



Alton Neighbourhood Plan

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1. Compliance with Regulation 15 (Neighbourhood Plan Regulations 2012)

Alton Town Council submits its Neighbourhood Development Plan to East Hampshire District Council in May 2015 for independent examination.

This Consultation Statement complies with requirements of Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations and provides the response to Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations (pre-submission statutory consultation). It has been prepared by Alton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (ANPSG) with support from independent consultancy Shaping Communities to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations requires that a Consultation Statement should:

- 1.1 Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- 1.2 Explain how they were consulted;
- 1.3 Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- 1.4 Describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan.

This Consultation Statement summarises all statutory and non-statutory consultation undertaken with the community and other relevant statutory bodies and stakeholders in developing Alton's NDP. In particular it describes how concerns have been addressed and what changes have been made to the final NDP as a result of statutory pre-submission consultation.

Changes are included in the NDP submitted to the Local Planning Authority which can be cross-referenced to comments received as part of statutory consultation.

A Consultation Evidence File providing a record of all consultation exercises, comments and feedback accompanies this Consultation Statement in both hard copy and electronically.

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2. Background to Consultation on Neighbourhood Development Plan

In November 2013 Alton Town Council declared its intention to develop a NDP to follow on from the Alton 2020 plan (issued in 2005). This was to help deliver the subsequent outputs resulting from that plan which were able to be addressed specifically through a Neighbourhood Plan. Consultation had been carried out between 2002 and 2005 as part of the Market Towns Initiative, and this had led directly to the publication of Alton 2020 in 2005. There were two key outputs flowing from this report. Firstly, the Alton Town Design Statement, issued in 2008, (see Appendix 1, CEF 1) and secondly the Report on Public Engagement concerning the Development of EHDC Core Strategy, published in 2009, (see Appendix 1, CEF 2) that addressed the issue of location of greenfield development in Alton. Thus Alton's consultation on its NDP was a continuation of an on-going stream of consultation activity initiated in 2002 by the preparation for Alton 2020. Further details of earlier consultations are captured in section 3 of this report.

The designated area for Alton's NDP, which covers the parish of Alton excluding one very small part which is in the South Downs National Park, was approved by East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) on 08 May 2014. The Alton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (ANPSG), which was formed in December 2013, began to scope and define the work required to develop a NDP, resulting in the Alton Neighbourhood Plan Charter (see Appendix 2, CEF 3). The key principle of this charter was to achieve as much community engagement as possible. This aspiration was set by the Steering Group being chaired by a volunteer and made up of a combination of volunteers, three Town Councillors and one EHDC District Councillor.

The aims of the Alton NP consultation process were:

- 2.1 To involve as much of the community as possible throughout all consultation stages of the Plan's development so that it was informed by the views of local people and other stakeholders from the outset;
- 2.2 To ensure that consultation events took place at critical points in the process;
- 2.3 To engage with as wide a range of people as possible, using a variety of approaches and communication and consultation techniques; and
- 2.4 To ensure that results of consultation were fed back to local people and available to read (in both hard copy and via the Town Council website) as soon as possible after the consultation events.

In preparing Alton's NDP the Steering Group has consistently ensured that residents and other stakeholders including Local Authorities, interest groups, businesses and statutory bodies have regularly been consulted and that their comments have been noted and where appropriate incorporated into the plan as it evolved. It is noted that the Steering Group has worked closely with the local planning authority, East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) throughout the process, and has sought to ensure its work aligns with the East Hampshire Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy. A greater level of consultation has been undertaken than the legislation requires and evidence of all consultations is provided in the Consultation Evidence File (CEF) which is summarised in Appendix Appendix 2. The CEF sub set of evidence is available to view on Alton

Town Council website http://www.alton.gov.uk/AltonTownCouncil/neighbourhood_plan

3. Understanding the Issues

The start of the development of Alton's NDP saw a large number of consultation exercises undertaken that were designed by the Steering Group to help understand the issues of importance to the community that could be addressed through a NDP.

The findings from a range of earlier consultations were used as the basis for further discussion and consultation on the NDP. Issues raised through the various NDP consultations that could not be directly addressed through the NDP have been captured as Action Points in the plan. These Action Points will be used to prioritise future projects led by other processes, and to prioritise use of CIL funding by Alton Town Council (see Section 6 Plan Policies to NDP)

3.1 Alton 2020 Vision and the role of the Neighbourhood Plan

Alton Town Council (ATC) has been working towards the Alton 2020 Vision for a number of years. This covers, among other priorities, transport, infrastructure, community facilities and retail. With the introduction of Neighbourhood Planning legislation, delivering a Neighbourhood Plan for Alton was recognised by the Town Council as a key ingredient in helping to achieve the 2020 Vision, representing one of three 'pillars' underpinning this wider vision. The two remaining key work streams were the development of Action Points resulting from all consultation which is used to address issues outside the scope of a NDP, and the Town Design Statement (adopted in 2008). Various studies such as the Alton Study (which took a medium and long term view of the potential for Alton to take additional housing), consultation on the Alton Town Partnership initial Joint Core Strategy study in 2009, Alton Town Design Statement, elements of Alton 2020 and the EHDC SHLAA accepted site output were used to help define draft objectives for the NDP as a basis for further community consultation.

3.2 Summary of previous community consultations relating to Alton 2020 Vision underpinning early NDP draft objectives for further consultation

3.2.1 Alton 2020 (2005) - the Health Check process which led to this document included widespread consultation with the general public, stakeholders, service providers and local businesses. This involved public meetings, self-completion questionnaires and consultation on a draft vision for Alton.

3.2.2 Alton Town Design Statement (2008) - work on the design statement included public surveys to identify the built and natural environment characteristics which residents felt were most important.

3.2.3 Report on public engagement concerning the development of EHDC's Core Strategy (2009) - more than 400 residents attended a consultation event and 184 completed a questionnaire.

3.2.4 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (update 2014) - EHDC undertook a call for sites, assessed, carried out a sustainability appraisal and made a decision on a number acceptable for house building.

3.3 Summary of previous consultations related to NDP early draft objectives

	Draft Objective	Previous Community Consultation
1	<p>Housing:</p> <p>a. To ensure that future housing development in and around Alton respects the character of the town and the surrounding countryside.</p> <p>b. To ensure that new housing contributes to the needs of the town in terms of the mix and design of dwellings.</p> <p>c. To influence the location, scale and pace of housing development over the plan period (2028).</p> <p>d. To ensure that, in the context of the sustainability requirements specified by the NPPF, the necessary infrastructural improvements will be implemented in a manner appropriate to the location, scale, and pace of all proposed development.</p>	<p>Alton 2020 engagement, where under Environment Future Developments and Meet Growing Housing Need were identified as plan projects. A key output from 2020 was that Alton should grow to become sustainable.</p> <p>Public engagement report concerning the development of EHDC's Core Strategy (2009) - provides evidence of preferred Alton development sites as at that date (see CEF 2)</p> <p>Alton Town Design Statement (2008) - provides evidence on town's character and its setting.</p>
2	<p>Transport:</p> <p>a. To encourage and influence improvements in the town's transport infrastructure - particularly to manage traffic - in order to meet current needs and those arising from development.</p> <p>b. To encourage walking and cycling.</p> <p>c. To encourage the provision of public transport services, both within the town and beyond.</p> <p>d. To achieve appropriate levels of parking, both on-street and off-street.</p>	<p>Alton 2020 engagement where under Transport and Travel key outputs concerning this area were identified. The most important of these was the need for a Traffic Study to be carried out in Alton (this has finally come to realisation in 2014-15 under the Hampshire County Council led Alton Strategic Transport Study).</p> <p>Report on public engagement concerning the development of EHDC's Core Strategy (2009) - shows the high level of concern about transport issues among Alton residents.</p>

<p>3</p>	<p>Health, community and recreation:</p> <p>a. To support the development of a new/refurbished Community Centre and new Sports and Leisure Centre in the town.</p> <p>b. To support the provision of adequate Health Services for a growing population.</p> <p>c. To support the retention and development of new public open spaces and sport/recreation facilities, in line with population growth.</p>	<p>Health Check carried out for Alton 2020 - showed community support for a new Community Centre.</p> <p>Health Check carried out for Alton 2020 - showed community support for better health services.</p> <p>Health Check carried out for Alton 2020 - showed green space and recreation to be a priority issue for residents and confirmed support for a new Sports Centre.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Education:</p> <p>a. To support the provision of sufficient nursery, school and college places in Alton to meet the growing demand, in accessible locations.</p>	<p>No previous specific community consultation relating to meeting future demand.</p> <p>Evidence for objective gathered through desk top research and studies, ref Alton Profile 2013</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Economic sustainability and viability:</p> <p>a. To promote and enhance the role of Alton town centre as a retail, tourism and hospitality hub which is vibrant and adaptable to future needs.</p> <p>b. To promote the business economy of Alton, in order to support the growing population and provide new employment and business opportunities.</p>	<p>Alton 2020 engagement where under Economy key projects concerning this area were required. Some of these have already been delivered.</p> <p>Retail Survey (2011) - contains information on retail units, their uses and vacant units.</p>

NB Further information relating to other forms of evidence (such as studies, profiles, and local policies) to support the setting of draft objectives, upon which the community was consulted, is available to see on the NDP website under the various topics.

3.4 Confirming the draft objectives for the NDP through consultation

EHDC's adopted Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy (2014) sets out the overall spatial strategy for housing in Policy CP10. For Alton this includes providing a minimum of 700 dwellings. Therefore a key driver for the plan was to allocate sites for a minimum of 700 greenfield dwellings in the period 2011 and 2028. Sites had already been identified for potential development through earlier EHDC SHLAA work undertaken in June 2013 as updated in 2014. These agreed SHLAA sites formed the basis of consultation on housing allocation and preferred sites. However, without a Local Plan in place and with, at that time, no demonstrable 5 year housing land supply, the town faced pressures from developers putting forward sites that could easily and significantly exceed the required housing numbers within a short period. Therefore the Steering Group agreed that the NDP should focus consultation on the issues as follows:

3.4.1 Allocation of sustainable SHLAA identified sites to meet the minimum 700 dwellings greenfield sites required by the Local Plan: Joint Core Strategy. infrastructure requirements to support new approved developments, along with those being consulted on by developers.

