a questionnaire by post together with a pre-paid reply envelope. This resulted in a response rate of 29%. Non returners were identified and, following reminders, the return rate increased to 40%.
- 2.2.3.** A separate business focussed Questionnaire was also sent by post to 61 local businesses (See Appendix D), resulting in a return rate of 25%.
- 2.2.4.** The results of the Consultation survey were used to bring up to date aspirations from the *Parish Plan* and *Village Design Statement*. The analysis of results of the Residents Questionnaire is provided in Appendix E and the analysis of results of the Business

Questionnaire is provided in Appendix F. These were used to inform the content and scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **Newsletters, Notices and Annual Reports**

- 2.2.5.** At all stages of development of the Neighbourhood Plan, the quarterly Parish Newsletter (which is hand delivered to every household and many businesses) included an update on the progress of the draft Plan. The Parish Council website was also continually updated. Contact details of the Parish Clerk were included in the Newsletters, together with details of the part of the Parish Council website relating to the Neighbourhood Plan. Notices of consultation events and other milestones were published in the Parish Newsletter, by event flyers and on Parish Council notice boards. The Parish Council Annual Reports included information about the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2.2.6.** In summary a number of meetings were held to develop the vision and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan, and these informed the work of the Working Group which considered the detailed content of the various emerging themes.

#### **Website and Other Events**

- 2.2.7.** The Parish Council website included a link to a dedicated web site for up to date information about the Neighbourhood Plan: [www.hamptoninarden.org.uk/plan.html](http://www.hamptoninarden.org.uk/plan.html)
- 2.2.8.** Information on the Neighbourhood Plan was provided to Parishioners as part of the Parish Council's presence at the Hampton-in-Arden Festivals in July 2014 and July 2015.
- 2.2.9.** The Working Group also held dedicated Consultation events on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015 and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015 (during the statutory six week consultation period for the Pre-Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan).



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### 3. Consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft of the Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan

**3.1.1.** The public consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft of the Hampton-in-Arden 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:

- 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;
- publicise details of the proposals for a Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- publicise details of where and when the proposals for a Neighbourhood Development Plan may be inspected;
- publicise details of how to make representations;
- publicise the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than six weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;
- 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,
- send a copy of the proposals for a Neighbourhood Development Plan to the local planning authority.

**3.1.2.** The Pre-Submission Draft of the Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan was published for formal consultation for six weeks from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

**3.1.3.** The Pre-Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan together with a copy of the Response Form (see Appendix G), were placed on the Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council and Solihull MBC websites for viewing and downloading, with information also appearing on the Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association website. Consultation responses were invited using a Response Form to be returned to the Parish Clerk by email or by printing out and sending to the Parish Office. Written responses were also invited using the advertised postal address.

**3.1.4.** A Newsletter was delivered to all households in the Parish in early August 2015 and public notices were placed on the Parish Council notice boards promoting the public consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft Plan and informing local residents and the general public about the various locations in the Parish where hard copies of the Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan could be inspected. This also included information about when and where the Consultation 'Drop in' events were being held (see below).

**3.1.5.** Businesses in the Parish received a letter by post or email notifying them of the consultation in early August 2015 and informing them how to access copies of the Pre-Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan and how they could register any comments.

**3.1.6.** Two Consultation 'Drop In' events were organised to support the consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. These were held during the formal six week consultation period on the following dates:

- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015: 10am to 12pm; and,
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015: 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

- 3.1.7.** Both events were held in the George Fentham Meeting Room.
- 3.1.8.** At these events hard copies of the Pre-Submission Draft Plan and other accompanying documents were made available for public viewing. Hard copies of Response Forms were available for consultees to complete at the event, or to take away and return completed at a later date. However, despite advertising the drop in sessions to all residents, neither event was well attended.
- 3.1.9.** An e-mail or letter was sent to all Consultation Bodies, including Local Authorities providing information about the consultation dates, and the locations where the Pre-Submission Draft Plan could be viewed and downloaded. Respondents were invited to complete the Response Form and to submit completed forms by email or in writing to the Parish Clerk. The complete list of Consultation Bodies consulted (both statutory and non-statutory) is provided in Appendix H. The bulk of this list was kindly provided by Solihull MBC.
- 3.1.10.** Furthermore, a copy of the Pre-Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was sent to Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

## 4. Summary of Consultation Responses

- 4.1.1.** In total 64 statutory and non-statutory bodies and local businesses were invited to comment on the Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan together with all residents of the Parish. The six week consultation period ended on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015.
- 4.1.2.** During the Consultation Period a total of 16 responses had been received and included:
- Six from statutory bodies;
  - Four from non statutory bodies;
  - One from a neighbouring Parish Council;
  - One from a village organisation; and,
  - Four from residents
- 4.1.3.** Representations from local residents were on the whole very positive about the Pre-Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan and included many complimentary comments.
- 4.1.4.** Representations from Consultation Bodies on the whole provided a range of constructive comments, many of which have been taken on board by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group in amending the Neighbourhood Plan. Consultation Bodies which submitted representations included the Coal Authority, Historic England, Natural England, Highways England, Network Rail, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.
- 4.1.5.** A summary of consultation responses to the Pre-Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, together with information about how these responses have informed the Neighbourhood Plan, is provided in the Table 4.1.
- 4.1.6.** A copy of each individual consultation response received is provided in Appendix I.

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**Table 4.1: Summary of Consultation Responses and Relevant Changes in the Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan<sup>1</sup>**

Consultation Response	Working Group Consideration of Response	Amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan
<b>1. Overall Comments on Pre-Submission Draft of Neighbourhood Plan</b>		
<b>Resident 1</b>		
Congratulates the production of an important Plan in such a digestible form.	Noted	No change
<b>Resident 2</b>		
Welcomes the preparation of the Plan and commending the approach taken.	Noted	No change
<b>Resident 3</b>		
No objection in principle.	Noted	No change
<b>Meriden Parish Council</b>		
Suggestion that the Plan should make reference to future joint working with neighbouring Parish Councils, particularly in the procurement of community services.	Noted	No change

<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that the Policy numbers, Key Action numbers and paragraph numbers referred to in Table 4.1 may no longer correlate to the most current version of the Neighbourhood Plan. This is due to further amendments made to the Plan following the Independent Examination in February 2017, made in order to comply with the Examiners Report.

Consultation Response	Working Group Consideration of Response	Amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan
<b>Coal Authority</b>		
Notes that the Plan area lies on the very fringe of the current defined coalfield and therefore the Authority has no specific comments.	Noted	No change
<b>Network Rail</b>		
No specific comments to make but requests that they be advised of any proposed developments within 10m of the operational railway boundary	Noted. The usual planning consultation procedures will apply and ensure that any issues relevant to Network Rail will be highlighted as and when necessary.	No change
<b>Tyler Parkes on behalf of Land Owner in Catherine-de-Barnes</b>		
Welcomes and supports Policy HOU2 and Policy ECON2 but are concerned that many proposals relate only to Hampton-in-Arden and the same objectives should apply to Catherine-de-Barnes.	Noted. The Plan does include the part of Catherine-de-Barnes village which lies within the Parish (the relatively small area of the settlement to the east of the Grand Union Canal). The Policies and Key Actions set out in the Plan are for the whole Parish.	No change
On behalf of the owners request that proposals for redevelopment of a brown field site at Oak Farm, Catherine-de-Barnes is included.	Rejected. Other than the single site identified for development in the <i>Solihull Development Plan</i> no other sites in the Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan Area are indentified.	No change

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<b>Historic England</b>		
Welcomes the preparation of the Plan and commends the approaches taken in its compilation.	Noted	No change
<b>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council</b>		
Note that It is generally not necessary to repeat existing policies from the NPPF or Local Plan.	Noted	No change
<b>2. Specific Comments on Pre-Submission Draft of Neighbourhood Plan</b>		
<b>Resident 1</b>		
Housing Paragraph 2.2.8: Residents have concerns about the proposed density and increased traffic flows.	Noted and consider these issues to have already been taken into account in the Plan. The Parish Council will continue to make representations on both issues.	No change
Local Economy Paragraph 3.2.2: Question if there are any brown field sites and if they will be used for housing.	A small number of such sites do exist but it is not intended to either identify them or make recommendations about future use.	No change
<b>Resident 2</b>		
Transport Paragraph 2.2.5: Various comments and suggestions relating to traffic calming and road safety.	Noted. The Working Group considers that all of these issues are included in the Plan.	No change



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<b>Resident 4</b>		
Community Paragraph 3.5.1: Questions whether the possibility of relocating the primary school to a larger site and future use of existing site could be included.	Rejected. Neither the school, the School Governors or George Fentham Trust have commented on this.	No change
<b>Hampton-in-Arden Probus Club</b>		
Transport Paragraph 2.2.2: HS2 – Note that the effects on Parish will be considerable and it is important to minimise the impact these will have.	All comments noted. It is considered that all of the points raised are adequately covered in the Plan.	No change
Transport Paragraph 2.2.3: Birmingham Airport – asks for the Neighbourhood Plan to continue to press for action on noise disruption and ensure that complaints are responded to.		
Transport Paragraph 2.2.4: UK Central – Notes that the Plan details problems arising from various developments taking up large parts of the Green Belt but little is said about action that will be taken to minimise the effects.		
Transport Paragraph 2.2.5: Problems relating to transport are identified but they question what is planned to overcome these.		

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Challenges for the Parish Paragraph 2.2.11: Broadband – asks for the Plan to endorse the need.		
Local Economy Paragraph 3.2.4: Care must be taken to ensure that local shopping facilities are not duplicated.		
<b>Historic England</b>		
Suggest Objective 2 in Section 2.3 be amended to make it clear that maintaining local distinctiveness is a key aspiration.	Accepted.	Text amended to read: “Maintain and enhance the green, semi-rural character of the area <u>and conserve the local character and distinctiveness of the Parish</u> ”.
<b>Natural England</b>		
Request that Policy ENV4 is strengthened to see existing habitat retained and enhanced.	Accepted	ENV4 amended to read - “The Parish Council wish to see existing <u>habitat retained and enhanced where possible...</u> ”  A new paragraph has also been added-(paragraph 3.4.16): “ <u>Within the Parish there are areas of best and most versatile agricultural land (Grades 1, 2 &amp; 3a in the Agricultural Land Classification). These areas should be protected in accordance with Policy P17 (Countryside and Greenbelt) of the Solihull Development Plan</u> ”

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<b>Highways England</b>		
States that the Plan should recognise in Paragraph 2.2.6 the proposed improvement scheme for M42 Junction 6 and Strategic Road Network proposals which will have significant impact.	Accepted	Paragraph 2.2.6 amended to read: “Major planned infrastructure developments including HS2 and M42 motorway <u>Junction 6</u> improvements...”
<b>Tyler Parkes on behalf of PCCWM</b>		
Policy HOU2 should include reference to “Secured by Design”.	Accepted	Policy HOU2 amended (bullet point 6) to read: “...through sustainable design and construction <u>including Secured by Design</u> and...”
Policy ENV7 should include reference to consider alternative materials to reduce risk of theft.	Rejected in part. The inclusion of the suggested text is considered to be too prescriptive and is rejected. However the possible use of alternative materials is accepted in principle and a new paragraph (3.4.25) has been added.	A new paragraph (3.4.25) has been added and reads as follows:- <u>“In appropriate circumstances and in order to reduce crime and the fear of crime, favourable consideration will be given to approved “alternative” materials to replace any building materials and any artefacts that are stolen. This approach is accepted by Historic England”.</u>
Policy COMM2 should include reference to security infrastructure.	Accepted	First paragraph of policy amended to include three tests: <u>“A contribution through a Section 106 (S106) Agreement (for a specific development site) shall only be sought where it meets the following tests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Necessary to make new development acceptable in planning terms</u></li> <li>• <u>Directly related to development; and,</u></li> <li>• <u>Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development</u></li> </ul>

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<b>Pegasus Group on behalf of Extra MSA Group</b>		
<p>The wording of Policies ENV4 and ENV7 goes beyond the requirements of NPPF and Local Plan Policy</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>Policy text amended to read:                      “The Parish Council wish to see existing habitats <u>retained and enhanced where possible</u> to protect the established biodiversity within the Parish. Applications for new development must demonstrate that there will not be harmful effects on any ecological features <u>present (with mitigation and compensation measures in place where necessary)..”</u></p>
<b>Savills on behalf of the Gooch Estate</b>		
<p>Policy HOU1 is more restrictive and not in conformity with <i>Solihull Development Plan</i> Policy 4.</p>	<p>Rejected.                      The Working Group has considered this comment and do not agree this statement. A primary purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to address local issues. The Plan has identified very specific housing needs within the Parish and attempts to reduce the possibility of speculative development.                      The Plan purposely does not mention a size threshold as this is dealt with in the <i>Solihull Development Plan</i><sup>2</sup>.                      However, the Plan has been amended in Paragraph 3.1.4 to include reference to “intermediate housing” (as recommended by</p>	<p>No change</p>

<sup>2</sup> Formed of the *Solihull Local Plan - Shaping a Sustainable Future* (Solihull MBC, December 2013) and the *Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Plan* (Solihull MBC, December 2014)

