

Consultation Statement

Willington Neighbourhood Plan



29 May 2025

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Introduction

1. This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 for Willington Neighbourhood Plan. The legal basis of the statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations which states that a consultation statement should:
 - a) Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan;
 - b) Explain how they were consulted;
 - c) Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
 - d) Describe how those issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan
2. Local planning issues

Pre- Regulation 14 Consultation

3. The decision to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan evolved during 2018. Earlier parish consultations had already established community concern regarding the impact of future development on traffic congestion, the erosion of village character, flooding and school provision, so the support for council action had already been established.
4. An application to designate the parish as a neighbourhood plan area was submitted following public consultation and an open forum meeting in February 2019 which was attended by 120 people. Residents agreed to the principle of preparing a NDP and offered support in its preparation. Two sessions were held to accommodate members of the community. The presentations took the form of a PowerPoint presentation (led by three NDP team members) along with a question and answer session and the opportunity to leave comments on issues for consideration.



Photo of 2019 village hall initial event

Posters and flyers for the initial event



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With South Derbyshire DC gearing up to review the District Plan, now is the time to have your say. If you are concerned about the future development of Willington then you should be at

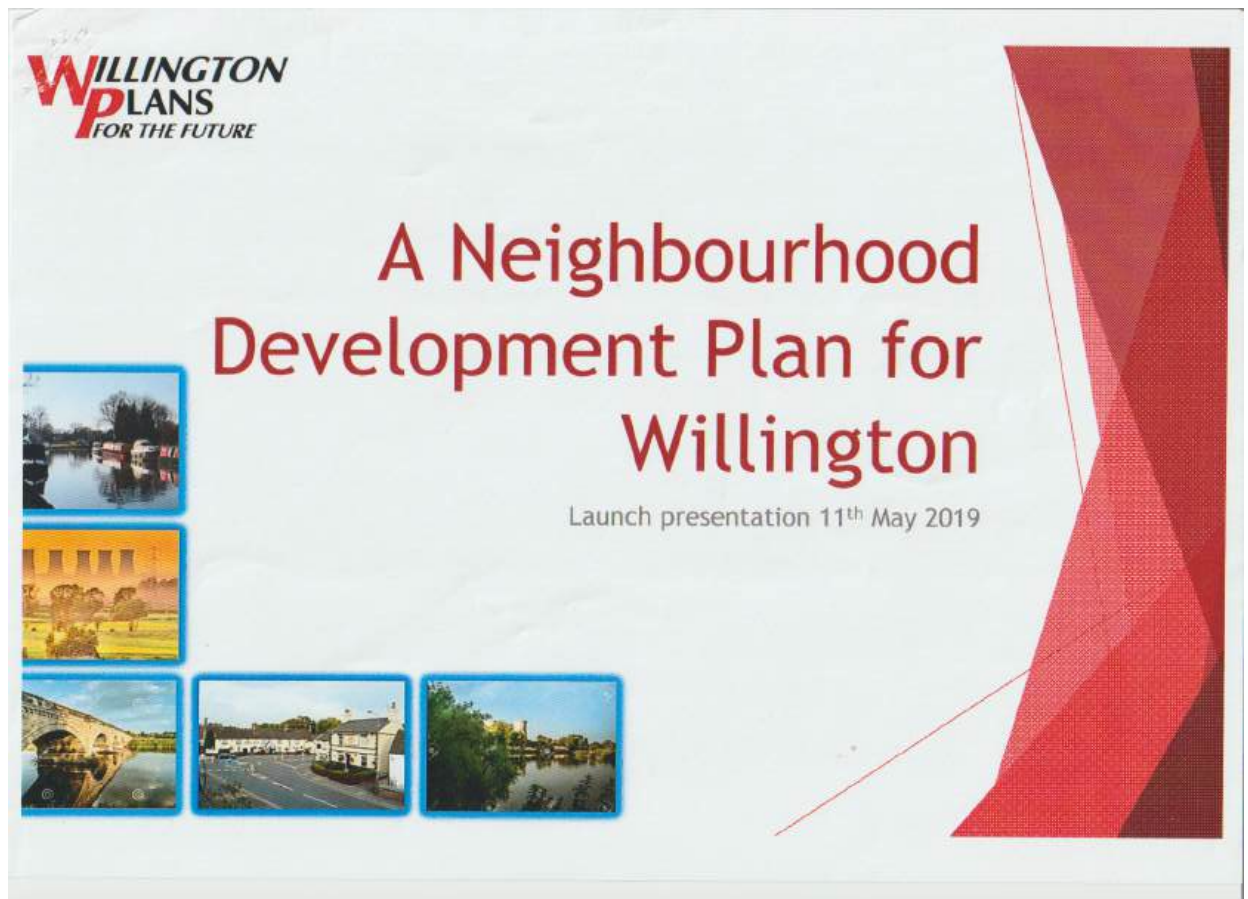
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5. Steered by the Parish Council, some 40+ residents volunteered to form discussion groups to identify the issues, challenges, wants, needs and desires for Willington in the next 15+ years.
6. A more targeted event was held in May 2019, at the village hall inviting those who had already expressed an interest in engaging with the plan process for further discussion. The meeting was attended by 25 members of the public along with members of the NDP Group and comprised a review of the February presentation. Group discussions were on the broad topic issues already raised to identify which issues were NDP focused and which were normal Parish Council / District Council management issues.



Launch event May 2019



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7. Shortly after this, an application was made to South Derbyshire for the designation of Willington Parish as a neighbourhood development area and there were focus group meetings in September, November 2019 and January and February 2020. The call for sites in 2020, SDDCs Local Plan Part 1 Review and the proposal for the development of Axis 50 (a logistics centre based around the A50/A38 junction) focused the parish council on seeking to influence planning thinking for the village and the wider parish.
8. Group discussions with the community focused on a range of issues, developing a vision for the village as a “thriving, safe and friendly village, where people can live work and play. Thus a questionnaire was developed to seek community views on a range of issues and test out the conclusions arising from the current discussion.

The current discussions will continue in the new year with a discussion session in January, on Wednesday 29th, at 7.00pm at the Baptist Chapel Hall to consider “guiding principles” to help give direction to the discussions. In February we will begin to bring together the issues and prepare the ground for more informed community consultations on the village’s future.



Advert in the village newsletter about the work on the neighbourhood plan

9. Covid interrupted the work but picked up again with a survey of all residents in Willington in 2021. A two pronged approach was adopted, a paper based questionnaire that would be posted through every door in the village and an on line version (accessible by QR code) which mirrored the printed version. The public were encouraged to complete the questionnaire (preferably on line) which presented a range of issues asking the public whether or not they agreed or otherwise with statements such as the “need for new housing”, the “importance of good design” etc. The questionnaire was promoted through adverts around the village, local facebook groups and via the village newsletter. Copies were also available at the post office, shops and doctor’s surgery with collection boxes for completed questionnaires at each.
10. The questionnaire was launched on September 30th 2021, followed by an event at the village hall encouraging people to drop in and discuss the issues and complete the questionnaire. This was followed by a second, towards the end of the consultation period to ensure that the community had been reminded of the questionnaire and its importance to the future growth of the village.
11. Approximately one third of household completed either the paper or online survey which provided some valuable insight into the thought of residents.



12. The findings were presented in the village news in 2022, see below, and formed the basis for the scope of the neighbourhood plan.



The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) group was encouraged by the number of people who took the time to complete the NDP community questionnaire We had some 312 responseswith a wide range of opinions expressed. Work must now proceed on the analysis of the response and views expressed so that we can provide a real community view on what the village needs and what it should be like in 10- 15 years.

All of these will be reported to the parish Council once the data has been analysed in full. This will take some time , but in the interim, here is a brief overview of the survey results.

As an opening question we presented a vision for the future of Willington asking you to comment on a vision statement

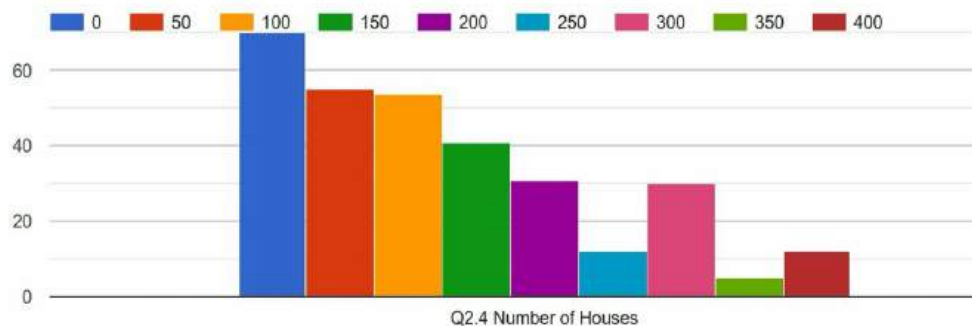
"Willington will continue to be a thriving safe and friendly village where people want to live, work and play. We will maintain and enhance our village whilst supporting sustainable development that respects our village character and improves facilities for the benefit of all residents and visitors alike."

