

# HAVERSHAM-CUM-LITTLE LINFORD PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## CONSULTATION STATEMENT

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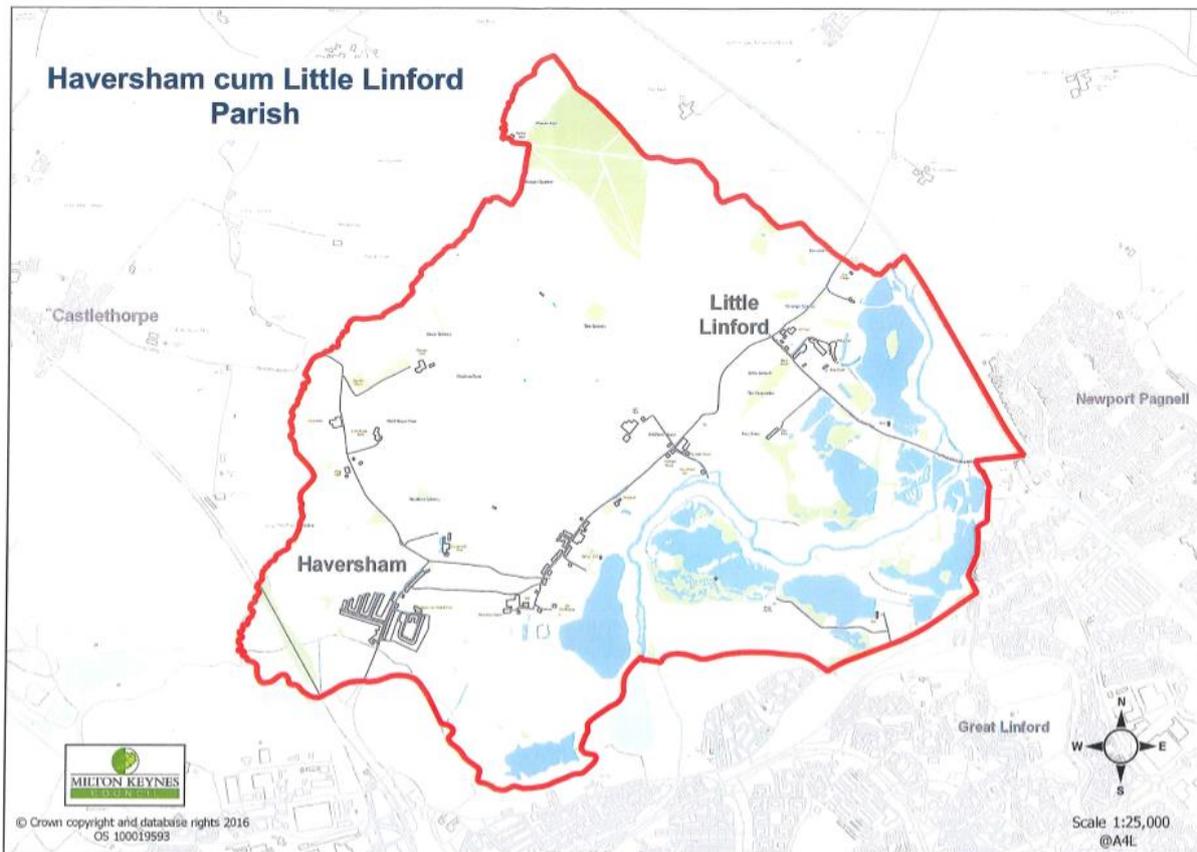
# 1. Introduction

This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended) in respect of the Haversham-cum-Little Linford Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2019 - 2031. The legal basis of this statement is provided by Section 15 (2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should:

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

## 2. Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation

Haversham-cum-Little Linford Parish Council ('the Parish Council') has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan ('HcLL NP') for the area designated by the local planning authority (see Plan A below).



Plan A – Haversham-cum-Little Linford designated boundary.

## 3. The Consultation Process

### TIMELINE OF EVENTS

The timeline of events below demonstrates the evolution of the Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and the various consultation exercises undertaken during its development.

Ongoing communications and feedback has taken place throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and despite the unwelcome challenges created by the Covid pandemic. The main methods of communication were:

- Public Meetings, both face to face and online as Covid risks dictated
- Information printed in the Haversham-cum-Little Linford (HcLL) Parish News Magazine, which is produced six times per year and distributed to each dwelling in the Parish.
- Regular updates have been published on the Parish Council website [www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning](http://www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning), which also includes a Frequently Asked Questions section.
- Parish Council meetings, which are open to the public, received and noted updates from its Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group throughout the process.

The Steering Group has also engaged with Milton Keynes Council (MKC) to seek advice and guidance through correspondence and face to face meetings.

### 2017

**January 2017:** The Parish Council applied to MKC, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, to designate a Haversham-cum-Little Linford Neighbourhood Plan Area.

In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, as amended by Regulation 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, MKC consulted residents and other interested stakeholders on this application. The Consultation ran for a 4 week period from 9 January to 6 February 2017.