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	<p>Solihull MBC, see below).</p> <p>The Working Group do not accept that provision of affordable homes for people with a local connection is unreasonable as the <i>Solihull Development Plan</i> in Policy 4(b) acknowledges that a “local lettings policy” is necessary in certain areas including Hampton-in-Arden.</p> <p>It is considered that Policy HOU2, as written, reflects the specific identified housing needs of the Parish.</p>	
<p>Policy HOU2 is drafted in such a way as to require all of the listed criteria to be met by a development proposal and is unrealistic and unreasonable.</p>	<p>Rejected.</p> <p>This comment is seen as an attempt to mitigate any potentially onerous conditions which might reduce land values.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>Policy ECN2 seeks to resist changes of use unless acceptable and fails to determine what is acceptable and what is not.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The text within Policy ECN2 has been amended to read: “Change of business premises away from employment activity will be resisted <i>except where there are permitted development rights including the redevelopment of the site or alteration of premises to accommodate appropriate housing provision</i>”.</p>
<p>Policy ENV4 is not in conformity with <i>Solihull Development Plan</i> Policy P10.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The text within Policy ENV4 has been amended to read: “...including legally protected species and priority species <i>(with mitigation and compensation measures in place where necessary)</i>”.</p>
<p>Policy ENV7 is not consistent with national policy and the <i>Solihull Development Plan</i>.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The text within Policy ENV7 has been amended to read: “protected, conserved <u>or</u> enhanced”.</p>

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<p>Policy COMM1 does not define the key services which it seeks to protect. Furthermore, second part of the policy is not in conformity with NPPF or <i>Solihull Development Plan</i>.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The text within Policy COMM1 has been amended to read:</p> <p><i>“Development that fails to protect existing services and/or facilities (<u>as outlined in Paragraph 3.5.1 above</u>) will be resisted. Proposals to remove an existing service and/or facility will <u>be resisted except where there is no longer a need for a facility or the need is outweighed by other benefits of a proposal or it is uneconomic to continue the existing use</u>”</i></p>
<p>Policy COMM2 should be deleted as a policy cannot require applicants to enter into a Section 106 agreement.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>First paragraph of Policy COMM2 has been amended to include three tests:</p> <p><i>“<u>A contribution through a Section 106 (S106) Agreement (for a specific development site) shall only be sought where it meets the following tests</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i><u>Necessary to make new development acceptable in planning terms</u></i></li> <li>• <i><u>Directly related to development; and,</u></i></li> <li>• <i><u>Fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development</u></i></li> </ul> <p><i><u>Where appropriate a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will also be sought.</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Money raised from S106 obligations or CIL will be put towards appropriate community facilities which may include...”</u></i></p>

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<b>Solihull MBC</b>		
Paragraph 3.1.4 - reference to “open market sale” does not meet the NPPF definition of affordable housing.	Accepted.	Paragraph 3.1.4. text amended to read: “... <i>intermediate housing for purchase</i> ...”
Key Action ECN1 should acknowledge that the Council is committed to supporting and funding superfast broadband across the whole Borough.	Rejected. Key Action ECN1 recognises that Solihull MBC is committed to the Better Broadband regional strategy but notes that the Parish is not yet included on the planned improvement schedule.	No change
In Policy ENV7 heritage assets “should” be protected rather than “must” be protected.	Accepted	Text within Policy ENV7 amended to read: “Heritage assets within the Parish (especially the listed buildings in the Conservation Area) and their settings <i>should</i> be protected...”
Reference could be made to Policy P15 of the <i>Solihull Development Plan</i> to safeguard the character of the village outside the Conservation Area.	Accepted	Paragraph 3.4.24 has been amended to include the following text: “Furthermore, Policy P15 – <i>Securing Design Quality of the Solihull Development Plan</i> , outlines the key principles that all development proposals will be expected to achieve in order to secure good quality, inclusive and sustainable design, One of the key principles is to conserve and enhance local character, distinctiveness and streetscape quality and to ensure that the scale, massing, density, layout, materials and landscape of the development respect the surrounding natural, built and historic environment. This Policy helps to protect the character of areas of the Parish outside of the Conservation Area”

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<p>Promoting and safeguarding the historic environment could be an “Objective” of the Plan.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>Objective 2 amended to read:                      “Maintain and enhance the green, semi-rural character of the Parish <u>and conserve the local character and distinctiveness of the Parish</u>”                      Objective 5 amended to read:                      “Safeguard the Green Belt (including the Meriden Gap) as an integral and important part of the local Arden landscape <u>and heritage</u>”</p>
<p>Policy COMM2: - additional wording should be added to ensure compliance with NPPF.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>Policy COMM2 amended as detailed above in response to Savills on behalf of Gooch Estate.</p>
<p>Key Action COMM3: Solihull MBC is seeking to improve and enhance arts and library services to benefit local communities and considers this action to be unnecessary.</p>	<p>Rejected.                      It is noted that Solihull MBC are doing all in their power to improve and enhance library services. However, the need to support the library was noted in the Consultation Survey and it is considered an important facility to our residents who wish to see this recognised in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>No change.</p>



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## 5. Next Steps

- 5.1.1.** The amended Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for submission to Solihull MBC.
- 5.1.2.** Solihull MBC checked that the document met all the necessary requirements then publicised the plan (in accordance with Regulation 16 - Publicising a Plan Proposal) and a second, six week consultation period took place between early August and September 2016.
- 5.1.3.** Following this second six week consultation period, Solihull MBC submitted the Neighbourhood Plan, together with all supporting information, and any further representations submitted during the second consultation period, to an Independent Examiner (Mr Andrew Matheson, MSc MPA DipTP MRTPI FCIH).
- 5.1.4.** The Independent Examiner considered whether the proposed Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions set out in Regulation 14 of The Town and Country Planning (Neighbourhood Planning) Regulations 2012. The Basic Conditions are that the Plan:
- has appropriate regard to national policy;
  - contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
  - is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for Solihull MBC;
  - is compatible with human rights requirements;
  - is compatible with EU obligations.
- 5.1.5.** A separate *Basic Conditions Document*<sup>3</sup> has been prepared to support the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5.1.6.** Following the Examination, the Examiner submitted a report to Solihull MBC<sup>4</sup>. This report concluded that, subject to a series of recommended modifications set out in the report, the Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan meets all the necessary legal requirements and should proceed to referendum. Solihull MBC concluded that *“the recommended modifications are relatively minor in nature and do not fundamentally alter the direction of the Plan”*<sup>5</sup>.
- 5.1.7.** The Referendum will be organised by Solihull MBC. The question to be asked in the Referendum is: *“Do you want Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council to use the Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?”*
- 5.1.8.** If more than 50% of those voting in the Referendum vote ‘yes’ then Solihull MBC will “make” the Neighbourhood Plan and it will form a statutory planning document and will be used to help determine planning applications in the Parish.

<sup>3</sup> *Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan 2015 to 2028 – Basic Conditions Document* (produced by Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council, February 2016)

<sup>4</sup> *Hampton-In-Arden Neighbourhood Plan 2015 - 2028 - The Report of the Independent Examiner to Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council on the Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan* (produced by Andrew Matheson MSc MPA DipTP MRTPI FCIH, Independent Examiner, 2nd February 2017)

<sup>5</sup> See Page 27 of the Minutes of the Managed Growth Decision Session held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (<http://eservices.solihull.gov.uk/mginternet/documents/g5712/Public%20reports%20pack%2019th-Apr-2017%2018.00%20CPH%20Managed%20Growth%20Decision%20Session.pdf?T=10>)

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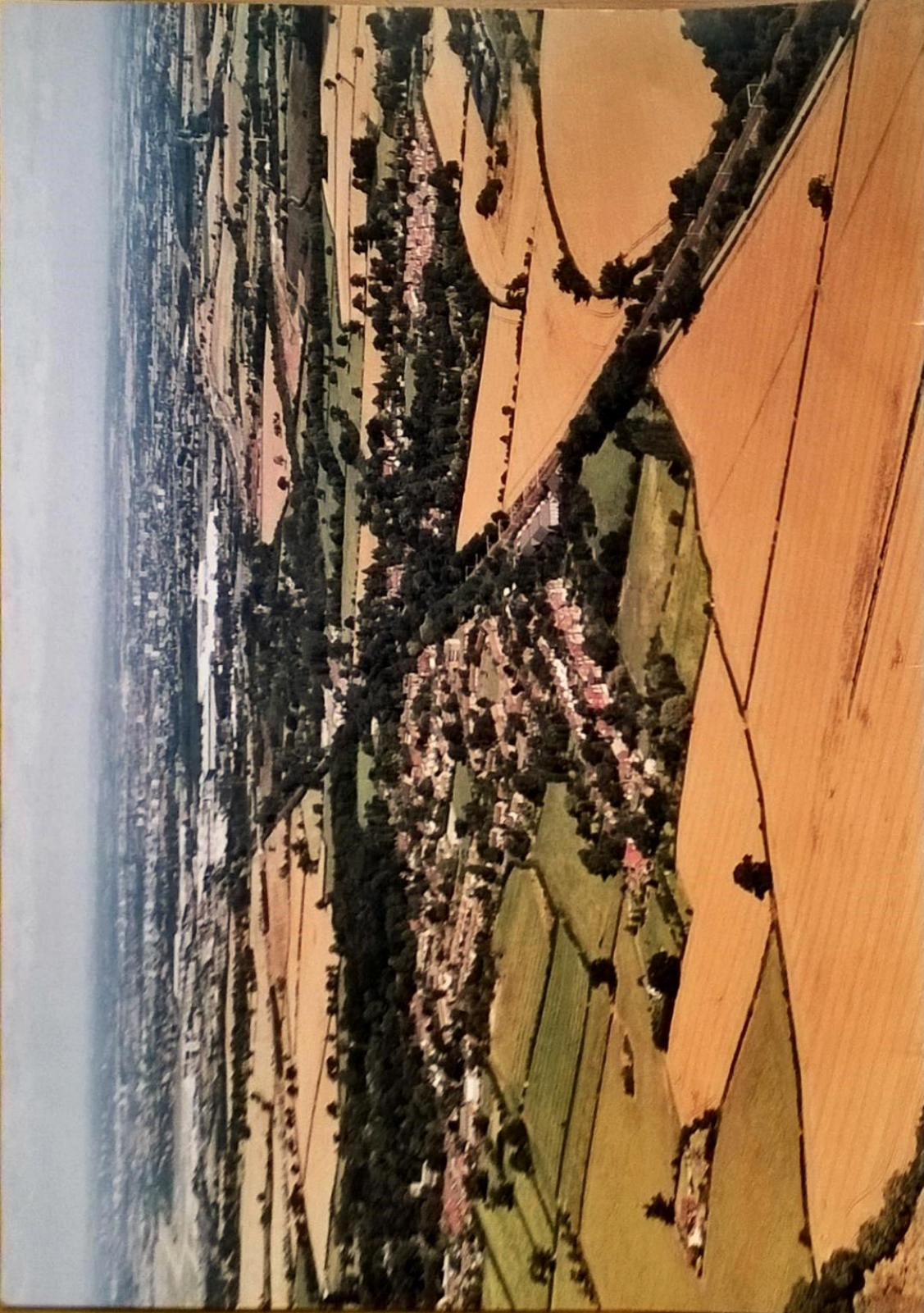
## 6. Conclusions

- 6.1.1.** This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2).
- 6.1.2.** The Consultation Statement sets out how Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Working Group undertook extensive public consultation and engagement activities both prior to the publication of the Pre-Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan and during the formal six week public consultation process. It is believed that the activities to engage and consult local residents, organisations and consultation bodies went above and beyond those required by the Regulations and represent good practice in neighbourhood planning.
- 6.1.3.** This Consultation Statement provides, in Table 4.1 above, a summary setting out how the representations submitted during the consultation process have informed and influenced the Policies and supporting text of the amended Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan. The full schedule of representations received and consideration by the Parish Council is available through the Parish Office.
- 6.1.4.** This Consultation Statement is submitted alongside the Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan and the Basic Conditions Statement.

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**Appendix A:**  
**Hampton-in-Arden Village Design Statement**

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# Hampton-in-Arden



Village Design  
Statement



# THE HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

## Introduction

This Design Statement describes the qualities and features of Hampton-in-Arden which are particularly valued by the residents and which give it its special character. It has been compiled to make sure that local knowledge and understanding contribute to maintaining and enhancing the quality of the environment and of village life. It aims to ensure that changes, however small, will not impair the character of the village. The residents have been involved in the creation of this Statement through a consultation process and a series of open meetings.

### "Who is it for?"

This Statement is for:

- householders and local businesses
- statutory bodies, public authorities and utilities
- planners, developers and builders
- designers, architects and engineers

The Design Statement is not only for those who undertake large development schemes but also for anyone planning small changes in their own homes or gardens. All such changes could alter the look and feel of Hampton-in-Arden.

### "How does it work?"

This Statement has been formally received and recognised by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. Its recommendations will be used in assessing planning applications that affect the village. It gives local definition to the policies set out in Solihull M.B.C.'s Unitary Development Plan (UDP).