Whilst we had many people expressing a desire to stop all development and leave the village as it is now, a majority of respondents echoed the sentiments of the vision in respect to managed growth expressing the need to retain the village character and community which has been echoed throughout the wide range of the questionnaire responses.

Housing may well prove to be the decisive question and measure of public opinion on the future form and size of the village, whether it be by choice or imposition. Whatever the case might be the NDP questionnaire responses show some clear community opinions, providing the PC with some food for thought.

Most people were in agreement with the statements on a good range and mix, good design, retaining village form and character and even showed a preference for smaller edge of village estates, many quoting the "Peace Haven" development as a good example of estate design (though some did disagree).

The main question however was "how much housing would be acceptable?" which prompted responses ranging from none to over 400 new homes. However the views are not as stark as this, as the following graph indicates with a mix of opinion on the preferred level of development acceptable.



The above shows some 22% of respondents (blue column) with a preference for no more houses, set against some 78% (all other columns) accepting that some level of development is essential (albeit with opinion split over the level of preferred development) accepting that some growth is essential to support the need to widen housing choice and retain many of the services we enjoy as a key village.

The questions on the local economy confirmed the importance of local employment and retention of the Key village status, whilst also recognising the need to address the issues of the power station and its potential for development.

Education has been a hot topic in the initial group discussions and the questions, whilst not primarily an NDP issue, have provided much needed background opinion on local school issues and hence importance of local (village) education in any future provision. Whilst there has been much said about the need for a new school and increased provision to meet village needs, very few people supported new development as a means of forcing higher local provision. This will have to await the complex calculations once the development levels have been set for all local villages and the need established.

Environment is a growing concern and most showed to be in agreement with the principles outlined with many adding comments about the importance of investing in the environment and the benefits for all.

Infrastructure and Traffic proved to bring out strong opinions with support for addressing the high levels of through traffic and the need to ensure safety in and around the centre of the village. There was also considerable concern expressed re flood risk and the need to ensure that further development did not endanger the village.

Sport and leisure always ranked high in the early discussions and the questions had been designed to include all issues, albeit again of limited NDP relevance, other than to provide a well rounded view of village needs and wants. The most striking outcome from the survey was that although it is a matter of day to day concern and there was overwhelming support for the principles outlined, there was clear opinion against supporting more housing as a trade off for improved leisure facilities. Top of the community priorities were Skateboard/BMX track, Football Club, Village Hall, Tennis Courts, New (MUGA) multi-use games area ... , Scouts/Guides etc and New Cricket club/pavilion.

Regulation 14 Consultation

14. The Regulation 14 consultation ran from 27th July until 20th September 2024, this was an 8 week period to take account of the summer holidays.

Consultation with the local community

15. A range of methods were used to engage the local community with an online survey available on the PC web site and two drop-in sessions held during the 8 week consultation period.



Willington Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation

Willington Parish Council has completed their deliberations on the plans for Willington from now until 2039, and are launching a consultation on the draft plan at the end of July. The consultation will run from July 27th until September 20th in order to give the members of the Willington Community time to examine and comment on the plan proposals.

A questionnaire and information leaflet will be circulated to all households in the parish by the end of July giving you the opportunity to consider the plan policies and comment on the plan. The full plan document will be available to view on the Parish Council web site as well as in printed format.

You will be asked to complete the questionnaire, either on paper or online by September 20th at the latest.

Two drop-in events have been arranged to allow you to discuss the draft plan with the parish councillors and get an understanding of the planning process. These will take place on

Saturday 27th July 11.00 am to 4.00pm

Willington Village Hall

and

Saturday 7th September 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Willington Village Hall

At the end of the consultation we will be able to assess all comments and make any necessary adjustments to the draft plan before formally presenting it to SDDC for scrutiny and it's subsequent approval, following a local referendum on the plan early next year.



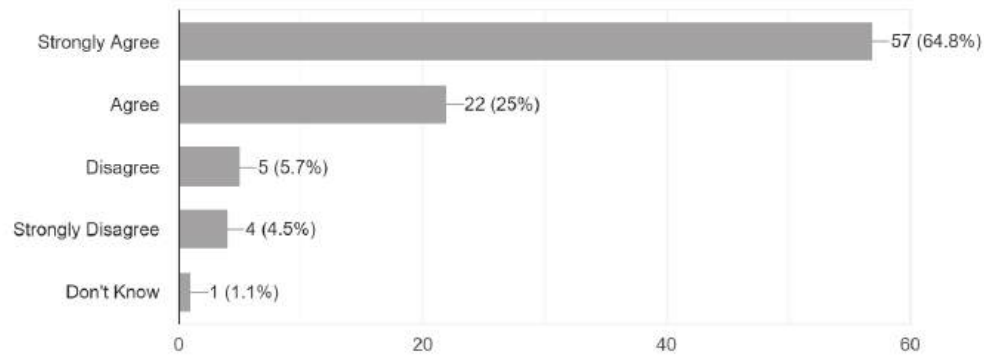


16. Responses could be provided via a consultation response form on the website, or by filling in the survey form at the drop in.
17. There were 86 respondents – comments were grouped by theme and responses considered by the NPG and the WNP was amended where the comment provided additional information or raised an issue that required clarification. Analysis of all residents' comments is available at <https://www.willingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-development-plan>
18. Table 1 below shows the residents' responses to the various policies or sections of the WNP. There was an overall very positive response to the WNP.

Table 1 Residents' Comments on the Pre-Submission Draft

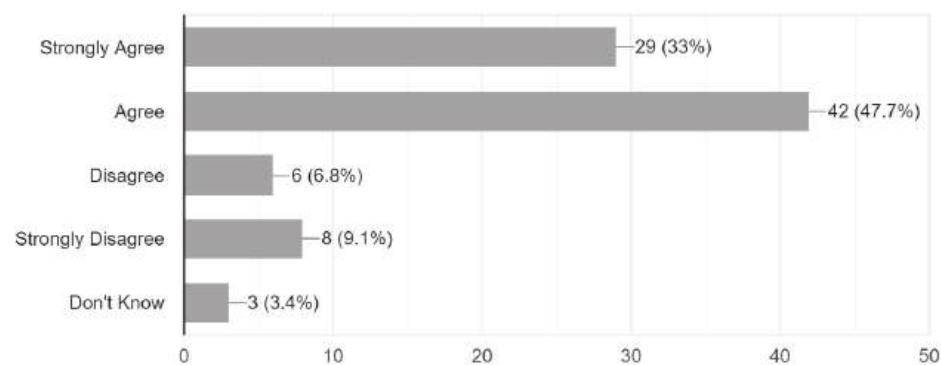
Vision / Community Objectives:

88 responses



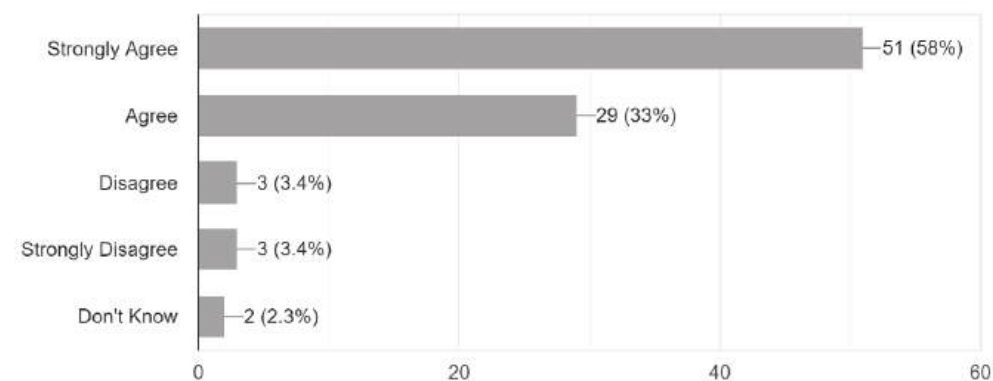
1.1: Applications for high quality residential developments on infill and redevelopment sites within the Settlement Boundary, will generally be supported,...Is for infill sites outside the settlement boundary.

