

DUDDINGTON WITH FINESHADE  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
2011-2031  
CONSULTATION STATEMENT

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## 1.0 Introduction

1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should contain:

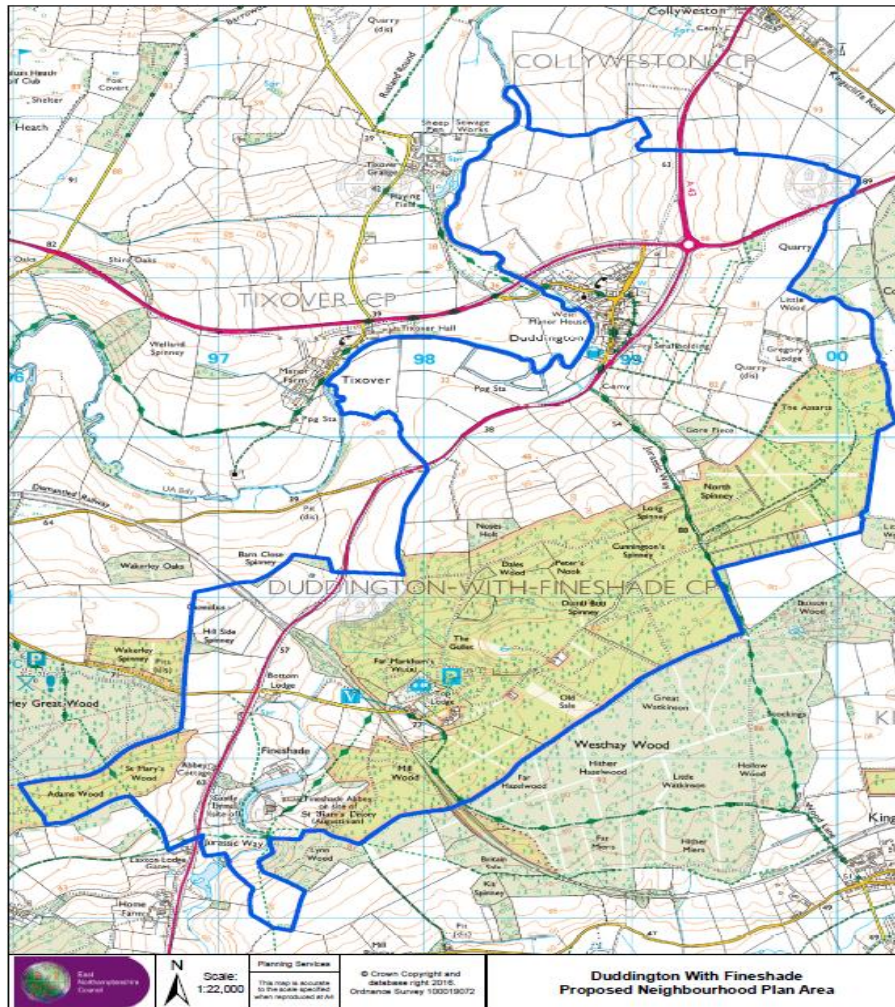
- The details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan
- Explains how they were consulted
- Summarised the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted
- Describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and where relevant addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

## 2.0 Definition of the Neighbourhood Area

2.1 In June 2016 the Parish Council applied to East Northants Council as part of the designation of a Neighbourhood area under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Part2(5). The area was selected for the following reasons:

- The Parish Council considers the whole Parish to be an appropriate area. This is to ensure any policies that are developed will have weight within the plan.
- The Neighbourhood Plan will be in conformity with the emerging Core Spatial Strategy and Rural North Oundle Thrapston Plan.

This was accepted by East Northants Council in August of that year.



DUDDINGTON WITH FINESHADE NEIGHBOURHOOD DESIGNATED AREA

### 3.0 Setting up the Advisory Committee

- 3.1 In April 2017 it was agreed by the Parish Council to set up an advisory committee comprising residents and representatives from the Parish Council to undertake the development of the plan and to commission an external consultant YourLocale to provide professional support to the group. This request for members of the Committee was sent out to all residents via email, the Duddington Digest and direct mail. It was important to ensure that representation on the committee reflected the requirements of both communities, Duddington Village and Fineshade.
- 3.2 The Duddington with Fineshade Parish Council Neighbourhood Advisory Committee comprising residents of Duddington and Fineshade was then set up with its first meeting in August 2018; it's brief was to report back to the Duddington with Fineshade Parish Council at their meetings. It was agreed that working groups should be set up to manage the main areas of the Plan, environment, housing and sustainability. People with expertise in specific

technical areas such as environmental management and planning were also co-opted as part of the groups.

3.3 The Advisory Committee met as a formal committee on:

8<sup>th</sup> August 2018

10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

9<sup>th</sup> January 2019

8<sup>th</sup> April 2019

15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (COVID delay)

12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (ZOOM)

3.4 Minutes of the meetings were placed on the Duddington with Fineshade website under the Neighbourhood Plan section. (copy & paste into your browser or highlight and follow “open hyperlink”)

<https://www.duddingtonwithfineshadeparishcouncil.org.uk/>

3.5 In between these meetings, the working groups met, carried out specific research, reported back to the Advisory Committee and inputted information that was then inserted into the draft plan. This was then submitted to the Parish Council for their approval.