3.4.2 Refreshing SHLAA site preferences beyond schemes already coming forward and identifying likely required additional infrastructure to support future development

3.4.3 Transport and parking (Infrastructure)

3.4.4 Community facilities (Infrastructure)

3.4.5 Schools and education (Infrastructure)

In addition to sites already allocated for 1031 dwellings for the period between 2011 and 2028, sites for a further minimum of 700 dwellings are required on greenfield land. This total figure includes an allowance for 254 more dwellings to be built on windfall sites which currently are not identified in the Core Strategy.

Whilst draft objectives had emerged for the NDP based on earlier consultations, the Steering Group made it clear in all consultations that nothing by way of objectives had been decided in advance and that it was up to the community to shape the plan by making the Steering Group aware of its views on the proposed draft objectives and whether draft objectives needed changing, removing or new objectives setting.

Over a period of 10 months, starting in January 2014, the views of local residents, local organisations and businesses were obtained through a variety of consultation exercises including public events and exhibitions, focus groups, seminars, meetings, presentations, survey questionnaires, and written contributions which confirmed the issues set out above. The following Section 4 provides a summary of the different forms of consultation that took place over this 10 month period.

4. Overview of approaches used to inform and engage the community in consulting on Alton's NDP

Consultation specifically relating to the Neighbourhood Plan began with two community stakeholder holder events to highlight the impact on Alton of the EHDC Local

Plan: Joint Core Strategy and the need to update the 2020 plan to Neighbourhood Plan status. These events were organised by the Alton NP steering GRoup prior to the NP launch event on 01 Feb 15.

Gaining this buy-in from the outset from key community representatives was seen as an important stage in scoping the draft aims and objectives of the NDP and to help spread the word regarding consultation on the NDP. Issues highlighted through the community stakeholder events were sent via the Alton Town Council distribution list to surrounding Parish Clerks. This was followed by the community launch of the NDP (which doubled up as a full consultation exercise on the draft objectives for the Plan with a wide range of stakeholders), which was very well attended and provided a large amount of community feedback. The summary table explained at Section 4.2 below with detail set out at Appendix 1, provides an overview of all community engagement and consultation undertaken by the Steering Group.

Throughout the entire period of developing the NDP, the Steering Group's contact details have been available on the website, and in all NDP literature and progress reports circulated to the residents and businesses of Alton. Engagement has been encouraged throughout the process at every opportunity and the Steering Group has made excellent efforts to engage the community as widely as possible, particularly those considered to be traditionally harder to engage (see section 4.3), holding a total of 20 different information sharing and consultation events across the community.

During the development of the final NDP, EHDC, adjoining parishes and key community stakeholders were regularly consulted and draft NDP documents were routinely copied to EHDC along with information about public events and consultations held during the various stages of the production of the Plan. In addition to this, from May 2014 EHDC allocated two officers to assist in the development of the NP, at least one of whom attended nearly all NP meetings.

Frequent and robust consultation has maximised the opportunities for those living, working and running a business in Alton to shape their final Neighbourhood Plan.

4.1 Information sharing and consultation methods:

4.1.1 Alton Town Council meetings. Regular updates were given at all Planning and Transportation Committee and Full Council meetings. At these meetings Town Councillors were able to ask questions and seek further information. These meetings are open to the public and the minutes are published on the Town Council website.

4.1.2 NDP website. The main source of all consultation information, background evidence and supporting key documents has been the Alton Town Council website which contains an NDP section. This has been a useful and well-publicised source of valuable and up-to-date information about all aspects, and stages, of NDP development. This website included information on all pending consultations along with consolidated findings from all past consultations, once summarised and analysed, presented back to the community, including the results of the NDP Questionnaire (by means of the Community Questionnaire Report). The web pages also contain all materials from different consultation exhibitions, such as the launch exhibition, consultation feedback exhibition and

draft options consultation. Meeting minutes were posted one week in arrears to allow full visibility of ANPSG actions. Details of all documents in draft form as they evolved have been available for viewing and commenting upon via the Town Council's website <http://www.alton.gov.uk>, which contains a page devoted to the Neighbourhood Plan, although the site was not an interactive site.

4.1.3 Facebook page. The Group introduced a Facebook page early on in the process to help to attract interest in the plan (particularly interest from younger members of the community). The Facebook page received over 700 likes and was updated regularly with appropriate NP information and interesting articles. The reach of the page exceeded 3,000 on one occasion when details of a planning application consultation were posted. The NP Facebook posts were also shared on other local Facebook pages including the Town Council's own Facebook page.

4.1.4 E-mail. The Steering Group developed a comprehensive e-mail database of all community groups, businesses, interest groups, schools, statutory bodies and neighbouring parishes for use throughout all stages of consultation.

The Group also engaged the support of other local organisations to help disseminate information about the NDP and pending consultations through their own e-mail contacts on behalf of the Steering Group e.g. Residents Associations, Voluntary and Community Sector groups, schools etc.

4.1.5 Use of local newspaper. ANPSG maximised the use of two local newspapers, The Alton Herald and the free Alton Gazette at key stages of consultation such as consultation launch, options exhibition, the launch of statutory pre-submission consultation on the draft plan and will adopt the same strategy at time of referendum in order to maximise awareness of opportunities to become involved in shaping the plan. Liaison with editorial staff ensured that there was good news coverage.

4.1.6 Notices/ posters. Notices and posters were also a regular means of communication through full use made of the eleven Town Council notice boards, the Library and Community Centre.

4.1.7 Local publications. ANPSG maximized opportunities to publicise information and future consultations through local press publications, Alton Town Council newsletter (the Altonian) issued periodically throughout the year to every household in the town along with schools' newsletters and those of the Voluntary and Community Sector which helped to reach into the community to raise awareness of the Plan and opportunities to get involved in the process. Examples of other publications used to share news and updates on the NDP include The Alton Society Newsletter, Church magazines, 'Community life'. This provided an additional means of communication, particularly for those without e-mail or access to the internet.

4.1.8 Leafleting. Throughout the entire consultation period, and particularly at key consultation stages of the Plan i.e. the launch event, consultation feed-

back event and options consultation event, leafleting was undertaken with the help of volunteers. This encouraged input from the community and explained the methods of engaging on a daily basis to input views and questions (see Appendix 2, CEF 4 for copy of a typical NDP leaflets).

4.1.9 NDP questionnaire. A detailed survey of views and preferences in relation to all NDP draft objectives was conducted by the Steering Group to gain community feedback on the issues to be addressed through the NDP and to help shape the options to be included in the final draft plan (see Appendix 2, CEF 5). This process built on the evidence being gathered through all forms of consultation and desk top research, to help fill in any gaps in evidence, and drilled down further into possible options for the Plan, including SHLAA site preferences for future development.

This survey questionnaire, made available in hard copy for those attending meetings and on line to all homes and businesses in Alton, was central to community-wide consultation that ensured that all residents and businesses were given the opportunity to have their input to the NDP. All engagement, information sharing and consultation events (see table in 4.2 below) signposted people to the NDP questionnaire and encouraged completion.

As a result of wide publicity, and the ability to complete it both on-line and manually, the questionnaire was extensively completed with 894 questionnaires completed in total and returned for recording results. A Community Questionnaire Report analysis report relating to:

4.1.9 All feedback gathered from the launch event in February 14 via the use of 'stickies' (completed 'post it' notes),

4.1.10 Feedback provided through the questionnaires, including all free-form responses, and

4.1.11 Further comments made via the use of 'stickies' during the Consultation Feedback exhibition carried out in May 2014

was then produced by the Steering Group (see Appendix 2 CEF 7). This report drew out all issues, concerns and preferences that needed to be captured and fed into the next stage of option development.

In addition to the already detailed analysis of all consultation results, a separate analysis of 'NIMBYism' ("Not In My Back Yard") relating to development was undertaken with respect to identification of site preferences for future housing development. This helped to objectively assess draft options for the Plan. The outcome from this exercise is contained within the Community Questionnaire Report.

The free-form responses elicited from the questionnaires were sometimes more difficult to analyse, but they were all included in the analysis in order to ensure the public offerings were not stifled by the need to comply with the specifics of the questionnaire. The analysis of free-form comments made via the questionnaire was undertaken using a bespoke software application developed during the analysis. In all there were over 9,000 free-form comments made through the questionnaire which

were attributed to over 1,700 issues with almost 11,000 attributions. See Appendix 2, CEF7, for a comprehensive and detailed analysis of all survey results.

Comments made by the public who attended the launch event, nearly 800 people, are captured separately in the Community Questionnaire Report (see Appendix 1, CEF 7) to ensure the views of all those attending were input to the process. In addition, a further section within the analysis report (pages 53 - 55) captures comments made by the community via 'stickies' used at an Feedback Event on 17 May 2014 which presented findings of all consultation back to the community on a topic by topic basis.

4.2 Summary table of consultation activity in developing Alton's NDP

This Consultation Statement provides an overview of each stage of community consultation in accordance with Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations.

The Consultation Evidence File, available to view on the NDP website, contains a wide range of information regarding all non-statutory and statutory consultations that have taken place, including feedback from events, registers of attendance, survey examples and consultation reports (see Appendix 2). The website also contains a wide range of core documentation and background evidence to ensure that anyone who wanted to comment at any stage of the NDP development process was able to do so.

A Consultation Log capturing comments and questions raised, along with how these were responded to and taken forward by the Group, was maintained (see Appendix 2, CEF 8).

Where individual responses were requested by members of the community, these were provided by the Steering Group.

The table set out at Appendix 1 pages (17 - 43) provides a summary of the consultation methods used to gather information which helped to identify the key issues and concerns to be addressed within the NDP in order to develop the most suitable options for the plan.

4.3 Consulting as widely as possible to engage sections of the community

The prime objective of the Steering Group has been to consult extensively and meaningfully with the community, businesses and local organisations on a wide range of issues that will influence the well-being of all people living in Alton along with supporting the sustainability and character of the town into the future. It has been essential to ensure that the policies contained in the final NDP where possible reflect the views of the majority of residents who responded to the consultation (see Alton NDP Charter (Appendix 2, CEF 3)).

All consultation events were also used to publicise the next key stages of information sharing and consultation such as the Consultation Feedback Exhibition delivered on 17th May 2014 and the Options Consultation and Information sharing event held on 22nd November 2014.