88 responses



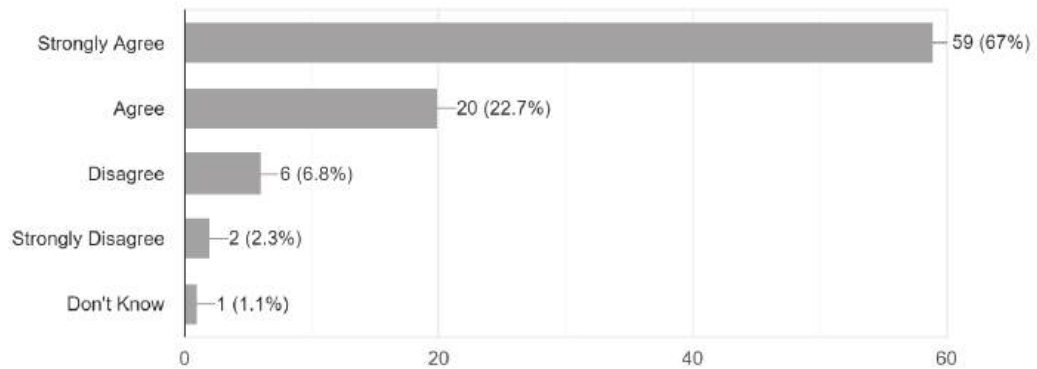
2.1: Development proposals should demonstrate a high design quality that will contribute to the character of the Code Areas as defined in the Willington Design Guide and Codes 2023

88 responses



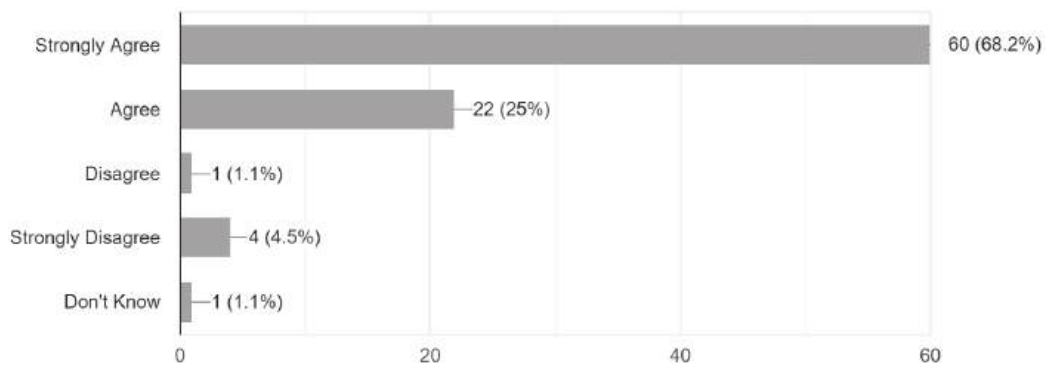
3.1: In areas identified as Significant Green Areas (Map 6) development should take account of the landscape sensitivity and the way in which the Sig...incorporated into the overall development package.

88 responses



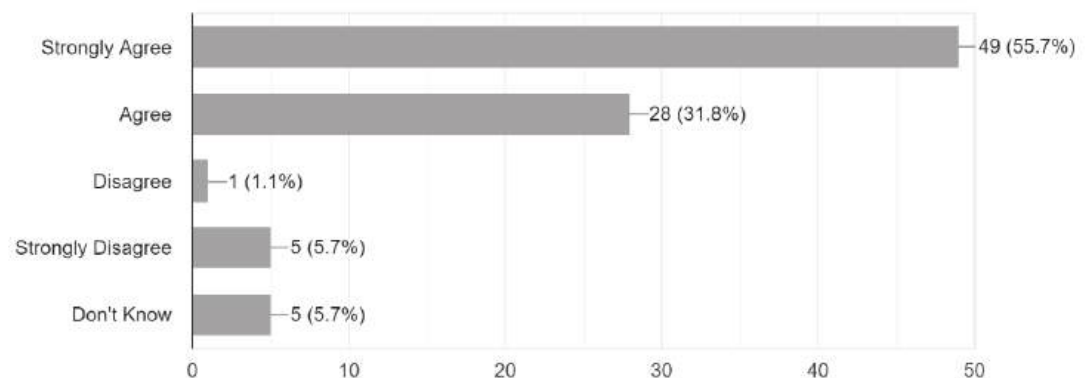
4.1: Development proposals which would have significant ecological impacts will not be supported unless appropriate mitigation and/or compensation ...ture trees should also be protected and retained.

88 responses



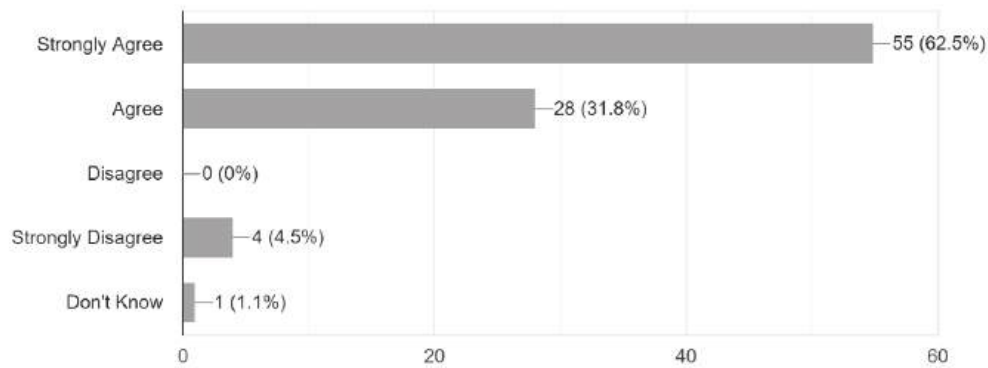
5.1: The Plan designates the areas identified on Map 8 as Local Green Spaces. The determination of development proposals within a designated Loca... policies for managing development in Green Belt.

88 responses



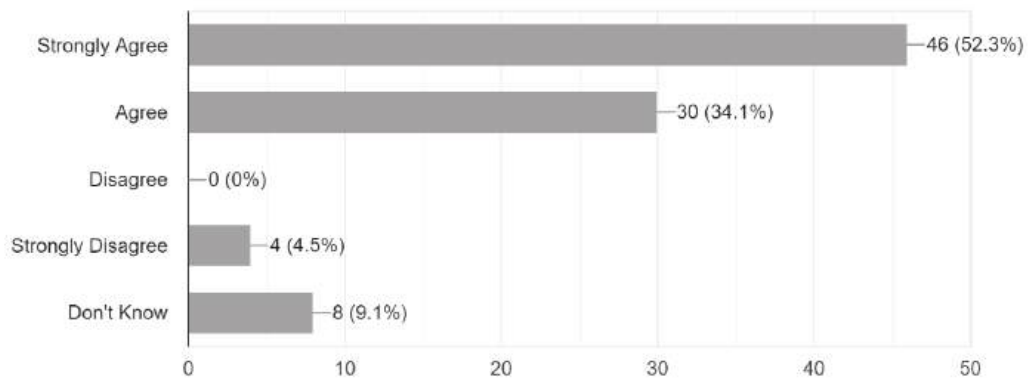
6a.1: Development within the historic core of Willington (the area around St Michaels and Hall Lane) should respect the scale, building plots, height and form as defined in the Willington Design Guide and Codes 2023.

88 responses



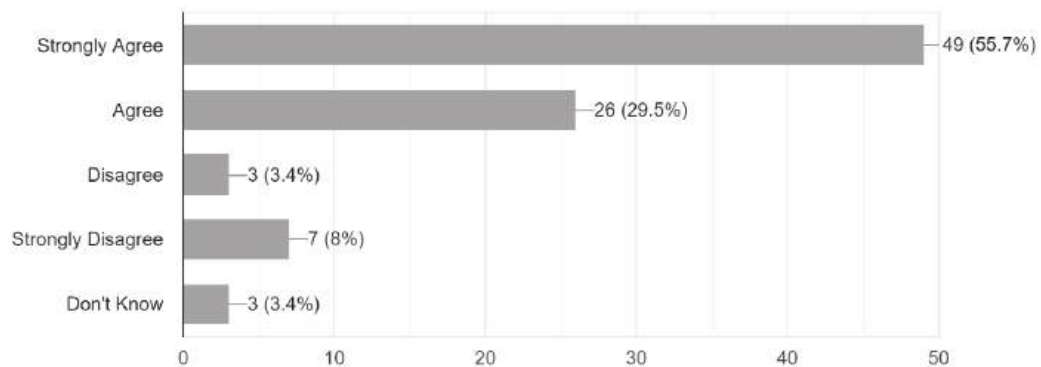
6b.1: The buildings identified on Map 8b are identified as non-designated heritage assets. The effect of a proposal on the significance of a non-designated heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the proposal.