3.6 With such a small constituency, 119 households (source Census 2011) spread over a wide area, funding to assist in the research and development of the Plan was granted through Locality. This was used to provide assistance from consultants YourLocale and also bodies including Natural England and environmental specialists.

## 4.0 Importance of consultation

4.1 Duddington with Fineshade comprises of two communities approximately three miles apart linked by a main trunk road (A43) and is separated by Estate owned land, Fineshade Wood which is managed by Forestry England and farming land managed by a family trust. It was important to consult with all residents of both communities as some needs would be different.

4.2 Initially to raise awareness and understanding of neighbourhood planning a representative from Action in Communities in Rural England (ACRE) was invited to give a presentation at a local community event which was attended by residents from each community. Transport was shared to enable non-drivers from Fineshade to attend,

- 4.3 Duddington Village has the status as a restraint village and has full conservation status as in Article four.
- 4.4 With two separate areas with different needs and priorities, different methods of communication were employed examples of which are attached as appendix C:
- Articles in the Duddington Digest – both electronic and hard copy
  - Leaflet drops to each resident within the Parish
  - Email notification
  - Informal communication – face to face
  - Duddington with Fineshade Parish Council Website – minutes of Parish Council and Advisory Group
  - Notice boards in both Duddington Village and Fineshade Wood
  - Questionnaire – drop box and via email/hard copies for those without computers
  - Open Day - Duddington Village Hall – generic information boards with area specific maps
  - Public time at Parish Council meetings

## 5.0 Communication Activities

5.1 Several delays occurred during the development of the plan. Firstly the pandemic meaning that meetings did not take place and then a major delay was also caused by the transference of Northamptonshire to a unitary authority. East Northants was amalgamated with four other areas and became North Northants with a shadow council in place. Again this was delayed by the pandemic and the new council finally came into being in April of 2021.

5.2 Communication Process:

Aug-16	Application to East Northants Council (ENC) to become a qualifying body for the preparation of a neighbourhood plan.
Apr-17	Presentation by Action For Rural Communities (ACRE)
Aug-18	First request for volunteers - email/leaflet drop/Digest/Noticeboards
08-Aug-18	Advisory Group meeting
10-Sep-18	Advisory Group meeting
Oct-18	Pre-questionnaire leaflet drop/email
Oct-18	Community questionnaire
10-Oct-18	Advisory Group meeting
Nov-18	Drop in event flier
Nov-18	Letters/emails to stakeholders
Nov-18	Communication with stakeholders regarding the intention to develop a neighbourhood plan
Dec-18	Invite for people who completed the questionnaire and attended the open event.
Jan-19	Drop in event consultation summary
Jan-19	Face to face meetings with landowners
09-Jan-19	Advisory Group meeting
08-Apr-19	Advisory Group meeting
09-Apr-19	Advisory Group meeting
15-Jul-19	Advisory Group meeting
15-Jul-20	Advisory Group meeting
12-Aug-20	Advisory Group meeting
Mar-22	Reminder note for residents about commenting on the draft plan
Mar-22	Reminder of closing date for consultation
Mar-22	Leaflet drop/email for public consultation of draft plan
Mar-22	Pre-submission consultation with stakeholders - letters/emails
Aug -22	Review carried out by NNC
Jan -23	Meeting with NNC – additional consultees identified
Jan/Feb -23	Additional consultees contacted

- 5.3 The questionnaire took place in October 2018 with a drop box placed at the Duddington Village Hall and a resident's house in Fineshade for those without transport. Hard copies were also available for those without computers. An analysis of the questionnaire showed that 61% of respondents stated that they would like to be involved in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. This was then followed up in November with an open event in the Village Hall where residents were invited to comment on the future of the Parish and its future development.
- 5.4 It was felt that rather than holding a further consultation event that people may have been tentative to attend due to ongoing COVID restrictions, an executive summary of the Plan was developed to allow residents to review policies.
- The Executive summary is available to view on the website <https://www.duddingtonwithfineshadeparishcouncil.org.uk/>



## 6.0 CONSULTATION

### 6.1 LIST OF PEOPLE AND BODIES CONSULTED

6.1.1 Working with the Parish Council, local residents and members of the Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Committee, owners of land within the Parish were identified and consulted with at the start and prior to the regulation 14 consultation either by letter, email or face to face meetings. All were informed of the intention of the Parish Council to develop a neighbourhood plan and were invited to discuss their intentions for their land.

6.1.2 Duddington Landowners:

Burghley Estates

TP Gilman Ltd

Mark Constant

Sheffield and Ford – Berry’s Land Agents acting on behalf of Sheffield and Ford

Jackson Estate - Berry’s Land Agents acting on behalf of the Jackson Family (based in Australia)

The Poor Field – managed by a charity and money raised from the crops is used for local educational purposes

6.1.3 Fineshade Landowners:

Forestry England

Ireland Family Estate

Mrs D Barney – Countrywide Park Homes Ltd

Mark Elborne – owner of two fields at the far end of the Parish that have been in the family for generations.

