

Wychavon District Council



Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement

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I confirm that the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan, as revised by the modifications set out in Table 1 below, complies with the legal requirements and Basic Conditions set out in the Localism Act 2012, and can therefore proceed to Referendum, which will be held on Thursday 5 March 2020.

I also declare that I have no disclosable personal or disclosable prejudicial interest in respect of this decision.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Holly Jones'.

Holly Jones
Director of Planning and Infrastructure, Wychavon District Council

Summary

Following an independent examination, Wychavon District Council now confirms that the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum on Thursday 5 March 2020.

Background

On 25 September 2015, Wychavon District Council designated the area comprising the Parish of Honeybourne as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Extensive community consultation culminated in the draft Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan consultation which took place in March and April 2019. The consultation responses fed into the final version of the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan which was submitted to Wychavon District Council in August 2019, along with the associated Consultation Statement, Basic Conditions Statement, SEA and HRA Screening, Housing Background Paper, Green Space Background Paper, Historic Records List and Proposed Additional Conservation Area at Church.

The Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan and associated documentation was then publicised and representations were invited; the publicity period ended on 7 October 2019.

Wychavon District Council appointed an independent Examiner, Christopher Collison of Planning and Management Ltd, to review whether the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum in October 2019.

Having considered each of the recommendations made by the Examiner's Report and the reasons for them, in consultation with the Parish Council, Wychavon District Council has decided to make the modifications to the draft Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan as detailed in Table 1 below in order to ensure the Plan meets the Basic Conditions as set out in the legislation.

Decisions and Reasons

Wychavon District Council has made the following modifications, as proposed by the examiner and agreed by the Parish Council, to ensure that the Honeybourne Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions.

Table 1 – Schedule of Examiner’s Recommended Modifications and Wychavon District Council’s Response

Part of Document	Examiner’s Recommended Modification(s)	WDC Response
<p align="center">Policy H1, pages 20-23</p>	<p>In Policy H1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the text before part a) with “The 3.3 hectare site to the rear of Harvard Avenue and Badham’s Garage identified on the map presented in Appendix 1, is allocated for housing development comprising at least 50 homes, subject to the following development principles”; • Delete part a), and include reference to “phasing over a two-year period will be supported” in Section 7 of the Neighbourhood Plan; • In part b) after “pond” insert “or suitable alternative”; • Commence part i) with “Subject to financial viability”; and • Delete part j) and modify the reasoned justification accordingly. <p>Include, and refer to, a map of the site allocation at sufficient scale to accurately identify the site boundaries.</p>	<p>Agreed, Policy H1 updated accordingly and map inserted.</p>
<p align="center">Policy H2, pages 25-26</p>	<p>In Policy H2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After “more homes” insert “within the Development Boundary for Honeybourne defined in strategic policies or on sites allocated for residential development”; • Replace “Development should” with “To be supported development 	<p>Agreed, Policy H2 updated accordingly.</p>

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	<p>proposals must”;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence part b) with “Approximately”; and • Replace “With regard to” with “Where development proposals include”. 	
<p>Policy H3, page 26</p>	<p>In Policy H3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence the policy with “Within the Development Boundary for Honeybourne defined in strategic policies on sites allocated for residential development”; • Replace “will be expected to” with “must”; • Replace “bungalows” with “single storey homes” in the second and third sentences; • Replace “need and” with “need or”; and • Replace the final paragraph with “Homes without their own entrance from the outside will not be supported”. 	<p>Agreed, Policy H3 updated accordingly.</p>
<p>Policy H4, pages 28-30</p>	<p>In Policy H4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the text before the colon with “To be supported development proposals must”; • In part c) and replace “Are” with “Be”; 	<p>Agreed, Policy H4 updated accordingly.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In part f) insert “the” before “area” and insert “use of” before “low”; • Replace part h) with “Follow the published Landscape Guidelines for the local Landscape Types as included in the Worcestershire Landscape Character Assessment and also guidelines in Worcestershire County Council’s document ‘Trees and Woodland in Worcestershire: Biodiversity and Landscape Guidelines for their planning and management”; • Replace part j) with “Incorporate features which reduce water run-off;” and • In part n) delete “Avoid large areas of hardstanding and”. 	
<p>Policy H5, page 30-31</p>	<p>In Policy H5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace text before the colon with “To be supported proposals for new buildings must”; • In part f) delete “where appropriate”; • In part g) replace “may be appropriate” with “will be supported”; • Delete part h); • In part i) “where appropriate” and replace “encouraged” with “supported”; and • Transfer parts g) and i) to be freestanding paragraphs after part j). 	<p>Agreed, Policy H5 updated accordingly.</p>

