

Saddington Parish Neighbourhood Plan



Open Event 28 October 2017 Consultation Summary

Introduction

Saddington Parish Meeting through the Neighbourhood Forum organised a drop-in event on 28 October 2017. The event took place between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm at St Helen's Church in the village.

The aim of this event was to share the draft policies in the Neighbourhood Plan and to enable those present to indicate support or otherwise, and to comment accordingly – including housing locations, design and type; Local Green Space and environment; community facilities and amenities; transport and employment.

The drop-in event was promoted in a variety of ways:

- ✓ **Posters** – placed on parish and community noticeboards, leaflets delivered to each household.
- ✓ **Word of Mouth** – Members of the Neighbourhood Forum informed people about the event.
- ✓ **A sandwich board** was in place outside the venue on the day.



SADDINGTON PARISH
Neighbourhood Plan



This is your chance to help shape the future of YOUR Village Parish

OPEN DROP-IN EVENT

Saturday 28 October 2017
from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
at St Helen's Church meeting room
Complimentary bacon cobs and hot drinks will be provided

This is your chance to read and influence the draft policies that will form the foundation of the Neighbourhood Plan – prior to the Plan being sent out for statutory consultation, formal approval and referendum.

Come along and have your say!

A total of 42 people attended the event.

Format of Event

Members of the Neighbourhood Forum welcomed attendees on arrival and asked them to complete a contact sheet to record attendance. The arrangements for the day were explained.

The first displays introduced neighbourhood planning and described the process that is being followed by the Neighbourhood Forum on behalf of the Saddington Parish Meeting. Copies of explanatory booklets were available on the display stands.

Copies of finalised Neighbourhood Plans were available for people to read as they walked around the displays and enjoyed the refreshments that were available, including bacon butties.