6.1.4 Duddington Businesses:

Sheffield and Ford – not now trading. The owners of the now redundant builder’s yard are represented by Berry’s Land Agents

The Royal Oak Public House – owned by Mark Constant (During the planning process the Pub has been closed, leased, closed and leased again in June 2022)

The Mill Birth and Wellbeing Centre– owned by Alexandra Constant (The Mill has been in the process of being restored over a few years and opened in March of this year)

TP Gilman Ltd- Farmer from Tixover who runs sheep on the fields at Duddington

6.1.5 Caravan and Motorhome Club – Stamford Caravan and Motorhome site, Top Lodge, Fineshade

Forestry England - Fineshade Wood Management

Grounds Café, Fineshade – based at the Visitors' centre in Fineshade Wood

Fineshade Abbey – private residence. With occasional lets. The Abbey has been on the property market for a few months. This was included in the first consultation and remains on the market.

At the start of the neighbourhood planning process, Rutland Cycling was based at the Visitors' Centre and was included in the first stakeholders' consultation. However following its closure this has recently been taken over by Grounds Café.

6.2 Stakeholders:

North Northants Council – Planning Policy, Development Management, Housing Delivery, Flooding

Natural England

Environment Agency

British Gas

Western Power

Historic England

Highways Agency

National Grid

Anglian Water

CPRE

Northamptonshire Police

NHS Nene Clinical Commissioning Group

MP – Thomas Pursglove

Councillors – Annabele De Capell-Brooke (resigned), Jason Smithers, Helen Harrison, Charlie Best

Additional stakeholder who made direct contact prior to regulation 14 consultation:

Chris Waldron, Assistant Safeguarding Manager, Ministry of Defence,  
RAF Wittering

6.3 Adjoining Parishes:

Kings Cliffe

Barrowden

Collyweston

6.4 Following recommendations from North Northants Council after the initial consultation process had been completed, a closer review of the rural boundaries was carried out, additional consultees were identified and consulted with. The Parish meetings are usually informal events rather than minuted meetings.

Additional consultees:

Tixover Parish Meeting

Wakerley Parish Meeting

Laxton Parish Meeting

Blatherwycke Meeting

Ketton Parish Council

Rutland County Council

Additional stakeholders:

Homes England

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- Responses are shown in Appendix A.

6.5 The consultation period took place over six weeks from 7<sup>th</sup> March – 18<sup>th</sup> April. Additional time was made available as due to the implementation of the new unitary authority some departments were still in the process of allocating responsibilities and difficulties were encountered directing requests to the appropriate person. In some cases, no-one had been allocated that responsibility.

6.6 An email or letter was sent to stakeholders including landowners, businesses and neighbouring parish councils directing them to the website or who to contact in the event of a hard copy being required. Information was also sent out to all residents through leaflet drops, the Duddington Digest and Parish Council noticeboards.

6.7 Responses to the consultation were collated and reviewed by YourLocale and forwarded to the Chair of the Parish Council and Secretary to the Advisory Committee. (Appendix A)

## 7.0 Conclusion

7.1 It has been a long process to reach the final stages of this plan and it has been testament to the determination of members of the working group and support of the Parish Council who have demonstrated their support and love for this special area.

7.2 COVID presented its own challenges and with the change to a unitary authority, the advice and support from the planning officers from NNC has been greatly appreciated.

7.3 Following the conclusion of the communications and consultation process the Neighbourhood Plan is now in a position to be submitted to North Northamptonshire Council where it will be publicised for a further six weeks and then forwarded with supporting documentation to an independent examiner who will carry out the review. If successful the Plan will then be passed for referendum where residents will have the opportunity to vote yes or no to adopt the Plan.

Sandie Parsons – Chair of Duddington with Fineshade Parish Council

Shenagh Hackett – Secretary Duddington with Fineshade Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Group

**APPENDIX A - PRE - SUBMISSION CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED**

1		ENV8	<p><b>Environment Agency – Northants Sustainable Places</b></p>	<p>Thank you for consulting us on the Duddington with Fineshade Draft Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>We aim to reduce flood risk, while protecting and enhancing the water environment. We have had to focus our detailed engagement on those areas where the environmental risks are greatest.</p> <p>Based on the environmental constraints within the area, we have no detailed comments to make in relation to the Plan.</p> <p>We are satisfied that flood risk has been covered adequately in the Plan itself under Policy ENV 8: Flood Risk, and therefore does not need to be repeated in the other documents.</p> <p>We are satisfied that matters related to land contamination and groundwater protection are covered in Part 1 of the Local Plan (North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011-2031).</p> <p>Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.</p>	Noted	None
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				<p>Kind regards</p> <p><b>Keri Monger</b> AssocRTPI Sustainable Places – Planning Adviser   Lincolnshire &amp; Northamptonshire <b>Environment Agency</b>   Nene House, Pytchley Road Industrial Estate, Pytchley Lodge Road, Kettering, NN15 6JQ</p>		
2		ENV11	<p>MOD <b>Chris Waldron</b> Assistant Safeguarding Manager <b>St George's House  Defence Infrastructure Organisation Head Office   DMS Whittington   Lichfield   Staffordshire   WS14 9PY</b></p>	<p>Safeguarding Department Statutory &amp; Offshore Defence Infrastructure Organisation St Georges House DIO Head Office DMS Whittington Lichfield Staffordshire WS14 9PY <b>Tel:</b> 07800 505824 <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:DIO-safeguarding-statutory@mod.gov.uk">DIO-safeguarding-statutory@mod.gov.uk</a> www.mod.uk/DIO 14th April 2022 It is understood that Duddington and Fineshade Parish Council are undertaking a Pre-submission Consultation regarding their Fineshade Neighbourhood Plan 2011- 2031. The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding</p>	<p>Noted. We will add the following criterion to Policy ENV 11.</p> <p>'Applications for development which would not compromise, restrict or otherwise degrade the operational capability of safeguarded MOD sites and assets will be supported'.</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated.</p>

