

Stamford Neighbourhood Plan

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Consultation Statement
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Introduction

An underlying principle in this Neighbourhood Plan is to have local people actively involved in ongoing consultation on important planning issues. The Neighbourhood Plan steering group has been committed in undertaking consistent, transparent, effective and inclusive periods of community consultation throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and associated evidence base.

Why have we produced this Statement?

The Neighbourhood Plan Regulations require that, when a Neighbourhood Plan is submitted for examination, a statement should also be submitted setting out details of those consulted, how they were consulted, the main issues and concerns raised and how these have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Plan.

Legal Basis:

Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations sets out that, a consultation statement should be a document containing the following:

- Details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan;
- Explanation of how they were consulted;
- Summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- Description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

Our Consultation Statement

This statement outlines the ways in which Stamford First have led the production of the Stamford Neighbourhood Plan in terms of consultation with residents, businesses in the Town, stakeholders and statutory consultees.

In addition, this summary will provide a summary and, in some cases, detailed descriptions of the numerous consultation events and other ways in which residents and stakeholders were able to influence the content of the Plan. The appendices detail certain procedures and events that were undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan group, including; producing questionnaires, school events and running consultation events.

The Neighbourhood Plan designation

As part of the process, a Neighbourhood Plan area needs to be designated to allow a scope of work to be produced. The neighbourhood plan area covers the entire Town Boundary of Stamford. The Town Council are the quantifying body to lead and manage the Neighbourhood Plan process.

As the appropriate Qualifying Body, Stamford Town Council applied to South Kesteven District Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area on 26th January 2016. The District Council subsequently publicised the application for a six-week period and invited any representations. The District Council formally approved the Neighbourhood Area for Stamford on 1st April 2016.

The boundary of the Stamford Neighbourhood Plan Area (The Plan Area) corresponds to the boundaries of the Town's four Parishes – St Martin's, St John's, All Saints and St George's. The

Neighbourhood Plan will cover the period 2016 to 2036. This corresponds to the plan period for SKDC's emerging Local Plan that will cover the whole District for the period up to 2036. Confirmation of the designation by SKDC can be found at:

<http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=17617&p=0>

Figure 1: Stamford Neighbourhood Plan Area



Establishing a Neighbourhood Plan steering group called Stamford First

Stamford FIRST is the “Stamford Neighbourhood Planning Forum” – a community group formed by and working under the auspices of Stamford Town Council to take responsibility for the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Stamford. The group was launched in April 2016 with an expectation of delivering a plan within around 3 years.

Stamford FIRST has, over the last two years, held around 20 engagement events at different locations around the town which have included meetings with residents, community groups, businesses and special interest organisations.

In addition, Stamford FIRST has also undertaken consultation with residents by means of online and printed questionnaires which will be distributed to 8000 homes in Stamford.

Businesses in Stamford were also consulted by means of an online questionnaire which was sent by email to over 400 business owners and directors in the town.

People from the community will be making the plan. Everyone who offers their opinion, idea, argument or hands on help is part of making the Plan. At the time of writing the Neighbourhood Planning Group consists of people who have volunteered to work together to begin the process. They

meet at least once a month, or more if needed, to report on progress and to review comments and ideas, as well as look at new ways to engage within the community. The group often report back to the wider Town Council when appropriate and the Clerk at the Town Council provided support to the group.

Professional support and advice

The Neighbourhood Plan group received direct support from planning professional, Luke Brown, Natalie Cockrell Planning consultants and technical support from AECOM and from officers at South Kesteven District Council. This support was aimed at both guiding and directing the Neighbourhood Plan group in the right direction with regards to the process and with the production of evidence base studies.

The Consultation Process

The steering group engaged with the whole community in establishing the issues, opportunities, future vision and objectives for the town over the next 20 years. The following consultation events took place prior to the draft neighbourhood plan being produced.

Table 1: Consultation events undertaken before the Draft Plan Consultation

| Neighbourhood Plan Event | Date | Attendance |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Barnack Parish Council - Barnack Village Hall | 14 th March 2016 | 15 |
| Ryhall Parish Council – Ryhall Church Hall | 16 th March 2016 | 20 |
| Annual Stamford Town Meeting – Stamford Town Hall | 21 st March 2016 | 50 |
| Launch Event – New College Stamford | 28 th April 2016 | 70 |
| Ryhall and the Casterton Parish Councils – Ryhall Church Hall | 11 th May 2016 | 25 |
| St Peter’s Residents Association | 19 th May 2016 | 50 |
| Stamford Chamber of Commerce – Borderville Sports Centre | 12 th May 2016 | 50 |
| Stamford Schools - Principals Meeting – Stamford Welland Academy | 9 th June 2016 | 15 |

| Neighbourhood Plan Event | Date | Attendance |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Oakham Town Council – Victoria Hall, Oakham | 18 th August 2016 | 20 |
| Stamford U3A – Stamford Welland Academy | 13 th Sept 2016 | 15 |
| Wothorpe Parish Council – Wothorpe Village Hall | 1 st December 2016 | 10 |
| Stamford Chamber of Commerce – The George Hotel | 12 th April 2017 | 10 |
| Stamford Men of Stone | 27 th April 2017 | 50 |
| Stamford Civic Society – Browne’s Hospital | 4 th May 2017 | 70 |
| Stamford Chamber of Commerce – Stamford School Sports Centre | 12 th July 2017 | 10 |
| Presentation to Stamford Endowed Schools Geography Students, Stamford High School | 12 September 2018 | 70 |
| Public Consultation Event - Stamford Arts Centre | 18 th September 2019 | 30 |
| Public Consultation Event - New College Stamford | 1 st October 2019 | 25 |
| Public Consultation Event – Malcolm Sargent School | 2 nd October 2019 | 20 |
| Public Consultation Event – Stamford Town Hall | 8 th October 2019 | 30 |
| Presentation to Stamford Endowed Schools Geography Students, Stamford School | 13 th November 2019 | 70 |

Resident have been updated regularly about the process through the Neighbourhood Plan website www.stamfordfirst.org.uk and through the local newspaper ‘ The Rutland and Stamford Mercury’.

The benefits of involving a wide range of people and businesses within the process, included:

- More focus on priorities identified by our community;
- Influencing the provision and sustainability of local services and facilities;
- Enhanced sense of community empowerment;
- An improved local understanding of the planning process; and
- Increased support for our Neighbourhood Plan through the sense of community ownership.

The Neighbourhood Plan process has clear stages in which the steering group has directly consulted the community on aspects of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, including events, surveys and workshops. The public were also kept up-to-date on the progress of the Plan through minutes of meetings and regular updates on the Neighbourhood plan website: http://www.stamfordtowncouncil.gov.uk/Neighbourhood_Plan

Provided in this consultation statement is an overview and description of the consultation period on the Stamford First Draft Neighbourhood Plan. The draft plan consultation ran from Friday 23rd August 2019 until 21 October 2019. The consultation was advertised on the Stamford Neighbourhood plan website please see the image 1 below.

Image 1: Stamford First Website page



On the 22 August 2019 an email was sent to statutory consultees informing them of the commencement of the consultation period. These contacts involved numerous bodies and individuals that Stamford Town Council and Stamford first believe will be affected by the Neighbourhood Plan for Stamford. The following statutory bodies were consulted neighbouring parish councils, neighbouring district councils, South Kesteven District Council, Lincolnshire County Council, English Heritage, Natural England, Coal authority, utility providers for the area, Environment Agency, Homes and Communities Agency, Forestry Commission, Network Rail Infrastructure, Highways Agency, Primary Care Trust and also local business owners and land owners as well as those people who have expressed an interest in being informed on the progression of the Plan. The contact details have not been disclosed and remain confidential due to data protection.

Stamford first advertised the draft neighbourhood plan consultation locally through press releases, undertaking radio interviews and through the website. The events held during the consultation period are shown in table 2 below.