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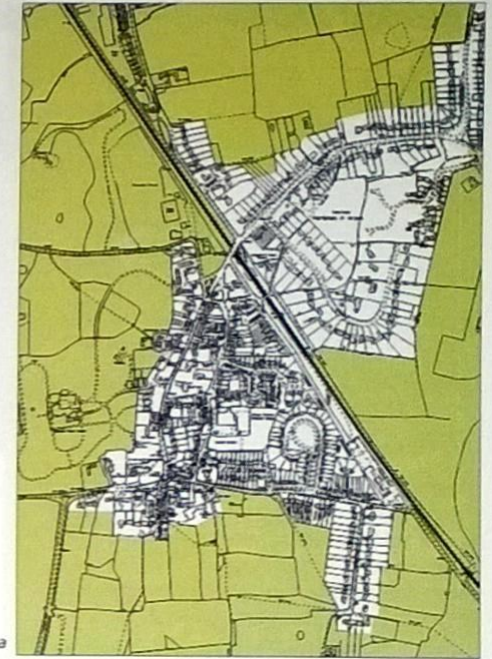


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Cover photograph by Pamela Parker. This shows the 2003 extension to the Parish Church and illustrates how the new can be made to blend in with the old.

Hampton-in-Arden derives its special character from its rural setting and from its historic roots, amply demonstrated by the hill-top siting of its Parish Church and the buildings fronting its main street. These form part of the present **Conservation Area** which is highly regarded by residents and is considered to be crucial to defining the character of the village.

The major part of Hampton-in-Arden was made an **Inset Area**, within the strategically important area of Green Belt known as the Meriden Gap, in the Solihull UDP adopted in April 1997. This states that the Council will take into account the importance of Hampton's rural setting, its historic buildings, open spaces, density of development, landscape and townscape, all of which contribute to its special character. Immediately beyond the Inset Area boundary, strict **Green Belt** policies apply. The Warwickshire Landscape Guidelines also apply to the village and its setting in the overall landscape.



Inset Area



Conservation Area

## The Character of the Landscape Setting



Aerial view of the village looking north

At many points within the village to the East, South and South West there are good views of the surrounding patchwork farmland. Views out of the village to the North West are mostly curtailed by the woodland of the Manor Estate that surrounds a small area of parkland. However, where Shadow Brook Lane exits the Manor/Spinney woodland, there are good views across fields extending to the Church and village of Bickenhill. The majority of fields are separated by well maintained hedgerows.

Actual woodland is confined to Siden Hill Wood to the East, and to the North the woodland surrounding the Manor estate and its associated Spinney. This spinney is in the ownership of the Parish Council and is managed for wildlife and as a local amenity. A new woodland, Shadowbrook Wood, has recently been planted by the Fentham Trust. It is in close proximity to the spinney and will be open to the public.

Below the village, the Blythe valley (an SSSI) and its water meadows have been and still are, valuable sites for the extraction of sand and gravel. This has, uncharacteristically for the area, created a number of deep lakes and ponds. Although generally not seen from the village they are becoming established as features of the surrounding landscape and are increasing the number of bird species. A new nature reserve has been opened by the Packington Estate adjacent to the river Blythe and is also contributing to an increase in bird species in the locality.

Some water meadows still remain and the flora and fauna around the area of the Packhorse Bridge are of interest. Orange balsam, wood anemone, meadow saxifrage, meadow rue and fringed water lily on one of the ponds, are flowers of particular note. An otter sighting in the area has been reported.



View from the Fentham Club towards Barston

To the North West of the village there are protected meadows accessed from Shadow Brook Lane. They are designated an SSSI and are owned and managed by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. They too contain a good number of threatened floral species. Cowslip, betony, greater burnett, yellow rattle and orchid. Buzzards and kestrels frequent the area.

### It is important that

- views in or out of the village are protected.
- due consideration is given to the **Warwickshire Landscape Guidelines by developers and by the Local Planning Authority to enhance the landscape within and around the village.**
- **existing habitats are maintained to protect the established biodiversity, with particular regard for the sites designated as nature conservation areas, nature reserves and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.**



View over the allotments towards Meriden



Looking into the village from a footpath to Barston

## The Character of the Treescape

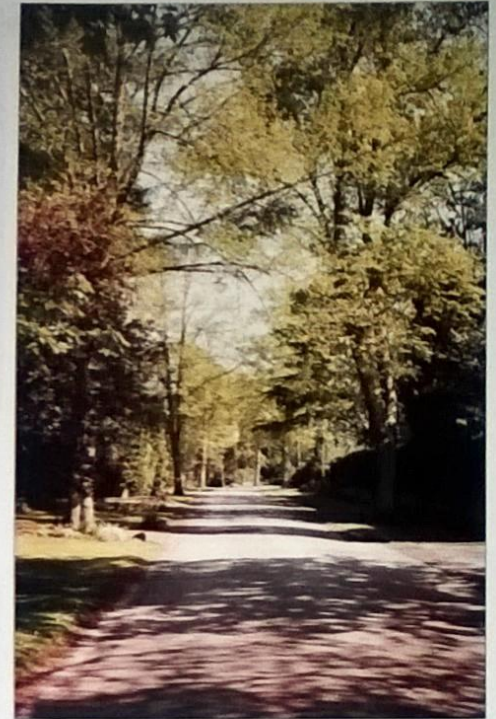


The village from the east. Note the lapwing Drive development in the lower middle of the picture with no provision for mature trees that are a major feature of the rest of the village

The landscape of Hampton-in-Arden and the surrounding countryside is dominated by trees. Of the local "natural" broadleaved species, oak, ash and sycamore dominate. In the parkland of the Manor many exotic species were introduced by Sir Frederick Peel. These include a great number of coniferous trees.

The churchyard displays mature lime, hornbeam, ash and sycamore. The village green, in contrast, carries conifer species contrasted by adjacent roadside limes and an ancient horse chestnut. Trees planted in large gardens and open public spaces complete the overall aspect of the tree dominated landscape.

- The arboreal aspect of the village therefore is paramount when planning any new development. Mature and established trees and hedgerows should be protected.
- All significant new development should include a tree planting scheme to enhance, soften and screen the development ensuring that as it matures it blends to become part of the existing landscape. The chosen species should reflect the existing pattern of tree cover within the village and should include semi-mature trees to aid the early maturity of the site.
- Any planting carried out by a developer and not part of an open space or the responsibility of a householder should carry a reserve fund to provide on-going maintenance.



The Crescent



Meriden Road

## The Character of the Settlement Pattern

Hampton-in-Arden grew up around the junction of the routes to and from Solihull, Coventry and Kenilworth. Before the coming of the railway in 1838 the settlement was largely confined to the higher ground around the church with cottages spreading along the High Street, Marsh Lane and Solihull Road and with a few outlying farms.

In 1968 the central part of the village was designated a Conservation Area. Here much of the development, whether residential or services, is small scale, compact and unpretentious. Many of the old houses front the streets, which are narrow by today's standards with narrow or even no footpaths. Contrasting building styles are inter-mixed within the Conservation Area, with wide views out and green space within. A number of buildings are listed and many are important, both historically and architecturally. In the early years of the last century, there was piecemeal development in the village. Small numbers of substantial houses were built along the roads to Birmingham and Coventry (Old Station Road and Meriden Road), in Bellemere Road and in the Crescent. Fine examples of Victorian and Edwardian houses still exist, though many have already been demolished and replaced by new developments.

In the 1930s, 40s and 50s there was ribbon development along Meriden Road, Old Station Road and Diddington Lane. This consisted largely of houses with significant gardens built on the vacant plots between existing housing.

In the 1950s and 60s estate developments were completed with houses in Peel Close, Elm Tree Rise and Meadow Drive. Several blocks of flats were built with the majority being unobtrusive. This resulted in an increased density of housing but still maintaining an impression of space. The Village Green, the Recreation Ground, Peel Close, the former cricket field, the school playing fields, the allotments and the use of service roads all contribute to this, and provide valuable open areas. The churchyard also provides a central area of open space.

Until the 1980s the majority of the development was of relatively low density, and involved building on



An early development of terrace houses on the High Street (houses on the corner with Fentham Road)



Station Cottages on Meriden Road



Meriden Road showing houses and a service road



8 & 10 Diddington Lane

good size plots. This maintained the rural character through the varied design and construction of the housing, preserved many of the open views of the surrounding countryside and retained the comprehensive network of footpaths, which remain features of the village to the present day.

The village has retained its centre, and remains a distinct community. The impression created is of a well spaced settlement with many mature trees which has evolved naturally over the years.

In recent years higher density housing has begun to change the character of parts of the village, in particular the run of houses built on Old Station Road and the development centred on Lapwing Drive. This type of development contrasts with the overall pattern of housing in the settlement, and as a result is not well integrated into the existing village.



Peel Close

New development should:

- be within the Inset Area of the village.
- respect the existing settlement pattern and retain the character of the village, including maintenance and extension of footpath links.
- maintain overall balance and provision for all sections of the community with appropriate intensity of land use.
- be gradual with no large step increases in housing stock, to allow new residents to be assimilated into village life.
- protect and enhance existing open spaces and greens within the village.
- retain or enhance the street scene and avoid development to the rear of existing properties which adversely affects them.



School playing field

## Highways and Traffic

The close proximity of a major road network has led to a substantial increase in traffic movements through the village as drivers attempt to avoid traffic hold-ups and black-spots, particularly at peak times.

The long slope of High Street and Meriden Road tends to increase the speed of traffic travelling in an easterly direction. Any development should have regard to the requirement to keep traffic generation to a minimum.

**Nothing should be done which makes the traffic situation any worse and steps to improve matters would be welcomed.**

**Concrete kerbing is not a uniform feature of the village and its use should not be extended unless associated with new footpaths.**

**Development should provide adequate parking off-road for residents and visitors.**

The village is well served by a comprehensive network of footpaths which link with the surrounding countryside and other villages beyond. Within the settlement, many of the gates and stiles of these old paths remain. Within the built area a number of roads have no pedestrian footpaths, in others, particularly the High Street, the pavement is so narrow as to be perceived as being unsafe, especially at times of peak traffic flow.

**Development should include access to, and extension of, the existing network of paths.**

**The maintenance of footpaths within the village should be improved and expanded.**

**Pavements in the built area should be easily negotiated by parents with pushchairs and the less able residents.**

There are no cycle-ways in the village, or links to the local cycle-way network. There is only one bridle-way.

**Development should have regard to providing safe routes for cyclists and horse-riders.**



High Street showing narrow pavements



Wakway alongside school playing field

**Cycle-ways should be encouraged to link up with national and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council sponsored cycle routes in order to encourage the use of the cycle as a means of transport.**

**Street-lamps are lit by predominantly white light and are mainly of the lantern type. The spacing of lamps together with their siting amongst the mature trees and hedges of the village provides a softer rural atmosphere to an otherwise urban feature.**

**Street-lighting should preserve the existing atmosphere.**

Security lighting is, in some places extremely intrusive. The colour of the lights does not fit in with the rural character of the village and the installations seem to lack a professional approach which could minimise the intrusiveness of the lights. The orange light from a sodium light source does not fit in with the large number of trees in the village.

**All street and security lighting should use white light sources, preferably the softer metal halide source. Professional advice should be used when installing security lighting.**

**Street furniture.** Litter bins are mainly small and, in the Conservation Area, are finished in black to complement the surrounding area. Seating is of two traditional types, hardwood park benches and cast-iron framed benches. There are five post-boxes in a variety of styles and an old-style red telephone kiosk.

**New street furniture should be designed to complement the existing styles and the environment.**



Footpath access to Peel Close

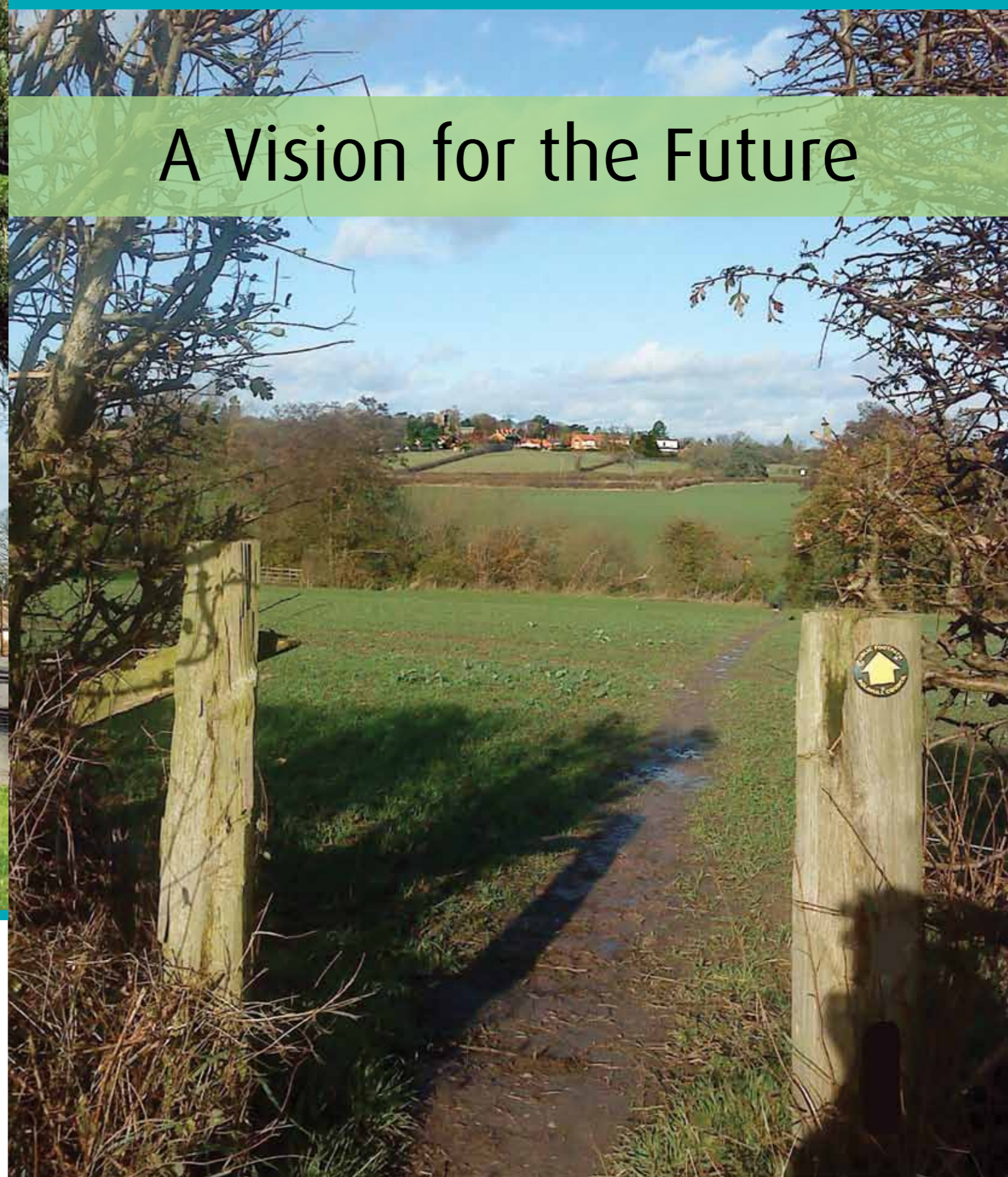
*Photograph on the back cover: An aerial view of Hampton from the south. It shows the significant number of mature trees within the village as well as the open spaces. Peel Close, the school playing field, the old cricket field and the Village Recreation Ground are visible*