				<p>Team represents the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a statutory consultee in the UK planning system to ensure designated zones around key operational defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites are not adversely affected by development outside the MOD estate. For clarity, this response relates to MOD Safeguarding concerns only and should be read in conjunction with any other submissions that might be provided by other MOD sites or departments.</p> <p>Paragraph 97 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021 requires that planning policies and decisions should take into account defence requirements by <i>'ensuring that operational sites are not affected adversely by the impact of other development proposed in the area.'</i></p> <p>To this end MOD may be involved in the planning system both as a statutory and non-statutory consultee. Statutory consultation occurs as a result of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Safeguarded aerodromes, technical sites and military explosives storage areas) Direction 2002 (DfT/ODPM Circular 01/2003) and the location data and criteria set out on safeguarding maps issued by Department for Levelling</p>		
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			<p>Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) in accordance with the provisions of that Direction.</p> <p><b>Copies of these plans, in both GIS shapefile and .pdf format, can be provided on request through the email address above.</b></p> <p>Having reviewed the supporting documentation in respect of Duddington and Fineshade Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2031 Pre-submission Version, the MOD have an area of interest in RAF Wittering. The Civil Parish authority area of Duddington and Fineshade encompasses areas within the Statutory Aerodrome Height, Technical and Birdstrike Safeguarding Zones surrounding the aerodrome. RAF Wittering lies approximately 2km East of the Civil Parish authority area of Duddington and Fineshade. The aerodrome height and technical safeguarding zones serve to protect the airspace above and around aerodromes to maintain an assured, obstacle free environment for aircraft manoeuvre and ensure that line of sight navigational aids and transmitter/receivers are not impeded. The designation provides a means to ensure that airspace is kept free of obstruction from tall structures to ensure that aircraft transiting to and</p>		
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				<p>from or circuiting the aerodrome can do so safely.</p> <p>Within the statutory consultation areas associated with aerodromes are zones that are designed to allow birdstrike risk to be identified and mitigated. The creation of environments attractive to those large and flocking bird species that pose a hazard to aviation safety can have a significant effect. This can include landscaping schemes associated with large developments as well as the creation of new waterbodies.</p> <p>Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) additionally provide an opportunity for habitats within and around a development, potentially increasing the creation of attractant environments for large and flocking bird species hazardous to aviation. In addition, where development falls outside designated safeguarding zones the MOD may also have an interest, particularly where the development is of a type likely to have an impact on operational capability. An example of this type of development is the installation of wind turbine generators. The Government's online Planning Practice Guidance contains, within the Renewable and Low Carbon Energy section, specific guidance that both developers and Local Planning Authorities should</p>		
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			<p>consult the MOD where a proposed turbine has a tip height of, or exceeding 11m, and/or has a rotor diameter of 2m or more. The MOD has, in principle, no objection to any renewable energy development though some infrastructure enabling renewable energy production, for example wind turbine generators or solar photo voltaic panels can, by virtue of their physical dimensions and properties, impact upon military aviation activities, cause obstruction to protected critical airspace surrounding military aerodromes, or impede the operation of safeguarded defence technical installations. In addition, where turbines are erected in line of sight to defence radars and other types of defence technical installations, the rotating motion of their blades can degrade and cause interference to the effective operation of these types of installations potentially resulting in detriment to aviation safety and operational capability.</p> <p><b>POLICY ENV 11: RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE states: Suitably located and designed proposals for small-scale infrastructure for renewable and low carbon energy generation (solar and wind) in areas of low and</b></p>		
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				<p><b>medium sensitivity (ENDC studies) will be supported.</b></p> <p>In order to provide a broader representation of MOD interests, and to ensure prospective developments are aware of the implications of developing within an area containing MOD safeguarded zones, it is requested that the diction of Policy ENV 11 is supplemented with a statement explaining that applications for development which would not compromise, restrict or otherwise degrade the operational capability of safeguarded MOD sites and assets will be supported.</p> <p>In summary, the MOD would wish to be consulted within the Duddington and Fineshade Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2031 Pre-submission Version of any potential development within the statutory technical safeguarding zones that surround RAF Wittering which consists of structures or buildings exceeding statutory safeguarding technical criteria, or any development which includes schemes that might result in the creation of attractant environments for large and flocking bird species hazardous to aviation. In addition, the MOD request that renewable energy policy areas are supplemented with provision that applications for development do not compromise, restrict, or otherwise</p>		
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				<p>degrade the operational capability of safeguarded MOD sites and assets. I trust this clearly explains our position on this update. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to consider these points further.</p> <p>Yours sincerely C Waldron Chris Waldron DIO Assistant Safeguarding Manager</p>		
3			<p><b>Anne Dicks   Planning Policy Officer Growth and Regeneration North Northamptonshire Council Development Management Team</b></p> <p><b><u>Richard Palmer Planning Policy Manager</u></b></p>	<p><u>Development Management Team:</u></p> <p><u>Note:</u> As Heritage features in a number of policies and there is a tree policy, it would helpful for the Conservation Officer and Tree Officer to provide comments. The following points have been raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are quite a few references to NPPF 2018, notably section 5 and pages 47 and 48. All NPPF references should be checked for consistency with the 2021 version.</li> <li>• What does the abbreviation LTD mean on page 13, (5th para.)?</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>This is on page 14 para 5 – it is a reference to the Limits to Development which is another name for a settlement boundary. We will change the description for consistency.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated.</p>



