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Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan



CONSULTATION DRAFT DOCUMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Have your say in the future development of your villages.



Please help us by filling in the questionnaire and giving us your views



The Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity to influence future development that takes place in your villages over the next 15 years.

The Plan will provide a set of statutory planning policies for the development of Whittington and Fisherwick but it must comply with national planning guidance and local policies set by Lichfield District Council. The policies in the approved Neighbourhood Plan must be taken into account, when any planning applications in the Parish are considered.

The Neighbourhood Plan aims to be representative of the views of all the residents. The Steering Group has consulted on local issues and possible locations for new housing with residents, businesses, organisations, and community groups within the Parish, as well as having dialogue with Lichfield District Council and landowners. We have now completed our evidence gathering and have produced a Draft Plan. It is now really important that we get your views on the Policies in the Draft Plan. The statutory consultation period will run for 6 weeks, from Monday January 30th 2017 to 5pm Monday 13th March 2017.

We have arranged two exhibitions for you to find out more about the Draft Plan

Saturday 11th February 2017 10am to 2pm and

Wednesday 8th March 2017 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Whittington Village Hall

Completing this questionnaire is the best opportunity for you to give us your feedback. The questionnaire summarises the Strategic Aims, Vision and Policies of the Neighbourhood Plan and asks for your opinions on these

The questionnaire will be available to download and print on the Neighbourhood Plan website: <http://www.wafnp.co.uk>. The results from the analysis will help us to formulate the final version of The Plan.

Completed questionnaires **should be returned by Monday 13th March 2017**

To: - The Post Office, Main Street, Whittington: OR

The Questionnaire return box at the Community Facility at The Barracks: OR

By Post or hand deliver to 11 Neal Croft Whittington WS14 9PH: OR

Scan and send by email to Garry Hyde- gazmalloy@gmail.com

We have summarised the major points of the policies in this questionnaire, as some policies are lengthy and complex. ***You can see the policies in full in the Draft Plan on the Neighbourhood Plan website or read a full hard copy of the document at Whittington Village Hall, The Barracks, and The Dog Public House as well as at the open forum meetings.***

If you would like assistance in completing or returning the questionnaire, please email wandfnp@gmail.com, visit our Facebook page: Whittington and Fisherwick Neighbourhood Plan Group, or call Chris or Garry on 01543 433190, Clive on 01543 433487 or Julia on 01543 432238.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Vision and Strategic Aims of the Plan.

Please indicate your opinion in the boxes in ALL sections.

The Vision

'In 20 years' time Whittington and Fisherwick will be a thriving and vibrant community whilst retaining and enhancing its historic and rural context. It will be a safe environment for all, with a broad range of local facilities that help to maintain its strong community spirit. Sensitively located development will have met the needs of local people of all ages and incomes whilst reflecting local character.'

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aims:-

Strategic Aim 1: New Housing and the Settlement boundary - To accommodate new housing development which satisfies strategic growth requirements, fulfills local housing needs, enables locally needed infrastructure to be delivered and to ensure that as much as possible of the new development in Whittington is located inside the Settlement Boundary.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 2: Design - To ensure that new developments are well designed, to complement and enhance the historic rural character of Whittington and Fisherwick and its landscape setting.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 3: Environment and Landscape - To preserve and enhance wildlife habitats, local landscape character, public open spaces, footpaths, bridleways, and the canal towpath networks.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 4: Traffic and Movement - To ensure that new development mitigates traffic impact, takes full account of road safety issues and seeks to provide improved pedestrian connectivity.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 5: Community Facilities and Open Spaces - To protect, and if possible, improve the existing strong and vibrant community networks and facilities, by creating high quality local services that reflect and respond to residents' needs, health and cultural wellbeing. Linked to this is the protection and enhancement of open spaces.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 6: Flooding and Drainage - To ensure that new development in Whittington and Fisherwick does not exacerbate the risk of flooding.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 7: Landscape - To preserve and enhance landscape character, wildlife habitats, green infrastructure and the footpath network in Whittington and Fisherwick.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Strategic Aim 8: Local Business IT & Telecommunications - To accommodate small business development in Whittington and Fisherwick and to ensure high speed fibre optic broadband is available for existing and new residents, businesses and home workers.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Development Principles - Policies

Policy DP1 - Sustainable Development Principles

Planning permission will be favourably considered for development in Whittington and Fisherwick Parish at a scale and in locations that accord with policies set out in the Neighbourhood Plan where it can be shown that the development would support the community, by:

- 1. Providing new homes, to meet the development requirement of between 35 to 110 new dwellings identified in the adopted Lichfield Local Plan.*
- 2. Providing a high standard of design and an appropriate location.*
- 3. Providing other forms of development which meet the economic, social and environmental needs of the area and are appropriate in terms of scale, location and design.*
- 4. Ensuring that potential for ground pollution should be taken into account and, where necessary, measures taken to manage this through a pollution prevention plan.*
- 5. Providing superfast broadband (fibre optic) connection.*