**Appendix B:**  
**Parish Plan: A Vision for the Future**

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A Vision for the Future







Arial view of Hampton-in-Arden



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January 2010





## HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN | VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Many residents of Hampton-in-Arden agree that our village is a great place to live, a wonderful place to bring up families and is a vibrant semi-rural community of natural beauty with a rich historic heritage. The sports, education and social facilities for all age and interest groups are comprehensive due to the commitment and hard work of many people in the community.

**We can always do better.**

This Parish Plan sets out your vision of what is important for your community. We have identified many key issues and services and have explored how we can safeguard and develop them in the future. The plan identifies issues that are at the heart of our community and describes how we want to develop in the next few years.

**It reflects:**

- views of sections of the community who responded to the consultation questionnaire,
- features of the community which people value,
- local issues and services which need to be developed and improved.

The writing and publication of this parish plan is only the beginning of the journey to make us more accountable and responsive to the needs of our community. Our recent re-accreditation as a quality parish council, the only one to achieve the status in Solihull, is an example of our continued commitment to employ the highest possible standards in the way we conduct ourselves on your behalf. Community involvement is critical to earning the confidence of our community so we have approved a "community engagement strategy" that sets out our commitment to take account of our local community in setting our priorities.

We hope you find this document both interesting and informative and a starting point to help us develop an even better community for all to enjoy now and into the future.

January 2010



Gill Lewis.  
Chair.



## BACKGROUND TO THE PARISH OF HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN

The parish of Hampton-in-Arden covers an area that includes the village of Hampton-in-Arden and part of the village of Catherine-de-Barnes. The parish is broadly bounded by the A45 and A456 trunk roads to the north, by a tributary of the river Blythe to the east, by another tributary of the Blythe to the south and by the Grand Union canal, Hampton Coppice and the M42 motorway to the west.

Hampton has been a settlement since Saxon times and is mentioned in the Domesday book of 1086. It was an important settlement in the original Forest of Arden and was on the salt route from Droitwich to Coventry. The Charity of George Fentham, set up in 1698 and managed by successive generations of trustees has had a significant impact on the village ensuring a range of excellent facilities through generous financial support.

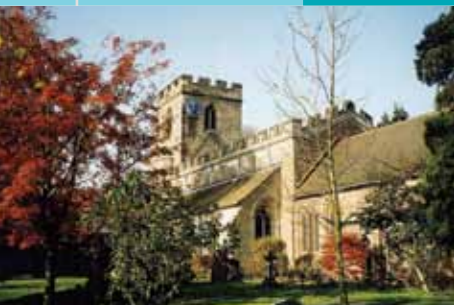
The village of Hampton-in-Arden derives its special character from its rural setting and its historic roots, central to which is its parish church, sited on a hill-top and its collection of historical buildings many of which sit in the village's conservation area.

The publication of a Village Design Statement described the qualities and features of Hampton-in-Arden and acts as a point of reference to ensure that local knowledge of the village's character can be taken account of when changes to the village's landscape are proposed.

The village has a range of facilities for parishioners including a primary school with nursery unit, a library, doctors' surgery, a range of shops including a post office and chemist together with excellent sporting and recreational facilities. There are rail links and a bus service including access to "ring and ride" and the taxibus.

Hampton-in-Arden's parish council consists of a paid clerk and a team of seven elected, unpaid, councillors who serve for a term of four years. The council owns and maintains several areas of land on behalf of the village; the Recreation Ground and Spinney, the War Memorial, Village Green and Catherine-de-Barnes Common. The school playing fields, allotments and playground are leased by the parish council from the George Fentham Hampton-in-Arden Charity. The necessary funding is derived from the parish precept, decided each year by the parish council and collected from parishioners with Council Tax.





## CONTEXT FOR WRITING THE PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan describes how our community wants to develop and identifies the necessary action. It gives everyone a say in influencing the social, economic and environmental issues affecting our community and how they can be improved in the future. The major focus should be on the actions that the parish council proposes to undertake but can also influence policies, decisions and actions carried out by other public bodies.

In 2007 your parish council decided to prepare a parish plan and set up a steering group to find out what topics residents felt were important, so ensuring the priorities of the parish council were those of residents.

The steering group initiated the consultation process with an open day; the resulting questionnaire was circulated to all 727 households generating a 39% response rate. The results were analysed producing statistics reflecting residents' views on key themes of the questionnaire. The steering group met several times during 2007 and 2008 to produce a draft action plan which was approved by the parish council in November 2008.

The parish council's annual meeting with parishioners, in April 2009, gave residents the opportunity to raise questions about the draft action plan. Prior to this meeting all households had been circulated with the plan, an executive summary and questionnaire.

The steering group met with a representative from Solihull Council as many of the proposed actions can only be achieved through partnership, principally with Solihull MBC, but also with other bodies identified in the plan.

Some issues raised in 2007 may have altered; however we are already taking action on many of the findings and believe that the main themes still have relevance in 2010, the plan will act as a reference point for a number of years to come.



## KEY THEMES OF THE ACTION PLAN

### FEATURES OF HOUSEHOLDS

Questions concerning households gave a unique "snapshot" of the 39% of parish residents who replied. Summarised below are the relevant features.

#### You told us:

- The households who replied were made up of 696 individuals, 49% male and 51% female. The split of ages were 21% under 18s, 45% between 18 and 60 and 34% over 60s. 32% of households comprise of 1 resident.
- 43% of people were employed, 20% in education with 37% of responses from retired residents. 1 response registered as unemployed and 4 on a government training scheme. 17% worked from home, 32% worked more than 20 miles from home. There was an even spread of occupations, education and training 13%, health related 11%, a majority of respondents were classified as 'professional'.
- 52% of households are detached residences, 17% semi-detached, 14% bungalows and 17% other. 86% are owner occupied.
- You wanted to see more facilities and information for older people who make up a significant proportion of the population.

#### We propose:

- Publicising services available for our older community.
- Developing computer facilities and training for all age groups with Hampton Community Crafts.
- Investigating with other partners, such as Age Concern, provision of better facilities for our older community.
- Looking at national initiatives to enable very dependant older residents to remain within their homes.

### HOUSING NEEDS AND FACILITIES

The survey told us that there were a number of people who had left the village to find affordable housing. Amenities for households were generally good but it was felt that provision of energy saving measures such as loft and cavity wall insulation could be improved.



#### You told us:

- 25 people were recorded as moving from the village to find affordable housing in the preceding 5 years. 10 residents stated that they needed separate accommodation.
- 95% of households have central heating and 79% have a computer, 73% have internet connection.
- 43% could improve energy saving measures in their household.

#### We propose:

- Continuing to monitor the housing needs of villagers. We are considering commissioning a full housing needs survey and we will always respond to housing appraisals carried out by Solihull MBC.
- Actively seeking to make available computing facilities in the village.
- Publicising the availability of grants for energy saving measures, we intend to appoint a green champion to promote energy efficiency.





## TRAVEL, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY

The survey showed the need to liaise with the bus companies in order to improve bus services in the area. The promotion of car sharing schemes, traffic calming measures and awareness of car theft were identified.

### You told us:

- 68% recorded that they never used buses, 17% caught the bus for social or leisure purposes, 61% thought buses too infrequent.
- Satisfaction with train services was high, 87% thought the frequency of the trains was satisfactory, 21% had never used the service.
- 73% of respondents used their car for travelling to work, 16% had "car shared" at some time.
- 62% of car owners park their car on their premises, 31% use a garage.
- The speed of traffic through the village was a concern for 84% of residents with 68% recording that the traffic calming measures had not had an effect.

### We propose:

- Liaising with Centro to improve bus services.
- We have already established a Community Speed Watch scheme with West Midlands Police.
- We are actively discussing ways to reduce the volume and speed of traffic with Solihull MBC highways department. We hope that measures will soon be implemented to improve both pedestrian safety and our highway environment.



## VILLAGE FACILITIES

The survey indicated the need to promote village shops and restaurants; the Parish Council web site should be improved and could be used by businesses and community groups for publicity. There is also a need to facilitate expansion of education and leisure facilities particularly for young people.

### You told us:

- 5% of respondents never shopped locally, the most well used shop was the post office.
- The public houses and restaurants were well used.
- There was limited use of Fentham Hall, the School Hall and the Church Hall.
- You wanted more educational courses, foreign languages (14%) and computer literacy (21%) being the most popular.
- There was support for developing better youth facilities, 33% favoured a club for youngsters.
- 42 villagers would like to rent an allotment.
- There was little support for the concept of more information points within the village.
- 21% of respondents had used the Hampton-in-Arden website.

### We propose:

- Actively supporting village businesses to promote themselves, particularly through the village website.
- Reviewing the website to increase its use and impact.
- Liaising with Hampton Community Crafts to extend the range of courses they offer.
- Developing a youth strategy to enable young people to engage with partners to improve youth facilities.
- Approaching The Fentham Trust to identify additional land for allotments.





## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

While the survey indicated a need to work closely with Solihull MBC on waste recycling, the arrangements introduced in late 2009 have alleviated many of your concerns. We need to liaise with Solihull MBC to improve roads, pavements and street cleaning and ensure that street lighting is enhanced in problem areas. The employment of a village “maintenance man” was felt to be a priority.

### You told us:

- There was a fair degree of satisfaction with services provided by Solihull MBC.
- Services rated “poor” were refuse collection and recycling (18%), litter picking (15%) and street cleaning (14%).
- 25% were dissatisfied with street lighting, mostly at the bottom of Fentham Road, Old Station Road and Marsh Lane.
- Most households showed a strong commitment to re-cycling with 88% recorded as recycling paper. The lowest response was to re-cycling plastic. Many responses asked for a local recycling facility, a majority of people currently used Knowle and Bickenhill.

### We propose:

- Working with Solihull MBC to develop a comprehensive street cleaning programme and influence the quality of environmental services in general. Urgently discuss improvement of street lighting.
- We have initiated the use of a “Maintenance Man” for occasional work; this could be expanded for some routine village maintenance.

## HEALTH AND ACCESS

The survey indicated few problems in this area.

### You told us:

- There were few problems with access to health services, problems had been encountered on 30 occasions.
- 40% asked for pavements to be kept in better repair.

### We propose:

- Liaising with Solihull MBC to improve road and pavement maintenance.
- We are actively discussing the provision of a pedestrian crossing.



## CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

The survey identified the need to promote Neighbourhood Watch schemes and publicise better security in homes.

### You told us:

- The most commonly reported crime was drunkenness and anti-social behaviour (10%).
- Most crimes were reported to the police.
- 15% of respondents are already involved in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme; there was further interest in becoming part of a scheme.

### We propose:

- Establish more Neighbourhood Watch schemes in liaison with West Midlands Police.
- Actively publicising community safety initiatives.



## ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

The survey recognised the need to publicise the roles of elected representatives more effectively. The need for a village “information point” was identified.

### You told us:

- Many did not feel that their locally elected representatives respond to people’s concerns, ranging from 80% for MEPs to 32% for Parish Councillors.
- 55% were satisfied with their Parish Councillors, 48% with the local MP.
- 51% of responses thought that a Parish Council access point would be a good idea.

### We propose:

- Investigating the possibility of setting up a village information point, possibly in the disused phone box.
- Publicising the monthly parish council “surgeries” for villagers to access a parish councillor to share concerns.
- Encouraging our MP and MEPs to engage more fully with the community.

## FUTURE PLANNING ISSUES

The survey identified the need to use our web site to publicise planning guidelines and planning applications. Views of respondents in relation to development of apartments would be noted when reviewing planning applications.