				<p>could provide for five to seven or maybe eight units?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy HBE2: criterion d) – would it not be better to state a percentage of smaller units, given that policy sets out an “about six” allocation?</li> <li>• Policy HBE2: criterion e) – should this read M4(3) for wheelchair accessibility rather than M1?</li> <li>• Policy HBE2: criterion g) – it would not be possible for the Council to refuse to accept any submissions for planning permission. This criterion is not necessary, given scale of development – it is an aspiration and is not enforceable (should be removed and put into supporting text).</li> <li>• Policy HBE2: the access looks rather narrow/tight and whilst it has an extant use – redevelopment would bring the opportunity for an improved access - could highways give an opinion?</li> <li>• Policy HBE3: the reference to “subservient in number” - would it not be better to state a percentage of smaller units, given that policy sets out an “about six” allocation?</li> </ul>	<p>Agreed. We will change this to a minimum of 50% of swellings.</p> <p>Agreed. We will change this to say that at least 2/3 will be smaller units.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted. This can be determined at planning application stage.</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated.</p>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy HBE4: b) See response below regarding outdated housing Needs Survey.</li> <li>• Policy ENV1: the “very special circumstances” would need to be listed – this term is too open to interpretation. It would be advisable to say “not supported” rather than “not permitted” as the PC is not the determining Authority.</li> </ul>	<p>The reference is appropriate. The number of 4-bed dwellings needs to be subservient to whatever number of dwellings is built.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted – we will change the reference to ‘not supported’.</p> <p>We do not think it is helpful to list every ‘special circumstance’ but rather will include the following policy:</p> <p>The areas below are designated as areas of Local Green Space, which will be protected in a manner consistent with the protection of land within Green Belts.</p> <p>The policy allows for development but requires the views not to be significantly harmed and to be mitigated. This does not prevent development so we would prefer the views to remain.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated.</p>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy ENV11: Should support for 5ha of solar in the Assarts area be represented on mapping as a solar allocation?</li> <li>• Policy S1: should a criterion refer to the marketing of former community assets over a sustained period at an appropriate price to find any buyers?</li> </ul>	<p>We will amend the settlement boundary to reinforce the importance of the view.</p> <p>It is not appropriate to map a precise area – the suitability of any site will be determined at planning applications stage.</p> <p>We do not believe this is a necessary condition.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>
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4&5			<b>N Northants Planning Policy &amp; Housing Delivery</b>	<p><u>Planning Policy and Housing Delivery:</u></p> <p>The first reference to East Northamptonshire Council should be addressed with an explanation of the creation of the Unitary North Northamptonshire Council on 1 April 2021. Any mentions of engagement prior to that date should refer to “the former East Northamptonshire Council”.</p> <p>Where reference is made to the Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan (RNOTP) – the current Part 2 Plan, it should be explained that this will be superseded by the emerging East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 which is currently undergoing examination.</p> <p>Currently the NP policies are not prominent and do not stand out in the general text. To make them more</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. We have referred to other Made neighbourhood plans and consider that the</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>

			<p>accessible/ user-friendly we would advise that these are put into text boxes, within a border or picked-out with colour and made prominent. (Refer to other “made” Neighbourhood Plans).</p> <p>Community Actions such as ENV5 and ENV6 should be distinguishable from NDP Policies but remain more accessible/ user-friendly by putting them into text boxes. It could be explained that these are aspirations rather than policies.</p> <p>Listing the Policies and page numbers on the contents page would be useful.</p> <p>Page 12: Covid 19 mentioned as “Corona Virus” – elsewhere “Coronavirus”.</p> <p>Policy HBE2: We would question the inclusion of this policy. Based on recent experience and the Examiner’s recommendations to the Hargrave NDP Examination (currently awaiting a date for Referendum). The settlement boundary could provide for more than 6 dwellings in Duddington (as proposed by the Allocated Site, given that windfall/ infill proposals within the settlement boundary could</p>	<p>policies are sufficiently prominent as they are in bold and in a different colour.</p> <p>The foreword on page 3 explains that community actions are aspirations and not policies.</p> <p>They are highlighted on bold and in a separate colour to the policies so are easily distinguishable.</p> <p>We believe that the contents page has an appropriate level of detail</p> <p>We will make the references consistent.</p> <p>The policy represents a response to the need for sustainable development in the Parish.</p> <p>The allocation is in addition to the policy on Windfall which will also allow for appropriate development to come forward during the Plan period.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
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			<p>provide any number of dwellings within the Plan period – to raise the housing numbers.</p> <p>Policy HBE2: Again, based on recent experience and the Examiner’s recommendations to the Hargrave NDP Examination, this confirmed that there is no requirement for a NDP to allocate a site. The Council would advise that this is reconsidered.</p>	<p>The NPPF paragraph 14 acknowledges the opportunity for neighbourhood plans to allocate sites for development. Of course there is not requirement for neighbourhood plans to allocate sites for development – no policies are mandatory in neighbourhood plans – but this allocation affords an opportunity to meet a local need and secure the additional protection that the NPPF provides.</p>	None
			<p>Policy HBE3: A 2018 Housing Needs Survey has identified a need for smaller dwellings for starter homes and downsizing. However, our Housing Delivery Team are of the opinion that that this survey is out of date now too dated and therefore cannot be relied upon as evidence for plan policy purposes. The allocated site implies an allowance for affordable housing of 50%, although it’s not expressed in those terms but it is not clear what the Plan’s stance is in relation to exception sites coming forward. We would suggest that promoters of all potential exception</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan does not address the issue of Exception Sites – this is a matter that is left to strategic planning policies to determine. It is inappropriate to request that promoters of Exceptions Sites apply for pre-planning advice through this Regulation 14 consultation.</p>	None