88 responses



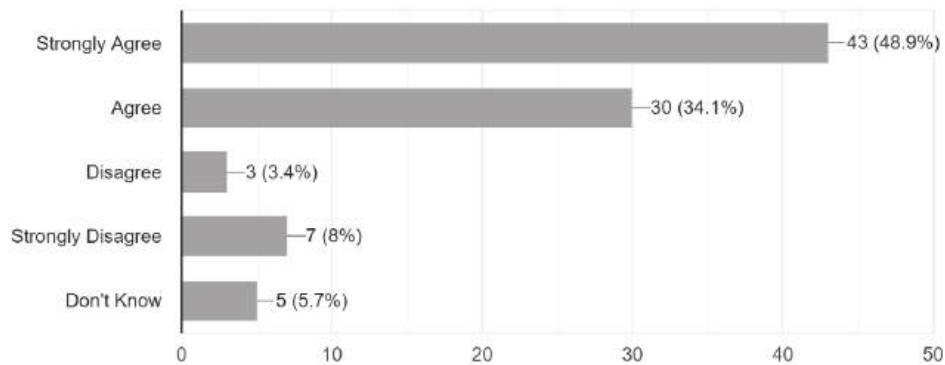
7a.1: Development that provides housing to meet the needs of the local community is supported where the proposal; a) is within or contiguous to the land (where outfall is a key design consideration).

88 responses



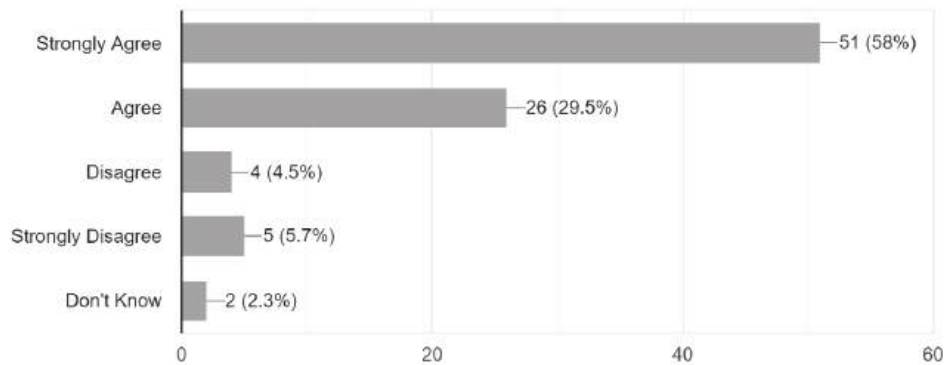
7b.1: As appropriate to their scale, nature and location, housing schemes are required to deliver a housing mix that meets local need in accordance ...in the most up to date Housing Needs Assessment.

88 responses



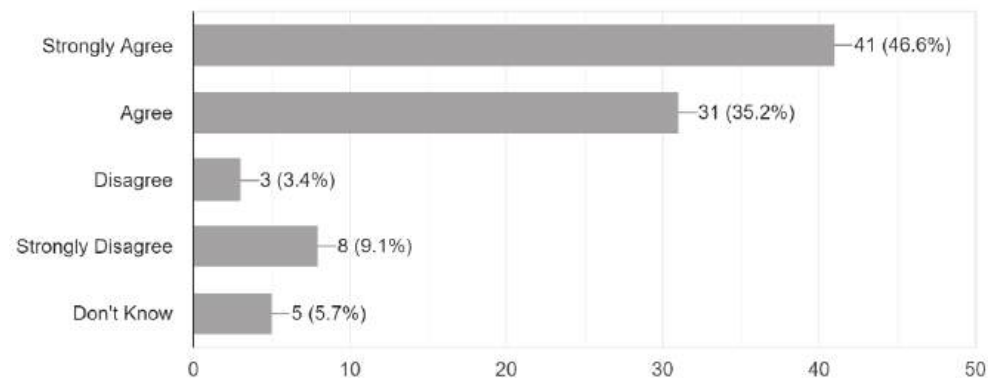
7c.1: Proposals for the development of housing for older people, particularly sheltered accommodation with limited support, will be suppo...opography and the proximity of everyday services.

88 responses



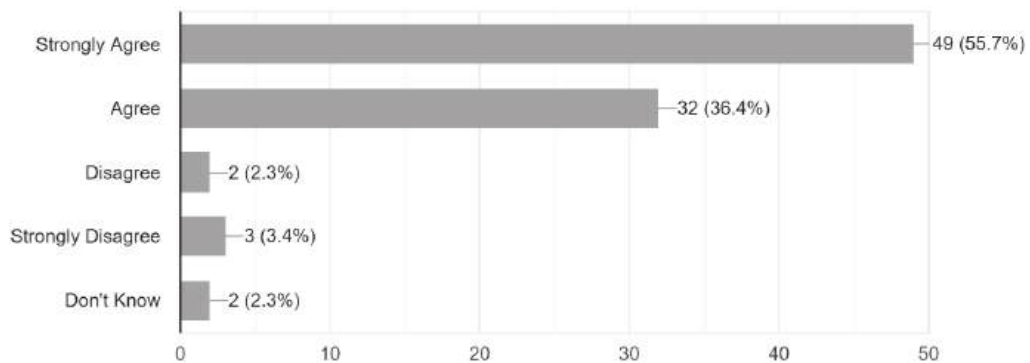
7d.1: 1) Where applicable, the development of affordable housing will be supported in accordance with District policy. 2) The mix of affordable hous...f design and provision of private and public spaces.

88 responses



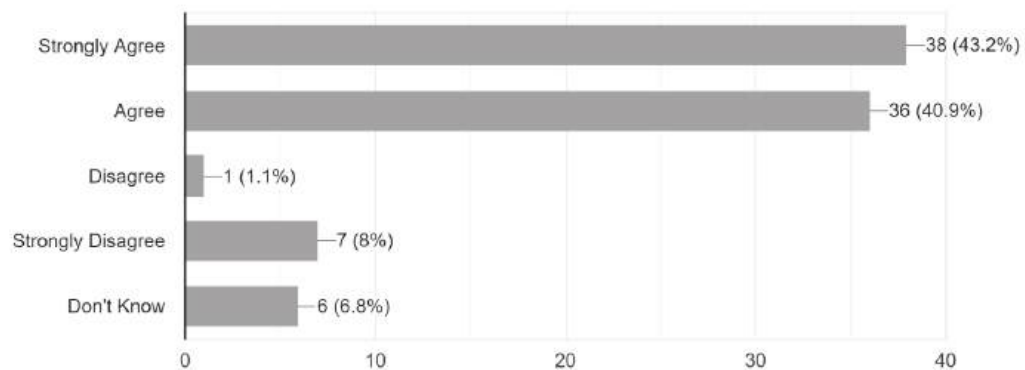
8.1: Proposals for the enhancement, improvement and extension of community, buildings, or the provision of new buildings to extend the offer of community and appearance is in conformity with Policy 2.

88 responses



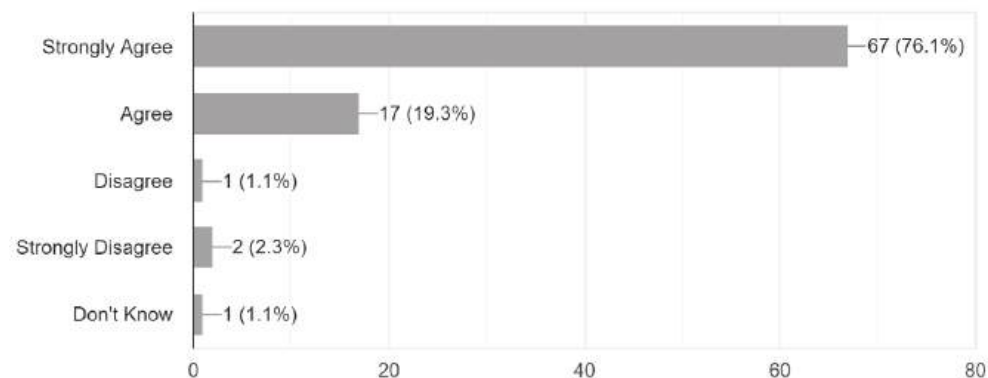
9.1: Within the area shown on Map 9b, where planning permission is required, applications for retail development at ground floor level within class Ea (sale of goods, other than hot food) will be supported.