Consultation on key issues

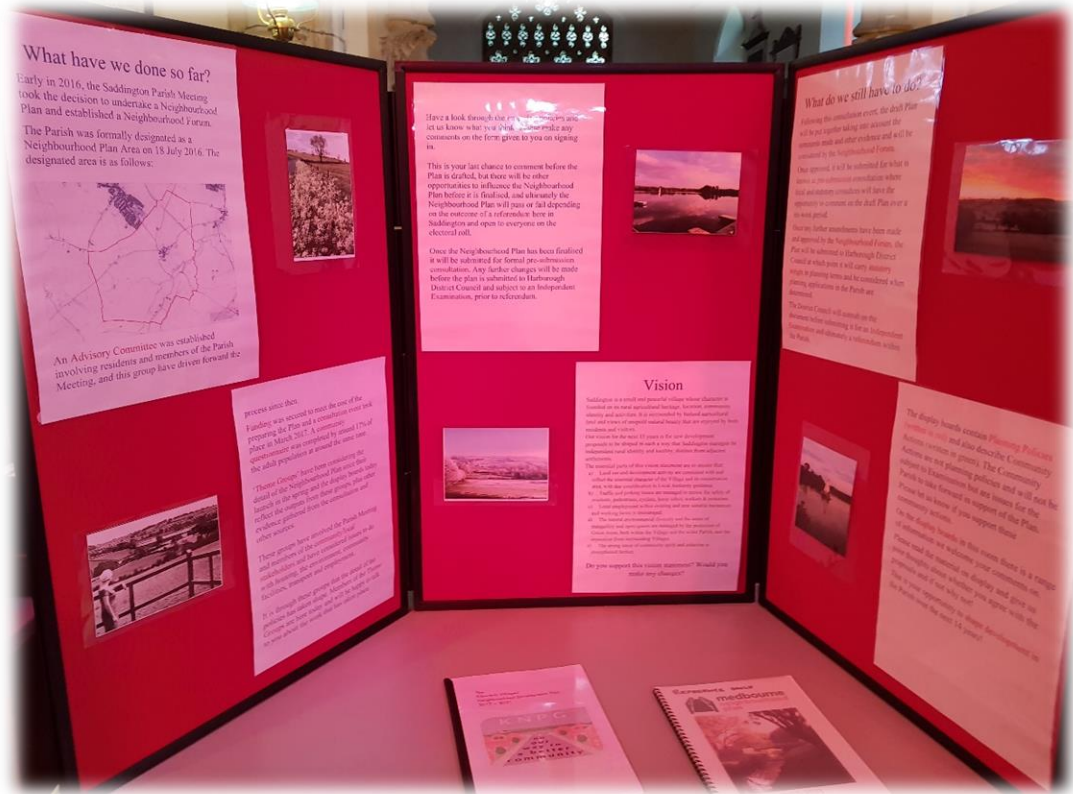
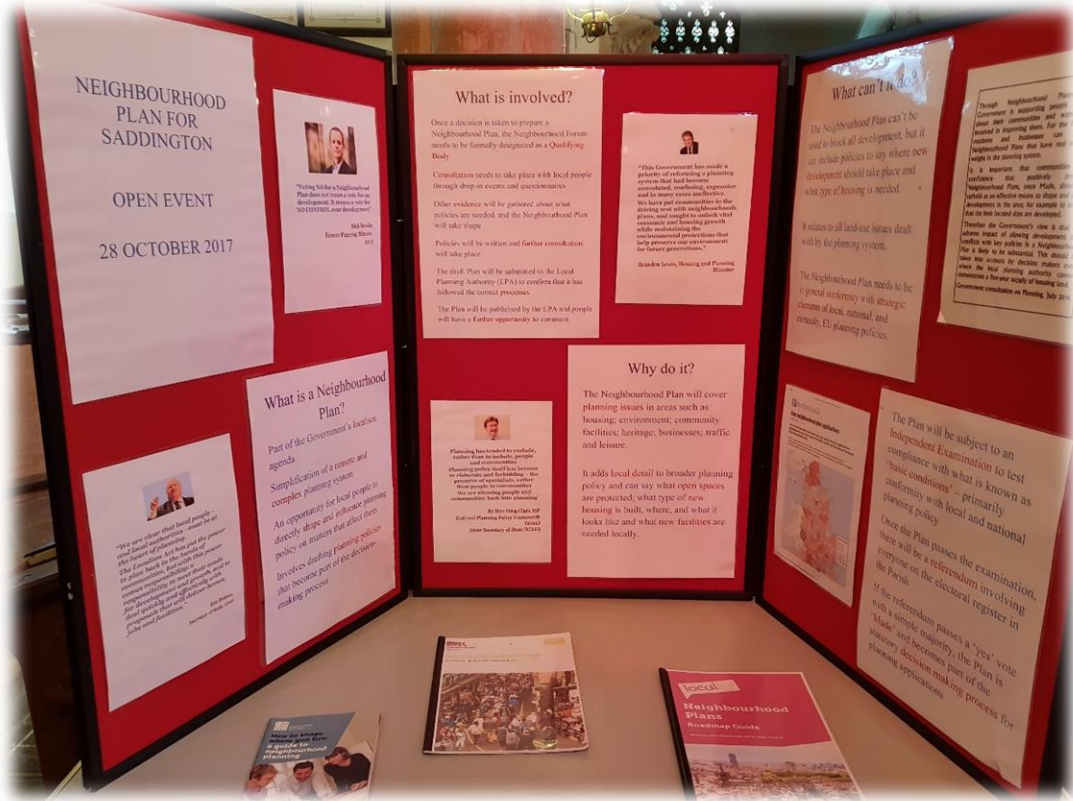
A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which focused on a different topic related to planning and development, including:

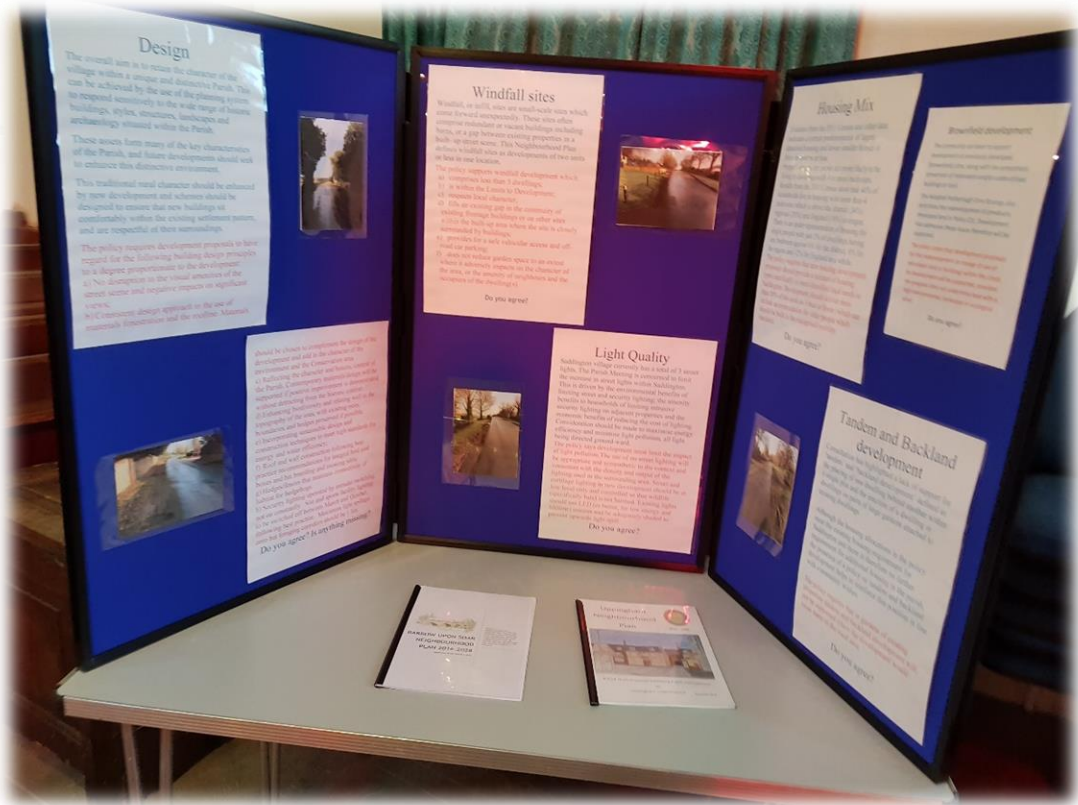
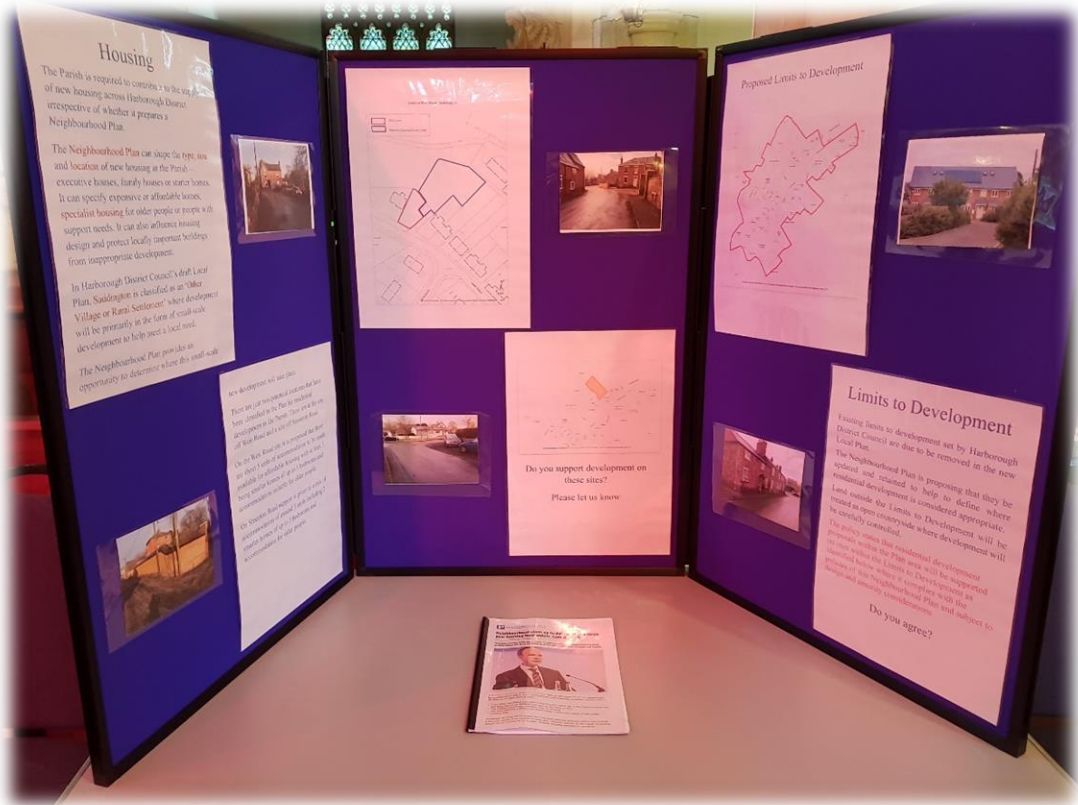
- ✓ Housing – mix, design and location
- ✓ Environment – existing designations, Local Green Space criteria and heritage
- ✓ Transport, Employment and Community Facilities.