### You told us:

- 70% supported the idea of the inset area in planning guidance.
- 67% were not clear what an inset area was.
- 81% were against the building of apartments in the village, 68% were against back garden development.

### We propose:

- Using the web site more actively to give information on local planning guidance and applications.
- Taking account of residents’ views when considering our response to planning applications.
- Assisting parishioners in accessing Solihull MBC planning portal.





## MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARISH PLAN

The parish plan steering committee will continue to meet to ensure that priorities identified in the action plan are implemented and improvements to services are achieved.

The parish council will receive reports on progress towards objectives at its regular meetings. The parish plan and the monitoring of targets will also be featured on the parish council web site. Where a major change or development affects the targets set in the action plan, the steering committee will propose an amendment which will be considered by the parish council. A full update concerning the parish plan will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting so sharing any revised target with parishioners.

It is recognised that much of what is in the plan can only be achieved through partnership with other bodies, particularly Solihull MBC.

Your parish council is pleased to acknowledge the improved relationship which now exists between itself and Solihull MBC and is encouraged to hope for real progress on a range of shared issues now and in the future.

Our web site is in the process of being revised; we want it to be interesting and easy to navigate, an important source of information on all matters concerning village life including the parish plan.

### We want you to have a voice in your village.

You are encouraged to attend parish council meetings which are all open to the public; the business of the council can be observed and individuals can speak briefly on any issue that they feel is of concern.

At the Annual Parish Meeting in April a report is presented to the village detailing the council's activity during the year. Progress towards previously determined objectives is reviewed; the parish plan will now form an element of the report. The second half of this meeting forms a lively debate allowing you to express your view on the work of the council.

Councillors are available throughout the year to respond to any concerns that you may have; we hold a monthly surgery in the bakery when we are happy to discuss any issues that relate to the village and if we can't supply an answer we will find someone who can.

Your parish council intends to continue to build on its achievements; with your help we will make Hampton-in-Arden an even more fulfilling community for each and every resident to enjoy in the future.



## APPENDIX 1

### HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council is committed to involving local parishioners in decisions that affect their community and providing clear communication streams that effectively engage local parishioners and encourage their involvement in decision making.

### OUR COMMUNICATION NETWORK

The Parish Council communicates its priorities and activities through the following channels:-

- Web-site with regularly updated information on council meetings, names and contact details of councillors and clerk, village newsletter and other articles of interest and village diary.
- Monthly paper produced newsletter within the Village Chronicle, published by the Parish Church.
- Annual meeting with parishioners and publication of the annual report, (published on the web site.). Copy of annual report available to all who attend annual meeting.
- Has elected representatives on other village bodies, e.g. George Fentham Charity, to provide input into a broad section of village life.

### OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Parish Councillors have allocated responsibilities to certain sections of the community and the parish council also nominates independent representatives to some village bodies.

- Two councillors are members of the governing body of the local primary school, actively encouraging children to understand the role of the parish council and participate in projects for the community e.g. school council recently requested an allotment for the school.
- We have strong links with the Scouting and Guiding movement in the village, the land for their club house is leased from the parish council.
- We work with the Hampton Society, a local group that promotes the village, records and researches its history and seeks to protect the village environment.
- The parish council nominates three trustees to the George Fentham Hampton-in-Arden Charity whose remit is to use its funds to promote the welfare of older people and youngsters of the village.
- The parish council is closely involved with the Sports Club which organises a range of sporting activities and leases the land for its club house and tennis courts from the parish council. The council also nominates two trustees to the Recreational Trust which manages the astro and football pitches.
- The parish council has representatives on many other local bodies such as the Airport Consultative Committee and the Standards Committee of Solihull MBC.





**FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Parish Council in its Action Plan identified some key areas for development relating to community engagement;-

- The writing and publication of the Parish Plan giving Parish aims and objectives in the short and medium term.
- The launch of the Action Plan at the parishioners meeting in April 2009, with the publication of the Parish Plan before April 2010.
- More active promotion of local “surgeries” to respond to parishioners’ concerns and act as a point of information for other local services.
- Examining the feasibility of establishing a Youth Council to engage young people in sharing their priorities for their community.
- More active identification and progression of shared objectives with the primary local government partner, Solihull MBC.

**APPENDIX 2**

**HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ACTION PLAN**

**NOTES ON THE ACTION PLAN**

The following Action Plan summarises the actions required by the parish council following an analysis of the household appraisal survey carried out in 1997.

Please see below for an explanation of priorities, abbreviations etc.

Impact on Community Ratings	Timescale
1 = High	24 months = Difficult to implement
2 = Moderate	12 months = Moderate difficulty / complexity
3 = Lesser	6 months = Easy to Implement

**Abbreviations used:**

- |                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Solihull MBC              | <b>SMBC</b> |
| West Midlands Police      | <b>WMP</b>  |
| Centro                    | <b>C</b>    |
| Rural Housing Association | <b>RHA</b>  |
| George Fentham Charity    | <b>GFC</b>  |
| George Fentham School     | <b>GFS</b>  |
| Hampton Community Crafts  | <b>HCC</b>  |



SUBJECT	ISSUES	PROPOSED ACTION	WHO CAN HELP	IMPACT	TIME SCALE
<b>1.1. Housing: Dwellings</b>	The majority (86%) of households completing the form lived in owner occupied houses. Private rented was 12% with 2% L/A rented. The village would benefit from more affordable low cost rented housing.	Contact Solihull MBC and Rural Housing Association to investigate the possibility of building more low cost rented housing in conjunction with SMBC's own targets to develop housing locally.	SMBC RHA	2	12 months
<b>1.2. Housing: Amenities</b>	95% of households are centrally heated therefore not much need to promote schemes 79% had access to computers while 72% had internet, indicating some need for availability.	Contact Library to publicise availability of computer facilities (within constraints of limited opening hours) Contact GFS to investigate possibility of access to school facilities	SMBC GFS	2	12 months
<b>1.3. Housing: Future Needs</b>	25 residents were identified who had to move out of the Parish to find affordable homes	See 1.1			
<b>1.4. Housing: Energy Saving</b>	There was a surprisingly low uptake of energy saving measures.	Contact SMBC /Energy Suppliers/Age Concern to investigate possibility of publicising energy saving measures and grants etc.	SMBC	1	12 months
<b>2.1. Population: Gender &amp; Age</b>	34% were over 60 and 32% were in single households 49% were male and 51% were female. 21% were under 18.	Investigate with HCC more opportunities for leisure pursuits for over 60s. Contact SMBC for more info. Re Elderly Services and expansion of Services in village.	SMBC HCC GFC	2	12 months
<b>2.2. Population: Employment</b>	Most respondents below retirement age were in employment with 17% working from home. Most respondents (66%) worked more than 5 miles from village.	No action identified			
<b>3.1. Transport: Travel to work</b>	Most respondents (72%) travelled to work by car with few making use of car-share schemes.	Investigate Parish Council led initiative to facilitate car-sharing through web site		3	12 months
<b>3.2. Transport: Buses</b>	While 68% of people never used buses, of those that did the frequency of buses was an issue, including unreliable service.	Contact Centro re bus services with a view to improving frequency and routes.	C	2	12 months
<b>3.3. Transport: Trains</b>	Trains were more extensively used and the frequency was about right for the majority of respondents	No action identified			

SUBJECT	ISSUES	PROPOSED ACTION	WHO CAN HELP	IMPACT	TIME SCALE
<b>3.4. Transport: Parking</b>	(62%) of respondents do not garage their vehicle while 7% park on the road leaving cars more vulnerable to theft. Most respondents thought there was sufficient parking. No action identified	In conjunction with police publicise awareness of risk of theft	WMP	3	12 months
<b>3.5. Transport: Traffic Calming</b>	84% of respondents thought that speeding through the village was a problem. 68% thought that traffic calming measures had had little effect.	Pursue use of S106 funding with SMBC Further S106 funding in any new development (Hampton Manor?)	SMBC SMBC	1 2	3 months 12 months
<b>4.1. Education: Training Courses</b>	There was interest for further training opportunities in the village with foreign languages(14%) and computing courses (21%) being the most popular.	See 2.1 Extend leisure opportunities in conjunction with HCC and GFC and Local Colleges	HCC GFC Local Colleges	3	12 months
<b>5.1. Village Facilities: Shops</b>	The village shops were well used with only 5% never using them. The village post office (86%) was most well used and 79% used the village provisions shops. The hairdressers were less used (31%) but the village pub/restaurants used by 75% of respondents	Promote with local businesses the opportunity to use website to promote their business/ Open meeting to discuss this		2	6 months
<b>5.2. Village Facilities: Delivery Services</b>	There was not much uptake of delivery services apart from newspapers (25%)	No action at this time			
<b>5.3. Village Facilities: Community</b>	Community Buildings such as Fentham Hall, Scout HQ and Church Hall were not well used. The Sports Club was never used by 51% of respondents. The library was never used by 51% of respondents.	As 5.1		2	6 months
<b>5.4. Village Facilities: Youth</b>	There was a general feeling for more facilities for young people with a youth club with a professional worker being the most popular. 21% thought there should be more organised sports.	Investigate with other partners setting up more facilities. (Limitations of Church Youth Club)	SMBC GFC	3	12 months



SUBJECT	ISSUES	PROPOSED ACTION	WHO CAN HELP	IMPACT	TIME SCALE
<b>5.5. Village Facilities: Sports</b>	There was a high degree of satisfaction with sporting facilities in the village but disappointment that a cricket club no longer existed.	To continue working with the Sports Club and Recreational Trust to improve sports facilities.			
<b>6.1. Environment: Access</b>	Few respondents had difficulty getting around the village with access to shops, trains and better maintained pavements being top priorities. 40% wanted better maintained pavements and 37% wanted vegetation and other obstructions cleared.	Contribute to SMBC's Highways Maintenance Plan Village Maintenance Man	SMBC	1 1	6 months 3 months
<b>6.2. Environment: Services</b>	Generally there was a good level of satisfaction with services such as emptying bins, street cleaning, cutting verges etc. The biggest dissatisfaction (55%) was litter picking.	See 6.1 Village Handy man Contact SMBC to investigate improvement of services	SMBC	1	6 months
<b>6.3. Environment: Street Lighting</b>	There was general satisfaction with street lighting but specific problems were registered at the bottom of Fentham Road and Old Station Road.	Contact SMBC to investigate solutions to problem areas	SMBC	1	6 months
<b>6.4. Environment: Village Caretaker</b>	71% of respondents supported the principle of a village caretaker even with the consequent increase to parish Precept.	See 6.1			
<b>6.5. Environment: Recycling</b>	Many respondents wanted to see more re-cycling facilities with recycling plastic being the most needed.	Contact SMBC to investigate new contracts for re-cycling; publicise in village	SMBC	1	3 months
<b>7.1. Elected Representatives: Parish Council/ Others</b>	While there was some satisfaction with the responsiveness of the Parish Council, a high number, (32%) did not know what the Parish Council did.	More promotion of Parish Council role. Councillor as "Community Champion"?		1	6 months
<b>7.2. Parish Council: Services Access</b>	51% of respondents thought that a Parish Council Access point would be useful; A parish council surgery would make the council more responsive.	Liaise with SMBC re District Councillor role There is sufficient support to re-visit the idea of a Parish Council "surgery" perhaps on a pilot basis for 12 months, combined with the police surgery.	SMBC	2 1	12 months 6 months

SUBJECT	ISSUES	PROPOSED ACTION	WHO CAN HELP	IMPACT	TIME SCALE
<b>7.3. Parish Council: Information</b>	There was limited support (21%) for a computerised access point in the village and only 16% wanted more notice boards. More worryingly only 21% used the Parish Council website.	Review design of website through Communications Working Group.		1	12 months
<b>7.4. Parish Council: Allotments</b>	There were 42 respondents who would be interested in renting an allotment although currently there are none vacant	Investigate possibility of establishing more allotments.	GFC	2	24 months
<b>8.2 Health: Access to Facilities</b>	There was a very low response rate to difficulties of access with the library, train station and poor pavements cited as having the most significant problems.	Liaise with Solihull MBC and Centre re the access problems	SMBC C	3	24 months
<b>8.3. Health: Access Improvements</b>	The clearing of obstructions and vegetation and better pavement repair were cited as the most significant items to improve access.	See 8.2 above. Village handyman priority to clear vegetation.		2	12 months
<b>9.1. Crime: Incidence</b>	There was a very low incidence of reported crime from respondents with drunkenness and anti-social behaviour (10%) the "highest" scoring.	Liaise with West Midlands Police as to how to minimise crime in the village.	WMP	2	12 months
<b>9.2. Crime: Neighbourhood Watch</b>	Only 12% of respondents recorded that they were members of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.	Investigate the setting up of more Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	WMP	1	6 months
<b>10.1. Planning: Village Design Statement</b>	Most respondents (70%) did approve the Village Design Statement but only 33% knew what an inset area was.	Investigate possibility of using our website to publicise planning applications and criteria for objections		1	12 months
<b>10.2. Planning: Apartment Development</b>	81% of respondents thought that further apartments in the village should not be supported.	To note when considering response to planning applications		3	6 months
<b>10.3. Planning: Back Garden Development</b>	A lower percentage (68%) thought "back garden development" was a bad idea.	To note when considering response to planning applications		3	6 months

**Appendix C:**  
**Blank Copy of the Residents Questionnaire**  
**(including the covering letter)**

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November 2013

Dear Residents,

Many who live in Hampton-in-Arden consider the village to be a great place in which to live. You may be one of these, or you may have ideas of how you would like the village to develop in the future.