Table 2: Overview of the consultation at Regulation 14 stages and methods

| Date | Method | |
|---|--|---|
| August 2019 | Radio Station Interview | David Taylor explained the consultation on the Draft Plan and urged residents to attend of the consultation events. |
| August 23 2019 | Rutland and Stamford Mercury. | Website link to the article https://www.stamfordmercury.co.uk/news/have-your-say-on-plan-for-stamford-9079873/ |
| 9 September | Drop in Event – Stamford Town Hall | 10 residents |
| 18 September | Drop in Event - Arts Centre, Stamford Link to advertisement http://stamfordfirst.org.uk/events/stamford-neighbourhood-plan-consultation-event-september-14th-2019/ | 30 residents |
| 1 October 2019 | New College, Stamford 5 -7.30pm Link to advertisement http://stamfordfirst.org.uk/events/stamford-neighbourhood-plan-consultation-event-saturday-september-20th-2019/ | 25 residents attended |
| 2 October | Malcolm Sargent School, Stamford – 5 - 7.30 Link to Advertisement http://stamfordfirst.org.uk/events/stamford-neighbourhood-plan-consultation-event-october-2nd-2019/ | 20 residents attended |
| 8 October 2019 | Stamford Town Hall | 30 residents attended |
| 13 November 2019 | Presentation to Stamford Endowed Schools Geography Students, Stamford School on the plan process and next steps following consultation on the draft plan | 70 residents attended |
| Comments received on the plan during the public consultation events. | | |
| Open Space | | |

| Date | Method |
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| | OS14 - shops & More parking for the local school, doctors and supermarket |
| | OS16 – Very important for local sport within easy reach of housing |
| | OS7 – Important space for children and young people to play on |
| | OS26 – Recreation Ground is very important location for children to play also for sports facilities needed and tennis courts well used.. |
| | OS30 Families and dog walkers use it a lot |
| | OS31 Collins Avenue – Amenity Space – Very important used by families and dog walkers |
| | OS22 – Not Many areas for families within a large town |
| | All green spaces are very important in our communities particularly in our rural town people’s mental wellbeing, local wildlife. Allotments are especially important to our community. |
| | OS19 – Allotments are greatly appreciated by the local community. Ability to grown your own food is valued and the allotments provide a local point for the community. |

Consultee Responses to Regulation 14 Public Consultation

In total, 43 responses were made to the draft Stamford Neighbourhood Plan. These comprised of both statutory consultees and members of the community. A copy of the individual responses and actions for the Plan are detailed in the table in the pages below.

Table 3: Overview of the Comments received and Response from the Neighbourhood Plan Group

| Name/Company Number of Respondents | Page Number or Policy Number | Comment/ Response | Action for the Plan |
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| 1.South Kesteven | Page 12 | Map showing the red line extent of the Stamford NP area could be slightly clearer – The District Council can provide an updated map if required. | Agreed map changed as requested. |
| | 32 – Policy 1 | <p>The council has some concerns around the wording of “complimentary developments” in criteria h).</p> <p>The council suggests changing the wording to; where <i>neighbouring or functionally linked sites come forward together within the plan period, it is expected that applicants work together to ensure that any proposals are, or can be, complimentary in terms of character and design, and are properly integrated.</i></p> <p>The council would suggest that the start of the policy the sites are labelled as “STM1-H1 and STM1-H2” to be in keeping with reference labels of the Local Plan.</p> <p>The council has some concerns regarding the use of the word “attractive” in criteria C as follows;</p> <p><i>c) provide a clear and attractive vehicular, cycle and pedestrian connections between the developments and the nearby existing residential areas</i></p> <p>The word attractive is subjective in terms of its definition and is difficult to establish in terms of policy</p> | <p>Agreed and sites are now labelled the same as the Local Plan.</p> <p>Policy 1 has been amended in line with SKDC comments and other comments received on the policy within the plan.</p> |
| | 37 – Policy 2 | The Council has some concerns regarding the following text of the policy; Proposals for residential development outside the stated housing allocations, will only be supported if the proposal is located within, or directly, adjoining the existing built up area of Stamford. | The policy has been amended in light of |

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| | | <p>There is still no information as to what constitutes the “built-up area” of Stamford, therefore opens itself up to be quite permissive. The Council believes that this section of the policy is not in conformity with emerging Local Plan strategic Policy SP4, which allows for appropriate edge of settlement developments, or with the</p> <p>In regard to point 2 of the policy the Town Council are not a decision-making body. Therefore, while the town council can ask to be consulted upon and engage in discussion regarding a proposed masterplan, they cannot be the decision maker in regard to approving the masterplan which would be submitted to the Council as part of a planning application.</p> <p>NPPF criteria for edge of settlement affordable sites.</p> | <p>examination of the Local plan.</p> <p>Please see policy 2 for the amendments which now address these points.</p> |
| | 40 – Policy 3 | <p>The Council has some concerns over criteria C)</p> <p>The proposed level of affordable housing to be provided and the proposed type(s) of affordable housing will help to meet the needs of people with a local connection to the Stamford Neighbourhood Plan Area. This is due to Stamford serving a wider area than just the neighbourhood Plan area. The following link is to a good example of the Horncastle approach, which provides a policy having a number of criteria showing what meets the Local Connection test - https://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/media/6110/Horncastle-Neighbourhood-Development-Plan-2014-2029-Including-Appendix-A-to-H-and-S-/pdf/Horncastle_Neighbourhood_Development_Plan_2014-2029_(Including_Appendix_A_to_H_and_S).pdf</p> <p>In relation to point 2 of the policy, the council would like to see some reference to proposals offering a good level of internal accessibility.</p> | <p>The policy has been amended. The local connections criteria has been removed due to further discussions with the Housing Team at SKDC.</p> |
| | 47 – Policy 4 | <p>The Council believes that there is no requirement for point 1 of the policy as it only references what is already in the emerging South Kesteven Local Plan.</p> <p>The Council is unsure by that is meant by Valuable Areas in criteria b) of the policy</p> | <p>Agreed and the policy has been amended inline with the comments and part b has also been removed.</p> |

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| | | <p>b) development must not cause detriment to valuable areas or features of nature conservation or heritage assets; The council suggests some wording in the supporting text to evidence what these valuable areas might be.</p> | |
| | 60 – Policy 7 | <p>The council has some concerns regarding criteria a) b) e) and f) of point 1 a) are not currently used for an employment or retail use; The council believes this policy is to maintain employment/ retail usages within the primary and secondary shopping frontages and to resist against proposed changes to residential. However, the criteria comes across as restrictive and would stop (for example) the change of use from employment to residential. The council suggests the following wording change; a) are for employment or retail generating use classes and do not lead to a loss of employment or retail space. In regard to point b) b) would not lead to a significant alteration to the exterior of the building; The council would suggest that this policy is too restrictive, as what is a proposal was to improve the exterior of a building? The council believes that point c) adequately covers this already. In regard to point e) e) Ground floor frontages facing the public realm should be expected to provide predominantly active frontages during the daytime. Design facilitating passive surveillance will be encouraged; and The first part of the policy only references first or higher floor units and does not differentiate between what is a first or ground floor. It is suggested that part e) has its own section in the policy relating specifically to ground floor frontages/uses. In regard to point f) f) where appropriate, have appropriate access, parking and turning facilities to accommodate the proposed use(s). The council suggest the following wording change for clarification;</p> | <p>Policy 7 has been amended to the following: a) are for employment or retail generating uses and do not lead to a net loss of employment or retail space in these areas; b) do not adversely impact the character of the building or neighbouring buildings; c) create a benefit to the vitality of the town centre through the development of an unused space; d) should provide “active frontages” during the daytime hours. Design facilitating passive surveillance will be encouraged; and e) provide suitable parking and turning facilities to accommodate the proposed use(s) where appropriate.</p> |

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| | | f) where appropriate, provide suitable, parking and turning facilities to accommodate the proposed use(s). | |
| | 60 – Policy 7 | The council has some concerns around how point 3 of the policy regarding “hot food takeaways” and how this part of the policy could be reasonably enforced, for example how would “unacceptable harm to residential amenity?” be proportionately measured. | The neighbourhood plan group have decided to keep part 3 of the policy on hot food takeaways. However the regard has been changed to the following points: a) an active frontage is proposed during the daytime; b) the proposed operating hours proposed; and c) the number of existing hot food takeaway premises in the local area and their proximity to each other and its impact on local health and wellbeing. |
| | 75 – Policy 11 | The council suggests that a wider range of important views could be explored throughout the plan. Not just confined to the town centre area. The council also advises that these views are supported by appropriate pictures. Additionally the council suggest looking at the Belton comprehensive like the Belton setting study for further guidance on evidence regarding important views - http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=24306&p=0 | Please note policy 10 is the old policy 11. In line with SKDC comments the views (policy 10) Locally Important Landscape Views have been strengthened. |