88 responses



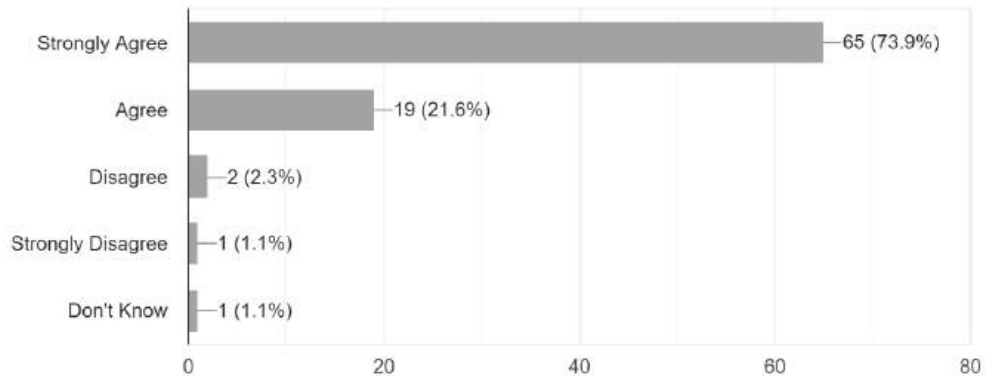
10.1: Development must follow a sequential approach to flood risk management using the most up to date mapping information. Proposals for flood management resulting in an increase in flood risk elsewhere.

88 responses



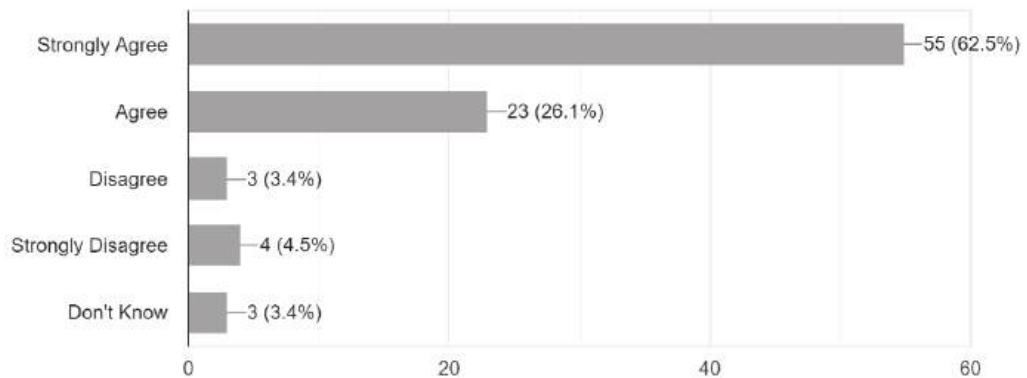
11.1: Development that enables the extension of the cycle and footpath network is supported.

88 responses



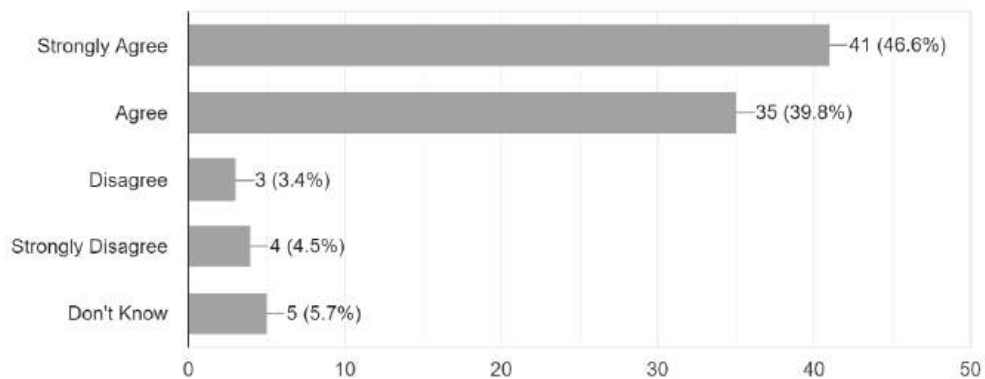
12.1: New development should incorporate sustainable design features to maximise energy efficiency due to the importance of this in meeting national climate targets.

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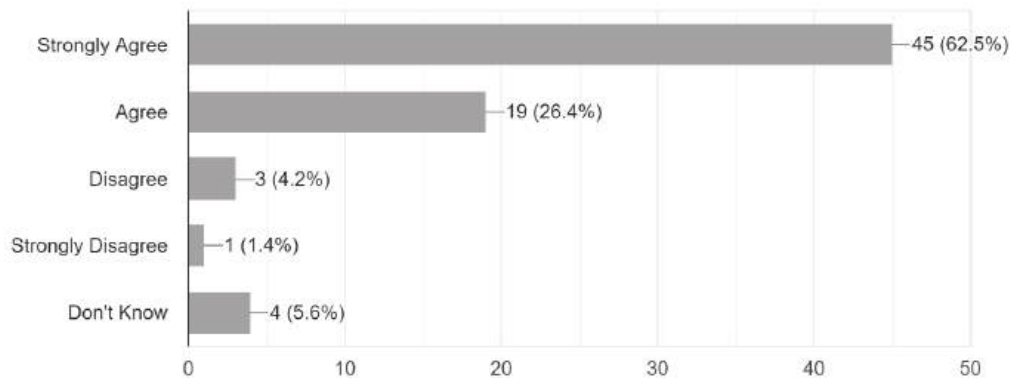
13.1: Development proposals that enable the sustainable growth of Mercia Marina as a tourism destination are supported subject to consideration ...tunities to enhance the biodiversity of the Marina.

88 responses



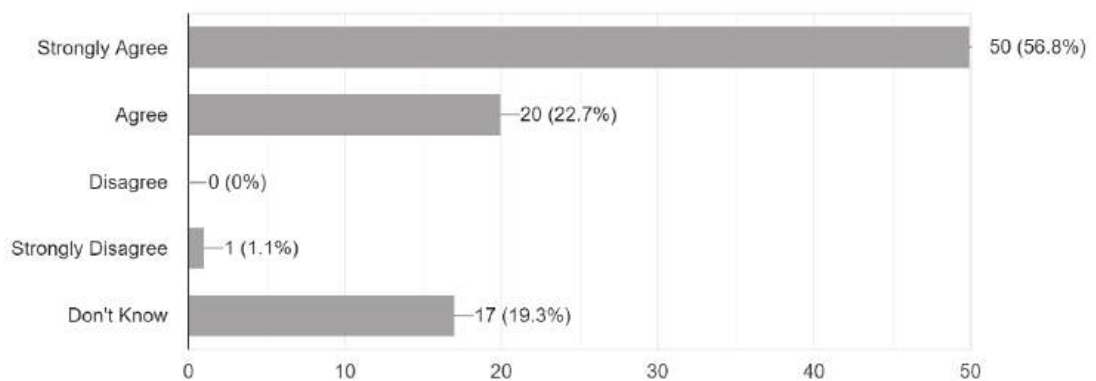
14.1: Aspirational Policy 1 - Regeneration of former Willington Power Station site

72 responses



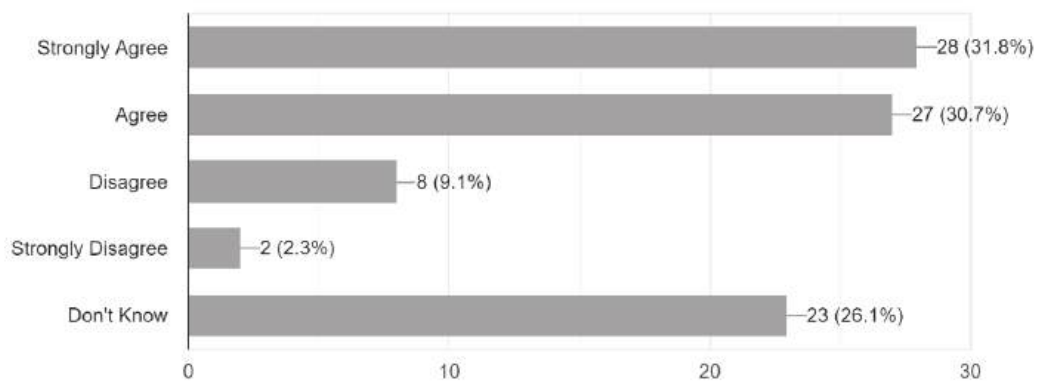
15.1: Environmental Improvements in Willington Centre. To work with South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC), Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and ...estrian, cyclist friendly feel to this busy Centre.