**Now is your time to have a say and influence how our community will look in future years.**

Attached is an important Questionnaire that will help your Parish Council develop a Neighbourhood Plan which will guide building development and community services over the next 15 years. The Questionnaire represents a vital step in identifying how you would wish to see Hampton-in-Arden meet its future housing, employment and business needs - and vital public services like transport, schools, recreation, education, and shops. It is important that we do this because of a change in planning law in 2011 which gave Parish and Town councils the responsibility for Neighbourhood planning and extra powers to define how local communities would wish to see their area develop between 2013 and 2028.

We also enclose an introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan detailing the process by which it is developed leading to public scrutiny and adoption. *This Questionnaire, which we hope all residents and businesses will complete, is entirely confidential and will be used to gather statistics only.* No personal information will be held or released or used in any publication.

A 'Freepost' envelope is included for your convenience.

**Please be sure to complete your Questionnaire, do not waste this opportunity to have your say.**

With Many Thanks

*Gill Lewis*

Chair, Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council

*Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council*

## Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan Residents and Household Survey - November 2013

### **Data Protection Fair Use Statement**

**The information which you provide in this questionnaire is anonymous and will be used to help us understand the opinions of people living in the Parish and plan for the future. If any information is shared with another organization it will be anonymous and they will not be able to identify any specific individual.**

**All households living in the Civil Parish of Hampton-in-Arden are urged to complete and return this survey within 28 days using the FREEPOST envelope provided.**

**An "Introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan" is included with this survey form. If you have not received it please contact the Parish Office by telephone on 01675 442017 or by email to [clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk)**

Please remember when completing this survey that, at Catherine-de-Barnes, the Parish boundary follows the canal and therefore any reference to that village refers to the land and properties located on the Hampton-in-Arden side of the canal and which, therefore, come within the Parish.

### **SECTION A - HOUSING**

**Before completing this section please read the following note:**

The Local Development Plan for Solihull suggests that 11,000 new homes should be built in the Borough between now and 2028. 110 new homes are proposed on one site in Hampton-in-Arden and this is on land adjacent to Lapwing Drive off Meriden Road but building work is not expected to begin before 2023. It is intended that a proportion of these new homes will be "affordable" and could be for outright sale, for sale on a shared ownership basis (part buy, part rent), for rental or a mixture of all three tenures.

The need for **affordable housing** is recognised as being of great importance to very many people and is a primary concern of the Parish Council and others. To help identify the level of need for affordable housing in the Parish, and to assist in completing this questionnaire it is defined as follows:

- **Social rented and affordable rented housing** – is owned and let by the council and housing associations at rents which are usually below market rents in the private sector.
- **Shared ownership** (also known as Homebuy) – is designed for people who cannot afford to buy a house on the open market but still want to get on the property ladder. An initial share is bought using a traditional mortgage, usually between 25% and 75% of the total price depending on financial circumstances and a rent is paid

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<sup>1</sup> The reference number above is needed for validation purposes only and will not be used to identify respondents.

on the remaining part. It may be possible to increase the share owned later. This is known as staircasing. When a shared ownership property is sold, the proceeds are split according to who owns what. In a restricted village or rural area such as Hampton-in-Arden, it is not usually possible to buy 100% of a home outright and properties are normally only available for people with a local connection.

**Please now go on to complete the following:**

**YOUR CURRENT SITUATION**

**A1. How do you occupy your present home? Which of the following applies to you?**

Please tick one box only

- |                                                                                  |                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own - paying a mortgage                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Own - outright (no mortgage)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own a share (HomeBuy or other form of shared ownership) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from a private landlord          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from Solihull Council (Solihull Community Housing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from a housing association       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Live in a home provided by your employer                | <input type="checkbox"/> Living with parents                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing with friends                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please write in the box below |

**A2. How long have you and your household lived in this home?**

Please tick one box only

- |                                                        |                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 1 year                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 2 years  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 5 years                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - 10 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 – 20 years                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21+ years    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know or cannot remember |                                       |

**A3. Is your home .... ?**

Please tick one box only

- |                                                                       |                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Terraced house                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi detached house                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Detached house                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist accommodation for older persons (e.g. sheltered housing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please write in box on the next page |                                                                                              |

**A4. How many bedrooms do you have in your home?**

Please write in the box below

**A5. Can you keep your present home warm?**

Please tick one box only

- Yes  No

**A6. If you have answered NO to question A5 above, why are you not able to?**

Please tick all boxes that apply below

- Don't have central heating  Don't have double glazing  
 Poor insulation  Unable to afford the bills  
 Other – please write in below

**YOUR FUTURE PLANS**

**A7. Are you thinking about moving home in the next 5 years?**

Please tick one box only

- Actively looking to move now  Fairly likely to want to move during the next 5 years  
 Not likely to want to move during the next 5 years  Don't know

**If you have answered NOT LIKELY TO WANT TO MOVE or DON'T KNOW to question A7, PLEASE GO STRAIGHT TO QUESTION A18.**

**A8. If you would like to move is there anything preventing you from moving?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can't afford a different home                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Suitable home not available                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Would have to move away from family and friends to find a suitable home | <input type="checkbox"/> Would have to move away from local job or schools to find a suitable home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't want to rent from the council or a housing association            | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other reasons– please write in the box below                            |                                                                                                    |

**A9. Please tell us the reasons for wanting or needing to move?**

**A10. If you were to move what type of property would you PREFER to move to?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                                |                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Terraced house                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi detached house                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Detached house                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist accommodation for older persons (e.g. sheltered housing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please write in the box below |                                                                                              |

**A11. What type of property do you think you can AFFORD to move to?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                                           |                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Terraced house                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi detached house                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Detached house                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist accommodation for older persons (e.g. sheltered housing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please write in the box on the next page |                                                                                              |



**A12. How many bedrooms would you need in another home?**

Please write the number in the box below

**A13. If you were to move which area would you PREFER to move to?**

Please tick one box only

- |                                                                                            |                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hampton-in-Arden                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Catherine-de-Barnes            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Solihull - please write whereabouts in the box below | <input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in the West Midlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in the UK                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Move abroad                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please write whereabouts in the box below                 |                                                         |

**A14. If you were to move which type of tenure would you PREFER?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                                                  |                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner occupier                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from a private landlord          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from Solihull Council (Solihull Community Housing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from a housing association       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some form of affordable housing                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please write in the box below |

**A15. If you were to move which type of tenure could you AFFORD?**

Please tick all that apply

- Owner occupier
- Rent from a private landlord
- Rent from Solihull Council (Solihull Community Housing)
- Rent from a housing association
- Some form of affordable housing
- Other – please write in the box below

**A16. Have you or would you consider affordable housing?**

Note: A full explanation of the various forms of affordable housing is given on page 1 of this questionnaire.

- Yes – already considered
- Yes – would consider
- No
- Don't know

**A17. If you have answered NO to question A16, why would you NOT consider affordable housing?**

Please write the reasons in the box below

**A18. Is someone in your household (for example a son or daughter, relative or friend) thinking about finding their own home in the next 5 years?**

Please tick one box only

- Actively looking to move now
- Fairly likely to want to move during the next 5 years
- Not likely to want to move during the next 5 years
- Don't know

**If you have answered NOT LIKELY TO WANT TO MOVE or DON`T KNOW to question A18, PLEASE GO STRAIGHT TO SECTION B.**

**A19. Is there anything preventing them from moving?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can't afford own home                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Suitable home not available                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Would have to move away from family and friends to find a suitable home | <input type="checkbox"/> Would have to move away from local job or schools to find a suitable home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't want to rent from the council or a housing association              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other reasons– please write in the box below                            |                                                                                                    |

**A20. Please tell us the reasons for them wanting or needing to move?**

Please write in the box below

**A21. If they were to move what type of property would they PREFER to move to?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                                |                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Terraced house                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi detached house                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Detached house                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist accommodation for older persons (e.g. sheltered housing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please write in the box below |                                                                                              |

**A22. What type of property do they think they can AFFORD to move to?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                                |                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Terraced house                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi detached house                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Detached house                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalow                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist accommodation for older persons (e.g. sheltered housing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please write in the box below |                                                                                              |

**A23. How many bedrooms will they need?**

Please write the number in the box below

**A24. If they were to move which area would they PREFER to move to?**

Please tick one box only

- |                                                                                            |                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hampton-in-Arden                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Catherine-de-Barnes            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in Solihull - please write whereabouts in the box below | <input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in the West Midlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in the UK                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Move abroad                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please write whereabouts in the box below                 |                                                         |

**A25. If they were to move which type of tenure would they PREFER?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                                                  |                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner occupier                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from a private landlord    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from Solihull Council (Solihull Community Housing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from a housing association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some form of affordable housing                         |                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please write in the box below                   |                                                          |

**A26. If they were to move which type of tenure could they AFFORD?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                                                  |                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner occupier                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from a private landlord          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from Solihull Council (Solihull Community Housing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent from a housing association       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some form of affordable housing                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please write in the box below |

**A27. Have they considered affordable housing?**

Note: A full explanation of the various forms of affordable housing is given on page 1 of this questionnaire.

- |                                                   |                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – already considered | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – would consider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know           |

**A28. If the answer to question A27 above is NO, why would they NOT consider affordable housing?**

Please write the reasons in the box below

**SECTION B - FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

**B1. Should the Neighbourhood Plan identify land for affordable housing to meet the needs of local people?**

Please tick one box only

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

**B2. Should the Plan identify additional land for new housing for sale on the open market?**

Please tick one box only

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

**B3. If the Plan identifies land for new housing what scale of individual housing development should be given priority between now and 2028?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                      |                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No more than 10 dwellings   | <input type="checkbox"/> Between 11 and 25 dwellings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 26 and 50 dwellings | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 50 dwellings           |

**B4. If new housing is to be built what type of homes should be given priority?**

Please tick all those that you think are most important

- |                                                                                                             |                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> For rent                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> To be sold at market prices                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist accommodation for older persons to buy or rent (e.g. sheltered housing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing (please see the definition above) |

**B5. Are there any locations which you think ARE suitable for new homes to be built?**

Please write in the box below

**B6. Are there any locations which you think are NOT suitable for new homes to be built?**

Please write in the box below

**B7. The space below is for any other comments you may have about housing.**

**SECTION C - EMPLOYMENT**

**C1. Should the Plan allocate more land to encourage employment?**

Please tick one box only

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

**C2. Which types of site should be allocated for employment use?**

Please tick any that you would support

- Existing buildings
- Greenfield land (undeveloped)
- Brownfield land (developed)

**C3. What types of employment should the Plan encourage?**

Please tick any that you would support

- Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- Energy and water resources
- Construction
- Wholesale and retail trades, repair of vehicles
- Accommodation, hotels, restaurants, food services
- Finance and insurance activities
- Real estate activities
- Administration and support service activities
- Sports, leisure and recreation
- Mining and quarrying
- Manufacturing
- Transport, storage and distribution
- Tourism, leisure and crafts
- Information and communications
- Public administration, education and health
- Professional, scientific, technical and research activities
- Arts and entertainment
- Other, please specify in the box below

**C4. Are there any locations which you think ARE suitable for new employment land?**

Please write in the box below

**C5. Are there any locations which you think are NOT suitable for new employment land?**

Please write in the box below

**C6. Should existing employment sites e.g. shops, offices etc be protected from a change of use?**

Please tick one box only

Yes

No

**Please write any comments you may have about a change of use in the box below**

**C7. Should the Plan encourage working from home?**

Please tick one box only

Yes

No

**C8. If you or anyone in your household already works from home please write the type of work in the box below**

**C9. Is anyone in your household likely to want to find employment within the Parish in the next 5 years?**

Please tick one box only

Yes

No

**If you have answered "YES" please tell us what type of employment they would like by writing in the box below**



**C10. What, in your opinion, would encourage new businesses to locate in Hampton-in-Arden Parish?**

Please tick any you support

- |                                                      |                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More purpose-built premises | <input type="checkbox"/> Better Broadband                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better transport links      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify in the box below |

**C11. The space below is for you to write in any comments you may have on employment and the local economy**

**SECTION D - THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND GREEN BELT**

**D1. Do you think that any future development in Hampton-in-Arden and Catherine-de-Barnes should be in keeping with their character, heritage and setting within the surrounding countryside?**

Please tick one box only

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

**Please write any comments you may have about future development in the box below**

**D2. Should the Neighbourhood Plan aim to protect and enhance the quality of any new buildings by promoting the following?**

Please tick those that you consider important

- |                                                                                  |                                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design that respects the scale of the existing villages | <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum standards for living space in dwellings                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use of traditional local building materials             | <input type="checkbox"/> High levels of energy conservation in new buildings                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green space and gardens                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Signage, advertising and street furniture that respects the locality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional styles and scale of shop fronts             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify in the box on the next page                    |