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| | 78 – Policy 12 | <p>The council has some concerns regarding point 1 of the text;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development, where possible, must achieve good design and contribute positively towards the built character and natural landscape of Stamford. In conjunction with the Stamford Character Study and other characterisation studies or design guidance such as Building for Life principles, SKDC Residential Design SPD and the Stamford Capacity Study, proposals will only be supported if they can demonstrate that they can meet all the following criteria: <p>The council suggests that all the document references after the first paragraph do not need to be included within the policy and can simply be referenced within the supporting text.</p> | Agree the policy has been amended in line with SKDC comments. |
| | 78 – Policy 12 | <p>The Council has some concerns regarding criteria e) g) and f) of the policy</p> <p>e) parking on all development sites should provide adequate off-street parking spaces to avoid clutter and unnecessary on-street parking. Where on-street parking forms part of a developments design, it should be appropriately designed into the street-scene by the provision of parking bays to avoid unnecessary on-street parking and traffic congestion; The council would suggest the removal of the word “clutter” as it does not add anything in terms of policy. Addition the criteria on parking bit seems a bit restrictive i.e. off-road parking should be provided but on street is ok with parking bays – what about flats etc in town centre that don’t need any parking?</p> <p>f) the proposal will not have any unreasonable negative impact on the existing highway network or highway safety; This criterion of the policy is not in conformity with the NPPF para 109 which states 109. Development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe.</p> <p>In Relation to criteria g)</p> <p>g) Development proposals should protect and where appropriate enhance the characteristic features of the landscape, namely important views, prominent buildings and structures, woodlands, mature trees and hedgerows.</p> | The policy has been amended according to the comments received by SKDC and other comments made on the plan. |

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| | 81 – Policy 13 | <p>The council question whether the is the important views section is in reference to policy 11? If not, what is the evidence to associate with what these the important views are?</p> <p>The Council has some concerns regarding criteria b) of the policy b) plan and provide a comprehensive network of routes for walking and cycling which offer convenient, safe and attractive access to employment, homes, schools and other public facilities.</p> <p>This criterion of the policy is quite restrictive in terms of the requirement for a 50 units development. The council therefore suggest a rewording</p> <p>b) plan and provide a comprehensive network of routes for walking and cycling which offer convenient, safe and attractive access into and out of the site Should this sustainable transport policy also apply to employment sites?</p> | <p>Please note this is now policy 12. The policy has been amended according to the comments. The beginning of the policy states the following” Proposals for large scale developments of 10 or more dwellings, or those that are proposed in areas not directly served by public transport, should demonstrate, in their design and access statement, how they have had regard to the following”</p> |
| | 83 – Policy 14 | <p>The council has some concerns regarding point 1 of the policy; Point 1 of the policy states that;</p> <p>Proposals for new, or the extension of existing, educational facilities will be supported where it can be demonstrated that the proposal contributes towards the improvement of the town’s education facilities, improving access to courses and supports the local economy. Proposals for new educational facilities should consider all the following: The council questions how any new educational facility would not contribute towards an improvement of the town’s educational facilities? The council suggests the removal of the first sentence with point 1 stating;</p> | <p>Policy 14 has been amended as suggested.</p> |

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| | | Proposals for new educational facilities will be supported where it has considered all of the following. | |
| | 86 – Policy 15 | <p>The council has some concerns regarding point 1 of the policy; Point 1 of the policy states that;</p> <p>Proposals for new, or the extension of existing, cultural or creative facilities such as the Corn Exchange and the Stamford Arts Centre, will be supported where it can be demonstrated that the proposal contributes towards diversifying the town’s economy and enhances the town’s cultural or creative offer. Any proposals must consider all the following:</p> <p>Policies cannot be so specific as to name like for like cases of development. The council suggests that this is incorporated within the supporting text.</p> <p>Additionally, the council questions how an application would be measured in terms of its contribution towards diversifying the town’s economy and enhancement the town’s cultural or creative offer</p> | The policy has been amended in line with the comments received. |
| | 87 – Policy 16 | <p>The council has some concerns regarding point 1 of the policy;</p> <p>Proposals for new overnight accommodation, including hotel space, will be supported where it can be demonstrated that the proposal contributes towards diversifying the town’s economy. All new proposals must consider how they preserve, or enhances, all the following;</p> <p>The Council questions how some proposals will show that they diversity the towns economy, the council believe this is not a test that needs to be put within the policy</p> | The policy has been amended to address the concerns raised and reference to diversifying the towns economy has been removed. |
| | Green Space | Both OS10 + OS27 appear to cover roads as part of their boundary. OS14 –This would need to be checked in relation to the Exeter fields masterplan, which has already been established as part of policy. | Following the comments from SKDC, public and other statutory comments |

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| | | <p>The following areas are already identified as open space by SKDC and are already subject to policy OS1 of the SKDC Local Plan;</p> <p>OS11 OS10 OS9 OS12 OS8 OS13 OS7 OS1 OS16 OS2 OS8 OS3 OS24 OS26 OS19 OS18 OS28</p> | <p>the open spaces have been reviewed and map 6 now shows all the locally important open spaces.</p> |
| <p>2. Ingleton Wood, on behalf of Longhurst Group Limited.</p> | | <p>Policy relating to affordable housing</p> <p>The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires strategic policies to make provision for affordable housing when setting out the overall strategy for development, and for plans to set out the affordable housing contributions expected from development. South Kesteven Local Plan further identifies that the need for affordable housing across the District is very high, and the most recent Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) demonstrates a need for 667 affordable homes per year, which equates to 98% of the district wide housing need. Stamford in particular has been identified as an area with the highest house prices in the District, with a strong need for 1 and 2 bed accommodation</p> | <p>Thank you for your comment the policy relating to affordable housing has been amended to take account of these comments and others made in relation to the policy.</p> |

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| | | <p>A Neighbourhood plan provides an opportunity to include a specific policy relating to affordable housing to encourage its provision in Stamford. As it stands, the housing section of the draft plan only includes reference to the proposed residential allocations which were also allocated in the Emerging Local Plan, and affordable housing is only briefly mentioned in Policy 3.</p> <p>As such, this suggests that affordable housing in Stamford will only be met through the application of policy H3 of the Core Strategy which directs a target of 35% of affordable housing on major development. This means affordable housing provision is dependent on landowners bringing their sites forward to meet the current affordable housing needs in Stamford, where according to the current waiting list of affordable housing notes, 66 affordable dwellings are required immediately.</p> <p>It is however noted that the Emerging Local Plan, currently at Main Modifications consultation (Regulation 25), includes Policy H2: Affordable Housing, which requests a provision of 30% affordable housing, 5% less than requested by the existing Core Strategy. Although it is acknowledged that Neighbourhood Plans do not need to be tested against an Emerging Local Plan under planning practice guidance, this policy is close to adoption and if imposed, would supersede the 35% requirement. With the SHMA and other evidence bases emphasising the identified need for affordable housing, both across the District and within Stamford, it is argued that a 30% requirement would be insufficient to meet the need.</p> <p>Schemes such as the proposal for 33 affordable houses at Cherryholt Road, have been brought forward to cater to the needs of first-time buyers, young families and older persons, as required by Policy 3 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. It is considered that the Neighbourhood Plan would encourage more sustainable development in the long term, by adding support to sites such as these. Therefore, I would suggest that a policy is introduced to consider affordable housing outside of the proposed housing allocations, and to add weight to the benefit of wholly affordable housing developments</p> | |