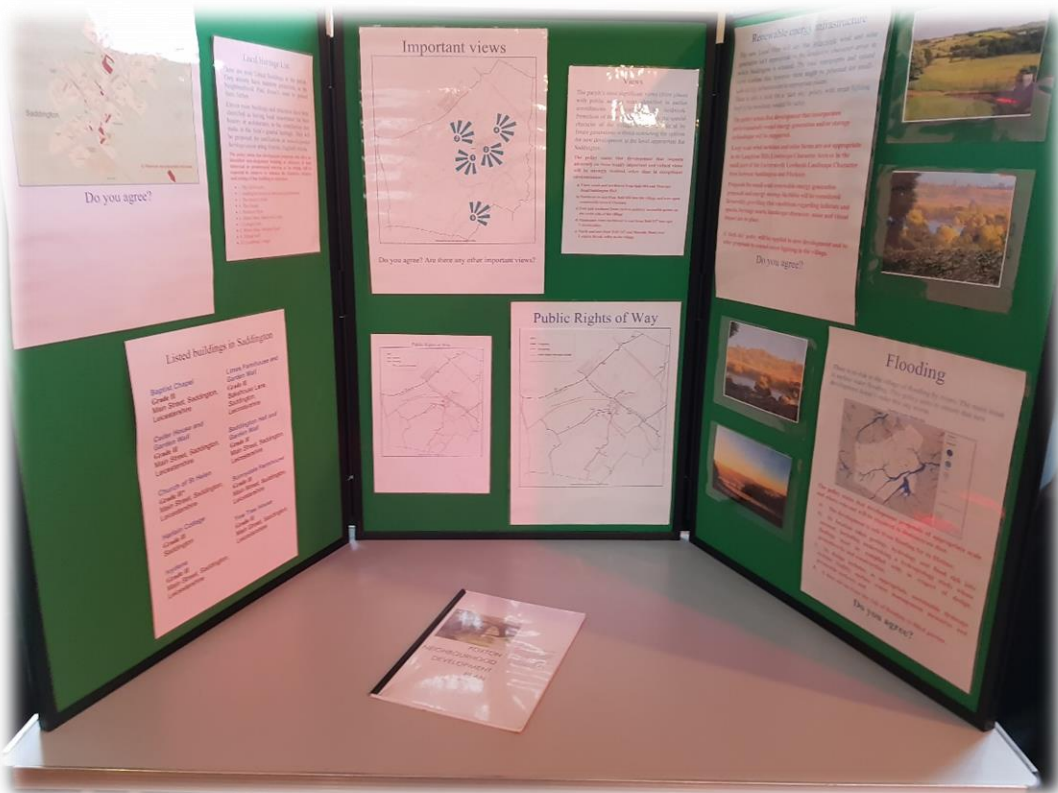
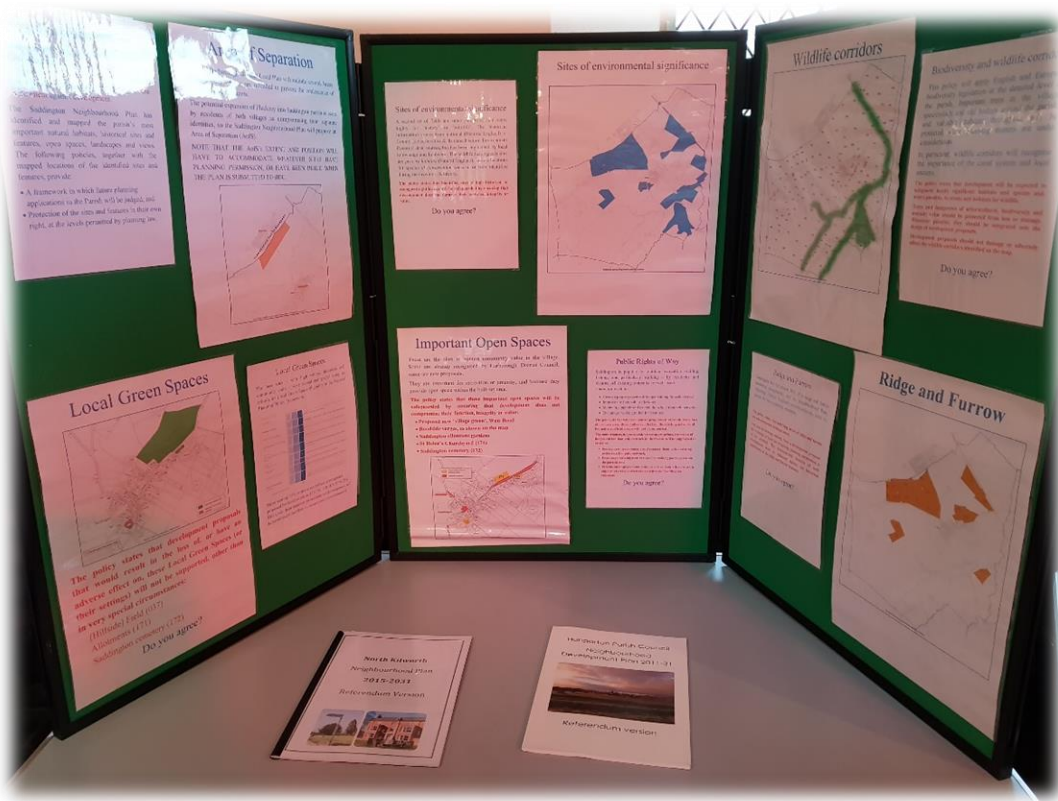
People were invited to read the displays and the information available and to record their views of the draft policies and make comment on forms available for the purpose.