**D3. Should the Neighbourhood Plan aim to promote the following:**

Please tick those that you consider important

- |                                                                                    |                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased provision of green space and recreational areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced protection of historic and natural features |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced protection of the landscape                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Better pedestrian and cycle access                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Positive management of the varied local wildlife          | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved flood prevention measures                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify in the box below                    |                                                                               |

**D4. Are there any buildings, places or views which you believe are important to protect?**

Please give details in the box below

**D5. The box below is provided to allow you to make your own comments on protecting the environment.**

**SECTION E - COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**E1. Which of the following do you think that the Plan should aim to improve?**

Please tick any that you consider important

- |                                                                       |                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allotments                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public transport                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local shops                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities for the elderly                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband service                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Road safety measures                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical facilities                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle parking facilities                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public footpaths                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Burial space                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports, leisure and recreational facilities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Access for disabled people                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities for young people                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public library                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational facilities                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery, pre-school and after school facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please give details in the box below |                                                                          |

**E2. If an improved bus service is needed tell us how it should be improved.**

Please tick all those that apply

- |                                                                       |                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More frequent services to Solihull           | <input type="checkbox"/> Direct services to Knowle       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More frequent services to Coventry           | <input type="checkbox"/> Direct services to Birmingham   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheaper fares                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater reliability of services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please give details in the box below |                                                          |

**E3. If an improved train service is needed tell us how it should be improved.**

Please tick all those that apply

- |                                                                                  |                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More frequent services to Coventry                      | <input type="checkbox"/> More frequent services to Birmingham    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More frequent services to London                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheaper fares                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater reliability of services                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Better station access for the less able |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please give details in the box on the next page |                                                                  |

**E4. Do you think parking facilities need improving?**

Please tick one box only

Yes

No

**If you have answered "YES" to this question please tell us where you think additional parking might be provided**

Please write in the box below

**E5. Do you think that better sports, leisure and recreational facilities are needed?(e.g. green spaces, sports and play areas etc)**

Please tick one box only

Yes

No

**If you have answered "YES" to this question please tell us where you think these facilities might be provided**

Please write in the box below

**E6. If facilities for young people need improving say how and where you think this could be achieved?**

Please write in the box below

**E7. The space below is for you to make any other comments on improving community facilities.**

**SECTION F - ABOUT YOU**

**F1. To which age group do you and those living with you belong?**

Please write the number in the relevant boxes

- |                                                          |                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> number of persons under 16      | <input type="checkbox"/> number of persons aged 16 to 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> number of persons aged 25 to 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> number of persons aged 40 to 65 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> number of persons aged 65 to 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> number of persons aged over 80  |

**F2. Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 disability is defined as “a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on the ability to carry out normal day to day activities”.**

**Do you or someone in your household have an illness or condition that is considered a disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act?**

Please tick one box only

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

**F3. If you have answered YES to question F2 above please tell us the nature of their disability?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                     |                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical impairment        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility impairment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing impairment         | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual impairment   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning difficulty        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (diabetes, epilepsy) |                                              |

**F4. Does anyone in your household use a wheelchair or mobility scooter?**

Please tick one box only

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey which should be returned using the FREEPOST envelope provided.**

**Appendix D:**  
**Blank Copy of the Business Questionnaire**  
**(including the covering letter)**

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November 2013

Dear Hampton Business,

Many who live and work in Hampton-in-Arden consider the village to be a great place in which to be. You may be one of these, or you may have ideas of how you would like the village to develop in the future.

**Now is your time to have a say and influence how our community will look in future years.**

Attached is an important Questionnaire that will help your Parish Council develop a Neighbourhood Plan which will guide building development and community services over the next 15 years. The Questionnaire represents a vital step in identifying how you would wish to see Hampton-in-Arden meet its future housing, employment and business needs - and vital public services like transport, schools, recreation, education, and shops. It is important that we do this because of a change in planning law in 2011 which gave Parish and Town councils the responsibility for Neighbourhood planning and extra powers to define how local communities would wish to see their area develop between 2013 and 2028.

We also enclose an introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan detailing the process by which it is developed leading to public scrutiny and adoption. *This Questionnaire, which we hope all residents and businesses will complete, is entirely confidential and will be used to gather statistics only.* No personal information will be held or released or used in any publication.

A 'Freepost' envelope is included for your convenience.

**Please be sure to complete your Questionnaire, do not waste this opportunity to have your say.**

With Many Thanks

*Gill Lewis*

Chair, Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council

*Hampton-in-Arden Parish Council*



<sup>1</sup>Ref. No:

## Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan Business Survey - November 2013

### **Data Protection Fair Use Statement**

The information which you provide in this questionnaire is anonymous and will be used to help us understand the opinions of people living in the Parish and plan for the future. If any information is shared with another organization it will be anonymous and they will not be able to identify any specific individual or business.

All businesses located within the Civil Parish of Hampton-in-Arden are invited to complete this survey and return it within the next 28 days using the FREEPOST envelope provided.

An "Introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan" is included with this survey form. If you have not received it, or would like any further information please contact the Parish Office by telephone on 01675 442017 or by email to [clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hamptoninarden.org.uk)

Please remember when completing this survey that, at Catherine-de-Barnes, the Parish boundary follows the canal and therefore any reference to that village refers to the land and properties located on the Hampton-in-Arden side of the canal and which, therefore, come within the Parish.

### **SECTION A - EMPLOYMENT AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

#### **A1. Should the Neighbourhood Plan allocate more land for employment purposes?**

Please tick one box  Yes  No

#### **A2. What kinds of employment should the Plan encourage?**

Please tick any that you would support

- |                                                                            |                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, forestry and fishing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining and quarrying                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy and water resources                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport, storage and distribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale and retail trades, repair of vehicles   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism, leisure and crafts         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation, hotels, restaurants, food services | <input type="checkbox"/> Information and communications      |

<sup>1</sup> The reference number above is needed for validation purposes only and will not be used to identify respondents.

- |                                                                        |                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance and insurance activities              | <input type="checkbox"/> Public administration, education and health                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate activities                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional, scientific, technical and research activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration and support service activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and entertainment                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports, leisure and recreation                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please specify in the box below                     |

**A3. Which types of land should be allocated for employment uses?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                                      |                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brownfield land (developed)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing buildings                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Former quarries                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenfield land (Green Belt or undeveloped) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please give details in the box below |                                                                      |

**A4. Where should employment land be located?**

Please tick all that apply

- |                                                                |                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> In or around Hampton in Arden village | <input type="checkbox"/> In or around Catherine-de-Barnes                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elsewhere in the parish               | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't consider there is a need for additional employment land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please give details in the box below                  |

**A5. Should existing employment sites be protected from changes of use?**

Please tick one box

- Yes                       No                       Don't know

Please write in the box below any comments you may have about changes of use.

**A6. Should the Plan encourage working from home?**

Please tick one box

- Yes                       No                       Don't know

Please write in the box below any comments you may have about working from home.

**A7. What, in your opinion, would encourage businesses to relocate to the area?**

Please list up to five in priority order

**A8. What barriers or constraints prevent businesses moving to the area or existing business expanding in the area?**

Please list in priority order

**A9. Do you consider the current retail facilities within the Parish to be adequate?**

Please tick one box

- Yes                       No                       Don't know

Please expand on your reasons for the answer given in the box below.

**A10. Thinking of Hampton-in-Arden as a location for trade, how would you like to see the area market itself?**

**SECTION B - YOUR BUSINESS**

**B1. What will help your business to develop and thrive during the plan period to 2028?**

**B2. Does your business have plans to develop or expand within the Parish?**

Please tick one box  Yes  No

**If you have answered "NO" please explain why in the box below**

**B3. What additional space, if any, will your business require over the plan period to 2028?**

Please tick all that apply

	Up to 50 m2	50m2 to 100m2	100m2 to 200m2	More than 200m2
Industrial/ Workshop				
Office				
Retail				
Storage covered/open				
Other				

**B4. Please tell us if you will have any additional requirements not covered above.**

**SECTION C - AND FINALLY.....**

**C1. To help us understand the range of existing businesses in the Hampton-in-Arden area, please tick the box (es) that best describes the nature of your business.**

Please tick any that you would support

- |                                                                            |                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, forestry and fishing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining and quarrying                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy and water resources                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport, storage and distribution                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale and retail trades, repair of vehicles   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism and crafts                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation, hotels, restaurants, food services | <input type="checkbox"/> Information and communications                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance and insurance activities                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public administration, education and health                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate activities                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional, scientific, technical and research activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration and support service activities     | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and entertainment                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports, leisure and recreation                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please specify in the box below                     |

**C2. If you have other comments about business activity in the Hampton-in-Arden area, please write them in the box below.**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey which should be returned using the FREEPOST envelope provided.**

**Appendix E:**  
**Results Analysis of the Residents Questionnaires**

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# Hampton in Arden Neighbourhood Plan: Residents and Household Survey - November 2013

## *Results Analysis - April 2014*

- Total number of responses: 321
- 40% response rate

### **Section A - Housing**

- Majority of respondents are owner occupiers (who own outright [55%] or own and pay a mortgage [35%])
- Majority of respondents have lived in Hampton in Arden for over 10 years (56%)
- Majority of respondents are living in detached properties (53%) with four bedrooms (34%)
- Only 11 respondents (4%) said they cannot keep their properties warm (due to poor insulation, no double glazing and/or being unable to pay the bills)
- Majority of respondents (60%) are unlikely to want move in the next five years
- For those wanting to move the key reason preventing a move was being unable to find a suitable property (22%)
- Key reason for wanting to move is downsizing (30%), followed by those wanting a larger home (19%)
- Most want to stay in HIA (59%) and to be in owner occupied property (detached, three bedrooms). Respondents consider that they can afford what the tenure and size of property that they prefer.
- Most have not considered affordable housing as they can afford their own homes (69%)
- Where applicable, the majority of respondents(58%) stated that someone in their household were unlikely to want to move in the next five years.
- For those who had someone wanting to move, the key reason preventing a move was being unable to afford a property (33%).
- Key reason for wanting to move was independence/children leaving home (43%)
- Majority of those wanting to move want to stay in HIA (26%), followed by elsewhere in the UK (24%)
- 50% would **prefer** owner occupier followed by 20% preferring affordable housing.
- People thought that in reality they could actually afford rent from a private landlord (26%), affordable housing (23%) or owner occupier (23%)
- Majority have not considered affordable housing (key reason being they would prefer to buy)

### **Section B - Future Housing Needs**

- 82% of respondents think the Neighbourhood Plan **should** identify land for affordable housing
- 62% of respondents think that the Plan **should** identify land for housing for sale on the open market



- Majority of respondents think that the scale of individual housing developments should be between 11 and 25 dwellings (38%) (followed by 26 to 50 dwellings {31%}, 1 to 10 dwellings [27%] and over 50 [3%])

- Majority of respondents think that new housing should be sold at market prices (31%). Followed by affordable housing (30%), specialist accommodation (28%) and for rent (11%).

- Top ten suggested locations where housing development <b>should</b> take place:	1 - Lapwing Drive area (proposed site and general expansion into surrounding area)	15%
	2 - Old Station Road (infill, near to the Grove, in fields adjacent to OSR)	11%
	3 - Diddington Lane	9%
	4 - Old ammunition dump/Arden shavings site	9%
	5 - Old cricket pitch	8%
	6 - Eastcote Lane	4%
	7 - Infill/unused spaces in residential areas	4%
	8 - Shadowbrook Lane	4%
	9 - Volvo garage (includes Ring of Bells)	4%
	10 - None	4%

- Top ten suggested locations where housing development should <b>not</b> take place:	1 - Green belt	18%
	2 - Floodplain areas	16%
	3 - Old Cricket Pitch	7%
	4 - All area/anti further development	6%
	5 - Gardens	6%
	6 - Open spaces used by the community	6%
	7 - Village centre	5%
	8 - Green areas/fields	5%
	9 - Marsh Lane	4%
	10 - Lapwing Drive	3%

- Top five comments about housing:	1 - Do not want the village to change/expand	8%
	2 - Any development should not spoil character of the village	6%
	3 - Any affordable housing should only be made available to residents of Hampton or with a parish connection	5%
	4 - Need smaller homes for young and elderly	5%
	5 - Nursing home or care facilities or supportive community (e.g. EXTracare development) needed	5%

## Section C - Employment

- Majority of respondents (62%) think the Neighbourhood Plan should **not** allocate more land for employment purposes
- The majority of respondents to Question C2 think that existing buildings should be allocated for employment use (50%) or brownfield sites (46%)
- The top three types of employment the Plan **should** encourage are: agriculture, forestry and fishing (18%), sports, leisure and recreation (12%) and tourism, leisure and crafts (11%)

- Top ten suggested locations where employment development **should** take place:

1 - None	15%
2 - Old ammunition dump	10%
3 - Marsh Lane	10%
4 - Diddington Lane	8%
5 - Old Station Road	5%
6 - Brownfield sites	5%
7 - Empty rental business property/existing buildings	4%
8 - Renovation/extension of (redundant) farm buildings	4%
9 - Meriden Road	3%
10 - Patricks Farm	3%

- Top ten suggested locations where employment development should **not** take place:

1 - Green belt	24%
2 - Entire village/all areas	13%
3- Village centre	12%
4 - Green areas in village	10%
5 - Old Station Road	6%
6 - Floodplain	5%
7 - Old cricket pitch	3%
8 - Farmland	3%
9 - Any under/undeveloped land	3%
10 - Marsh Lane	2%

- 69% of respondents think that existing employment sites should be protected from a change of use (with the majority (31%) commenting that existing facilities/services should be protected and retained and 9% asking for existing facilities to be improved)
- 89% of respondents think that the Plan should encourage working from home
- For those who currently work at home there are 25 different professions listed. The top five include: consultancy work (21%), accountancy/book keeping/finance (17%), IT (8%), administration/secretarial (8%) and office work (6%)
- Majority of respondents (82%) state that no one in their household is likely to want to find employment within the Parish in the next five years

- For those who are likely to be looking for employment in the next five years the top three types of work include: teaching/education (15%), part time employment (13%), administration (13%)

- Majority of respondents (46%) think that better broadband would help to attract new business to the area

- The top three 'other' suggestions to encourage new business to the village are: better bus service, better parking and do not want to encourage new business to the village

- The top four comments on employment are:	1 - New employment not needed/not a priority	13%
	2 - Better broadband needed/current broadband is poor	11%
	3 - Poor mobile reception in village	7%
	4 - Improved public transport required	7%

## Section D - The Natural Environment and Green Belt

- The majority of respondents (99%) think that future development in Hampton in Arden and Catherine de Barnes should be in keeping with their character, heritage and setting within the surrounding countryside

- The top four comments on future development relating to the environment are:

1 - Greenbelt must be protected	14%
2 - Existing character must be preserved	9%
3 - No high rise flats	3%
4 - No future developments	3%

- Top three rated ways the Neighbourhood Plan should aim to protect and enhance the quality of any new buildings:

1 - Design that respects the scale of the existing villages	18%
2 - Green space and gardens	16%
3 - Traditional styles and scale of shop fronts	14%

- A total of 16 additional suggestions for how the Neighbourhood Plan should aim to protect and enhance the quality of any new buildings were recorded.