The Steering Group was mindful of the need to communicate with some sectors of the

community that may have been harder to engage, such as the elderly and schools. It is for this reason that the Steering Group undertook extensive consultation on twenty separate occasions prior to the statutory consultation, taking the discussion to groups, rather than expecting the community to come to them to find out more about the plan.

4.4 Scope to engage and gain feedback throughout the process

Throughout the entire consultation period, starting from 1st February 2014 and until options were finalised for the draft plan prior to statutory consultation, the public was able to submit queries and suggestions to the Steering Group regarding the plan by way of letters and e-mails. These were summarised in a table, referred to as the Consultation Log, used internally by the group to ensure all additional comments had been recorded in order to support the evidence base for draft options, (see Appendix 2, CEF 8). Feedback was available at all times on the progress of the plan, through the Town Council's website, the Town Hall, Facebook and e-mail communication, press releases, and Society Newsletters.

4.5 On-going consultation with public and statutory bodies

In addition to the engagement and consultation exercises with the community set out in 4.2 above, the Steering Group consulted from an early stage with statutory bodies to ensure that views of interested parties were taken on board by the Group from the outset. A list of the statutory bodies consulted as part of non-statutory consultation is found in Appendix 2, CEF 29, along with a brief summary of the responses.

The full responses received from statutory bodies are found in Appendix 2, CEF 30.

NB: See section 6 below for consultation responses from Statutory bodies as part of Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation.

As part of general evidence gathering, meetings were also held by the Steering Group with public bodies such as Hampshire County Council Education and Transport groups. Copies of all reports and minutes of meetings are available to view under the 'background evidence'. See Appendix 2 CEF's 34 and 43.b)

5. Developing and testing the Options through Consultation

Following detailed consultation with local residents and interest groups, and having gathered a range of evidence to support the various topics to be covered within the Neighbourhood Plan, the final draft objectives for the plan were confirmed by the Steering Group with external specialist support.

Policy options were then identified which could help deliver those confirmed Neighbourhood Plan objectives. These policy options were, in many cases, further developed through consideration of relevant strategic documents and discussions with relevant bodies e.g. the County Council on transport and education. In addition, the policy options were notified to a number of relevant statutory bodies for initial comments.

Having confirmed the preferred options, East Hampshire District Council was then formally asked to provide a screening opinion for Strategic Environmental Assessment, the conclusion being that one was not needed which was confirmed by formal notification. Preferred policies not dealing with site allocation were nonetheless then subjected to a basic Sustainability Appraisal to compare them with an alternative of 'no policy', in line with good NP practice elsewhere.

The selection of housing allocation sites underwent an SEA-compliant Sustainability Assessment exercise commissioned by the District Council and undertaken by Consultants of all shortlisted SHLAA sites at Alton. A report is referred to at appendix 2 CEF 43.a.

In addition to the East Hants District Council Sustainability Assessment the Neighbourhood Plan Group conducted its own and this can be seen at Appendix 2 CEF 43.a.6.

Those thirteen SHLAA sites were then considered against a wide range of factors, including the results of the Sustainability Appraisal, other evidence (such as East Hampshire Landscape Capacity Assessment), and the expressed preferences and views of local residents and interest groups. This was written up as a narrative and further developed in a table showing site availability, deliverability, sustainability and public views.

The preferred policies, including an initial attempt at site selection, were presented to the public at an all day workshop on 22nd November, with views recorded (including those sent in soon after the event) and subsequently analysed. Careful consideration was also given to both the views of the District Council and emerging findings from a County Council-funded Alton Strategic Transport Study.

The policies to go into the consultation draft of the Neighbourhood Plan document, in order to deliver the objectives of the plan, were then confirmed before sharing these with the wider community for feedback at an event held on 22nd November 2014. The purpose of this Options event was to:

- 5.1 To inform the community about the proposed policies for the draft plan
- 5.2 To respond to questions that arose during the event
- 5.3 To enable the community to make comment and provide feedback on the draft policies
- 5.4 To provide a further opportunity to remind the community of the key stages of the process and outcomes achieved to date
- 5.5 To continue to demonstrate transparency and objectivity

5.5 To keep up the momentum driving the plan forward and thereby continue to gain buy-in from the community and increase the chance of a positive outcome of the referendum

For details of all policies presented at the event, visit:

http://www.alton.gov.uk/AltonTownCouncil/neighbourhood_plan-16530.aspx

6. Pre-submission Consultation on draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (Regulation 14).

6.1 The pre-submission consultation was undertaken by Alton Town Council in the period 16 February to 30 March 2015. The entire process was orchestrated and run from the Town Hall by full time Officer and support staff as recommended by the Steering Group. Reaching out to all of the public both in Alton and surrounding Parishes, with statutory consultees as well as developers and landowners was a priority. Having been conducting similar processes over at least the last decade by means of, for example Alton 2020, the Town Design Statement and more latterly the Neighbourhood Plan definition process the Council had considerable experience in this process. Evidence of how the public were engaged and awareness raised is set out at Appendix 2, CEF 41. It is considered that the Town Council exhausted as many avenues as possible to reach out to all stakeholders in the Neighbourhood Plan development process for Alton. All feedback gathered was collated onto a spreadsheet as per Appendix 2, CEF 42 and this will be published (purged of names and identities) onto the Alton Town council website.

6.2 The input to an updated submission NP as influenced by the Regulation 14 consultation process is as recorded at Appendix 2, CEF 42. This was considered by the Steering Group for impact on the draft plan as presented. Each consultation contribution was considered for its potential impact on the draft plan and potential need for changes to be incorporated into the submission draft. Consideration of each serial was recorded onto the same spreadsheet (at columns K and L) as the consultation output indicating the outcome of Steering Group consideration and potential for change as well as the change proposed to the updated NP. Changes to the NP were then subsequently made to the plan which has been updated from its pre submission status (see CEF 40). Appendix 2, CEF 42 (the submitted list) contains unattributable comments, but the original list with attributable identities is available on request.

7. Conclusion

7.1 Definition of a Neighbourhood Plan for Alton became a very high priority as the Core Strategy for East Hants District Council (EHDC) emerged. This was only finally adopted in June 2014. However, Alton was aware of the need to make provision for

additional housing and this had been recognised in the Alton 2020 plan accepted by EHDC in 2005. The community then worked hard to define a Town Design Statement which was adopted in 2008 and subsequently carried out early dwelling allocation work for Alton in 2009. After definition of the National Planning and Policy Framework in 2012 and during the early Core Strategy definition an Alton Study was carried out to further confirm and identify potential housing expansion in Alton over the longer term beyond the Core Strategy 2011 - 2028 window. In summary Alton has come to defining a Neighbourhood Plan from a position of considerable public engagement and awareness over a period in excess of 12 years.

7.2 Public engagement in the plan making process has been outstanding and this is confirmed in the evidence gathered all of which has been made available in the Consultation Evidence file at Appendix 2. Each of these serials can be correlated to the Alton Town Council website http://www.alton.gov.uk/AltonTownCouncil/neighbourhood_plan-16530.aspx where each file of the detail of evidence referred to can be located and scrutinised.

7.3 Feedback from the public and stakeholders as a result of the pre submission Regulation 14 consultation process has been excellent with over 200 formal responses. Many of the comments were positive and appreciative of the work which had gone in to the plan definition process. The public were shown to be well informed and engaged with the process and could, as a result, make a positive contribution. The output was not without some minor criticism which, considering the sheer scale of the task is not surprising and these comments have been carefully considered. However, in context with the number of responses and overwhelming support this has not impacted negatively on the plan. As can be seen at Appendix 2, CEF 42 all concerns have been addressed where appropriate.

7.4 Alton believes that it has done all that is required of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations and indeed much more to define a Neighbourhood Plan for the town which is fully compliant. Once it has been examined by EHDC, subject to a further 6 week consultation and then scrutinised by an Examiner it is anticipated that there will be a significant majority voting to adopt the plan at referendum.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Summary table of consultation activity in developing Alton's ND

Appendix 2: Consultation Evidence File references

Appendix 3: Consultation letter to statutory bodies (see CEF 41)

Appendix 4: List of all consultees (see CEF 41)

Appendix 5: Table of all comments received (see CEF 42)

Summary table of consultation activity in developing Alton's ND

	Date	Consultation Approach	How publicised	Who was engaged	Outcomes
1	9th and 13 th Jan 2014	Introduction to Alton NDP for key organisations and community-focused volunteers and workers, held in the Assembly Rooms in Alton town centre. These were information sharing events giving the background and rationale for the NDP, delivered through two focus group sessions with discussion and Q&A to follow. The intention was also to encourage community groups to spread the word about the plan, particularly the initial launch with the community, and the need to engage in the process.	All key community organisations were invited by personal word of mouth invitation/e-mail. Members of the public who were made aware of the event were welcomed as well. This was not a closed meeting.	<p>Approximately 130 representatives of Alton community and interest groups were invited between both sessions.</p> <p>The Alton Chamber of Commerce and industry represented many businesses in Alton and helped to spread the word among local business about these two sessions.</p> <p>NB. For data protection reasons, the database of invitees to these two focus group sessions is not published in the Consultation Evidence File as the data contains some personal contact details.</p>	<p>Approx. 100 group representatives were engaged over the two sessions, resulting in increased awareness about the NDP, the reasons for it and its role in helping to deliver the Alton 2020 Vision, key stages in the plan process and opportunities to get involved in shaping the plan from an early stage.</p> <p>The role of those attending these two sessions was to help to publicise the launch event on 1st Feb, and contributed towards a high turnout at the launch.</p> <p>Businesses on the industrial estate were hard to engage in these focus groups. See Appendix 2, CEF 9 for the Steering Group report summarising all comments.</p>