88 responses



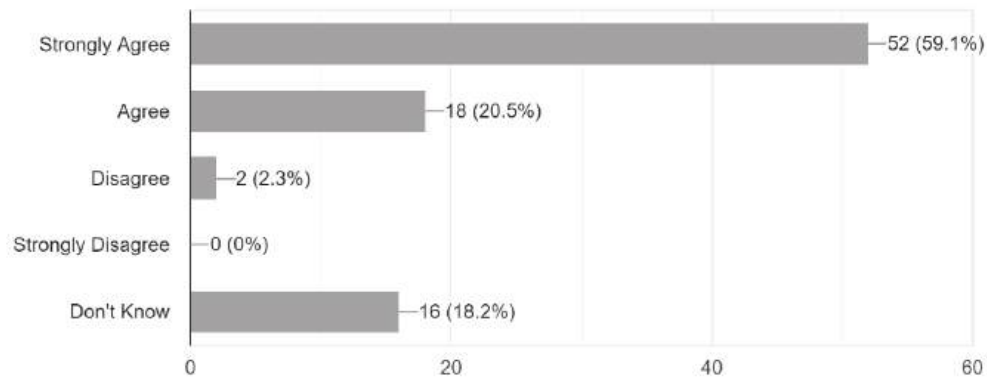
16.1: Providing EV Charging Points at Public Car Park near Willington Train Station to promote the move to low carbon energy use.

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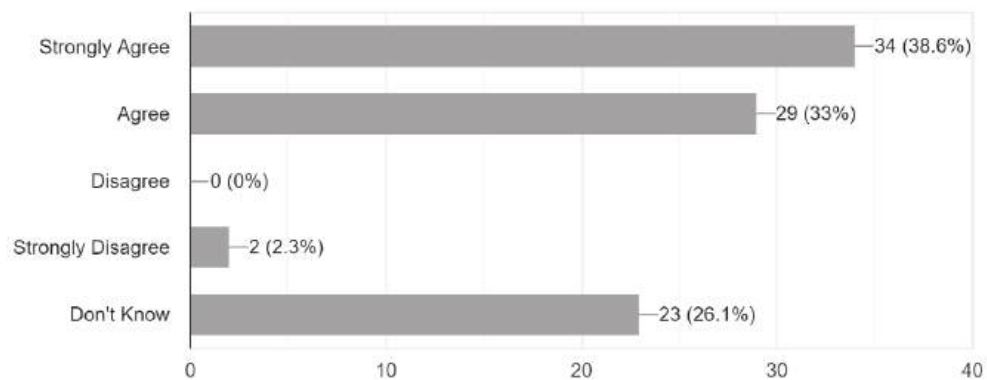
17.1: To improve pedestrian access to Mercia Marina to make the walk to Mercia Marina from Willington village safer and more attractive.

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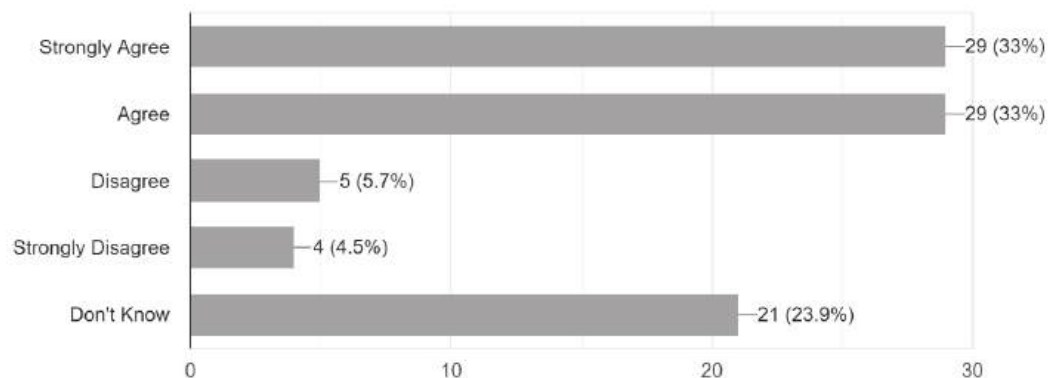
18.1: To recognise the heritage significance of the historic core of Willington and identify notable buildings that are not listed

88 responses



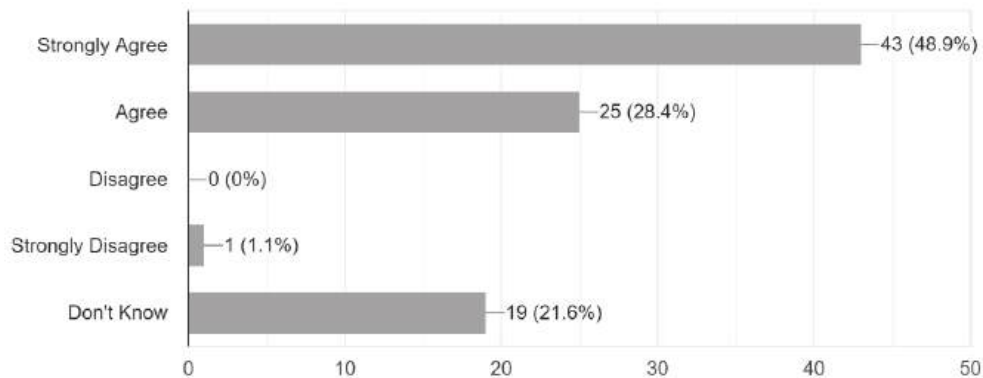
19.1: Improved rail links to connect with the Crewe Line

88 responses



20.1: To ensure housing growth is matched by provision of primary school places

88 responses



19. Note only 4 statements out of 20 had less than 80% support, these were 15.1, 16.1, 18.1 19.1. Detailed analysis shows that for these 4 statements, 20% of responses were 'don't know' and not 'disagree'.

Statutory Consultees and other organisations

20. SDDC provided a comprehensive list of statutory consultees who were emailed seeking a response to the Pre-Submission WNP. This list of statutory consultees is at Appendix A.

21. Below are the written responses from the statutory consultees along with the NPG comment and indicating if and how the Plan was consequently amended.

South Derbyshire District Council

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
Policy 1 (3) Infill development	Reference to infill development outside the settlement boundary needs to be aligned with SDDC policy BNE5	Amended	Y
Policy 2 (5) iii Achieving well designed places	It may not be viable for all major development to achieve pedestrian/cycle links	'where viable' added	Y
Policy 3 Protecting Landscape Character	Acknowledged that does not stop development but policy refers to landscape character and sensitivity but does not set out what the	Descriptions to justify the key views are provided with the photos at appendix B. The descriptions have been expanded to provide more detail.	Y

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
	<p>landscape character of each key view is.</p> <p>Significant Green Areas queries evidence used and suggests it is insufficient</p>	<p>The NPG does not have access to funds to commission separate landscape character studies but the evidence is drawn from DCCs LCA, the AECOM Design Code for the Parish and local knowledge. The policy seeks to provide clarity on the areas of open countryside that would be sensitive to development because their undeveloped character contributes to the rural character of Willington Parish.</p> <p>Text amended at para 100 to reflect comments from SDDC on the Findern NP as well.</p> <p>This approach has been followed and successfully examined in numerous neighbourhood plans across multiple local planning authorities for example see Scopwick and Kirkby Green NP in North Kesteven DC, Shirland and Higham, in North East Derbyshire DC, Bottesford NP in Melton BC, Misterton Review NP in Bassetlaw DC.</p> <p>The approach seeks to demonstrate those parts of the parish that have landscape significance, to provide additional local information. Where the significant green areas are in the settlement boundary they are open green spaces that reflect the rural character of the wider area. Section 12 provides a detailed explanation of this and concise locally gathered information to provide a better understanding of the landscape around the</p>	Y

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
		parish, to help inform future decisions. The community saw this as a way of ensuring SDDC took the sense of openness of these spaces into account when deciding future applications. The NPG have amended the Significant Green Areas north of the railway line to identify the areas as having medium and high landscape sensitivity.	
Policy 6 Protecting and Enhancing Heritage Assets	There should be clear evidence provided to justify local listing.	Additional information has been provided at Appendix E using the criteria from Historic England at Appendix D. There has been liaison with the conservation officer at SDDC.	Y
Policy 7a Flood risk assessment and infrastructure requirement	The proposed wording of policy 7a goes beyond the requirements of Policy H1 with respect to development being contiguous with the development boundary – contiguous is not a word used regularly in policy. Not all applications will require flood risk assessment SDDC accord with NPF requirements. Not all developments require the provision of local infrastructure.	Amended to reflect SDDC policy Policy wording amended	Y
Policy 7b Housing Mix	Policy goes beyond requirements of H20 and SDDC suggest reference to Local Housing Needs Assessment.	The Local Housing Needs Assessment document provides evidence to support a higher standard for accessible and adaptable and wheelchair user homes, this standard is applied in the draft LPP 1 Review H20 and the evidence is used in this amended policy.	Y