			<p>sites should apply for pre-planning permission.</p> <p>If there was a better understanding of the affordable housing needs for the settlement, this would make the approach to affordable housing more justified.</p> <p>Hence a full housing needs survey should be undertaken which includes not only residents but those who don't currently live in the village but have a need to be housed there (e.g: employees or the family of existing residents). This exercise would provide a better understanding of both the type and size of affordable housing required. An outdated survey would leave the Parish at risk of a challenge from developers.</p> <p>Policy S2: It would be advisable to say "not supported" rather than "not permitted" as the PC is not the determining Authority.</p> <p>I trust that these comments will be useful in drafting your Submission Version Plan. Please contact the</p>	<p>The Affordable Housing needs were assessed in a report to be submitted with the NP.</p> <p>This report, and the Housing Needs report, provide appropriate evidence for the policy. We will add into the policy 'New Housing development proposals should demonstrate how the proposal will meet the current and future housing needs of the parish as evidenced in the Parish Housing Needs Survey Report 2018 (Appendix 4) or any more recent document updating this report'.</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated</p> <p>Change to be made as indicated</p> <p>None</p>
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				<p>Thrapston Office Planning Policy Team, should you require any clarification of this response:  <a href="mailto:planningpolicy.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk">planningpolicy.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Kind regards</p>  <p>Richard Palmer</p>		
6	P41  P12		<p><b>Natural England</b></p> <p><b>Emily Butterwick Sustainable Development Lead Advisor</b></p>	<p>The woodland connectivity mentioned is already underway via the Augean Waste Management Facility Western Extension Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) currently in the examination phase. Restoration plans are likely to result in connectivity between Fineshade Wood and Collyweston.</p> <p>Natural England agrees that the objectives set forward in .4, A Vision for Duddington with Fineshade, in relation to the environment are supported by this neighbourhood plan.  We agree with the goal to support developments that have a</p>	<p>Noted. We can add this into the narrative.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Change to be made as indicated</p> <p>None</p>

	<p>ENV 1,2,3,5,6, 7,8,9,11</p> <p>General Comments</p> <p>Would like to be kept updated on the plan</p>			<p>positive effect on community sustainability, including those that remove or minimise flood risk, mitigate climate change and reduce the community's carbon footprint.</p> <p>These policies provide protection for the established natural environment within the parish, as well as encouraging the creation of further habitat for wildlife. Policy ENV5 is ideal for increasing habitat connectivity, ENV9 has the potential to protect nocturnal species from human activity and ENV1 (alongside community action) has the potential to result in Biodiversity Net Gain for the neighbourhood. ENV11 will allow future developments to contribute towards renewable energy generation and overall the policies will likely contribute toward Sustainable Development in Northamptonshire.</p> <p>Natural England welcomes and supports any policies that will result in the overall increase in biodiversity and the conservation of important habitats within Duddington and Fineshade. We are pleased to see the protection of green spaces as well as the goal of</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>
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				improving pedestrian and cycling facilities. We also appreciate the assurance that woodland, fields, hedgerows, streams and ponds will not be destroyed with the goal of allowing resident species to flourish.		
7	General		<b>Tom Pursglove</b>	<p>Thank you for your email and for sharing this information with me.</p> <p>I really appreciate you keeping me updated!</p> <p>With best wishes,</p> <p>Tom</p> <p>Tom Pursglove MP Member of Parliament for Corby &amp; East Northamptonshire</p>	Noted	None
8			<b>Historic England</b>	<p>The area covered by your Neighbourhood Plan includes a number of important designated heritage assets. In line with national planning policy, it will be important that the strategy for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets so that they can be enjoyed by future generations of the area.</p> <p>If you have not already done so, we would recommend that you speak to the planning and conservation team at your local planning authority together</p>	Noted	None

			<p>with the staff at the county council archaeological advisory service who look after the Historic Environment Record. They should be able to provide details of the designated heritage assets in the area together with locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the Heritage Gateway (<a href="http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk">www.heritagegateway.org.uk</a>). It may also be useful to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society or local historic groups in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Historic England has produced advice which your community might find helpful in helping to identify what it is about your area which makes it distinctive and how you might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. These can be found at:-</p> <p><a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/">https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/</a></p> <p>You may also find the advice in ?Planning for the Environment at the Neighbourhood Level? useful. This</p>		
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				<p>has been produced by Historic England, Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission. As well as giving ideas on how you might improve your local environment, it also contains some useful further sources of information. This can be downloaded from:</p> <p><a href="http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/LIT_6524_7da381.pdf">http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/LIT_6524_7da381.pdf</a></p> <p>If you envisage including new housing allocations in your plan, we refer you to our published advice available on our website, Housing Allocations in Local Plans? as this relates equally to neighbourhood planning. This can be found at <a href="https://content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-and-site-allocations-in-local-plans/heag074-he-and-site-allocation-local-plans.pdf/">https://content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-and-site-allocations-in-local-plans/heag074-he-and-site-allocation-local-plans.pdf/</a></p> <p>If you have any queries about this matter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>		
8			<b>Councillor Helen Harrison</b>	Congratulations on getting to this stage of the Neighbourhood Plan. It takes a huge amount of time and	Noted	None