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| Ingleton Wood, on behalf of Longhurst Group Limited. Lucy Smith | | <p>Allowance for additional housing sites</p> <p>The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not look to introduce additional allocated sites, and brings forward the allocation (sites H1 and H2) as identified in the Emerging Local Plan (Regulation 25), which is not yet adopted.</p> <p>The strategic community objectives detailed under 7.1 of the draft neighbourhood plan state that support for the Urban Extension is the main focus for housing. It is considered that there is too much emphasis on these sites to provide Stamford's housing requirement, and not enough consideration to other forms of potential sustainable development, such as smaller sites, which are more likely to come forward for development regularly and secure housing provision, as encouraged by Policy H3 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The draft Neighbourhood Plan should look to support Windfall sites that offer an opportunity for homes to be delivered more efficiently and in order to meet identified need</p> | |
| 3. Kentucky Fried Chicken (Great Britain) Limited Steve Simms | | <p>We support the aim of Policy 7 to achieve a balance of retail uses within frontages. We do not consider health and wellbeing impacts are specific to hot food takeaways.</p> <p>We support the criteria to which regard would be had in Part 3 of Policy 7, but would welcome clearer guidance on hours, numbers and distances for points (c) and (d).</p> <p>We would like to be informed of further stages of the Neighbourhood Plan and possibly to attend its examination.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The neighbourhood plan group have not specifically stated the opening hours or distances as these will be considered on a case by case basis.</p> |
| 4.Savills (UK) Ltd on behalf of Burghley House Preservation Trust (BHPT) | Page 17 – Community Objective 2 | <p>Comment: Strong support is given to this community objective which reinforces the provisions made within the emerging South Kesteven Local Plan for a new urban extension to the north of Stamford.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comment.</p> |

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| | Page 17 – Community Objective 3 | Comment: Due consideration should however be given to supporting evidence however the final sentence appears to be a note that should not appear in the final neighbourhood plan document. | Agreed and removed |
| | Page 18 – Community Objective 9 | Comment: Support is given to this community objective as it acknowledges the importance of good design. On 1st October 2019 the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government published a new ‘National Design Guide’ for beautiful, enduring and successful places. All new developments must take into account the provisions of this national guidance similarly the Neighbourhood Plan should have regard to this new guidance. | Thank you for your comment. Additional text added to reflect this. |
| | Page 30 - Statement of intent (second bullet) | <p>Comment: A minor text alteration is suggested as there may be other sources of evidence in respect of housing need for Stamford in addition to the Strategic Housing Market Assessment or local needs assessments.</p> <p>Suggested amendment Amend sentence so it reads as follows: “new homes of a size, type and tenure to meet local needs as identified in having regard to the most recently published Strategic Housing Market Assessment or local Housing Needs Assessment”</p> | Please note this has now been removed. |
| | Page 30 - Statement of intent (fifth bullet) | <p>A minor text alteration is suggested: “Development will improve the sustainability of Stamford by providing or enhancing supports local employment, including the visitor economy”</p> | Please note this has now been removed. |
| | Page 31 - Paragraph 8.6 | <p>Comment: It is suggested that this paragraph should be expanded to explicitly recognise the ability for windfall housing development in addition to the allocations identified within the emerging South Kesteven Local Plan.</p> <p>Suggested amendment: Alter the paragraph wording to read as follows: "This Neighbourhood Plan supports the level of growth identified within the South Kesteven Local Plan, and recognises that</p> | Changes made to the text within this section but now under a different paragraph 8.17. |

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| | | <p>additional sites may also come forward during the Plan period. It encourages the successful integration of all new development and enabling new development to respond to the needs of the local population, whilst encouraging new residents and businesses to the town."</p> | |
| | <p>Page 32 – Policy 1 'Integration of the proposed residential allocations'</p> | <p>Comment: It is noted that this policy builds on the emerging policy requirements identified within the emerging South Kesteven Local Plan however it should not duplicate policy requirements.</p> <p>In respect of criteria i) it is noted that a Development Brief is being prepared in respect of Stamford North which will be the subject of public consultation.</p> <p>Suggested amendment:</p> <p>Two minor text alterations are suggested as follows : "b) provide a good mixture of house types and sizes to respond to accommodate the local needs" in terms of housing supply;" "e) provide usable and good quality green spaces through the development;"</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. This policy has been amended in light of the comments received on the draft neighbourhood plan and these comments have been taken into consideration as part of the redrafting of the policy. Please see policy 1 for the changes.</p> |
| | <p>Page 36 - Paragraphs 8.11 and 8.13</p> | <p>Comment: This text is consistent with the provisions of emerging South Kesteven Local Plan Policy SP3 'Infill Development' however it is recommended additional text is added to reflect the emerging provisions of South Kesteven Local Plan Policy SP4 and neighbourhood Plan Policy 2 which make provision for development on the edge of settlements.</p> <p>Suggested amendment: Alter the paragraph wording to read as follows: "The Neighbourhood Plan provides an opportunity to address the likelihood for other smaller developments or the redevelopment of existing sites within and well related to Stamford the town to come forward over the plan period."</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. This has been included in paragraph 8.19.</p> |

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| | Page 37 - Policy 2 'Additional Residential Development' | <p>Support is given to the flexibility provided for new residential development at Stamford. Part 2 of the policy requires submission of detailed masterplan which is to be prepared in conjunction with the Town Council and "agreed" prior to the submission of a related planning application. The objective of achieving positive community engagement is supported.</p> <p>Concern is raised with the policy requirement for such a masterplan to be specifically agreed by the Town Council in order to be able to submit a policy-compliant planning application as this exceeds the provisions set out at National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 40.</p> <p>Suggested amendment: Maintain the spirit of community engagement that the Neighbourhood Plan is seeking to achieve, but amend Part 2 to read: "Where proposed sites are in multiple ownership, are proposing a phasing to the delivery of a scheme or are in an area where there is limited or there are no links to existing pathways or transport infrastructure, the proposal should be accompanied by a detailed masterplan. This masterplan should be developed in consultation with Stamford Town Council prior to being submitted as part of a planning application."</p> | The policy has been amended in light of all comments received. There is now an appendix 2 Criteria for Demonstrating Community Support for New Developments on the Edge of Stamford that details the community consultation required. |
| | Page 46 - Paragraph 9.16 | This paragraph refers to Policy 5 instead of Policy 4.Suggested amendment: Amend the reference to read "Policy 4". | This has been amended. |
| | Page 47 - Policy 4 'Enabling Employment Opportunities' | <p>Part 1 of the policy references emerging South Kesteven Local Plan policies E1, E2 and E3 as relevant for employment proposals. However, the District Council is proposing modifications to the emerging Local Plan that mean emerging Policy E5 (proposed to be renumbered E6) is also relevant to all employment sites, including those in Figure 8 of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>For ease of reference emerging Policy E5 (proposed to be renumbered E6) states: "Loss of Employment Land and Buildings to Non-Employment Uses</p> | In response to other comments in the plan the original part 1 of the policy has been removed therefore addressing this point. |

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| | | <p>The Council will seek to retain and enhance existing areas of employment use, as well as the sites identified in Policies E1 to E4, unless it can be demonstrated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the site is vacant and no longer appropriate or viable as an employment site – this may include the need for an effective, robust and proportionate marketing of the land and buildings to be undertaken; and; b. redevelopment would maintain the scale of employment opportunities on the site, or would deliver wider benefits, including regenerating vacant or unutilised land; or c. the alternative use would not be detrimental to the overall supply and quality of employment land within the district; or d. the alternative use would resolve existing conflicts between land uses. Suggested amendment: <p>Add reference to Local Plan Policy E5 (which is proposed to be re-numbered E6).</p> | |
| | <p>Page 65 – Paragraph 12.12 and Page 76 - Paragraph 13.3</p> | <p>Reference is made to the definition of heritage asset however the current NPPF definitions are as follows:</p> <p>“Heritage Asset: A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. It includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing).” (page 67 of National Planning Policy Framework).</p> <p>Significance is defined as “The value of a heritage asset to this and future generations because of its heritage interest. The interest may be archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. Significance derives not only from a heritage asset’s physical presence, but also from its setting. For World Heritage Sites, the cultural value described within each site’s Statement of Outstanding Universal Value forms part of its significance. (page 71 of National Planning Policy Framework).</p> | <p>The text has been removed inline with other comments received.</p> |