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
		Comparison with housing mix in LHNA provided.	
Para 172	Wording makes it unclear Confusion as to whether sites are being allocated	Amended – no sites are allocated in the WNP.	Y
Policy 13 Mercia Marina	Clarity is sought on whether development is required to meet all criteria and not possible to ask for pedestrian access improvements for all applications at the marina.	Wording of criteria 3 and 4 merged with criteria 1. Criteria 5 amended.	Y
Comments on the design code		This was produced by urban designers with local input. The comments are useful and have been noted. The Design Code is used to inform the WNP but it is not part of the NP examination.	N

Derbyshire County Council

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
Overall	Comprehensive and well thought through	Noted	
Community Objective 8	Suggest this includes reference to retro fit to achieve net zero	Agreed and amended	Y
Policy 7b	Ref should be to policy 7b not policy 7a in criteria 2	Agreed and amended	Y
Policy 7d Affordability	NPPF has been updated no longer prescribed first homes split	Policy 7d updated to reflect NPPF	Y
Para 179	Peacehaven Estate is in Willington Primary catchment	Amended text, some children did get in to Willington school but some did not, it depends on age of children and capacity of that year group.	
Para 180	Says that this does not reflect DCC policy and that the S106 planning contributions from the Peacehaven development	Children do not get automatic places at Willington Primary School it depends on the age of the child.	Y

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
	was paid to DCC to expand provision at Willington Primary school		
Policy 8 Protecting and Enhancing Community Facilities	Error in ref to policy 9 should be policy 8	Amended	Y
Policy 11 extending footpaths and cycle routes	Welcomes this policy but could add ref to Derbyshire key cycle network and local cycle network.	Wording added to text and policy	Y
Section on renewable energy	Well thought through	Noted	NA
Para 215 and 216	Ref to storage suggested	Amended	Y
Policy 12	Refer to support for installation and storage of renewable energy	Agree this is an important issue	Y
Aspiration 1	Add role of former power station for renewable energy storage	Amended	Y
Appendix A	Information provided on likelihood of second station (inconceivable), increase frequency on cross country service and bus route	Information added	Y

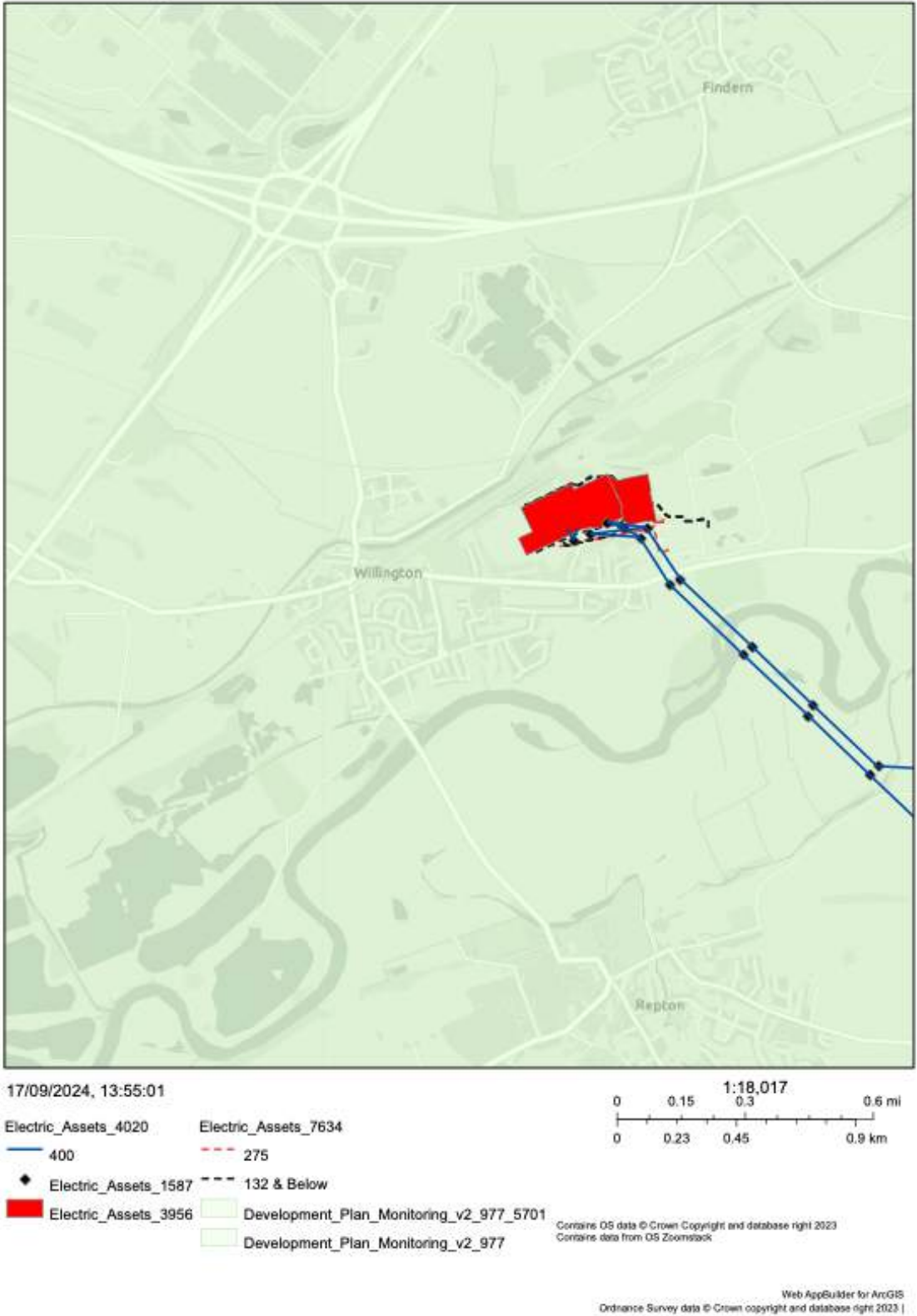
National Gas Transmission

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
	No specific comment to make		

National Grid

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Willington Neighbourhood Plan National Grid Asset Map



Natural England

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
General	No specific comments to make	Noted	NA

Coal Authority

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
General	No specific comments to make – area not within a defined coalfield	Noted	NA

Historic England

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
General	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 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 (www.heritagegateway.org.uk). 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.	Noted the NPG have met with SDDCs conservation officer and sought guidance, reference has also been made to the Historic Environment Record	NA

Sports England

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
General	No specific comments to make	Noted	NA

Repton Parish Council

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
General	No specific comments to make	Noted	NA

Etwell Parish Council

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
Para 139	Reference to the Freeport - provided more information on how Etwell PC are considering this matter in their NP – they will encourage use of rail for freight and public transport for workers and will push for access to the Freeport to be from the A50/A38 roundabout	Noted	NA
Para 213	Endorses Willington's approach to establish pedestrian/cycleway between Willington and Etwell	Noted	NA

National Highways

Section of the Plan	Comments	NPG Comments	Amendments Made
General	<p>The Neighbourhood Development area is bounded to the North and West by the A50 trunk road and the A38 trunk road.</p> <p>We have reviewed the draft Neighbourhood Plan and note that it does not propose any new development sites beyond those already identified in the South Derbyshire Local Plan.</p> <p>We appreciate the emphasis placed on Section 20, "Getting Around," in relation to Objective 7 of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Specifically, the proposed enhancements to cycling and walking infrastructure and the initiatives aimed at promoting active travel within the area. These improvements align with the broader goals of creating healthier, more sustainable communities through increased physical activity and reduced reliance on cars.</p>	Noted	NA

Appendix A Contact List of Statutory Consultees

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Derbyshire County Council	
The Coal Authority	
The Homes and Community Agency	
Natural England	
Environment Agency	
Historic England	
Network Rail	
Highways England	
Western Power	
Severn Trent	
Severn Trent	
Centrica (Energy)	
Three Mobile	
Vodafone and O2 Mobile	
Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board	
South Staffs Water	
Avison Young (National grid)	
National Grid	
Severn Trent	
Historic England	
Sport England	
South Derbyshire CVS	
Primary Care Network Willington GP surgery	

Appendix B Newsletters Advising of Progress



Whilst the process may seem slow and the prospect of having a draft neighbourhood plan (NDP) on the table within two years may sound a long way off, the reality is that the process has started and we are working in sync with the District Council.