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy DP2 Local considerations for proposed locations for new housing development

Proposals for new housing development to meet the dwelling requirement in the adopted Local Plan will be supported provided that they have regard to the principles of the Neighbourhood Plan and avoid adverse impacts by meeting the following criteria:

- The need to consider the development of sites within the village or appropriate brownfield land, where this can meet other policies on design character, residential amenity and highway safety.*
- The need to minimise the release of land from the Green Belt, taking into account factors including agricultural land quality, intrusion into open countryside, a reduction in the separation between Whittington and Fisherwick and the loss of important views identified in the Village Plan.*
- The need to respect the historic character and setting of Whittington, including the need to preserve and enhance the Conservation Area and its setting, and for the density, layout and design to reflect the surroundings.*
- The need to meet access and sustainability criteria including proximity and/or walking and cycling routes to shops, community facilities, school & bus stops;*
- The need to avoid adding to existing problems of traffic flow, parking and pedestrian safety.*
- The need to avoid the loss of national and locally designated wildlife habitats and where it is practicable to retain significant hedgerows and trees;*
- The need to maintain and where possible improve, existing public rights of way;*
- The need to ensure that community infrastructure is maintained and where necessary improved;*
- The need to ensure the sustainability of existing utilities and services (water, drainage, sewage and waste).*

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy DP3 Flood Prevention & Management

Development should not increase the risk of flooding and/or exacerbate existing drainage problems. In line with the requirements of national policy and advice from the Environment Agency and/or Staffordshire County Council proposals for new build development must be accompanied by a site-specific flood risk assessment.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Housing

POLICY HOU1: Development inside the Whittington and Fisherwick village settlement boundary.

Appropriate new housing development will be permitted on infill or redevelopment sites inside the settlement boundary provided it complies with the other policies in this Plan and local/national planning policies.

The Whittington and Fisherwick village settlement boundary is defined by the Lichfield District Local Plan and shown on the Proposals Map.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy HOU2 Smaller infill sites – general criteria.

In principle, development can be supported on small sites on previously developed land and in large gardens, within the settlement boundary, subject to the following criteria:

i - There is no adverse impact on the amenity of the occupiers of neighbouring properties through loss of privacy; overshadowing; overbearing by a building or structure; car parking; removal of mature vegetation or landscaping and additional traffic resulting from the development;

ii - Tandem development must have direct highway frontage access;

iii –Conservation Area and Listed Building requirements are met;

iv –The other policy requirements to reflect local character are met;

v - The provision of natural landscaping, including native trees, hedgerows, wetland areas and the retention or incorporation of habitats for small mammals, birds and insects.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy HOU3: Housing mix and affordability

In new residential developments of 10 dwellings or more, or with gross floor space of over 1000sq mtr, there should be a varied mix of house types and sizes which must include a proportion of smaller dwellings, and affordable homes included in a range of house types and tenures, with one, two and three bedroom dwellings. Subject to the other Neighbourhood Plan policies, proposals will be supported in accordance with the requirement for affordable housing in the adopted Lichfield Local Plan in conjunction with the Parish Housing Needs study.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Design Policies

POLICY D1: The Design of New Development

Proposals for new development including appropriately located housing, will be supported, where they show good quality design.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy D2: Reflecting Local Character and Design in new development

The design, layout and density of new development should reflect the rural nature of Whittington and Fisherwick through an environmentally sustainable and sympathetic approach which reflects the historic character of the village.

Density should normally not exceed the level already existing in the village and should be appropriate to the rural location

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy D3: The design of residential conversions and extensions

In addition to the design principles set out in the Local Plan, residential conversions or extensions should be designed to reflect the character of nearby buildings and their setting and to respect the amenity of adjoining houses.

Sustainable design features (e.g. porous/permeable surfacing for drives and domestic scale renewable energy) are encouraged, provided that they complement the character of the area.

Developments should make provision for bio-diversity, for example including: bat boxes/roosts, bird boxes/roosts/ hedgehog runs, wet areas for amphibians and insects and native trees and shrubs.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Historic Environment Policies

Policy HE 1: Designated Heritage Assets.