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2	1 st Feb 2014	<p>The Launch Event was held in the Assembly Rooms. This was the first detailed consultation with the public on each topic to be covered by the NDP. It took the form of an exhibition with static displays, setting out different draft objectives and with tables manned by Steering Group members providing information on each topic. Discussion took place around each topic with members of the public as part of leaving their written feedback regarding issues, concerns, opportunities and preferences. A rolling power point presentation was given by the chair of the group every half an hour to provide further background information about the plan, its purpose, local policy context, and how the NDP fits alongside other activity in supporting delivery of Alton 2020 vision. Feedback through the use of 'stickies' was encouraged to help build the evidence base for each topic, all of which was captured and analysed in a full, detailed report (see CEF....) This event was also used to launch the NDP community questionnaire and signposted to further information about the plan on the Town Councils' website.</p>	<p>Publicised through e-mail database, invitation to adjoining parishes, press release in local newspapers The Alton Herald and the Alton Gazette, posters placed in the community centre, library and on eleven Alton Town Council notice boards, advert placed in the Altonian information about the pending launch placed on the Town Council's website.</p>	<p>People living and working in Alton, local businesses in Alton, community and interest groups, adjoining parish councils, land owners and developers, East Hampshire District Council and Hampshire County Council were notified of the launch event.</p> <p>A register of all those attending was maintained, see CEF 10.</p> <p>Nearly 800 members of the public including some landowners and developers and representatives of adjoining Parish Councils attended the launch event.</p>	<p>The Steering Group gained support for the topics to be covered by the plan, along with a vast amount of feedback under each topic heading to help inform the evidence base. Comments made via approx. 400 'stickies' were captured in a detailed report which analysed the results of all comments submitted as part of consultations. (See CEF 7 for a full analysis of all comments made on the day). A summary of all comments regarding different topics were lifted into the separate evidence papers for each objective, able to be viewed on the website under the 'evidence' section. The draft vision and draft objectives were able to be shaped further as a result of an analysis of comments made at the event which formed part of a full report encapsulating the results</p>

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2					<p>of all consultation.</p> <p>Approximately 200 questionnaires were taken by members of the public for completion at leisure, although some were completed on the day. In general, there was a significant raising of awareness of Alton's NDP and the process of its development along with purpose and outcomes of having an adopted NDP for the town.</p>

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3	1 st Feb to 21 st March 2014	<p>A NDP questionnaire was the key focus of consultation with the community, with a detailed survey in the different topics available in both hard copy for completing manually and for completion on-line.</p> <p>Hard copies were made freely available in the library, community centre and Town Hall, along with being available to take away from the launch event.</p>	<p>The questionnaire was publicised through the launch event, the Town Councils' website, and local press. The usual database of community contacts, local Parishes, groups and organisations was put to full use through e-mails sent to all contacts on the list to inform and encourage completion.</p>	<p>The group aimed to engage all living, working and running a business in Alton. Neighbouring Parish Councils, and the MP for East Hampshire (which includes Alton) were also engaged in this form of consultation.</p>	<p>In total, 894 questionnaires were completed (on line and hard copy) and return to the Steering Group. Hard copy was transcribed to soft copy by volunteers. This formed the basis of a detailed analysis which underpinned the evidence need to move forward with developing options for the plan. (See CEF 7.)</p> <p>Over 9,000 free-form comments were captured through the questionnaires which were attributed to over 1,700 issues with almost 11,000 attributions.</p> <p>Information contained within the questionnaire relating to local policy helped to increase understanding of the issues facing Alton and the policy context within which the NDP was set.</p>

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4	10 th March 2014	<p>An information sharing event was co-ordinated for all primary and junior school head teachers during which they were briefed on the NDP, including issues such as background, purpose, local policy context, its role in delivering aspirations for Alton as part of the wider Alton 2020 vision, and opportunities to get involved in shaping the plan. The presentation given during the launch event formed the basis of the event.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the purpose of this event was to strongly encourage those attending to complete the NDP questionnaire as this was central to the consultation on the plan.</p> <p>Comments were sought from those engaged, and engagement continued with this group throughout the full consultation period.</p>	Meeting co-ordinated by the Steering group via letter to primary and junior school head teachers.	Primary and junior school head teachers	<p>Head teachers agreed to support information sharing and publicity about pending consultations by accessing parents through placing newsletters in children's satchels.</p> <p>Head teachers agreed to complete the NDP questionnaire and to encourage others, colleagues and friends to complete the questionnaire.</p> <p>Comments made during the meeting were fed into the education topic evidence paper.</p> <p>The emerging evidence base was shared with primary Heads for comment. Comments, supportive of the process, were received verbally only.</p>

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5	12 th Feb 2014	<p>Engagement with secondary school senior form. Two members of the Steering Group joined a 6th form lesson to discuss the NDP including issues such as background, purpose, local policy context, its role in delivering aspirations for Alton as part of the wider Alton 2020 vision, and opportunities to get involved in shaping the plan. Each student completed a questionnaire at the session.</p> <p>This was a very informative and interactive event.</p>	Meeting co-ordinated by the Steering group via e-mail contact with secondary school head teachers.	Of the four secondary schools approached, only one school (Amery Hill School) engaged with the process. A further secondary school, a private school and a school for young people with disabilities did not respond to the offer to discuss the NDP and how to get involved.	Increased awareness among some younger people of the role of the NDP and comments captured to help inform the evidence base. All engaged agreed to complete the NDP questionnaire and to raise awareness of the importance of the questionnaire among friends and family. Comments received from this event were included in the wider questionnaire analysis.

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6	13 th Feb 2014	<p>An engagement and information sharing event was held at Worldham Golf Club in order to brief members on the NDP, including issues such as background, purpose, local policy context, its role in delivering aspirations for Alton as part of the wider Alton 2020 vision, and opportunities to get involved in shaping the plan.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the purpose of this event was to strongly encourage those attending to complete the NDP questionnaire (copies handed out at the event) as this was central to the consultation on the plan. Comments were sought from those engaged as part of a discussion on the plan. The presentation given during the launch event formed the basis of the event.</p>	Meeting co-ordinated by the Steering group key community stakeholder who is a member of Worldham Golf Club	This event was well received with around 50 residents of Alton and surrounding parishes in attendance (see CEF 11 for photograph of session)	<p>Increased awareness among residents of the role of the NDP and comments captured to help inform the evidence base.</p> <p>All engaged agreed to complete the NDP questionnaire and to raise awareness of the importance of the questionnaire among friends and family.</p>

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7	14 th Feb 2014	<p>A youth engagement and consultation event was held at Alton Community Centre, 'piggy-backing' a planned event for the youth community.</p> <p>The Steering group manned a table of information and encouraged discussion with young people on the plan, seeking the views of those attending the event on each topic. (See CEF 12 for photo of engagement.)</p> <p>A bespoke version of the NDP questionnaire (see CEF 13) tailored to the youth sector was handed out at the event, with an incentive offered to complete the survey.</p>	<p>This event was organised by the Alton Buckle, a Children's Partnership which enables local agencies, organisation and groups involved with local families and children, to work together with the aim of opening opportunities and improving outcomes for all children in Alton and its surrounding villages. The event was publicised, using flyers and posters (see CEF 14 for copy of flyer).</p>	<p>Young people living and attending schools in Alton.</p>	<p>Whilst the event was not particularly well attended, engaging around 20 young people and their families, the event helped to spread the word about the plan among this sector of the community.</p> <p>9 completed questionnaires were returned which fed into the evidence base for each topic to help shape options. (See CEF 15 for short report on this activity)</p>

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8	15 th Feb 2014	<p>A bespoke questionnaire tailored to the youth sector (the same as was used during the above youth engagement event) was sent electronically to all schools and 6th form college in Alton for dissemination to pupils, as well as to local youth organisations, such as the scouts, in order to encourage young people to submit their views on the different topics covered by the plan.</p> <p>Young people attending the youth event on 14th Feb were encouraged to complete the survey and provided with a small incentive.</p>	<p>This was sent electronically via the Alton Buckle, a Children's Partnership which enables local agencies, organisation and groups involved with local families and children, to work together with the aim of opening opportunities and improving outcomes for all children in Alton and its surrounding villages.</p>	<p>Young people attending primary and secondary schools and local youth groups.</p>	<p>The result of efforts to engage young people through Alton's 6th form college was disappointing, with responses poor and turnout quite low.</p> <p>A database was compiled of the results listing all 110 participants and their comments (See CEF 16).</p>

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9	25 th Feb 2014	<p>An engagement event was arranged for older people from the town who attend a lunch club held in the Methodist Church to brief them on the NDP, including issues such as background, purpose, local policy context, its role in delivering aspirations for Alton as part of the wider Alton 2020 vision, and opportunities to get involved in shaping the plan.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the purpose of this event was to strongly encourage those attending to complete the NDP questionnaire as this was central to the consultation on the plan. Comments were sought from those engaged as part of a discussion on the plan. The presentation given during the launch event formed the basis of the event.</p>	This event was coordinated and publicised through a representative on the Steering group, proactively suggesting the benefits of engaging in discussion about the plan.	45 or so members of the lunch club that meet in the Methodist Church	<p>Approximately 12 older people attended this session with the points raised recorded in a short report (see CEF 17 for copy of report).</p> <p>As with all engagement and discussion with other groups on the NDP, comments made were fed into the different topic papers to help form the background evidence to shape options for the plan.</p> <p>Whilst relatively few attended this event, it helped to spread the word about the plan among this sector of the community, hopefully including friends and family members.</p>

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10	25 th Feb 2014	<p>An engagement and information sharing event was held with The Lawn Residential Home tailored to get the key messages about the purpose of the plan across to residents such as its background and purpose, and opportunities to get involved in shaping the plan.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the purpose of this event was to strongly encourage residents to complete the NDP questionnaire. Comments were sought from those engaged as part of a discussion on the plan.</p> <p>Elements of the presentation given during the launch event formed the basis of the event.</p>	<p>This event was coordinated and publicised through a representative on the Steering group, proactively suggesting the benefits of engaging in discussion about the plan.</p>	<p>Elderly residents living in the residential home</p>	<p>In total 12 residents were engaged in discussions.</p> <p>The standard NDP questionnaire was left for residents to complete, with assistance offered to help complete the questionnaire if this was needed.</p> <p>No specific comments were recorded from this event which took the form of general discussion.</p>

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11	28 th Feb 2014	<p>As above, an engagement and information sharing event was held with Orchard House Residential Home tailored to get the key messages about the purpose of the plan across to residents such as its background and purpose, and opportunities to get involved in shaping the plan.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the purpose of this event was to strongly encourage residents to complete the NDP questionnaire. Comments were sought from those engaged as part of a discussion on the plan.</p> <p>Elements of the presentation given during the launch event formed the basis of the event.</p>	<p>This event was coordinated and publicised through a representative on the Steering group, proactively suggesting the benefits of engaging in discussion about the plan.</p>	<p>Elderly residents living in the residential home</p>	<p>As above, again in total 12 residents were engaged in discussions.</p> <p>The standard NDP questionnaire was left for residents to complete, with assistance offered to help complete the questionnaire if this was needed.</p> <p>No specific comments were recorded from this event which took the form of general discussion.</p>

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12	4 th March 2014 onwards	Information about the NDP was presented to the community through static displays erected at the entrance to the Alton Community Centre and in the library, encouraging residents to participate in the process and to complete the NDP questionnaire. These displays commenced in February and both displays remain in place and are continually updated with information on the plan's progress along with displaying dates for next consultation stages.	No publicity was required for this activity which in itself publicised the NDP to all those visiting the Community Centre and library.	All visitors to the Community Centre and library will have had sight of the display which included the members of all community clubs and those participating in community events and activities being held at the Community Centre over this period.	This display helped to increase awareness about the NDP among residents of the town and the process sitting behind its development, along with how to engage at key stages. Information about where to seek more information was provided and more of the townfolk were encouraged to complete the NDP questionnaire which hopefully increased the final number of questionnaires returned. It is not possible to know how many visitors spent time viewing both displays, only that the Community Centre was very regularly frequented by the public due to all the activity taking place there, by day and evenings, as was the library by day. (See CEF 18 for copy of report and key issues raised.)