- Top three rated things the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to protect:

1 - Enhanced protection of historic and natural features	19%
2 - Enhanced protection of the landscape	19%
3 - Positive management of varied local wildlife	18%

- Top five additional suggestions for things the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to protect:

1 - Parking (ensuring/allocating sufficient off road parking)
2 - Cycle path/pedestrian access between HIA and Catherine-de-Barnes
3 - Ban/restrict HGVs through village
4 - Protection of green spaces
5 - Cycle/running route through village

- A total of 71 buildings, places or views which respondents believe are important to protect were put forward. The top ten are:

1 - Church	12%
2 - View from Fentham Hall (towards Eastcote/Barston)	10%
3 - Historic/Old buildings	7%
4 - Village shops	6%
5 - High Street	6%
6 - Fentham Hall	5%
7 - Sports Club (including Recreation Ground and Scout and Guide Hut)	5%
8 - School	4%
9 - Pub	3%
10 - Packhorse Bridge	3%

- Top four comments on how to protect the environment:

1 - Protect Greenbelt	7%
2 - Traffic calming on High Street	6%
3 - Stop/ban HGVs in village	6%
4 - Important to protect environment (e.g. Green spaces, wildlife)	6%

## Section E - Community Facilities

- Top five rated things the Plan should aim to improve:

1 - Broadband service	10%
2 - Public transport	9%
3 - Local shops	9%
4 - Vehicle parking facilities	8%
5 - Road safety measures	8%

- Top five addition comments on community facilities and how they could be improved:

1 - Improved/widened footpaths for safety (including lighting)
2 - Traffic calming on High Street/lower speed limits
3 - Swimming pool
4 - Pedestrian crossings needed
5 - Reduce volume of traffic through village

- Majority of respondents who think that bus service should be improved think that there should be direct services to Knowle (33%) and more frequent services to Solihull (31%)

- Top six additional suggestions on how the bus service could be improved:

- 1 - Later timetable/night time service (e.g. to Solihull, Birmingham, Coventry and Knowle)
- 2 - Direct service to Balsall Common
- 3 - Real time information on next service at bus stops
- 4 - More regular service (e.g. every 0.5 hours)
- 5 - Sunday service (e.g. to Solihull)
- 6 - Services to NEC, airport and Birmingham International

- Majority of respondents who think that the train service should be improved think that better station access is required (39%)

- Top five additional suggestions on how the train service could be improved:

- 1 - Better access to station (no ramp to Platform 2, steps dangerous, no access to Platform 2 when ticket office closed)
- 2 - Install self service ticket machine (removes need for ticket office staff)
- 3 - More staff at station/longer opening hours
- 4 - More evenly spaced train services within the hour
- 5 - Exit at top of stairs for access to Platform 2 (when ticket office closed)

- There is a fairly equal split over those who think that parking facilities need to be improved (56%) and those who do not (44%)

- A total of 64 locations for where parking could be provided where put forward by respondents. The top eleven are:

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1 - Sports ground car park                       | 11% |
| 2 - Extend/increase capacity of station car park | 11% |
| 3 - Field behind Fentham Hall                    | 8%  |
| 4 - Station Road                                 | 5%  |
| 5 - Church hall car park                         | 4%  |
| 6 - Needed by school                             | 3%  |
| 7 - High Street                                  | 3%  |
| 8 - Near shops/post office                       | 3%  |
| 9 - Volvo garage                                 | 3%  |
| 10 - Replace allotments with extended car park   | 3%  |
| 11 - Better use of Fentham Road                  | 3%  |

- 72% of respondents think that better sports, leisure and recreational facilities are **not** needed

- Respondents who said better facilities were required a total of 59 suggestions where put forward. The top six suggestions are:

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|--------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1 - Improve/modernise Sports Club building | 17% |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|

2 - Swimming pool	9%
3 - Improve play area by school	5%
4 - New Sports club building and leisure club	3%
5 - Play area at Sports Club	2%
6 - Expansion of Sports club facilities	2%

- A total of 37 suggestions were put forward by respondents as to how/where facilities for young people could be improved. The top five suggestions are:

1 - Provision of a Youth club	17%
2 - Improve/enhance existing Sports Club	12%
3 - Activities to engage teenagers (e.g. Youth worker, youth	7%
4 - Swimming pool	5%
5 - Leisure centre	3%

- Top four comments on community facilities:

1 - Happy with current facilities	16%
2 - Improve/new church hall	6%
3 - Improve/new sports club building	6%
4 - Provision of cycle paths	6%

## Section F - About You

- Majority of respondents fall into the 40 to 65 year old category (38%)

- Only 15% of respondents said that they or someone in their household has an illness or condition that is considered a disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act

- Mobility impairment (26%) and hearing impairment (26%) are the most common form of disability

- Only 5% of those with physical or mobility impairments use a wheelchair or mobility scooter

**Appendix F:**  
**Results Analysis of the Business Questionnaires**

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# Hampton in Arden Neighbourhood Plan: Business Survey - November 2013

## Results Analysis - April 2014

- Total of 15 responses (out of 60 sent)
- Response rate of 25%

### Section A - Employment and the Local Economy

- 80% of respondents think that the Neighbourhood Plan should allocate land for employment purposes
- The top five types of employment that the Neighbourhood Plan should encourage:

1 - Agriculture, forestry and fishing	10%
2 - Accommodation, hotels, restaurants, food services	9%
3 - Tourism, leisure and crafts	9%
4 - Professional, scientific, technical and	9%
5 - Sports, leisure and recreation	8%

- The most favoured type of land that should be allocated for employment uses are existing building (33%) followed closely by brownfield land (28%) and former quarries (23%)
- 50% of respondents think that employment sites should be based in or around Hampton in Arden, followed by 25% thinking that sites should be located in or around Catherine de Barnes
- 60% think that existing employment sites **not** be protected from change of use

- A total of five comments were submitted on change of use:

- 1 - Change of use of employment sites acceptable so long as other sites are created to replace them.
- 2 - Change of use should be carefully considered but not ruled out
- 3 - Local shops need to be preserved.
- 4 - Some employment sites are inefficient due to layout etc or an eyesore.

5 - Needs housing and employment sites to enable people to live and work in village

- 47% of respondents think that working from home **should** be encouraged

- A total of 25 suggestions for what would encourage businesses to relocate to the area were put forward. The top four are:

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| 1 - Transport links        | 16% |
| 2 - Parking                | 6%  |
| 3 - Good local amenities   | 6%  |
| 4 - Facilities for leisure | 6%  |

- A total of nine barriers or constraints prevent businesses moving to the area of existing businesses expanding in the area were put forward. The top three are:

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1 - Planning/planning constraints | 27% |
| 2 - Land availability             | 20% |
| 3 - Broadband                     | 13% |

- There is a fairly even split between respondents who consider that the current retail facilities **are** adequate (47%) and those that do **not** (53%).

- Eight reasons for these opinions were submitted:

- 1 - Lack of local retail facilities
- 2 - Facilities are adequate for the current population. A more diverse population needs to be accommodated.
- 3 - No retail available
- 4 - More shops with better access.
- 5 - Provides everything a village of this size needs.
- 6 - Too many restrictions placed on small retail businesses
- 7 - Lack of parking.
- 8 - Very basic and generally expensive. Most

- A total of nine suggestions were put forward for how respondents would like to see Hampton in Arden, as a location for trade, market itself:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1 - As an area that welcomes business and wants them to thrive and expand. | 25% |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|

2 - As a high tech area located in a country setting minutes away from major transport hubs.	17%
3 - Advertise local businesses in nearby points of interest e.g.C90 airport, NERC etc.	8%
4 - Sustainable	8%
5 - As a pleasant rural village	8%
6 - Better parking in centre for customers.	8%
7 - Being open minded	8%
8 - Have a sensible plan and be prepared to discuss redevelopment rather than fight it.	8%
9 - Leave as is	8%

## Section B - Your Business

- The top three rated things that will help business develop and thrive during the plan period are:

1 - Less restrictive planning policies	20%
2 - Residents encouraged to use local facilities.	20%
3 - More development/growth/expansion in local area.	13%

- 71% of respondents **do** have plans to develop or expand within the Parish

- Those businesses who do **not** plan to develop or expand gave the following reasons:

- 1 - New business - still expanding
- 2 - Impossible with current planning restrictions
- 3 - Too much traffic in the area

- The majority of respondents require office space up to 50m<sup>2</sup> over the plan period (22%), followed by industrial workshop 50m<sup>2</sup> to 100m<sup>2</sup> (11%), office more than 200m<sup>2</sup> (11%), retail 50m<sup>2</sup> to 100m<sup>2</sup> (11%), storage covered/open 100m<sup>2</sup> to 200m<sup>2</sup> (11%) and storage covered/open more than 200m<sup>2</sup> (11%)

- No comments were submitted in relation to there being any additional requirements not covered above

## Section C - And Finally....

- A summary of the nature of the businesses who responded to the questionnaire is provided here:

<i>Type of Business</i>	<i>Number of Businesses Falling into Category</i>
Wholesale and retail trades, repair of vehicles	3
Accommodation, hotels, restaurants, food services	3
Sports, leisure and recreation	3
Manufacturing	2
Transport, storage and distribution	2
Information and communications	1
Public administration, education and health	1
Professional, scientific, technical and research activities	1
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1
Construction	1
Administration and support service activities	1
Mining and quarrying	1
Museum and Conference centre	1
Recycling	1
Take away café	1

- Two comments were submitted about business activity in the Hampton in Arden area:

- 1 - Those in positions of authority should lead by example and use local businesses
- 2 - Support from local community

**Appendix G:**  
**Blank Copy of the Consultation Response Form**

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PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

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**Appendix H:  
Full List of Consultees**

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**Table H.1: List of Statutory and Other Consultees**

Statutory Consultees (in alphabetical order)	
Balsall Parish Council	Historic England
Barston Parish Council	London Midland
Berkswell Parish Council	Meriden Parish Council
Bickenhill and Marston Green Parish Council	Mono Consultants Ltd
Birmingham Airport	National Grid
Birmingham City Council	National Exhibition Centre
British Gas Transco	Natural England
Bromsgrove District Council	Network Rail
Centro	North Warwickshire Borough Council
Cllr Alison Rolf (SMBC Ward Councillor)	Police and Crime Commissioner for West Midlands
Cllr Bob Sleigh (SMBC Ward Councillor)	Severn Trent Water
Cllr Jim Ryan (SMBC Ward Councillor)	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Coal Authority	Stratford on Avon District Council
Coventry City Council	Warwick District Council
Environment Agency	Warwickshire County Council
Great and Little Packington Parish Council	Western Power Distribution
Highways England	Worcestershire County Council
Local Community Groups (in alphabetical order)	
Catherine-de-Barnes Residents Association	Hampton-in-Arden Singers
Hampton-in-Arden Parochial Church Council	Hampton-in-Arden Society
Hampton-in-Arden Players	Hampton-in-Arden Sports and Social Club
Hampton-in-Arden Pre-School	Hampton-in-Arden Women's Institute
Hampton-in-Arden Probus Club	The George Fentham Trust
Hampton-in-Arden Scouts and Guides	The Island Project

Major Local Businesses (in alphabetical order)	
Arden Wood Shavings	MC Trustees
Armac Group	Packington Estate Enterprises Ltd
Fleet Hire	Solihull Chamber of Commerce
Hampton Gym	Wyckham Blackwell
Hampton Manor	



## ***Consultation Statement***

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