Progress is now being made. The NDP group had its first face to face meeting with the appointed planning consultant only two weeks ago, to get a deeper understanding of Willington and the aspirations of the community, drawing very much on the responses to the community questionnaire. Likewise the NDP group became better acquainted with the process and requirements of NDP preparation and the need for precise record keeping as well as the information that needs to be collected in support of any plan.

We each have our tasks for the next few weeks. The consultant is seeking information from the District Planners on housing needs and regional targets, and we are collating information on the consultation programme to date, seeking background information on traffic levels and the history of major housing applications as well as refining some of our aspirations that underly the vision for the village. We have also been asked to map significant elements in the village such as important buildings, key locations, open spaces, important views and rural setting.

It was also clear that we will need to employ specialist consultants to advise on housing need, design issues and landscape in order to support our case for the village retaining its village character.

What was made clear to the consultant was that the community want to see Willington remain a village with a clear community identity as well as retain its key local services. Whilst it may have to accept that some growth is inevitable this should be used to improve the village and its services and not allow it to become part of the wider Derby conurbation.

There is a lot of work needed to analyse the results of the questionnaire and no doubt this will help set the agenda for the NDP as well as provide the parish council with a number of priorities for action on matters that are outside the scope of the NDP

The work continues.



The work of the NDP group moves on slowly, but then it was never going to be a fast process as we are dependent on others for support and information.

In the meantime we are looking at the more important physical attributes of the village such as open space, landmark buildings, the dynamics of the village and critical views. All of these will feed into the consideration of growth options and constraints. This is something you can also get involved with by letting the parish clerk know what is important to you !

The ongoing work at the moment is the documenting of the consultation process to date, both in terms of what we did and what the community thinks. The link for the "summary analytics" is bit.ly/3rAcnq8. Click the link to open in Google Forms. A white box will appear saying file unavailable. Do not click reload, instead click outside the white pop-up box. You will then have full access to the summary analytics.

It is however difficult to correlate all responses and balance the comments especially when you get people not wanting any more housing, but then calling for more shops, better and public transport, both of which require larger populations to make them viable. It will be a difficult business pleasing everyone.

The primary issues are, as expected, traffic, housing, public transport, green issues and the power station site.

Traffic is seen as a major issue, be it peak traffic flows, increased through new development, the nuisance of large lorries or the speed of traffic. There is an ongoing wish to see a bypass and/or a third river crossing taking away traffic from the village.

Housing has raised the highest number of comments with two differing points of view, no more housing versus limited growth.

Those who are campaigning for no more new housing also refer to not wanting to be a part of Burton or Derby and most support keeping the village as it is now, or in some cases as it was some 15 years ago.

The support for more housing is more nuanced with some 66% of respondents in favour of some controlled development, prioritising infill development and small peripheral sites with a wide mix of housing and bungalows accepting the need for growth to meet local need along with an increase/improvement in local services.

Maintaining the "village character" appears important to most people although that definition of character may be difficult to agree as comments are split between keeping the village unchanged and letting it grow to meet local needs, be that housing or improved services.

It is clear that many people have "invested" in the village and it is important to the wider community that maintaining the village's character and rural green setting are reflected in any future policies for the village.



Summer may have seemed like down time for the Neighbourhood Development Plan, but whilst we may have been distracted by the Queen's Jubilee, the Raft Race, the Carnival and other events work has been continuing behind the scenes.

Earlier this year the NDP group was tasked with looking critically at the village and highlighting those elements of open space, footpaths, views, canal side, riverside that were important elements of the village and which would need safeguarding in any future plan. This was then used to brief consultants, in May, and agree a brief for a "village appraisal". This has been an ongoing task for our consultants and we expect to receive their report within the next month.

Likewise our planning consultant, who is leading the project, has been liaising with South Derbyshire planners to try to establish a base line development need for the area and balance that against national needs/plans for housing growth, as well as demands from developers. It is a slow process, balancing need and demands which must also take the aspirations of the community into account.

We are expecting to be able to bring both these elements together in the next couple of months and gain an idea of what the future for the village might look like and how we might need to seek to further influence that future development.

This is regrettably a slow process with the ongoing unknowns of the power station's future role, the impact of the proposed Free Port development and the ongoing need for a new bridge over the River Trent; all of which could have an impact on the village. This seemingly lengthy process may seem frustrating to many but it is important to remember that we are now part of the plan process. Our task is to ensure that we have a voice in the future planning of the village and keep in step with and influence the plan process, rather than trying to dictate its pace and outcome.

Whilst we await the outcome of the consultant reports the NDP group still has much to do. We need to review the early work on what is important to the village in terms of village form and ensure that we have a priority list of the village elements that need protecting so we can react to whatever the consultants might recommend and ensure the community view is upheld.

You can also add your voice to the debate by letting us know what you feel is important to the village and how it may be best safeguarded against development.

Your views please to the Parish Clerkclerk@willingtonpc.org.uk



As reported in the September newsletter, there was much going on behind the scenes and it was expected that the run up to Christmas would be a busy time for the NDP team. And as we get back to work again after an extended summer break there are a number of things that need to be addressed.

South Derbyshire District Council launched their first formal consultation on the review of the local plan with their "Issues and Options" consultation to ensure that the emerging local plan covers all the right issues including housing, jobs, infrastructure, health, climate change and the environment. Notices have been posted around the village about drop in sessions, however from November sessions are limited to Tuesday and Thursday at the Civic offices in Swadlincote, between 10.00am and 4.00pm should you want to speak with a council representative on the consultation.

Whilst it is a lengthy questionnaire, aimed mainly at parish councils, it is available to all to respond to whether you wish to comment on just one or all issues. The link to the consultation document is www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/issuesandoptions with December 5th deadline for comments.

The consultants appointed by the Parish Council to advise on design issues arising from any new development and also existing village issues have also reported, providing a 100 page Design Guide for the village. It is now the NDP's task to review the draft text to ensure it meets with our needs and agree any changes that might be necessary.

We are also now able to have sight of the results of the Planning Dept's "call for sites" which is their first step in assessing what may be available for development, but more importantly what (for a number of reasons) may be unsuitable, and what in planning terms are the best sites to consider. We will be working to add comments to the planners' own assessment of each site to ensure that the village view is registered.

We will continue to report back on progress and provide you the opportunity to have your say as the plan evolves. In the first instance we ask you to respond to the "Issues and Options" consultation. The South Derbyshire Planners want your views and emphasise that you don't have to answer all questions – you can just answer the questions on the subjects that mean most to you.

You may also like to take a look at the facebook site 'No to AXIS 50/Burnaston Cross' for an informal discussion on the South Derbyshire LDP Consultation and how it affects Willington.

Chairman's update

Hello and Welcome to the March/April Newsletter

The days are cold but the days are getting lighter and brighter, always a good sign that spring is around the corner, with new born lambs in the fields and spring flowers starting to burst in our gardens, it gives us all something to look forward to after the long dark winter days.

A committee has been set up to discuss and recommend ideas for what we can do as a village for the Kings coronation. We would like ideas from Parishioners about activities that you would like to see during the weekend. Please contact Rachel our Clerk, via Facebook or the Parish website, with any ideas you may have.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressing well with the final version of the Design Guide and Code signed off. The Housing Needs assessment has been produced and sent to us for our comments. This has been reviewed and has been returned to AECOM the consultants with our comments for them to be incorporated into the document. We have received three responses to our 'call for sites' that aren't included in the SDDC document and have asked AECOM to carry out a technical assessment on them, similar to the SDDC process. We are also finalising the maps for the green spaces and heritage buildings which will be incorporated in the plan.

A building control document has been produced for the TRPF Community Hall and football changing rooms project and we are engaging with a company called MFA to carry out our inspection process of the build. A building project specification document is being produced to enable prospective building companies to give us comparable quotes when tendering. It is hoped that this will be completed in the next two weeks to allow us to go out to tender.

There are a lot of volunteers that carry out weekly litter picks in and around the village which is greatly appreciated by residents and the Parish Council alike. We already have a contract with our groundsman to carry out litter picks within the village but we are concerned along with some residents about the amount of rubbish that is being thrown from cars down Etwall road in particular. Our Footpath and Open Spaces group will be organising a series of litter picks along there and any other areas of concern that are highlighted. This will be discussed at their next meeting and details will be made available on our Facebook page and website.

We had a visit from two representatives from South Derbyshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team at our last Parish Council meeting. They were praising our Community Speed Watch team for being proactive and helping to reduce speeding through the village. They were also asking for more volunteers to come forward to help to make the village a safer place. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our Clerk who will be able to arrange the relevant training. We would like to offer our congratulations to the team on their efforts and keep up the good work!