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13	5 th March 2014	<p>An engagement and information sharing event was held at Alton Rugby Club in order to brief members on the NDP, including issues such as background, purpose, local policy context, its role in delivering aspirations for Alton as part of the wider Alton 2020 vision, and opportunities to get involved in shaping the plan. (See CEF 19 for photos of event)</p> <p>In addition to the above, the purpose of this event was to strongly encourage those attending to complete the NDP questionnaire as this was central to the consultation on the plan. Comments were sought from those engaged as part of a discussion on the plan. The presentation given during the launch event formed the basis of the event.</p>	The event was co-ordinated by a member of the Steering Group upon request from a member of the Rugby Club Committee following the consultation undertaken with the Rugby Club.	Members of the Rugby club, which included both residents of Alton and possibly residents from surrounding parishes.	<p>30 people attended this event which reported a good level of engagement and which resulted in increased awareness among residents of the role of the NDP. Comments were noted to help inform the evidence base although these were not written up on this occasion.</p> <p>All engaged agreed to complete the NDP questionnaire and to raise awareness of the importance of the questionnaire among friends and family.</p>

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14	6 th March 2014	<p>As above, an engagement and information sharing event was held with the local Toddler Group in order to brief parents on the NDP, including issues such as background, purpose, local policy context, its role in delivering aspirations for Alton as part of the wider Alton 2020 vision, and opportunities to get involved in shaping the plan.</p> <p>Again, the purpose of this event was to strongly encourage those attending to complete the NDP and the format of the event mirrored that adopted for earlier events with comments being sought as part of a discussion on the plan.</p>	This event was publicised through the Harvest Church based at the Alton Maltings Centre, and sought to 'piggy-back' a planned Parent and Toddler meeting to maximise participation.	Parents of very young children attending the regular Toddler Group meeting.	Engagement at this event was quite ad hoc, with several parents recorded as engaged in discussion. Again, issues of concern were recorded to capture within the evidence base for each topic covered by the NDP. (See CEF 20 for copy of report.)

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15	8 th March 2014	As above, an engagement and information sharing event was held with shoppers visiting the local Farmers Market held in the closed off High Street, specially for the purpose to brief residents and traders on the NDP. A table and information board formed the basis of the engagement for 2 hours which saw plenty of discussion with people stopping to find out more. A District Councillor joined members of the Steering Group for this activity.	The Town Crier advertised the NDP stand at the Farmers Market throughout the day and encouraged people to visit the stand to find out more about the plan process.	Shoppers, passers-by, traders and market stall holders	Discussion was held with a number of people attending the market, although it is not known precisely how many were engaged in conversation. Discussion was held on key issues for Alton, with comments and concerns captured in a short report (see CEF 21) and which were used to inform the evidence base, as with all engagement activity.

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16	26 th March 2014	A manned stand displaying information about the NDP was located at the entrance to Sainsbury's supermarket in order to provide information, engage in discussion about the benefits of having a NDP for the town and to encourage shoppers to complete the NDP survey, hard copies of which were available to take away.	No publicity was required for this activity which in itself promoted awareness of the NDP to all those visiting the supermarket.	A wide range of people shopping at the supermarket were engaged.	<p>This display helped to increase awareness about the NDP among residents of the town, and quite possibly surrounding parishes, along with the process sitting behind its development and how to engage at key stages. Information about where to find more information was provided and more of the townsfolk were encouraged to complete the NDP questionnaire which hopefully increased the final number of questionnaires returned. Over 300 leaflets were handed out.</p> <p>It is not possible to know how many shoppers viewed the display (see CEF 23 for copy of report)</p>

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17	31 st March 2014	Primary healthcare engagement to discuss primary care in relation to the NDP took the form of a meeting with a variety of health professionals such as local doctors, nurses and representatives of health care clinics. This engagement and information sharing event briefed all present on the NDP, including issues such as background, purpose, local policy context, its role in delivering aspirations for Alton as part of the wider Alton 2020 vision, and opportunities to get involved in shaping the plan.	This meeting was co-ordinated by the Steering Group through the Clinical Commissioning Group	Health professionals in the Primary Care Sector, Town Councillors, and the Clinical Commissioning Group (see CEF 24 for a list of those invited to participate).	<p>The meeting attracted a large number of doctors to discuss primary care provision and the impact of population increase through growth in development.</p> <p>A short report captured the key issues which were fed into the evidence base and there was an increase in understanding among all present regarding the main considerations for the health and community topic in relation to population growth and impact on services (see CEF 25 for copy of report). Very helpful feedback from this event contributed to informing the options for the plan.</p>
18	15 th April 2014	Meeting with HCC Local schools organiser	This meeting was co-ordinated by Cllr Pam Jones a member of the Steering Group and held at Alton Town Hall		Initial scoping of impact from school requirement for NP input (See report CEF 6)

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19	7 Jan and 8 Apr	Meetings (two) with Hants County Council Officers	E-mail and telephone.		Initial scoping of impact from transport requirement for NP input (See report CEF 34)
20	6 th May 2014	Consultation was held with the Pre-School Providers local team for Alton	This meeting was co-ordinated by Cllr Pam Jones a member of the Steering Group and held at Alton Town Hall	The two pre-school co-ordinators for the area attended this consultation	This meeting was very useful as it threw light on the pre-school situation which led to an extra policy option being included for education (See CEF 26 and Education evidence base)

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21	17 th May 2014	<p>A Consultation Feedback Exhibition was held in Assembly rooms for the public to see the analysed results of all consultation feedback as part of non-statutory consultation. As part of this information sharing event, more information on each topic was shared with the public as the evidence had grown in some areas.</p> <p>A visual presentation on the key findings from all consultation was given by the Steering Group, and also a rolling presentation every 30 minutes plus stands erected around the hall holding display boards showing consultation results topic by topic.</p>	<p>This event was publicised through the Altonian magazine, the local press, posters, flyers and through use of e-mail to all community and interest groups and clubs along with via the Town Council website.</p>	<p>Residents of Alton, including businesses, land owners and developers.</p>	<p>This was a very successful, interactive event with over 361 members of the public attending (see CEF 27 for copy of attendance register).</p> <p>The community was informed of results of all consultation undertaken to date in a summarised form in order to help demonstrate part of the source of information for determining options for the plan (in addition to evidence gathered through 'desk top' research).</p> <p>Whilst this event was not a further consultation event, comments on the findings relating to each issue presented at this event were still welcomed to influence the drafting of options where possible. (See CEF 28 for an analysis of the comments made about each issue during the Feedback Exhibition through the use of 'stickies'.) The event was also</p>

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22	03 September 14	Meeting with Cllr Peter Edgar, Executive member for Schools Area Organiser Officer Children Services	This meeting was co-ordinated by Cllr Pam Jones a member of the Steering Group and held at the Castle Winchester		Greater clarity on NP drafting for Education services linked to housing growth (See CEF 37)
23	17 May - 22 Nov	Weekly meetings of the Steering Group were undertaken and the ongoing views of the public were paramount.	Ongoing updates on Facebook and the Town Council website	Serials added to Ad Hoc Consultation Log as they arose.	All enquiries and consideration were recorded on the Ad Hoc Consultation Log. (see CEF 8)
24	02 July 14	Attendance at Hants County Council Alton Transport Study Scoping meeting.	Individually to all participants.	Hants County Council Transport, W S Atkins Consultants, East Hants District Council Planners, County, District and Town Councillors plus three Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members.	Assurance that Hants County Council will carry out a transport study to assess the sustainability of growth in Alton from a transport perspective. (See CEF 32).
25	11 Nov	Attendance at Hants County Council Alton Transport Study update meeting.	Individually to all participants.	Hants County Council Transport, W S Atkins Consultants, East Hants District Council Planners, County, District and Town Councillors plus three Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members.	Progress report and initial feedback from Hants County Council Transport Study. No minutes or evidential feedback received from Hants County Council.

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26	22 nd Nov 2014	<p>A policy options consultation and information sharing event was held by the Steering Group at the Assembly Rooms in Alton to inform the community about the final policy options to be included in the draft Neighbourhood Plan and to provide the opportunity for comment and feedback.</p> <p>During the event, the draft policies were arranged under 5 policy areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Transport • Health and Community • Education • Economic Sustainability and Viability <p>All comments made by the community both during the event and subsequently were collated and analysed to verify the proposed policies and steer any possible changes to policies prior to statutory consultation on the final draft Plan.</p>	<p>This event was publicised through the Altonian magazine, the local press, posters, extensive leafleting it every household in the town and through use of e-mail to all community and interest groups and clubs along with via the Town Council website.</p>	<p>Over 1,000 members of the public attended this event (See CEF 31) which included representatives from a large number of community groups along with businesses, land owners and developers.</p>	<p>The community was informed about the proposed policies for the draft plan.</p> <p>The draft housing allocation was made and shown.</p> <p>Responses to questions were provided during the event.</p> <p>The community was able to make comment and provide feedback on the draft policies</p> <p>The event was a further opportunity to remind the community of the remaining key stages of the process and outcomes achieved to date</p> <p>Continued transparency and democracy</p> <p>Continued momentum and support from within the community increasing the likelihood of a positive outcome of the referendum. For analysis of outcome see (CEF 33)</p>

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27	15 Dec	Attendance at Hants County Council Alton Transport Study update meeting.	Individually to all participants.	Hants County Council Transport, W S Atkins Consultants, East Hants District Council Planners, County, District and Town Councillors plus three Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members.	Progress report and initial output of the delayed Hants County Council Transport Study. No minutes or evidential feedback received from Hants County Council.
28	06 Jan 15	Meeting with Mr Martin Shefford Local Schools Area Organiser Officer Children Services	This meeting was co-ordinated by Cllr Pam Jones a member of the Steering Group and held at Alton Town Hall.	Hants County Council, East Hants district Council (observer in attendance) and Neighbourhood Plan SG member.	Greater clarity on NP drafting for Education Services requirement for new school
29	Throughout	Facebook	Internet	All who wanted to access the ANP Facebook page, but evidence of 700 reached (see CEF35)	Ongoing input from public feedback to NP development process.
30	11 Nov 14 to 31 Mar 15	Ongoing ad hoc discussions and meetings with Hants County Council in connection with Alton Transport Study.	Individually to all participants.	Hants County Council Transport, W S Atkins Consultants, East Hants District Council Planners, County, District and Town Councillors plus three Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members.	No formal and finalised output was ready from the Transport Study to impact the NP. However, draft initial outputs were sufficient to support sustainability aspects of NP allocations (see CEF 36).