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| | | Suggested amendment: Update text to reflect current provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework. | |
| | Page 78 - Policy 12 'Development Principles for New Development' | Part 1 of Policy 12 makes reference to a number of design studies and guidance, since the publication of this Neighbourhood Plan the Government has published a new 'National Design Guide' which should also be referenced. Suggested amendment: "In conjunction with the Stamford Character Study and other characterisation studies or design guidance such as the National Design Guide, Building for Life principles, SKDC Residential Design SPD and the Stamford Capacity Study, proposals will only be supported if they can demonstrate that they can meet all the following criteria:.." | The list of guidance documents and information has been updated in line with these comments. |
| | Page 81 - Policy 13 'Sustainable Transport' | Policy 13 seeks to promote accessible sustainable modes of transport which is integral to design of new development. It is necessary for the suggested requirements to be compatible with the provisions of Lincolnshire County Council Highways guidance as well as the National Design Guide. | Thank you for your comments. |
| | Pages 89 to 92 – 'Place making Principles' and Page 93 – Appendix 1 'Stamford Character Study' | It is noted that AECOM has produced the 'Stamford Character Study and Design Guide' which is intended to be appended to the Neighbourhood Plan. This document was produced in advance of the new National Design Guide and should be reviewed to ensure it accords with this new guidance. There are many references to modern or contemporary architecture styles throughout the Stamford Character Study and Design Guide and the Neighbourhood Plan. It is considered reference should instead be given to design which is demonstrably high-quality and which relates to the established character of Stamford in terms of scale, proportions and materials rather than identify a specific style approach within policy. An applicant should be able to propose a high-quality design in either contemporary or traditional style. Stamford Character Study and Design Guide Page 60 - Point 7 – Additional reference should be added to include sustainable drainage systems, and the use of soakaways. | Thank you for your comments. |

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| | | Stamford Character Study and Design Guide Page 61 - Consideration could also be given to architectural character, for example where grander streets are characterised by grander architecture. | |
| 5. Lincolnshire County Council | | The Character Study is an excellent piece of work. It will be interesting to see what the Extensive Urban Survey project LCC is currently doing can feed into this process in due course. | Thank you for your comment. |
| | Section 12 | Chapter 12 'Heritage and views' is dominated by consideration of views and designated heritage assets. There is little mention of the consideration of non-designated heritage assets which will include rich archaeological deposits throughout the historic core of the town. This results in Policy 10 completely failing to mention archaeology. This policy also does not use NPPF-compliant language. The NPPF says that the planning system ought to secure the future of and where possible enhance the significance of heritage assets and their settings. Significance is an important concept which underpins good management of change in the historic environment. | Thank you for your comments please note policy 10 is now policy 9 and has been completely reviewed. |
| | | There could be seen to be a possible conflict between the aspiration for more town centre car parking (mentioned In Chairman's Foreword , table at Figure 2 and Community Objective 6 in list at Para 7.1) and proposal for developments to promote sustainable travel (Policy 13 on page 81) | Thank you for your comments. Issues with parking provision has been documented throughout the development of the plan. |
| | | Disappointingly light in terms of public rights of way recognition No reference to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan or consideration of access from the Town to the countryside or any potential for improvement to the connectivity of the network or the improvement of existing routes | Thank you for your comments this has been strengthened in the plan within the environment section and other policies linking to new and existing routes. |
| 6. MHB PLANNING on behalf of ECTON | | The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states in footnote 16 to Paragraph 29 that: | Thank you for your comments and the policy has been amended in line |

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| DEVELOPEMENTS Ltd | | <p>Neighbourhood Plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in any development plan that covers the area. Whilst the relevant development plan for the Stamford area is made up at the present time by the Core Strategy (2010) and the Site Allocations and Policies Plan (2014) the emerging South Kesteven Local Plan 2011-2036 has recently been through its examination with main modifications currently subject of consultation until 11th November 2019.</p> <p>In accordance with NPPF Paragraph 48 weight may be given to relevant policies in emerging plans subject to: the relative stage of preparation of the merging plan; the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies; and the degree of consistency of the emerging policies to the Framework. In this regard it considered that the Neighbourhood Plan should have reference to the policies of the emerging South Kesteven Local Plan 2011-2036, particularly those policies where there are no main modifications proposed, as it is reasonable to assume that the South Kesteven Local Plan will be adopted in advance of the publication Neighbourhood Plan being submitted for formal consultation and subsequent examination.</p> <p>In this regard whilst there is support in principle to the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Policy 2: Additional Residential Development, which is considered to broadly reflect the Submission South Kesteven Local Plan Policy SP4: Development on the Edge of Settlements, which provides the opportunity for other non-allocated sites to be considered positively for development on the edge of settlements, there is considered to be a subtle difference in the approach of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Policy 2 on this matter.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy SP4 states that development ‘on the edge of a settlement.... will be supported’ whilst the draft Neighbourhood Plan Policy 2 (1) states that development ‘will only be supported if the proposal is within, or directly, adjoining the existing built up area of Stamford’. The introduction of the additional words in draft Policy 2 with the inclusion of ‘only’ and ‘directly, adjoining’ are considered to remove the flexibility of considering all sites on the edge of the settlement for development which is the intention of Local Plan Policy SP4. As such it is our clients considered view that the specific wording of Policy 2 is not in</p> | with these comments and others provided. |

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| | | <p>conformity with the Local Plan Policy SP4 and should be amended with the proposed deletion of the following words 'only' and 'directly, adjoining' with the insertion of 'on the edge of the settlement of Stamford'.</p> <p>We trust that this suggested amendment to the wording of Policy 2 can be incorporated into the subsequent submission version of the Plan and look forward to further involvement in the evolving neighbourhood plan process.</p> | |
| 7.Local Resident | | <p>I am responding to the Stamford Neighbourhood Plan consultation.</p> <p>I appreciate that much work has been done in preparing the plan, but I am disappointed that it is not visionary enough and fails to address the issue of climate change which is becoming increasingly important for all communities. South Kesteven District Council have recently declared a climate emergency and earlier this year Market Deeping received recognition for putting walking at the heart of their Neighbourhood Plan. Walking is certainly not at the heart of Stamford's Neighbourhood Plan. The plan seems to focus on the local economy, historic architecture and car traffic with little regard to societal well-being and the natural environment. Social, environmental and economic factors are fundamental to ensuring sustainability.</p> <p>I urge you consider the following:</p> <p>(1) Renewable energy and energy efficiency - by demanding energy-positive buildings; supporting more public transport; facilitating the switch from fossil fuels to alternative energy sources with charging points for electric vehicles – public and private; and installing more walk ways and cycle ways;</p> <p>(2) Social welfare - with more walk ways and cycle ways for better physical and mental health; more green spaces planted with native tree species for carbon sequestration, air pollution mitigation, amenity value and biodiversity habitat; and more, widely distributed social housing integrated into planned development;</p> | Thank you for your comments. Your issues raised with the plan have been incorporated into the final plan. |

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| | | <p>(3) Blue-green infrastructure - with natural areas that are linked-up and integrated as a network to create a permeable landscape, restored to a wide variety of habitats of native plant and animal life (complementary to the character of the historic town), and enhanced in anticipation of moderating the impacts of a warming environment and severe storm events expected with a changing climate.</p> <p>Certainly, if these issues are not addressed you cannot be considered to have addressed the issue of sustainability in Stamford. A thriving, prosperous economy, societal well-being and healthy environment go hand in hand. Stamford needs to step and play its part as a responsible community in this existential debate that extends across the country.</p> | |
| | Policy 3 | There is no mention of social housing in this policy. It is important that any new housing meets the needs of existing residents in Stamford including young people and those wishing to down-size, and not just large houses that attract new people to the area. | Policy 3 has been amended and includes affordable housing. |
| | Policy 8 | I am disappointed to see that this Policy does not mention any park and ride scheme or a hopper style bus service. Both are referred to in para 11.16. Both would be good for residents and visitors. There is no mention of electric charging points being installed at car parks. | Thank you for your comment. The charging points have been included within the policy 13. |
| | Policy 11 | The view from the south when entering Stamford is important. At the moment the road near the William Cecil Hotel is littered with cars and has adverse effect on the feel of the town | Thank you for your comments. Please note the views section within the plan has been reviewed. |
| | Policy 12 | With the number of new houses proposed Development Principles are vital in terms of ensuring the type of housing-built blends in well with the character of Stamford. Too often new builds are bland with insufficient car parking provided (for example development on the Williamson Cliff site) when far more appealing dwellings are possible. There is no mention here of new dwellings being energy efficient, having electric charging points, cycle routes, allotments or play areas. | Thank you for your comments and the policy has been amended in light of all comments received. |
| | Policy 13 | ensuring Sustainable Transport is key in terms of the future development of Stamford. With the number of new houses proposed far more needs to be done to discourage dependency | Thank you for your comments the plan has |