Following a Neighbourhood Planning Officer decision on 8 February 2017, the area put forward by Haversham-cum-Little Linford Parish Council in their Neighbourhood Plan Area Application was approved as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Haversham-cum-Little Linford Parish Council engaged experienced neighbourhood planning consultants oneill homer to provide professional advice and support them in the preparation of the HcLL Neighbourhood Plan.

### 2018

#### Public Meeting

**March 2018:** A well-attended public meeting was held in the Haversham Sports and Social Centre on the evening of 14 March 2018 meeting as a first step in community awareness and information gathering for the neighbourhood planning process. Consultant Neil Homer and members of the Parish Council provided an outline of the process to those attending the meeting and the concerns raised by those attending were discussed.

### **Questionnaire 1 (June 2018)**

**June 2018:** The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group conducted a detailed paper-based survey of the residents in Haversham-cum-Little Linford Parish. The survey took the form of a questionnaire which was designed to find out what is important to the community in order to guide the Parish Council in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan.

334 households received two copies of the questionnaire and all residents aged 16 and over were invited to participate. The total number of questionnaires returned and analysed was 375. (Only one of these was downloaded from the website, the rest were returns of pre-printed copies.)

As close as it is possible to estimate, 257 households responded, with a rounded average of 1.5 questionnaires returned from each dwelling. This gives an estimated response rate of 77%. Responses were analysed and results published in August 2018 on the Parish Council website. The following documents related to this community questionnaire, are available to download from [www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning](http://www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning)

- Report Questionnaire (June 2018)
- Appendix A Summary of Quantitative Responses
- Appendix B Individual Comments to Qualitative Questions
- Appendix C Neighbourhood Plan Community Questionnaire Document

With regard to the priorities indicated by the responses, the consultation established the community's order of priorities as follows:

1. Managing Traffic
2. Protecting Sensitive Landscapes
3. Avoiding Harm to Biodiversity
4. Protecting Agriculture
5. Protecting Characteristics of Current Settlement
6. Preserving Heritage
7. Preserving or Enhancing Community Facilities

## **2019**

A visioning workshop was held on 23 January 2019 with consultants from oneill homer.

**February 2019:** Parishioners were invited to join the parish councillors working on the HcLL through an appeal in the Parish Magazine. Four Task Groups were set up, each with responsibility for gathering information in a particular area of community interest.

- Housing & Transport Task Group

- Environment & Design Task Group
- Community & Facilities Task Group
- Community Engagement & Communication

Each task group comprised a mix of parish councillors and parishioners who lived in different parts of the parish. At their first meetings, each group clarified their role and tasks.

**May 2019:** Each task group continued their research and work to formulate recommendations for inclusion in the HcLL NP.

The Environment and Design group undertook character appraisals of four distinct areas within the parish; Old Haversham; New Haversham; Little Linford and Mill Road.

The Housing and Transport Task Group recommended that a Housing Needs Survey should be undertaken in order to determine housing need and aspirations within the parish.

### **Housing Needs Survey**

**July 2019:** A paper-based Housing Needs Survey (HNS) was undertaken across the parish. The survey was designed by researching questionnaires for similar parishes and with reference to consultant oneill homer. The purpose of the HNS was to collect parishioners' comments and identify potential need for future housing within the Parish.

211 responses were received and the outcome helped inform the Steering Group in their deliberations with regard to evaluating the selection of a housing development site. The resulting report and analysis, titled **Final Housing Needs Survey Report**, can be found on the Parish Council website [www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning](http://www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning)

The Steering Group continued to meet, identify evidence gaps and prepare policies for the HcLL NP throughout the year.

**November 2019:** A 'Call for Sites' letter was sent to all landowners adjoining the existing settlement areas of New Haversham and Old Haversham. 28 such sites were initially identified.

The landowners were asked if they had any interest in putting land forward as a possible site for development in the HcLL NP.

Criteria for acceptable sites based on the resident consultations were prepared by the Steering Group with support from consultant oneill homer. These were included in the 'Call for Sites' letter. The criteria for the type of land required were:

- Small in size
- Would include predominantly affordable housing.
- Will preserve the character of the village.
- Will preserve local biodiversity.
- Will not significantly worsen the existing traffic congestion.
- Will deliver low energy, low water use, low carbon footprint.

The Call for Sites Letter can be found on the Parish Council website [www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning](http://www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning)

## 2020

**January - March 2020:** The Steering Group considered responses received from the Call for Sites.

11 sites were put forward by landowners. Two sites were deemed illegible as they failed to meet the requirement for a small sized site. With further details and clarification from landowners where needed, the remaining nine sites were scrutinised further and assessed against the criteria.

The Steering Group continue to meet (virtually, due to the pandemic) to further develop policy ideas to be included in the next Consultation and, if accepted, the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

During the summer of 2020 photographs were chosen and maps were selected from Task Group reports and refined for inclusion in the Consultation document to show:-

- Viewpoint locations
- Green & Blue infrastructure networks
- Minerals plan designated areas
- Flood risk zones
- Public footpaths, bridleways & cycleways
- Green areas including ancient woodland / TPO's
- Lakes
- Wildlife corridors & all areas of environmental designation.