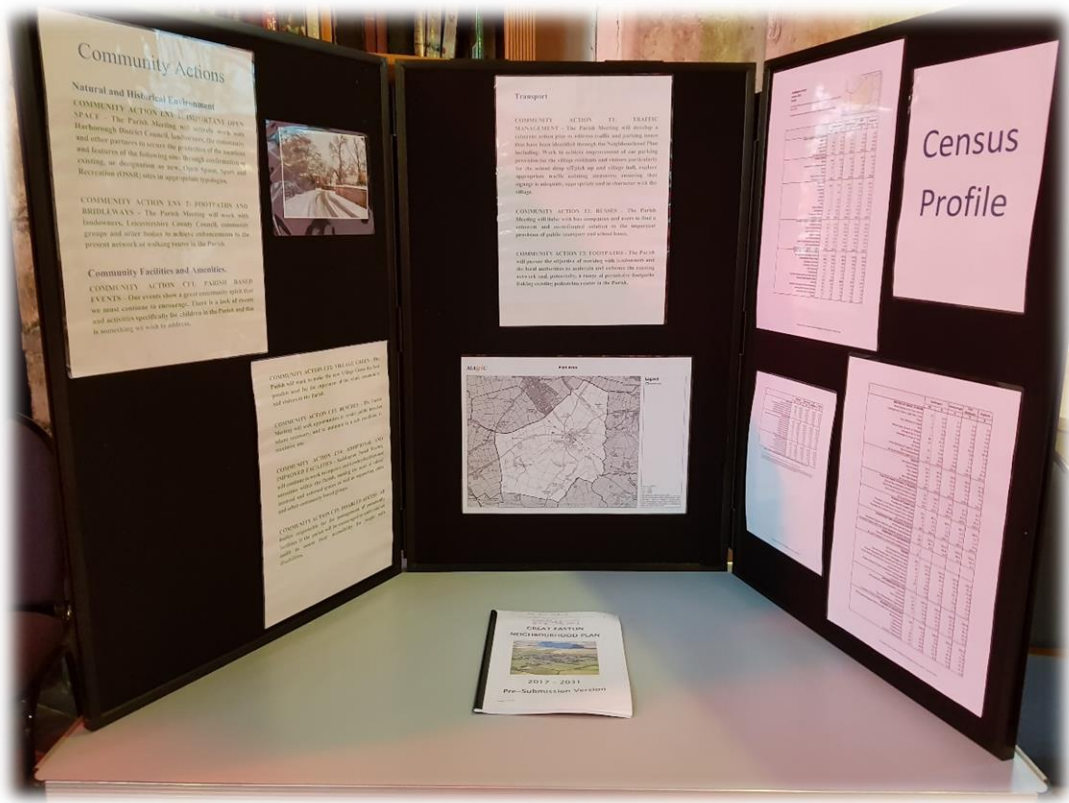
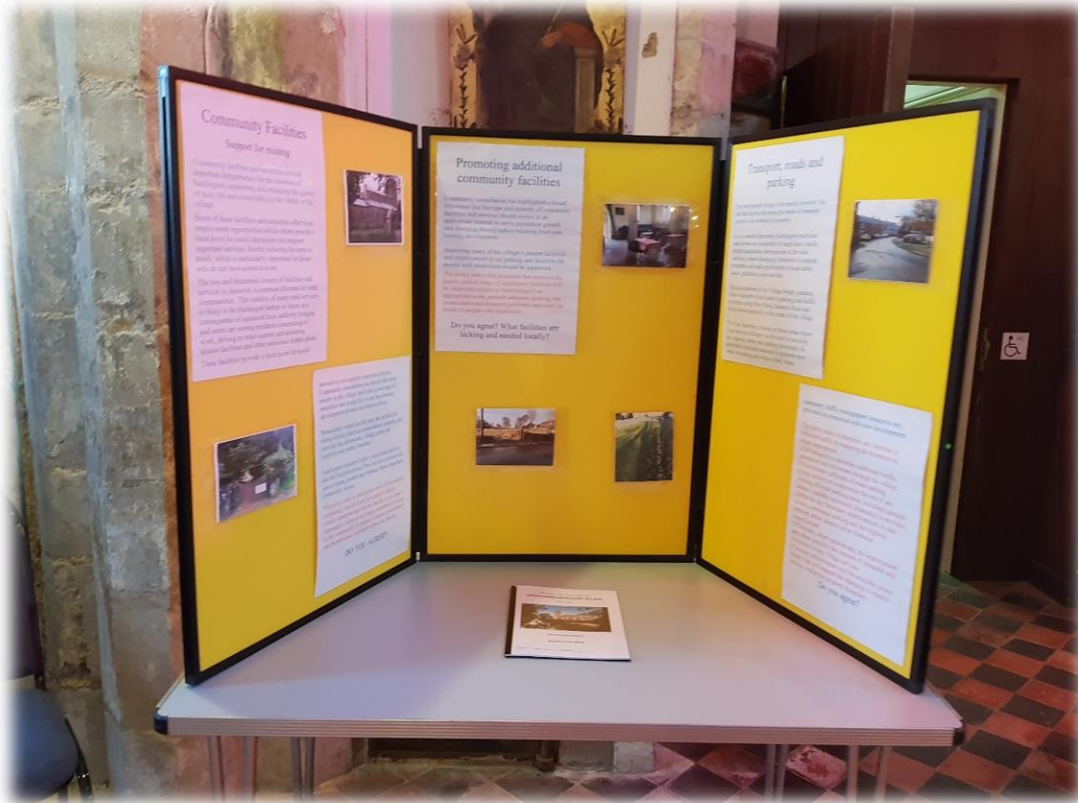
Display Boards