				<p>effort. I will take a look at the Draft Plan and send you my comments.</p> <p>Thanks again and best wishes</p> <p>Helen</p> <p>Cllr Helen Harrison Oundle Ward – North Northants Council Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing</p>		
9	P 49-50		<b>Christopher Carter (Resident)</b>	<p><b>Noise</b> (pages 49-50) We fully support the comments made by many other residents that noise can be intrusive to the area and should be controlled as much as possible. The main sources of noise are from the A47 and A43 main roads, caused mainly by friction between vehicle tyres and the road surface. Any practicable noise abatement measures should be considered to reduce traffic noise. We believe that the most effective measure would be to engage with Northants Highways to agree a progressive road resurfacing plan using low noise materials. It would only be necessary to resurface short sections (approximately 500 metres) of both roads to make a highly significant</p>	Noted. There is a community action already in this area.	None

				<p>difference. This could be achieved as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The western section of the A47 from the Duddington roundabout to the top of the ridge (this would also benefit Tixover)</li> <li>• The south-west section of the A43 from the Duddington roundabout to the water meadow bends</li> <li>• A short section adjacent to Fineshade (if the residents there requested it)</li> </ul> <p>We appreciate that road resurfacing is expensive, so such a programme would need to be incorporated into the Northants Highways programme of road maintenance and resurfacing works. Although the low friction surfaces may be slightly higher cost than those normally used, we believe this would be justified by the noise abatement benefits for the local villages, plus likely improvements in fuel consumption by the vehicles using the roads due to reduced friction between tyres and the road surface.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with Northants Highways to include in their road management plans a low noise resurfacing scheme for short sections of the A47 and A43.</li> </ul>		
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	P48 -49			<p><b>Dark skies</b> (pages 48-49)</p> <p>We believe that dark skies are a valuable asset for the area, with real benefits for the quality of life of residents, as well as positive effects for nocturnal wildlife. Reducing unnecessary light pollution will also have the effect of reducing electricity consumption, so contributing to more efficient fuel usage, reduced fuel costs and lower carbon emissions.</p> <p>We support any initiatives and policies which improve dark sky quality.</p> <p><u>Recommendations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street lighting on the A47 and A43 (eg at Duddington roundabout) should be minimised and should only use downward facing lights, to reduce light spillage.</li> <li>• No further street lighting should be installed at Duddington.</li> <li>• The Parish Council should engage with the Commission for Dark Skies and other groups to reduce light pollution in the area.</li> <li>• Proposals for any new developments should include conditions on minimising light pollution.</li> </ul>		
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	P50-51			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents should be encouraged to minimise outside lighting, including in gardens.</li> </ul> <p>We strongly support continued input by the Parish Council to ensure that the quarry operated by Bullimores inside the Parish boundary is managed responsibly, and that the conditions included in its planning consent are complied with.</p> <p><u>Recommendations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to closely monitor quarry operations, including noise control and blasting, to minimise detrimental effects on Duddington property and residents.</li> <li>Engage with Northants County Council and Bullimores to ensure that the agreed planning consent conditions are complied with, especially full remediation of the site at the end of its working life.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communications</b> Please add us to the list of contacts to receive regular updates on the progress of the Plan.</p>		
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11			<b>CPRE</b>	<p>Thank you for your email which I have passed to one of our technical secretaries for attention.</p> <p>Carol Sigley CPRE Northamptonshire</p>	Noted	None
			<b>David Teall Blatherwycke Parish Meeting</b>	<p>I circulated your plan to all our residents but there has been no comments other than "Wow, what an amazing piece of work, it must have taken hours!"</p> <p>Good luck with the remaining red tape.</p>	Noted	None
			<b>Rupert Boyle Laxton Parish Meeting</b>	<p>Telephone conversation on receipt of Plan. Very concerned over any future attempts to create a holiday village or glamping/residential holiday homes at Fineshade. No additional comments received.</p>		

## **APPENDIX B**

### **LINKS TO ONLINE MATERIALS**

<https://www.duddingtonwithfineshadeparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Neighbourhood Plan Documents

Minutes of Neighbourhood Advisory Plan Advisory Committee

[Minutes 10.09.18](#)

[Minutes 10.10.18](#)

[Minutes 09.01.19](#)

[Minutes 08.04.19](#)

[Minutes 10.07.19](#)

[Minutes 15.07.20](#)

[Minutes 12.08.20](#)

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Neighbourhood Plan comments form (1)

Duddington with Fineshade Community Questionnaire Analysis

Duddington NP Executive Summary (004)

Duddington with Fineshade NP Submission version July 2022 Accessible

Duddingtonwith Fineshade Consultation Statement

Appendix 3a Census 2011 Profile

Appendix 3b Land Registry Data 1995 to 2017

Appendix 4 Housing Needs Report Sep 18

Appendix5a) Approved sites (1)

Appendix 5 b SSAs not approved (1)

Appendix 6 Village Design Statement

Appendix 7 ENVIRONMENTAL INVENTORY 23-9-20

Appendix 8 Local Green Spaces

Appendix 9 Listed Buildings

Appendix 10 Local Heritage Assets

Appendix 11 Notable Trees

Appendix 12 Important Views

## APPENDIX C - EXAMPLES OF COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS



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Help protect and shape  
the future development of  
Duddington with Fineshade Parish

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Duddington and Fineshade Parish is working towards developing a new Neighbourhood Plan.