**December 2020:** Due to the Covid pandemic the Parish Council was unable to hold the planned public consultation exercise on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Instead we issued a Consultation document and questionnaire to every household in the Parish. Two questionnaires printed on yellow paper were inserted with every copy of the document to allow each adult to respond by the end of December 2020.

The Questionnaire was designed to gather and evaluate residents; responses to the short list of five potential small-scale sites for housing development in the Parish. It also sought views on a range of policy options which were being considered for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation documents and the Analysis and Summary Report are available to download from the Parish Council website

[www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning](http://www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning)

The results of the 2020 Questionnaire were extremely helpful in informing the Steering Group of the range of views within the community as they continued to evaluate potential development sites and other policies for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan.

## 2021

A Draft Pre-Submission Plan was produced with help and advice from consultants oneill homer, copy of which was sent to Milton Keynes Council for feedback in August 2021.

Feedback was received from MKC and carefully considered by the Steering Group and their consultants oneill homer, resulting in some amendments to the Draft Pre-Submission Plan.

**December 2021:** MKC advised that following consultation with Heritage England they now required a Strategic Environmental Assessment to be undertaken.

## **2022**

March – April 2022: A Regulation 14 Consultation was undertaken as detailed in the following pages.

## 4. Regulation 14 Consultation Process

**March 2022:** In line with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the Pre-Submission Plan was published on the Haversham-cum-Little Linford Parish Council website as part of a six week public consultation, which closed on 22 April 2022.

The statutory bodies listed below were informed about the Regulation 14 Consultation by way of email details supplied by MKC.

- Milton Keynes Council
- Homes England
- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Network Rail
- Highways England
- Telecom operators – CTIL, Three, MBNL, EE
- Health – MK and Northants Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Electricity and Gas Companies – National Grid, Western Power, SGN, Cadent Gas
- Water and Sewerage – Anglian Water, Canal and Rivers Trust, Bedford Group of Drainage Boards
- MK Community Foundation
- Equality Council UK
- Council of Faiths
- MK Chamber of Commerce
- Milton Keynes Centre for Integrated Living
- Other interested parties – SSA Planning

All landowners (or their representatives) who had responded to the original “Call for Sites” to put land forward were also contacted directly.

With regard to community consultation, every dwelling in the Parish received notice of the Regulation 14 Consultation by means of a house to house leaflet campaign. The parish magazine, website and social media were also used to alert as many people and organisations in the parish as possible about the consultation process. Known businesses and organisations within the parish were contacted, including The Greyhound Public House, The Sailing Club and representatives of Aspley Group (Pineham Farm Business Units).

In addition, the Parish Council’s Annual Parish Public Meeting was held on 20 April 2022 as was well attended in comparison to previous years. Information boards taken from key sections of the Pre-Submission Plan were displayed and copies of the Pre-Submission Plan were made available. There was a section within the meeting where an update on the Neighbourhood Plan process was given followed by a question and answer session.

## 5. Regulation 14 Consultation Responses

Analysis of the feedback received as a result of the Regulation 14 consultation on HcLL's Pre-Submission document and resulting changes were undertaken as follows:

A summary of the representations made by the statutory bodies was prepared for the Steering Group by consultants oneill homer. The changes recommended as a result of the consultation responses received were accepted by the Steering Group and have been incorporated into the final Submission Document or Evidence Base as appropriate.

The details of the changes made, and the comments which prompted the changes, are included in the oneill homer report titled: **HcLL Reg 14 summary report May 2022** which is available on the Parish Council website [www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning](http://www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning)

Paragraph 4.1 of the report recommends that comments were sought from MKC and the land promoter for site 11 (land to the south of 27 High Street). The resulting comments received have been considered and acted upon as appropriate.

Community comments were shared with and discussed by the Steering Group and the limited changes to the Submission Plan which the Steering Group felt were necessary to clarify the process to some respondents have been completed.

All community comments received are included in the document titled **Report on Community Responses to Reg 14**, which is also available from the Parish Council website [www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning](http://www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning). As the comments were made by individual members of the public they have been anonymised as far as possible.

## 6. Consultation Statement - Supplementary Documents

The following documents form part of the Neighbourhood Plan Evidence Base and are available to view or download from

[www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning](http://www.havershamtlinford.org/parish-council/neighbourhood-planning)

- Report Questionnaire June 2018
- Appendix A Summary of Quantitative Responses
- Appendix B Individual Comments to Qualitative Questions
- Appendix C Neighbourhood Plan Community Questionnaire Document
- Final Housing Needs Survey Report
- Call for Sites Letter
- Consultation 2020 Final2
- NP Consultation Results December 2020
- HcLL Reg 14 summary report May 2022
- Report on Community Responses to Reg 14