The following pages give a flavour of the boards that were on display at the event:









The responses to the policies on display are as follows:

Vision – 40 attendees agreed with this policy, nobody disagreed.

Location of housing – 34 agreed and 8 people disagreed with this policy.

Limits to development – 40 agreed and 2 people disagreed with this policy.

Design – 41 attendees agreed with this policy and nobody disagreed.

Windfall – 34 agreed and 2 people disagreed with this policy.

Light quality – 37 agreed and 3 people disagreed with this policy.

Housing mix - 40 attendees agreed with this policy and 2 people disagreed.

Brownfield development – 35 agreed and 5 people disagreed with this policy.

Tandem/backland development – 33 attendees agreed with this policy and 6 people disagreed.

Area of separation – 35 attendees agreed with this policy and only 1 person disagreed.

Local green space – 38 agreed and 2 people disagreed with this policy.

Heritage – 39 attendees agreed with this policy while 3 disagreed.

Views – 40 people agreed with this policy and nobody disagreed.

Rights of way – 41 attendees agreed with this policy while nobody disagreed.

Renewable energy – 39 people agreed with this policy and nobody disagreed.

Flooding – 40 attendees agreed with this policy while nobody disagreed.

Existing community facilities – 38 attendees agreed with this policy while 3 people disagreed.

Additional community facilities – 36 agreed and 3 people disagreed with this policy.

Transport, roads and parking – 32 attendees agreed with this policy while 5 people disagreed.

Employment – 35 attendees agreed with this policy while 3 people disagreed.

New employment opportunities – 38 agreed and 2 people disagreed with this policy.

Farm diversification – 40 attendees agreed with this policy while just 1 person disagreed.

Sites of environmental significance – 36 attendees agreed with this policy while nobody disagreed.

Important open space – 37 attendees agreed with this policy while nobody disagreed.

Public rights of way – 37 attendees agreed with this policy while nobody disagreed.

Biodiversity and wildlife corridors – 36 attendees agreed with this policy while nobody disagreed.

Ridge and Furrow – 32 agreed and nobody disagreed with this policy.

Tourism – 35 attendees agreed with this policy while nobody disagreed.

Broadband – 36 attendees agreed with this policy while 1 person disagreed.

Home working – 36 attendees agreed with this policy while 1 person disagreed.

Community actions – 36 attendees agreed with this policy while nobody disagreed.