The Plan is a legal document that will influence and guide any future developments within the Duddington and Fineshade boundary.

It is vital that the Plan reflects the wishes of local residents and also ensures that any future developments are carried out in a way that safeguards the special nature of the environment where we live and work.

A new Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Group is being set up and we are looking for residents with enthusiasm and local knowledge to join other members of our community and Parish Councillors to develop the Plan.

We need residents of Duddington and Fineshade who are interested in contributing to the Plan in any of the following areas:

- **Natural and historic environment**

Wildlife, land management and the identification of green spaces fields, hedgerows and trees.

- **Housing**

The historic background to the Parish, the identification of important buildings, design, affordable housing, home ownership and housing mix.

- **Sustainability**

Community facilities, transport, employment (home workers), preparing for climate change, the protection of open spaces i.e. playground, footpaths, the retention of natural boundaries and change of usage.

If you are interested in any of these areas, please join us and share your local knowledge, while helping to produce a locally distinctive Neighbourhood Plan. Any time or information you can offer will be welcome!

The group have held a first meeting and the minutes are available to view on the Duddington with Fineshade Parish Council website under the Documents section. The next meeting is open to everyone. It will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September in Duddington Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you would like to be involved or want more information please contact Shenagh Hackett on 01780 444695 or shenagh@top-lodge.co.uk



## CALLING ALL RESIDENTS IN DUDDINGTON AND FINESHADE

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### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

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#### WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

#### WHAT WILL IT MEAN TO ME?

#### WHY GET INVOLVED?

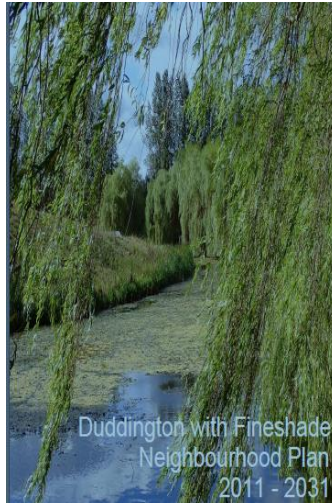
YOU ARE INVITED TO DUDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL TO HEAR HOW YOU CAN HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON HOW DEVELOPMENTS CAN BE SENSITIVELY CONTROLLED BOTH IN THE VILLAGE AND THE FINESHADE SURROUNDING AREA.

RURAL OFFICER REBECCA BREAKWELL FROM ACTION WITH RURAL COMMUNITIES IN ENGLAND (ACRE) WILL GIVE A BRIEF TALK ABOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS AND THE BENEFITS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

THE SESSION WILL BE 7.00pm – 7.30pm AND IS FREE TO ATTEND FOR ALL RESIDENTS. CONTACT SHENAGH HACKETT: [SHENAGH@TOP-LODGE.CO.UK](mailto:SHENAGH@TOP-LODGE.CO.UK) / 444695

#### TO BE SUCCESSFUL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS NEED YOUR INPUT

THIS SESSION WILL THEN BE FOLLOWED BY A TALK AT 7.30 BY PETER HANKINS ON THE HISTORY OF DUDDINGTON AND WILL ROUND OFF WITH A FISH AND CHIP SUPPER. TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT INCLUDING A GLASS OF WINE WILL COST £10.00. TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE FOR THE HISTORY TALK PLEASE CALL MAGGIE SCOTT ON 444233 OR EMAIL [MAGGIE@SCOTBEACH.CO.UK](mailto:MAGGIE@SCOTBEACH.CO.UK)



## **Duddington with Fineshade Neighbourhood Plan**

### **PUBLIC PRE-SUBMISSION REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION.**

The Duddington with Fineshade Neighbourhood Plan has reached the final stages in its development process and comments are now invited from all parishioners on the draft plan.

The consultation period will run from 7<sup>th</sup> March until 18<sup>th</sup> April and gives everyone the opportunity to comment before submitting the plan to North Northants Planning Department for final approval.

The Plan together with other supporting documents is accessible through the Duddington with Fineshade Parish Council website <https://www.duddingtonwithfineshadeparishcouncil.org.uk/> under the Neighbourhood Plan heading. Here you will also find the draft pre-submission plan and comments form where you are invited to comment on the various policies and recommendations. All responses made by 18<sup>th</sup> April will be considered and may be used to amend the draft plan. A summary of all comments received and how these were considered will be made available together with the amended plan. Please note that **we will not accept** responses that are anonymous and that comments may be made public.

Following the consultation period, the Plan will be amended where required and then submitted to North Northants Planning Department who will then arrange for independent examination.

Hard copies of all documentation if required are available from Sandie Parsons, Chair of the Parish Council [sandieparsons@btinternet.com](mailto:sandieparsons@btinternet.com) and Shenagh Hackett, Secretary of the Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Group [shenagh@top-lodge.co.uk](mailto:shenagh@top-lodge.co.uk)