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31	23 Jan15	Meetings with developers/owners of EHDC SHLAA 2014 included sites AL001, AL002, AL047 & AL051.	Individually to all participants.	Developers/owners of SHLAA sites nominated at col c.	Notes made from meetings and input from developers will impact input to pre submission consultation draft of NP. (see CEF 38 Part 1)
32	27 Jan15	Meetings with developers/owners of EHDC SHLAA 2014 included sites AL005, AL033 & AL044.	Individually to all participants.	Developers/owners of SHLAA sites nominated at col c.	Notes made from meetings and input from developers will impact input to pre submission consultation draft of NP. (see CEF 38 Part 2)
33	02 Mar 15	Meeting with developers/owners of EHDC SHLAA 2014 included sites AL026. Land Owner for the Convent AL042 although we tried to contact several times did not want to meet with us.	Individually to all participants.	Developers/owners of SHLAA sites nominated at col c.	Notes made from meetings and input from developers will impact input to pre submission consultation draft of NP. (see CEF 38 Part 3)
34	23 Mar 15	Ongoing discussion with Hants County Council in connection with Alton Primary/Infant/Junior schools.	Individually to all participants.	Hants County Council Mr Martin Shefford one Town Councillor plus one Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group member.	Amendment to previously agreed input to draft NP. (see CEF 39)

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35	16 Feb to 30 Mar 15	Alton Town Council conducted the Alton Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission consultation (Regulation 14) with Alton public by releasing a completed pre submission draft of Alton Neighbourhood Development Plan (see CEF 40). Comments on the plan were requested with a view to updating it as required to reflect public opinion prior to formal submission of the updated plan to EHDC.	This event was publicised through the local press, posters, extensive leafleting it every household in the town, writing to statutory consultees and surrounding Parishes and through use of e-mail to all community and interest groups and clubs along with via the Town Council website. For a report on public engagement see (CEF41).	Over 200 members of the public formally responded to this consultation (see CEF 42) which included representatives from community groups along with businesses, land owners and developers. Three Drop In Events (with short presentations + question and answer sessions) were also held (CEF41).	<p>All communications and input received from the public were transposed onto a spreadsheet for analysis after the conclusion of the Consultation period.</p> <p>On 07 Apr 15 the NP Steering met to consider all inputs resulting from the consultation for potential input/impact on the draft plan and amendments were drafted to the pre submission NP draft.</p> <p>A submission NP was then produced ready for full Alton Council sign off prior to release to EHDC.</p> <p>Feedback on comments made by the public and subsequent action taken was endorsed on the consultation record sheet for publication onto the Town Council website for all to see (see CEF 42 columns K and L).</p>

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36	30 Mar 15	Meeting with owners of Alton Turk Street Brewery Site to explore potential for redevelopment options as Brewery is to close in the near future.	Individually to all participants.	Owners of brewery site.	Dialogue with NP Team used by Brewery owner representatives to shape input into the Regulation 14 Consultation (see CEF 42). Subsequently NP Policy ES3 was developed and incorporated into the plan
37	Throughout	Information from public consultation as listed above and from a wide area of sources has been collected and then collated into the Alton Neighbourhood Plan Evidence Base. This comprises 5 elements as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing (CEF 43a). Within the Housing Evidence Base further supporting documents are referred to and can be found at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Alton 2020 (CE-F43a.1) o NP Gap Analysis with Alton 2020 (CEF43a.2) o Alton Conservation Area Brochures (CE-F43a.3) o Alton Local List (CEF43a.4) o Dwelling Site Selection Methodology and Supporting Narrative January 2015 Version 2 (CEF43a.5) o Alton Neighbourhood Plan Sustainability Appraisal. (CEF 43a.6) 	Evidence bases has been available in various editions on the Alton Town Council website and for within the Group by means of meeting minutes which are also available on the website.	A wide range of public and non public sources as listed in each document.	All evidence gathered served to inform the ANPSG and hence enable formalisation of a draft NP for regulation 14 and subsequent consultation prior to submission.

	Date	Consultation Approach	How publicised	Who was engaged	Outcomes
36	Throughout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o EHDC SEA letter dated 20 October 2014 (CEF 43a.7) o A Template for information about the proposed allocation sites at Alton (CEF 43a.8) o Alton Housing (SHLAA) Site Assessment Document 010115. (CEF 43a.9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport (CE-F43b). • Community Health and Recreation (CEF43c). • Education (CE-F43d). • Economic Sustainability and Viability (CEF43e). 			

Consultation Evidence File References

Consultation Evidence File:

- CEF 1 Alton Town Design Statement (2008) - provides evidence on town's character and its setting.
- CEF 2 Public engagement report concerning the development of EHDC's Core Strategy (2009)
- CEF 3 Alton Neighbourhood Plan Charter
- CEF 4 Example of leaflet handed out at all consultation events
- CEF 5 Copy of the Alton NDP questionnaire survey
- CEF 6 Notes of meeting with HCC Local schools organiser
- CEF 7 Community Questionnaire Report
- CEF 8 Consultation Log (to record additional comments and concerns raised outside of planned consultation events)
- CEF 9 Focus Group report from Two Pre Launch Meetings
- CEF 10 Register of those attending combined launch and consultation event (consultation 2)
- CEF 11 Photograph of information sharing session with Worldham Golf Club (consultation 6)
- CEF 12 Photo of youth engagement event run from Alton Community Centre (consultation 7)
- CEF 13 Tailored NDP questionnaire used as part of youth engagement event (consultation 7)
- CEF 14 Copy of flyer to publicise youth consultation and engagement event (consultation 7)
- CEF 15 Report on youth engagement and consultation event (consultation 7)
- CEF 16 Database of comments from consultation with young people via schools (consultation 8)
- CEF 17 Report on engagement with older people (consultation 9)
- CEF 18 Report on static display in Community Centre and library, with photos (consultation 12)

- CEF 19 Photo of engagement with Alton Rugby Club (consultation 13) CEF 20
Report on engagement with parents from Parent and Toddler
group (consultation 14)
- CEF 21 Report on engagement with those present at Farmers Market (consulta-
tion 15)
- CEF 22 Spare
- CEF 23 Report on engagement through supermarket display (consultation 16)
- CEF 24 List of those invited to participate in Primary Healthcare engagement
(consultation 17)
- CEF 25 Report on Primary Healthcare engagement (consultation 17)
- CEF 26 Report from meeting with the Pre-School Providers local team for Alton
(consultation 18)
- CEF 27 Consultation Feedback Exhibition: Copy of attendance register (consul-
tation 19)
- CEF 28 Consultation Feedback event: analysis report of 'stickies' containing
comments made by the public. (consultation 21)
- CEF 29 List of statutory bodies consulted with from early plan stages (non-sta-
tutory consultation). (consultation para 4.5)
- CEF 30 Full responses from statutory bodies resulting from early consultation
- CEF 31 Policy Option Presentation 22 Nov 15 - Attendance Log (consultation 26)
- CEF 32 Alton Transport Study Stakeholders Meeting Minutes (02 July 14) (consul-
tation 24)
- CEF 33 Consultation Policy Presentation: Analysis of Comments Feedback
(consultation 26)
- CEF 34 Notes from two Transport Meetings with Hants County Council (consulta-
tion 19)
- CEF 35 Evidence of Facebook Reach
- CEF 36 Report on Unminuted Meetings and Interaction with Hampshire County Council
Oct 14 - Mar 15
- CEF 37 Record of Meeting with Executive Member of HCC Education Branch
- CEF 38 Record of meetings with developers/Land owners.

- CEF 39 Consultation with HCC in connection with school requirements in Alton
- CEF 40 Pre Submission consultation draft of Alton Neighbourhood Plan.
- CEF 41 Evidence of how public were engaged as part of NP 6 week Regulation 14 consultation.
- CEF 42 Alton Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation feedback log endorsed with responses and subsequent action taken.
- CEF 43 Alton Neighbourhood Plan Evidence Base made up of:
- CEF 43.a Housing
 - CEF 43.a.1 Alton 2020
 - CEF 43.a.2 NP-Alton 2020 Gap Analysis
 - CEF 43.a.3 Alton Conservation Area Brochures
 - CEF 43.a.4 Alton Local List
 - CEF 43.a.5 Dwelling Site Selection Methodology and Supporting Narrative January 2015 Version 2
 - CEF 43.a.6 Alton Neighbourhood Plan Sustainability Appraisal.
 - CEF 43.a.7 EHDC SEA letter dated 20 October 2014
 - CEF 43.a.8 A Template for information about the proposed allocation sites at Alton
 - CEF 43.b Transport Evidence Base
 - CEF 43.c Community Health and Recreation Evidence Base
 - CEF 43.d Education Evidence Base
 - CEF 43.e Economic Sustainability and Viability Evidence Base

December 2013

Dear Colleague

Alton Neighbourhood Plan Briefing

Alton Town Council has formed a Steering Group to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Alton. The primary purpose of the plan is to define where the greenfield housing sites for development are to be situated within the Parish of Alton. The number of houses which Alton must take for the period 2011 - 2028 has already been defined and there is no opportunity to challenge this any further.