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| | | on the car and encourage alternative modes of travel like cycling, walking etc and improved public transport. | been amended with this in mind. |
| | Policy 14 Policy 16 | Any new educational facilities need to be located near where prospective pupils live so they can walk or cycle to school and not have to be driven or drive themselves. Again any new overnight accommodation need to be located near public transport to reduce dependency on the car | Thank you for your comments. The plan has been amended to reflect these comments. |
| 8.Great Casterton Parish Council | | <p>The Rutland village of Great Casterton is close to the western edge of Stamford and particularly to the Stamford North Development which will be part of the town’s expansion. The B1081 Old Great North Road is one of the routes from the town centre to the northbound A1. This road goes right through the centre of the village, and in particular the Conservation area which contains many listed buildings. In the centre of the village there is a congested crossroads which is prone to holding up through traffic and causing tailbacks in the village; there are also three chicanes to reduce traffic speeds. The Easterly pavement on this road is designated as a “safe route to school”.</p> <p>The two schools in Great Casterton have a combined total of some 900 students. Traffic through the village during school opening and closing periods is now approaching 4500 vehicles a day: this has increased by 400-500 a day since 2015. All vehicles are recorded by two vehicle activated electronic speed indicator devices at either end of the village. A recent survey on the crossroads by AECOM has confirmed these numbers.</p> <p>The overall size of the Stamford North Development and other housing developments in the town has the potential to generate a considerable amount of extra traffic through the village. The Parish Council notes there does not appear to be any reference in the Plan to alleviate this such as a continuation of the east/west link road through the development further on towards the A1, nor are there any proposals for a realistic junction at the A1. The present one at Sidney Farm Lane is already inadequate.</p> | Thank you for your comments. The highway issues are dealt with through the County Council. |

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| | | The Parish Council remains concerned at the potential effects of the proposed draft plan on Great Casterton and recommends that the Roads, Transport and Education section notes this and proposes plans to alleviate it. | |
| 9 Sustainable Places - Planning Advisor Environment Agency | page 17 Objective 1: housing - urban extension to north and east of Stamford Objective 4: the environment Objective 7: green infrastructure | <p>From the draft plan it doesn't appear that flood risk is a particular concern of Stamford residents, although it is mentioned. However, it would be worth including an extract of our Flood Map for Planning, showing associated floodplains which need to be taken into account. This can be viewed on our website at https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk/.</p> <p>You may also wish to consider including the surface water flooding map. We have produced a surface water flood map (in partnership with the Lead Local Flood Authority) of areas susceptible to surface water flooding which may help to identify areas which require particular action. This can also be found online via https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk/map.</p> <p>Extracts of both maps specific to Stamford can be obtained via our Customers and Engagement team (Inenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk).</p> <p>We would hope that any neighbourhood plan in this area would consider the need not only to prevent flood risk increasing but to seek to actively reduce flood risk and provide betterment wherever possible, in line with paragraph 100 of the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>We are happy that the Policy 4 (Enabling employment opportunities) section 2c states that 'development must not exacerbate flooding'. We would however recommend that this be included in Policy 1 and 2.</p> | Thank you for your comments. |
| | Environment: section 10 policy 5 | It is clear that the local environment is very important to local residents. We support Section 10 and welcome the inclusion of Policy 5: River Welland Green Corridor, but think this could be developed further. | Thank you for your comments the plan has significantly strengthened this part of the document |

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| | | <p>We suggest that the Green Corridor be extended beyond the extent shown in Map 3, to cover from the Gwash / Welland confluence up to Tinwell Pumping Station. There are environmental delivery opportunities within this extended green corridor that could assist in delivering the aims of this draft plan. We would be happy to work with the Town Council to pursue these.</p> <p>The plan could investigate possibilities to enhance watercourse corridor biodiversity, as well as contribute to achieving Water Framework Directive aims of improving the ecological status of the waterbody. This could sit within Policy 5 but is also of relevance to the proposed north-eastern urban extension, which we understand adjoins or includes the Gwash. You may be aware of the Welland Valley Partnership and the hosts of that partnership, the Welland River Trust. It would be great if you could make mention of these within the plan. The plan could also recognise Stamford's important position in the overall Welland Catchment, as a point of transition from the fast reacting upper catchment above to a more fenland catchment below, with all upper flows being funneled through one channel in Stamford, and this being a point of restriction. We would also like the plan to recognise that although Stamford Water Recycling Centre is outside of the town boundary, the environmental impact of the town reaches far downstream of the town boundary via the treated effluent.</p> | based on your comments and others received. |
| 10. The Welland Rivers Trust, Chris French | Policy 5 | <p>In Section 10 "The Environment" we would like to see the green corridor of the Welland extended throughout the town from the A1: https://goo.gl/maps/A6yLWbMGtiaWgFaB8 down to the confluence of the River Welland with the River Gwash: https://goo.gl/maps/rhQCmXCDZJY6UJXf8 . Within this larger section, a number of environmentally focussed projects have been identified by the Welland Rivers Trust and our catchment steering group, the Welland Valley Partnership: http://www.wellandriverstrust.org.uk/welland-valley-partnership/ that would contribute fully towards Policy 5.</p> <p>With this in mind, we (The Welland Rivers Trust) and by extension, The Welland Valley Partnership, would like to offer our support in advising and consulting on all new</p> | Thank you for your comments the plan has significantly strengthened this part of the document based on your comments and others received. |

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| | | development proposals within the Welland Green Corridor and work wherever possible in further enhancing the biodiversity, flood alleviation and public access offerings of the Welland through the town. To lock this commitment in, we would like to be referenced in the plan with our logos (attached to this email). | |
| 11. Anglian Water Services Limited | Policy 1: Integration of proposed residential allocations | <p>We note that it is proposed to allocate sites for residential development which are included in the District Council’s Local Plan. Anglian Water has no objection to the principle of residential development on the sites identified in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Reference is made to infrastructure being provided prior or in tandem with new development. In the case of new and improved sewerage infrastructure it would normally be provided prior to occupation.</p> <p>18 Place Making Principles</p> <p>We welcome the reference to (surface water) drainage solutions forming part of the overall landscape/green infrastructure in the parish. We would wish to see both Sustainable Drainage Systems and water re-use (including rainwater and stormwater harvesting) where appropriate being an integral part of new developments.</p> <p>For clarity it would be helpful to refer to both surface water attenuation and water quality for SuDs features.</p> | Thank you for your comments. The changes have been made. |
| 12. Highways England Company Limited, | Policy 1,2 & 4 | <p>The emerging South Kesteven District Council Local Plan proposes 1450 new homes in the Stamford area over the plan period, most of which being allocated to the Stamford North site, although it is noted that some of these homes will be situated in the adjoining county of Rutland. In line with the South Kesteven District Council Local Plan, the Stamford Draft Neighbourhood Plan identifies sites H1 and H2 for housing allocation under Policy 1, and provision for two employment allocations under Policy 4. We note that one of these two employment sites will be located adjacent to the A1.</p> <p>The plan acknowledges in Policies 2 and 4 that additional residential and employment sites or allocations would need to demonstrate that they do not detrimentally affect the capacity</p> | Thank you for your comment |