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<p>Policy H6, page 31-32</p>	<p>In Policy H6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the text before the colon with “To be supported building extensions (including porches, conservatories, garages and carports) must”; and • Delete part h). <p>Delete “Housing” from the policy title.</p>	<p>Agreed, Policy H6 updated accordingly and policy title amended.</p>
<p>Policy H8, page 36</p>	<p>In Policy H8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace “Measures to” with “Proposals that”; • Replace “promoted wherever possible” with “supported”; • Replace “shall have regard to conserving and enhancing” with “must conserve and enhance”; • Replace “, where appropriate to respecting” with “must respect”; • Replace “Development should” with “To be supported development proposals must”; • After “rural character” insert “as follows”; and • Delete the final sentence of the policy. <p>Replace Paragraph 6.43 with “Honeybourne falls under Landscape Types H15 Principal Village Farmlands and L16 Village Claylands, and the</p>	<p>Agreed, Policy H8 updated accordingly and paragraph 6.43 replaced.</p>

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	Ecological Zone E2 - Avon Vale Claylands within Worcestershire County Council's document "Trees and Woodland in Worcestershire: Biodiversity and Landscape Guidelines for their planting and management".	
Policy H9, page 37-38	<p>In Policy H9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence the third paragraph with "To be supported" and continue that paragraph with "unless it is demonstrated this is not practicable"; • In the third paragraph replace "appropriate" with "suitable" and include the list of suitable types from the text box at the base of page 38 of the Neighbourhood Plan; • Replace the fourth paragraph with "To be supported large-scale developments must demonstrate how landscaping has shaped the proposal."; and • In the sixth paragraph after "established trees" insert "(and development should be avoided within identified Root Protection Areas)" and replace with "hinder the future growth" with "affect the future health". 	Agreed, Policy H9 updated accordingly.
Policy H10, page 39	<p>In Policy H10 delete the first paragraph</p> <p>Re-title the policy as "Agricultural Development"</p>	Agreed, Policy H10 updated accordingly and policy title amended.
Policy H11,	In Policy H11 continue part d) with "Underground storage of water will only be supported where it is demonstrated this is necessary on grounds of	Agreed, Policy H11 updated

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pages 41-42	viability or practicality.”	accordingly.
Policy H12, pages 45-46	<p>In Policy H12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delete “there will be a strong presumption against”; • Continue the first sentence “will not be supported”; • Replace “7.69” with 6.72”; • After “a community facility” insert “listed above”; • Replace “unacceptable traffic movements or other impairments to existing residential properties” with “severe traffic congestion or significant loss of residential amenity”; and • Replace part f) with “Will not result in additional on-road parking; and”. 	Agreed, Policy H12 updated accordingly.
Policy H13, page 48-50	In Policy H13 transfer the fourth paragraph and the final sentence of the fifth paragraph to the Reasoned Justification.	Agreed, Policy H13 updated accordingly.
Policy H14, pages 52-53	<p>In Policy H14:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merge sites 1 and 2 to read “1. Honeybourne Airfield Trading Estate / Two Shires Park” and renumber the following sites; • After “All Things Wild” insert “(It is intended that the policy relates to the buildings within the site and their current use for employment related purposes, not the agricultural / greenfield land within the 	Agreed, Policy H14 updated accordingly, maps inserted and Appendix 4 amended.

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	<p>wider site currently operating as All Things Wild, however, what constitutes the planning unit and the nature of the current and authorised uses within that planning unit would need to be determined at the time of any consideration);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the second paragraph after “provide” insert “B1, B2, B8, tourism, leisure and / or recreation related”; and after “opportunities” insert “on the above-named sites”; and replace “permitted” with “supported”; • In the third paragraph replace the text before “supported” with “Proposals to improve or intensify B1, B2, B8, tourism, leisure and / or recreation related employment uses on the above-names sites will be”; and • Replace “All applicants are required to submit” with “All proposals relating to employment sites must include”. <p>Include in the Neighbourhood Plan maps of the sites referred to in the policy at sufficient scale to identify their boundaries, and refer to those maps in the policy.</p> <p>Adjust the Policy Map at Appendix 4 to include the entire Neighbourhood Area.</p>	
Entire Document	Modify general text to achieve consistency with the modified policies, and to correct identified errors including those arising from updates. Renumber parts of policies arising from deletions.	Agreed, incidental amendments made.