Additional comments:

- Traffic is a major concern as is parking. This should be considered and given priority for all/any development/changes. Light pollution is also a concern.
- I feel more needs to be made of the size of Saddington.
- Only 85 dwellings.
- The village does not have the infrastructure to support many new houses. Proposed site for development are good if necessary.
- Land below the pub car park should be taken out of the boundary.
- Concern that Saddington remains a village.
- Any development – parking/access needs to be no.1 priority
- Weir Road cannot sustain any more car parking. Access is very difficult as it is.
- The biggest detrimental issue is traffic; speeding, HGV's, churning up of verges. This is acknowledged but not managed.
- The lack of space to accommodate parking – Weir road and central area. The underutilised pub car park might offer a partial solution.
- Cycle paths
- No development within proposed "limits to development".
- No development obscuring the views over Saddington reservoir.
- No need for additional footpaths. Protection of green space is a priority.
- Parking could be available at the pub. Extra parking would encourage traffic and speed.
- Traffic calming measures to reduce number and speed of vehicles.
- Protection of rural character is most important.

- It is important that car parking is a no.1 consideration for any development within Saddington.
- It is imperative that Saddington retains its village identity. In particular separation from other urban developments - (kibworth/smeeton/fleckney).
- Improvement of footpaths should be a priority.
- The waterloo housing land is the only condensed area of trees within the village and (whilst surrounded by countryside) is an important habitat for wildlife. I would prefer to see this area undeveloped.
- I'm not keen on the development of the seven locks parcel of land for various reasons. One being it opens up the possibility for further development, another being that it is a wilderness best left alone.
- Agreeing to limits to development does not mean I'm in agreement with current housing proposals adjacent to Fleckney.
- Windfall - where there is no impact on neighbour's views.
- Define "harm to local area". Should not prevent building of environmentally sympathetic housing in large gardens.
- Some of the designated new 'heritage' buildings I don't agree with.
- Additional community facilities should be supported even if some aspects – car parking – are not able to be provided.
- Transport section should be much more proactive to manage current levels of through traffic which is already at unacceptable levels.
- Wording of transport policy requires tightening (less "wishy washy").
- Employment not necessary in the village but nearby.
- I understand from Leicestershire fieldworkers that Saddington is the only village in Leicestershire to still have all ridge and furrow field remaining.
- Broadband is fine already – 79/20 FTTC is better than AOSL only.
- Employment need not to be in the parish but nearby. Make this clear and more to point. We do not want lots of new businesses in the parish. Vision is also to keep Saddington small. Also limits to other similar villages in this part of Leicestershire – Gumley, Foxton, Loughton, Mowsley etc.
- No development on the reservoir side of the village. Developments shown look okay to me.
- Cycle paths and pavements in the village.
- New developments must have their own parking.
- I do not value the caravan and camping sites. Reservoir infrastructure is very neglected. I also do value the footpaths.
- Pene house is grade 2 listed (not shown on the map in the church).
- Parking on Main Street by the footpath is a concern – can we put some lawn or kerb there to stop double-bank parking.
- No development in the pub car park – must be outside the development area – definitely the grass area cannot have further development.
- The pub floodlights area is light pollution and should be turned down.
- Very important to resist the new developments, both of which are more than Saddington is

now. – look at land in proposed development for environmental destruction. Look at ‘sluice gate’ in this proposed development to stop fleckney flooding. Will the ‘culvert’ proposed cause danger to children when full of this water?

- Thank you for the opportunity today.
- We are a village and I wish it to remain a village.

Summary

There was overwhelming support for the draft policies and some helpful comments which will help to shape the Pre-Submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan prior to finalisation.

It is clear that transport issues are important including car parking issues and the impact of large vehicles through the village. Environmental aspects are important to the village and the need for the characteristics of Saddington to remain as they are.

There was general support for the level of new housing proposed though some concern about the environmental impact of development on the Weir Road site.

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