Development proposals will be supported where they seek to retain buildings which make a significant contribution to the character and distinctiveness of the Parish. Development in and around the villages should protect, complement or enhance the historic rural character of the settlement and its hinterland, which is identified in the Character Study and Conservation Area Documents.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy HE 2 Local (Non-Designated) Heritage Assets

The identified Local Non-designated heritage assets (listed in appendix D of the Neighbourhood Plan) should be protected, conserved and enhanced and their loss, or substantial harm will be resisted, unless exceptional circumstance can be demonstrated

Applications proposing demolition will be required to demonstrate that the viability of continued beneficial use, restoration or conversion has been fully investigated and that there are no reasonable alternatives. Where demolition is unavoidable, it must be ensured that provision is made for an appropriate level of archaeological recording to take place prior to demolition.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy HE 3 - Historic Farmsteads

Redevelopment, alteration or extension of historic farmsteads and agricultural buildings within the Parish should be sensitive to their distinctive character, materials and form. Due reference and consideration should be made to the Staffordshire Farmstead Assessment Framework.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy HE 4 Archaeology

Development proposals should demonstrate that they have taken into account the potential impact on above and below ground archaeological deposits and identify mitigation strategies to ensure that evidence which could contribute to the understanding of human activity and past environments is not lost. Measures should be taken to ensure unknown and potentially significant deposits are identified and appropriately considered during development. Lack of evidence of subsurface archaeology must not be taken as proof of absence and in all instances the Staffordshire Historic Environment Record should be consulted at an early stage in the formulation of proposals.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Natural Environment & Landscape Policies

Policy NE&L 1 - Landscape Character

Any proposals for development in the rural areas should recognise and seek to protect and enhance the historic landscape and local character of the Parish Field patterns and elements of the landscape heritage of the area, including ridge and furrow, field ponds, mature trees, historic hedgerows, river valley meadows and areas of lowland heath and incorporated into any landscape design schemes and their long term maintenance ensured.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy NE&L 2 - Biodiversity and Habitats

Development proposals will be required to demonstrate how any potential impact on local habitats, species networks or landscape features has been taken into account. Developers will be required to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to protect wildlife and enhance biodiversity and important habitats.

Projects and developments which increase wildlife habitats and species in accordance with the Staffordshire and Lichfield District Biodiversity Action Plans will be supported.

Opportunities should also be taken by developers and landowners to link sustainable drainage solutions connected with new development to complement nature conservation objectives.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy NE&L 3 – Requirements for new development and approaches to Green Infrastructure

Proposed housing developments of 10 or more dwellings and other larger scale development will be required to include the provision of new landscaping and green infrastructure, in accordance with the standards set out in the Lichfield Local Plan.

Opportunities should be taken to develop, improve and extend the footpath and open space network in Whittington and Fisherwick in order to provide better pedestrian access to the countryside and to wildlife or nature conservation sites, either through planning conditions or through other proposals which enhance or increase the footpath network.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Community Facilities and Open Spaces Policies

Policy CFOS 1 – Existing Community Facilities

The existing community facilities in Whittington and Fisherwick will be protected and development will only be supported where the loss of such facilities is involved, when:--

- a) The proposal includes alternative provision, on a nearby site, of equivalent or enhanced facilities.*
- b) It can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority that there is no longer a need for the facility; or*
- c) It can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority that the premises are unsuitable or are not viable for the continued provision of the service.*

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy CFOS 2 - New Development

New development, especially for larger housing sites will be expected to retain and enhance existing community facilities, unless replacement is acceptable under Community Facilities Policy 1. Working in conjunction with the County, District and Parish Councils, developers should clearly demonstrate that the proposed development will provide additional facilities to meet the identified community needs arising from their proposal.

All developers of any new or existing developments must ensure that the needs of all groups, including the less able are protected and enhanced, especially with regards to existing and future community assets and resources.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy CFOS 3 – Healthcare

The current level of healthcare provision within the Parish should be maintained and over time improved to take into account any projected population increase arising from proposed developments and the ongoing demographic changes within the Parish.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy CFOS 4 - Existing Open Spaces

Existing open spaces and recreation facilities will be protected from development. Proposals which would reduce the quality or quantity of these facilities may only be permitted where the existing facilities are re-provided to a better quality or quantity in a location agreed by the Parish Council.

In addition, the Parish Council will use opportunities provided by development related funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (and other external funding), to improve existing open spaces.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy CFOS 5 - Open space provision as part of new development

Open space should be provided within new development to meet the space standards set by Lichfield District Council in the Local Plan.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Traffic and Movement Policies

Policy T and M 1 – The impact of new development

Proposed developments that would generate a significant amount of movement or would potentially affect a known and evidenced traffic hazard should be supported by realistic measures to maintain highway safety and avoid vehicular/pedestrian conflict.

Where appropriate, larger scale development (new housing schemes of 10 or more dwellings) may need to consider off site measures where these are necessary to accommodate the traffic impact of the scheme.

Where they are proposed, new roads, junctions, footpaths and traffic management measures should be designed to complement the rural character of the village and reflect local heritage.