The Localism Act and National Planning and Policy Framework means that East Hampshire District Council currently no longer has a plan of where the development must go. Developers have been quick to realise this and are submitting proposals for large scale housing development. Already for Alton there are outline formal planning proposals for more houses to be built here over the next few years than the town is required to provide by 2028. In the absence of a local plan there is no guidance for the planners to evaluate these proposals against.

The Localism Act allows communities to develop their own Neighbourhood Plan which, once adopted by local referendum, will govern where and at what scale housing development should go. Alton must therefore develop a plan as soon as possible to enable management and direction of the considerable number of proposals coming forward at present. No Neighbourhood Plan means the developers will potentially be able to build when and where they want rather than where the community as a whole feels it is most appropriate.

In order to write a Neighbourhood Plan for Alton fit for referendum and adoption, extensive public consultation must be carried out. It is intended that this will happen in February, May and July 2014.

However, in order to ensure that this important message gets out to all Altonians, the Steering Group is inviting key members of the community and representatives of as many community organisations as possible to attend an introductory briefing prior to the first main consultation event (this will be on 1st February 2014).

You, or a member of your organisation, are invited to attend an Alton Neighbourhood Plan briefing on either of the following dates:-

- a) 9 January 2014 from 7:30pm - 9:30 pm at the Assembly Rooms, Alton.
- b) 13 January 2014 from 2:00pm - 4:00 pm at the Assembly Rooms, Alton.

Would you please let us know if you or a representative are able to attend one of these important meetings by 3 January 2014. Please respond to Alton Town Hall by phone or e-mail.

Yours sincerely

Mike C Heelis
Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

ORGANISATION	SURNAME	TITLE/NAME
2nd Alton Boys' Brigade	Allan	Mr and Mrs David
2nd Alton Girls' Brigade	Burgess	Ms Kym
8th Alton Scouts	How	Mrs Sue
Acting Headteacher - Wootey Junior School	Manston	Mrs Katherine
Age Concern Alton	Berridge	Mrs Myra
Air Training Corps (Alton)	Logan	Mr Brian
All Saints' Hard of Hearing	Dando	Mrs Kate
All Saints Parish Church	Hinks	Reverend David
Alton Allotment Association	Cain	Ms Jane
Alton and District Sports Council	Scowcroft	Mr Brian
Alton Art Society	Hearn	Mr John Mr David and Mrs Ann
Alton Bowling Club	Bartlett	Ann
Alton Branch RNLI	Burfoot	Mrs Barbara
Alton Branch RNLI	Treacher	Mr Peter
Alton Brownies Leader	Mangan	Mrs Averil
Alton Charities Together	Eccott	Mr Terry
Alton Community Association	Lerew	Mrs Pat
Alton Community Centre	Elliot	Ms Maria
Alton Community Choir	Wright	Mrs Lesley
Alton Community Hospital		
Alton Concert Orchestra	Leggett	Doctor Chris
Alton Craft Markets	Samuda	Ms Carole
Alton Cricket Club	Heffernan	Mr Paddy
Alton Greening	Chappel	Mrs Christine
Alton Horticultural Society	Lees	Mr Robin
Alton Horticultural Society	Mayhew	Mrs Janice
Alton Line Users' Association	Campbell	Mr Chris
Alton Local Food Initiative	Clarke	Mrs Sonia
Alton Methodist Church	Underhill	Reverend Keith
Alton Natural History Society	Chatfield	Doctor June
Alton Ramblers	Hind	Mrs Sarah
Alton Rotary Club	Johns	Mr David
Alton Round Table	Hill	Mr Nicholas

Alton Rugby Football Club	Clark	Mr Charles
Alton Salvation Army	Woollacott	Major Neil
Alton Social Bowls Club	Goodwin	Mrs Sheila
Alton Society	Heelis	Mr Mike
Alton Swimming Club	Bailey	Mr Ian
Alton Town Council	Bayliss	Councillor Matthew
Alton Town Council	Gardner	Councillor Derek
Alton Town Council	Hicks	Councillor Peter
Alton Town Council	Hill	Councillor Graham
Alton Town Council	Hodder	Councillor Mrs Sue
Alton Town Council	Jones	Councillor Mrs Pam Councillor Christopher
Alton Town Council	Lawrence	Councillor Alan
Alton Town Council	Murphy	Councillor James
Alton Town Council	Nixon	Councillor Robert
Alton Town Council	Saunders	Ms Jackie
Alton Town Council	Saunders	Councillor Jeffrey
Alton Town Council	Smith	Councillor Kevin
Alton Town Council	Stevens	Councillor David
Alton Town Council	Willoughby	Mr Jim
Alton Town Football Club	McKell	Mr Don
Alton Town Twinning Association	Hammond	Mr Arthur
Alton U3A	Cross	Mr Ben
Alton United Football Club	Norfolk	Mrs Olivia
Alton Women's Institute	Turrall	Mrs Louise
Amery Hill Residents Association	Parker	Ms Hazel
Anstey Residents Group	Cantoni	Mrs L
Beech Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Thomson	Mrs J
Bentley Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Hutton	Ms A
Bentworth Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Spyer	Mrs S
Binsted Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Hodder	Mrs Pat
Chair - Hard of Hearing Group	Smith	Mr Charles
Chairman - Homestart Weywater	Kaye	Mrs Kate
Chairman - The Wilson Practice PPG	Stabb	Mrs Olivia
Chairperson - Alton Townwomen's Guild	Turrall	

Chawton Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Sowik	Mrs M
Chawton Park Surgery Patient Participation Group	Long	Mrs Olwen
District Councillor	Branch	Councillor Nicholas Councillor Mrs
District Councillor	Maynard	Melissa
District Councillor	Orme	Councillor David
District Councillor	Phillips	Councillor Dean
District Councillor	Watts	Councillor Ms Glynis
District Secretary - Rotherfield Scout District	Sperring	Mr Peter
East Hampshire Citizens Advice Bureau	Woodward	Mrs Holly
East Hampshire District Council	Joy	Councillor Andrew
East Tisted Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Dillnutt	Mrs E
Farringdon Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Findlay	Mr M
Four Mark Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Goudie	Mrs S
Friends of Alton Museums	Hurst	Ms Jane
Froyle Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Cullen- Stephenson	Mrs P
Hampshire Constabulary	Johnson	Sergeant Dan
Hampshire Fire and Rescue		
Harvest Church	Corlett	Mr Simon
Headteacher - Alton Convent School	Maher	Mr Graham
Headteacher - Alton Infant School	Foulkes	Mrs Anne
Headteacher - Amery Hill School	Crabtree	Mr Stephen
Headteacher - Andrews Endowed C of E Primary School	Lloyd	Ms Maria
Headteacher - Anstey Junior School	Jones	Mrs Jenny
Headteacher - Eggar's School	Godber	Mr Ben
Headteacher - St Lawrence Primary School	Casson	Mrs Dawn
Headteacher - The Butts Primary School	Mitchell	Mrs Philippa
Headteacher - Wootey Infant School	Palmer	Mrs Ella
Holybourne Theatre	Stone	Mr Peter
Holybourne Village Association	Tomlinson	Mr David
Homestart Weywater	Small	Mrs Angela
Inner Wheel	Rowan	Mrs Kay
Kingsley Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Yonko	Mrs K
Lasham Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Niven	Mrs L

Manor Colts Football Club	Priddle	Mr John
Marie Curie Cancer Care	Brandon-Trye	Mr Chris
Medstead Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Knowles	Miss K
Mid Hants Railway	Chambers	Mr Colin
Newton Valence Parish Council - Chairman	Pendlebury	Mrs G
President - Alton Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Goodall	Mr Andy
President - Alton Lions	O'Donoghue	Ms Sarah
President - Alton Operatic and Dramatic Society	Reale	Mr Colin
Principal - Alton College	Machell	Mrs Jane
REHAB	Bethell	Doctor Hugh
REHAB	Causton	Mr Tony
Ropley Parish Council - Parish Clerk	White	Mrs S
Royal British Legion	Holton	Mr Fred
Royal British Legion	Murrell	Mr Colin and Mrs Pat
Secretary - Alton Community Choir	Marsden	Mrs Gill
Selborne Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Bassett	Ms H
Shaden Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Trapaud	Mr M Mr Mark and Mrs Valerie
St John Ambulance	Spencer	Mr Adam
St Lawrence Church	Watson	Ms Bridget
Vokes Lunch Club	Lance	Mr A
West Tisted Paris Council - Chairman	Crawford	Ms Catherine
Westbrook Guides	Morgan	Mrs J
Wield Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Frost	Mr Norman
Willow Court Resideents Association	Pointing	Mrs Sally
Wilson Practice Patient Participation Group	Stoodley	Mr R
Worldham Parish Council - Parish Clerk	Twining	

Appendix 5

Alton Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission Consultation Response Feedback (Statutory Consultation Regulation 14)
 Consultation period: To