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| | | <p>or safety of the existing highway network. We support these policies and also state that any development with the potential to impact on the SRN, including allocated sites, will need to be subject to Transport Assessments to be prepared as part of the development management process, in order for their impacts to be appropriately assessed. We have no further comments to provide and trust the above is useful in the progression of the Stamford Neighbourhood Plan.</p> | |
| <p>13. Resident comments</p> | | <p>1. You have named the planning forum 'Stamford First'. I was shocked to see this echo of Donald Trump's 'America First' slogan - with the associations of racism and xenophobia. I really can't imagine why you would use such a title, and would urge you to reconsider something more appropriate.</p> <p>2. The Environment: 4 of the district councils in Cambridgeshire, our neighbours, have declared a climate emergency, and Cambs City Council has also declared a biodiversity emergency. I get no sense from this plan of the pressing need to increase biodiversity and tackle climate change in this plan and would like to see a far more ambitious approach. Why is there no ambition to increase nature? The Green Infrastructure is largely amenity land in Stamford, good for recreation but there is very limited wildlife. I would like to see more about what can be done to increase nature such as wildflower verges, more street trees, requirements for green roofs, requirement for gardens to enable movement of wildlife etc. This is happening elsewhere, why not in Stamford? It makes it a nicer place to live for everyone and is an essential if we are to do our bit to prevent continuing significant loss of wildlife and biodiversity.</p> <p>3. Sports. There is no mention of sports facilities in Stamford, why not? This should be an important part of the plan to tackle the issues around obesity and health and wellbeing. There should be a track facility in Stamford - I understand SKDC were/are? looking at this but it should be highlighted as an ambition to improve the provision for local people.</p> <p>4. Traffic - this is acknowledged as a problem in the draft plan but it's not clear what the ambition is here. Again I'd like to see more ambitious and far-reaching ideas e.g. how can</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received.</p> |

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| | | <p>we encourage more bicycles? Could we reduce or even cut off cars from the town centre? Imagine how nice Red Lion Square would be with some trees and no cars and associated exhaust fumes constantly going through it</p> | |
| <p>14. Resident comment</p> | | <p>Why are we to have so much development as I feel this will spoil our very old historic town. My major concern would be the traffic. I think it needs to be diverted away from existing housing as the traffic is bad enough now. I live in Fife Close and cars are speeding down Arran Rd. There are many small children walking to school and I fear its an accident waiting to happen. traffic is always congested getting onto the A1 plus more cars would only increase the pollution levels.</p> <p>I wish to know if there are plans to actually fill in the quarry and built on that. There is a lot of wild life over there and cutting down all the tress and filling in the ponds will harm our environment which as you know is already in dire straights. Our doctors are already stretched to the limit. You cannot even get through on the phone let alone get an appointed!!!! Parking in the town is difficult.</p> <p>Schools are at capacity. I would like all the green spaces on our estate to not be built on. A concrete jungle is very bad for our well being</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received.</p> |
| <p>15. Resident Comment</p> | | <p>Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>I completely agree with the importance of protecting our green space, as expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. For this reason, I would very much like you to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherryholt Rd, up to Saint Leonard’s Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland, in order to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan.</p> <p>As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs (due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads) I feel it is vital to protect it.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area are contained within the final plan</p> |

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| | | <p>Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community, Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherryholt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> <p>These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood Plan</p> | |
| <p>16. Resident Comment</p> | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherryholt Rd to Saint Leonard's Priory to Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>I completely agree with the importance of protecting our green space, as expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. For this reason, I would very much like you to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherryholt Rd, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland, in order to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan.</p> <p>As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs (due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads) I feel it is vital to protect it.</p> <p>Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community, Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherryholt Rd across</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherryholt area is contained within the final plan as an important green space.</p> |

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| | | <p>the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> <p>These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood Plan</p> | |
| 17. Natural England East Midlands Team | | <p>We welcome the Plan's commitment to sustainable development as expressed in the recognition of the importance of green infrastructure, the designation of open green spaces and the value of the local landscape character of the town.</p> <p>Three positive measures have been put forward, the concept of the 'Green Wheel'; the identification of areas of open space importance and the policy relating to the River Welland Green Corridor.</p> <p>We believe it would be helpful to widen the inventory of environmental assets in order to better deliver on these policies. We would recommend that an inventory of natural assets is produced which identifies to future developers opportunities for enhancements to green infrastructure and net gain to biodiversity. An example would be to name and map areas of Priority Habitat such as deciduous woodland and good improved semi natural grassland.</p> <p>An important entry to such an inventory would be Great Casterton Banks Special Site of Scientific Interest, which occurs within the Parish boundary. This site is renowned for its limestone flowers and abundant butterflies.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received.</p> |
| 18. Resident comment | | <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Therefore we would respectfully request you to add to the plan, the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and river welland area is contained within the final plan.</p> |

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| | | <p>As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads.</p> <p>Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's story and heritage.</p> <p>Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd.</p> <p>A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> <p>These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents.</p> <p>This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood plan.</p> | |
| 19. Resident Comment | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard's Priory, running alongside the River Welland</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River</p> |

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| | | <p>Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan. As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old StLeonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> <p>These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood plan.</p> | Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space. |
| 20. Resident Comment | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard's Priory, running alongside the River Welland.</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan. As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> | Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space |

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| <p>21. Resident Comment</p> | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard's Priory, running alongside the River Welland</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on this the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan. As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> <p>These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood plan.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |

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| 22. Wood Plc on Behalf of National Grid | | <p>National Grid previously owned part of the gas distribution system known as 'National Grid Gas Distribution.</p> <p>An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high-pressure gas pipelines.</p> | Thank you for your comments. |
| 23. Resident Comment | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard's Priory, running alongside the River Welland.</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan. As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> <p>These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood plan.</p> | Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space |
| 24. Resident Comment | | Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard's Priory, running alongside the River Welland | Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with |

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| <p>25. Resident Comment</p> | | <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our Stamford green spaces, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on the east side of the town that runs from Cherrymholt Road, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland, to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan.</p> <p>This meadow area is the only large green space in the east of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all to enjoy, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |

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| 26. Resident Comment | | <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our Stamford green spaces, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very much like to add to the plan the meadow on the east side of the town which runs from Cherry Holt Road, to St Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland, to create the green corridor on the river outlined in the plan. As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community, Village Green Status has been applied for, part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection. Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard's Priory, a Grade 1 listed building and a key part of</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |

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| | | <p>Stamford's heritage. Most locals visit the Priory via the path from Cherry Holt Road across the meadow in order to avoid the very busy Priory Road. These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents, contributing to their wellbeing and health whilst building and supporting a local community.</p> <p>PLEASE ADD THIS MEADOW AREA TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.</p> | |
| <p>27. Resident Comment</p> | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard's Priory, running alongside the River Welland</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan. As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> <p>These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood plan.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |

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| 28. Resident comment | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard’s Priory, running alongside the River Welland</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard’s Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan. As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford’s story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> <p>These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood plan.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |
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| 30. Resident Comment | | <p>We would very much like to add our names to The Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan as we feel that the meadows alongside the Welland running from Cherryholt Road through to St Leonard's Priory are a vital green space used for many years by us all and therefore eminently part of your aim in conserving such space for the well-being of our residents.</p> <p>There is hardly any green space for the use of residents in the Eastern part of Stamford and these meadows are particularly important because they adjoin St Leonard's Priory, a unique building of historical interest for generations to come.</p> <p>We therefore urge you to include these meadows in your Neighbourhood Plan</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |
| 31. Resident Comment | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard's Priory, running alongside the River Welland.</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to create the green</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained</p> |

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| <p>32. Resident Comment</p> | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Road to Saint Leonard's Priory, running alongside the River Welland to the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>I completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. I would very much like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Road, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to enable creating the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan. This meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs due to its enclosed nature.</p> <p>Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |

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| <p>33. Resident Comment</p> | | <p>Please add to the neighbourhood plan the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard's Priory, running alongside the River Welland</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very much like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland. This will create the green corridor on the River Welland as outlined in the plan. This meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs. Due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads, this space is a tranquil area that should be preserved for future residents. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's story and heritage. Most locals visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Road. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |

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| <p>34. Resident Comment</p> | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard’s Priory, running alongside the River Welland</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard’s Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan. As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford’s story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> <p>These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood plan.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |
| <p>35. Resident Comment</p> | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard’s Priory, running alongside the River Welland</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River</p> |

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| | | <p>Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan. As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection. Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk. These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood plan.</p> | <p>Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |
| <p>36. Resident Comment</p> | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard's Priory, running alongside the River Welland.</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan. As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |

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| | | <p>story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> <p>These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood plan.</p> | |
| 37. Resident Comment | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard's Priory, running alongside the River Welland.</p> <p>We completely agree with the objectives and importance of protecting our green space, expressed in the Stamford First Neighbourhood Plan. We would very like to add to the plan the meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard's Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland to create the green corridor on the River Welland outlined in the plan. As this meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and uniquely provides a safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection.</p> <p>Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd across the meadow so as to avoid the busy Priory Rd. A number of paths in the meadow exist to better take in the views of the priory, and extend the walk.</p> <p>These meadows are an important local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. This is helping to provide for their well-being and health, whilst building and supporting a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood plan.</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan as an important green space</p> |

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| 38. Resident Comment | | <p>Please add the Meadow from Cherry Holt Rd to Saint Leonard’s Priory, running alongside the River Welland. May I first voice my full support and appreciation of the Neighbourhood plan and the need to protect our green spaces before they are lost; as once they are lost for it for all time? I and many others of the area would like to add the Meadow on the East side of the town that runs from Cherry Holt Rd, up to Saint Leonard’s Priory, with its south side boundary being the River Welland, and the North Side the gardens of the residents on the South Side of Priory Rd. The meadows of course surround the Town Council allotments on Priory Rd. Protecting this land falls very much in-line with the stated objectives 8, 9 and 10 for the Stamford First initiative. As para 10.3 in the draft says “The River Welland acts as a green corridor through the southern part of the town from Town Meadows through to the employment and retail area near Uffington Road”. We completely agree, and for this green corridor to be complete it would need to include this important meadow. This much loved green space is used greatly by the local community on a daily basis for recreation and walking. This meadow area is the only large green space in the East of Stamford, and borders both the River Welland and the beautiful Saint Leonard’s Priory.</p> <p>Uniquely it provides safe space for all, especially for those with children and dogs, due to its enclosed nature and separation from roads. You really do feel you are in the countryside. This land itself is very special as it has only been used as a pasture and grazing since before 1975, with no ploughing. The mixture of plants and grasses has resulted in a wide variety of butterflies and bees. Other than the odd Heron, we see goshawks and red kites using the meadows regularly to prey and scavenge. The pond in Priory Meadow is home to newts both smooth and crested. They are known to wander and have used the land as a corridor crossing the meadow, and into neighboring gardens for example visiting the pond in Cherrymolt Rd. Many wild flowers in the meadow are unique to the area, e.g. Snakehead Fritillary, which grows wild here along with Orange Hawkweed and Ladies Smock (cardamine pratensis) an important food for the resident Orangetip butterfly (increasingly rare). Buckthorn is in the hedges, which is food for the Brimstone butterfly, and nettle species are feeding the small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Red Admirals and Comma (which is</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. The Cherry holt and River Welland area is contained within the final plan. The environment section of the plan has also been updated.</p> |

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| | | <p>rare this far north). Meanwhile the Docks feed the large Copper, whilst the grasses feed the Ringlet butterflies, and other brown types. Indeed such is its value, history and importance to the local community Village Green Status has been applied for part of it (Application SKVG/1/2019 with evidence of use) to enable a better level of protection, this can be used as evidence for the value of this meadow area. In addition as the Neighbourhood plan state the SKDC Plan, SKDC Green infrastructure strategy and the NPF (National Plan) all support the protection of this type of site, and it should therefore be included in it's in the Neighbourhood plan. Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan would also help preserve the setting, and outlook of the 800 year old St Leonard Priory, a grade 1 listed building, and a key part of Stamford's story and heritage. Most locals in fact visit the priory via the path from Cherry Holt Rd to avoid the busy Priory Rd, walking a number of paths in the meadow to better take in the views of the priory, and extend their walk (please see LCC map image marking many paths). These meadows and the paths are a key local amenity, which are within easy reach for local residents. Providing for their well-being and health, whilst helping to build and support a local community. Please add this meadow area to the Neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Image Notes: The first picture shows the site and not only the public footpath, but all the other paths in frequent use by residents. The second picture is a photo, a group shot of local residents 8/9/19, who wish to protect the meadow. The shot is taken from the meadow closest to Cherry Holt Rd with the 11 th Century Priory in the background. There is believed to be an ancient nunnery in this meadow.</p> | |
| 39. Local Resident | | <p>We have studied the Neighbourhood Plan for Stamford and are impressed by its comprehensiveness and, especially, that so many open spaces have been described and designated as important to the town and its people, We would hope very much that this plan is allowed to carry some weight in future building negotiations where the views of planning officers at SKDC in the past have been allowed to dominate and ignore what local people think about the town they live in. The open spaces described need urgently to be given their due importance for the health and amenity of the town, and it would be good to revise these spaces over the next five years, so that at least some of them might be</p> | <p>Thank you for your comments. Please note the environment section has been updated in line with your comments and others received.</p> |

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| | | <p>afforded admission to the Conservation Area of Stamford which, incidentally, was not very clear in the map, as it stretches beyond the boundary of the map used. The ability for people in Stamford to have outside spaces as allotments is increasingly important as land gets swallowed up for housing which often does not allow space for growing food or permit people to live more sustainably. The inclusion of these all-important 'lungs' for an increasingly built-up town is vital and needs to be protected from further building incursion. Along with open spaces, sustainable access to them needs to be encouraged with more provision of paths suitable not just for walking, but also cycling. Stamford remains a very difficult town to cycle round, and it would be good to see more signage as there is on part of Ryhall Road, which permits the use of wider footpaths for cyclists as well as pedestrians. This is particularly important since so many roads are cluttered on both sides with parked cars and cyclists have to negotiate the narrow streets often endangering themselves and causing frustration to motorists. For little used footways to be dual-purpose might be something for StamfordFIRST to encourage as a sustainable way forward, especially as people are encouraged to find ways of removing their dependence on fossil fuel-driven cars and use cycles instead.</p> <p>Another asset to the town could be encouragement for local councils to plant appropriate fruit trees instead of merely decorative trees alongside roads, footpaths or cycle pathways, which afford shade, pleasure but also a harvest for local people.</p> <p>We hope that these comments are helpful.</p> | |
| 40. Local Resident | | Please keep Stamford's green lungs safe. It is very important that we preserve all the green open spaces that Stamford has for the current and future residents. All future building and town expansion should consider the environment and future proof Stamford by planning for less traffic, more walking, cycling and giving residents access to open spaces for sport, recreation, gardening/allotmenting and restorative relaxation. | Thank you for your comments. The plan has been updated in line with all comments received. |
| 41. Local resident | | I refer to pages 56 & 74 of the above Plan and congratulate your foresight in wishing to keep the Water Furlong allotments/gardens as a <i>important open space</i> . | Thank you for your comments. The plan has |

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| | | This particular area is of great importance to the environment and one of the many gems to be found in Stamford. May I suggest that you view: Waterfurlong Orchard Gardens | been updated in line with all comments received. |
| 42. Local resident | | Thank you for drafting this plan. I would like to focus my response on Open Spaces, and particularly the allotments and gardens on the west side of Waterfurlong, which fall outside the conservation area. I strongly support the plan to classify these as a protected green space. The gardens not only provide an invaluable amenity, but are appreciated by many local residents and dog walkers. The collective gardens are recognised by Natural England as a 'traditional orchard', a rare and important heritage environment. They also lie over the remains of the lost medieval hamlet of Bradcroft, an Anglo-Saxon meeting place of importance. Further information about Bradcroft and about Waterfurlong's orchard heritage can be found at the gardeners' website www.waterfurlonggardens.com . | Thank you for your comments. |
| 43. Resident comment | | Dog walkers along river as far boundary. Footpaths and cycle paths | Thank you for your comments. |