Where any retail, commercial and recreational facilities are proposed to be extended or developed, new parking should be provided in accordance with County and District standards or agreed measures, including financial contributions, taken to ensure that effective use can be made of existing car parks.

These measures will apply especially in and around the centre of the village.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy T and M 2 - Pedestrian/cycle access and connections

Development proposals that would generate a significant amount of movement or create a traffic hazard should identify opportunities for extending and improving routes to increase pedestrian and cycle connectivity. In general, future development that meets the other policies set out in the Neighbourhood Plan and widens opportunities for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders will be supported.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy T and M 3 – Managing the impact of HS2

The planning, design, construction and operation of HS2 should take account of traffic routes and flows, measures to reduce noise disturbance, landscaping, construction material used and the re-instatement of any affected roads, footpaths, or bridle ways in order to minimise any adverse impact on the environment of Whittington and Fisherwick.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy T and M 4 - The West Coast Mainline

Any development proposals within 10 metres of the operational railway boundary should take account of the following requirements as defined by Network Rail:

(a) The Local Planning Authority, in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 will arrange for appropriate publicity for planning applications within 10 metres of relevant railway land.

(b) Development should not result in any adverse impact on the operation of the railway and should not increase the liabilities of Network Rail.

(c) All development proposals should include a risk assessment and a method statement.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy T and M 5 The Coventry Canal

Development will be supported which enhances the Coventry Canal (and associated buildings and structures) as a cruising waterway, a linear walking/cycling route, a wildlife habitat and corridor and as an important historic feature and location for designated and non-designated heritage assets.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Community Proposals

It is recognised that some concerns of residents, e.g. parking and the need to reduce traffic speeds by traffic calming and the introduction of a 20mph speed limit cannot be addressed by formal planning policies, but these are covered by informal Community Proposals.

Community Proposal- CPT and M 1 Traffic management and speed limits.

The Parish council will work with others (including the County Council, the Police and the District Council) to encourage measures that provide a blanket 20 mph speed limit throughout the village with appropriate traffic calming measures.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Community Proposal - CPT and M2 Public Transport.

The Neighbourhood Plan will support a sustainable transport system. It will also support attempts to gain improvements to current public transport facilities.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Local Employment & Business Policies

Policy LE&B1: Supporting Local Employment and Businesses

Proposals for the development of new small businesses and for the expansion or diversification of existing businesses, including farm based operations, will be permitted, providing that;

- a) it can be demonstrated that there will be no adverse impact from increased traffic, noise, smell, lighting, vibration or other emissions or activities arising the proposed development;*
- b) it would have an acceptable impact on the character and scale of the village, its rural hinterland and landscape; and*
- c) where relevant, opportunities are taken to secure the re-use of vacant or redundant historic buildings as part of the development.*

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Telecommunications and renewable energy

Policy Tand RE 1 – Telecommunications

Any improvement to broadband infrastructure and mobile telephone reception will be supported. Any new development should have a super-fast broadband connectivity unless this would not be possible, practical or economically viable. In such circumstances, suitable ducting should be provided to facilitate future installation.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Policy T and RE 2 - Renewable Energy

Renewable and low carbon energy generation proposals will be supported if the impact is (or can be made) acceptable. The following considerations will be taken into account to assess proposals:

- *Visual impact in the immediate locality and the wider area, including longer views;*
- *Any adverse impact on the residential amenity of nearby houses;*
- *The setting of the Conservation Area;*
- *Highway safety and traffic generation;*
- *Sites of local nature conservation and heritage assets.*

Proposals will need to include specific assessments of the criteria and consider cumulative impact.

Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Area based Policy 1 (MoD site)

Policy AB1 Defence Medical Services (DMS)

Proposals for development within the existing Defence Medical Services (DMS) buildings complex and the Museum of the Staffordshire Regiment will be permitted provided that there is no adverse impact to nearby houses and businesses and the wider community arising from:-

- *Increased traffic;*
- *Reduction in security;*
- *Noise and disturbance;*
- *Light pollution (including longer views of the complex)*
- *In addition, the existing playing fields and hall on the site (off Chester Rd) which are used by the local community should be retained.*

- Agree	Disagree	Neutral
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Final Section

Do you have any other comments?

Other Details

The questionnaire should only be completed by residents of Whittington and Fisherwick, voluntary groups and Community organisations or business property owners in the Parish

Please provide the following information:

Resident? Yes/No

Voluntary Group or Community Organisation? Yes/No

Business Property Owner? Yes/No

Surname

House NumberPost Code

To which age group do you belong? (please circle)

Under 18 18/40 41/60 60+

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to thank you for your past support and taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Map 1 Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Area (Reproduced from The Ordnance Survey Mapping with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Offices (C) Crown Copyright: Licence No.100017765 - 2013).