Reference Code	Name of statutory body or individual	Comment	DESIGN	HOUSING	TRANSPORT	HEALTH & BEC	EDUCATION	ECONOMIC	Final Comment/Feedback	Parish Council response	Reason for no change	
GU34 19D	Jane Hunt	2	I support what is said in the Plan all new development must maintain or enhance the town	New housing should contribute to the needs of Alton not Londoners wishing to move out and raising prices so our people cannot afford to live here. I agree with all said here. If we have some housing (flats?) on the Coors site can we not dispose with Will Hall say?		New Coors site coming up obvious site for community centre purpose built.	No comment	Possible multi use Coors site could change this but that is a bit in the future. Agree we need Town Centre might function, some retailers seem to think it is their right to have customers.		No changes to plan required		
GU34 19C	Ginny Bosall	2		A very well thought out and professional plan. I like that the new housing is spread around the town in a far way and with consideration given to the local infrastructure. It's also phased which is so important and will protect our local skylines						No changes to plan required		
GU34 19K	Liz Cooper	3	It is important to keep the integrity of Alton as a small market town with characteristic architecture. It is also important to think of the damage to the environment. Skyline issues are important to think of.	There needs to be a mix of affordable homes for people who are not on such large incomes. There also needs to be thought given to services that a greater population will need. Consideration needs to be given to the likelihood of increasing flood risk by building and so losing natural drainage	If the new "cycle" route from the new estate at the Holybourne end of town is an example of provision for cyclists then I will continue not to cycle as I feel it is very dangerous to be cycling in our town. Please put better provision into our town. The car parks are currently too expensive and impact on shopping in town	Remember that outside spaces do not always need to be greened and landscaped there are a lot of environmental issues if a country park is created with damage to the butterfly meadow. Do not landscape it. It is really how it should be - environmental advice must be sought before bulldozers are sent in.	needs to be additional school places particularly on the south western side of the town	Please can we do something about our town - the town centre is becoming a ghost town with shops closing each month. I know there needs to be some new housing but do not do that at the expense of the environment or the character of the town		No changes to plan required		
GU34 19F	Kennel	4		Too many houses at the same time. These new developments will all end up with little boxes which do nothing to enhance the quality of the town - should be mixed density and some with large gardens.	There is no recognition that basically away from the 13 and 64/65 there are no regular all day bus routes out from Alton. Therefore all commuting to places such as Winchester, Basingstoke and places further afield will be by car. The infrastructure won't be able to cope with all these extra cars and will lead to bottlenecks - the A33, B3006, A32, A31 through Farnham are already at full capacity in peak times - what is being done to mitigate the issues. The line to London is every 30 minutes but takes a long time to do the journey - what stops are being taken to double track the line south of Farnham - none should. All in all a dog dinner.		Not enough consideration has gone into school places for the local community, particularly considering a lot of local villages and towns use the schools in Alton. For example, many pupils living in Four Marks, Beech and other villages go to school in Alton due to lack of places in the village's own school.					
GU34 2L2	Paul Pether	3		As a statutory consultee, we should ensure that adequate emphasis is given to the provision of affordable housing and the priority of its allocation to local residents. This is taken from the excellent Neighbourhood Plan. I would like ATC to insist on this for any large planning application in Alton.						No changes to plan required		
GU34 19E	K Watkins	6			More should be done to improve the inadequate bus and train transportation in the service. I would like to see councillors pushing for later journey times in the evening, to accommodate for people who wish to spend an evening in Alton and need a way of getting home. I think it would also be beneficial to explore adding a train connection to Alton station from Four Marks, Rogley and Alresford - this would help commuters, help the environment and improve the infrastructure currently in place.	There's a lack of leisure facilities in the town for young people - we should be pushing for a leisure park, similar in style to Basingstoke, with a cinema, ice skating facility etc. This would bring more families into the town on the weekends, and would help keep young people off the street and more engaged with the local community facilities.						
GU34 2L1	Kevin McKell	7	We should be pushing for housing estates that have more interesting architecture. Fed up with identikit housing estates in every town that all look the same.	Don't think that Cadburns Farm or Will Hall Farm are the right places for housing estates. Wait until the Coors Brewery site is available and put houses on there. Why not the land behind the Wilson Road site being built on? New housing estates are far too crowded. Push for less houses on each site. If this means that the landowners get less money for their land, then so be it. New housing estates should have more parking spaces, as new estates end up with people parking on the pavements.	Don't want a Western Byway. The destruction of the countryside is not worth the traffic benefits.							
GU34 15K	Gill Peyer	8		I feel that more should be made of the possible use of brownfield sites within the town boundaries. Although the closure of Coors has only happened recently, surely this is worth making more of? There are also other sites (eg the old garage factory in Butts road, which is currently contaminated, but is surely worth the extra investment rather than destroying greenfield sites?)	Glad to see no mention of removing Butts Bridge!					No changes to plan required		
GU34 19H	Marie Sharp	9	I think that the Alton Local List of buildings of architectural merit should have included the Butts bridge as to the sum of the parts i.e the Green, you did include the cottages.	I do agree that all the new houses be delivered with a phasing plan so that all services are not overwhelmed, especially schools and health provision	I would welcome more buses especially to Peterfield. Parking charges need to be looked at for the good of the town. Council could look at Bishops Woikham charges.							
GU34 29U	Penny Webster-Brown	10	Should still like to see green houses on green fields, especially Cadburns. I think that 275 is too many and will overload surrounding roads. It's a shame that the Coors Brewery site is not yet available as this would be much more sustainable for housing.					There definitely needs to be a new secondary school in South Alton.	Would like to see land allocated for workshops for traditional skills. This could also be a tourist attraction and possibly provide apprenticeships.		No changes to plan required	
GU34 2LR	John Grace	11	Well organised and presented	Allocations well thought through. Lord Mayor Treloar phase 2 explanation however, not clear and may not be understood by many. The reality however, will look very different to the plan which is being overtaken by the existing EHDC planning process. Great shame that ATC did not start the ANP earlier when they had the chance.	Everyone awaits the outcome of the Advanced traffic study (EHDC/HCC), including the authors of the Transport policies section. It is unacceptable that this report which should have been completed by end of 2014 is still not ready. Meanwhile developers plans are being granted permission to build and no robust sustainable transport plans is being considered for our town. The ANP authors have done their best with what they had to work with	Reads well	Written with the HCC education constraints as described. Nothing will happen until the system breaks and then it may well be a sticking plaster job.	The town will grow but wont provide all the employment needed to support a 25% population increase. This will affect transport in particular. The policies as set out read OK		No changes to plan required		
GU34 17W	Arthur Harvey	12	My main concern is INFRASTRUCTURE. We need more houses than that for sure. But the greater population needs more and better ROADS, MEDICAL FACILITIES, already stressed, must be increased as must SCHOOLS, PLACES, Sewerage, power supply, water supply are other matters to be considered. And this all needs attention BEFORE the building work begins. To attempt it later, when the extra population is in place, invites chaos.			Community health is already stretched in this area	School places are already at a premium. So extra classrooms and teachers will be essential			No changes to plan required		
GU34 2T2	Melanie	13		There are far too many greenfield sites being considered. If brownfield sites (such as police station and brewery) were used then it would save far too detrimental effect on the outer edges of Alton. These types of site will become eyesores if left abandoned. Right in the middle of town, it wouldn't exactly encourage more businesses into the town which are badly needed.	To even consider demolishing the Butts bridge is absolutely scandalous. It is the main entrance to the town (down for the Watlington Line running through it). If you demolish something built in the Victorian era it would never be recreated. It currently acts as a natural traffic calmer. Although there is a bottle neck at peak times, most of the traffic is through traffic so we'll get even more of it don't we? It's slow down for the bridge. And where would all the traffic go - it would just all pile up at the junction with Chawton Park Road and then onto the junction with the Basingstoke Road. In the opposite direction, to the South, Basingstoke would have even more of a problem than it has now with more traffic cutting through from the A3 to the M3. It's a 'no brainer'!! If more brownfield sites (within easy walking distance of the shops) were used for housing then there would be less need for people to get in their cars and therefore the extra traffic produced would be reduced.		Most of the schools in the area are already full to bursting. Where are all the children that are moving into all these new houses going to go to school?					
GU34 11D	Mike Lane	14	Reluctantly agree with the Design Policies with the exception of Land to the east of Selborne Road. Since EHDC has granted outline permission for 279 houses on the Lord Mayor Treloar site (179 less 100 on land east of Selborne Road@the Selborne Road site is not necessary. A development here would clearly affect Alton's Gateway from the South which is, currently, Butts Bridge. Such a development contravenes Guideline 3.6 that "protects gateways to the town from inappropriate new development."	The Joint Core Strategy policy expects 40% of the total number of dwellings being provided on a site to be affordable dwellings. With the continuing rise in property values this strategy must adhere to. I would point out that with an allocation to 20% of the LMPF on Selborne Road site, EHDC is in breach of this requirement as stated in paragraph 50, EHDC policies CP10, CP11 (With 279 dwellings on LMPF, Cadburn Farm, Will Hall, the Convent and Wilson will yield 777 dwellings - very close to the 781 you suggest.	Much is made of the bottleneck at Butts Bridge. I believe that the bridge is part of Alton's Heritage. It carries a Heritage preserved railway and should be protected, not demolished! Perhaps Butts Road could be re-opened as a one-way street, allowing traffic heading to the town (including buses) to cross from Chawton Park Road and turn left from Whitehorse Lane (A339) southbound. This would relieve pressure at the junction and obviate the necessity for the major roadworks (and ensuing chaos) planned for Selborne Road etc. (Alton's "traffic problems" are just a "nuisance" when compared with Farnham's at the Shepherd and Flock roundabout at peak times!) Concerning walking, "old" Alton is well served with footpaths. Paved footpaths and/or alleyways should be provided in new developments to allow pedestrians to access shops and parks easily and safely. (I would point out that bus no.1 has recently been re-routed via Odham and Hook and no longer serves Basingstoke Road, Harewood etc.)	Concerning Community Health, there is a nationwide crisis in the provision of GP services from which Alton is not immune. Many of our GPs are approaching retirement age, others work part-time. Despite David Cameron's boast that he will "provide another 1000 GPs, we are told that vacancies occurring in our Health Centres are extremely difficult to fill. Appointments for, say, X-rays and Specialist appointments at the Community Hospital must be encouraged and, if possible, increased. This facility MUST be protected.	If possible new primary schools should be built near new developments. Expanding the existing schools reduces the space needed for children's physical activities and thus continued good health.	Much has been made of the lack of sewage disposal and drainage capacities. My concern is with the supply of water. It is now common for the Wey in Flood Meadows and through the town to dry up. This indicates that aquifers are extremely low. With more houses and industry this problem will be exacerbated.				
GU34 29C	G.L Osterfield	15	Will Hall Farm has only one access. Brick Lane should be upgraded to adoption standard and used to diffuse the concentration of traffic. The proposed development plan shows no play area for young children. Such areas should be incorporated into all larger development sites. Perhaps the Coor's brownfield site could relieve the pressure on greenfield sites.	The increase in land value from agricultural usage to residential is phenomenal. To reduce affordable housing from 40% to 20% in order to maintain developer's profit margins and pay for a new Butts Bridge is scandalous. Housing is a fundamental need in Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Reducing the quantity of affordable homes to pay for infrastructure is unacceptable. How about the bridge in Northfield Lane, if Treloars sites are developed - is this to be upgraded?	The allocation of parking spaces per dwelling was, I believe, laid down in the building boom just after the war. Drive around the housing estates and you will see lots of on-street parking. Most family houses have three or three and a half. These rather roof structures and high standards of insulation mean that household goods once stored in attics, are now stored in garages. Developers need to be far more creative with off-street parking provision other than emergency and L.A. utility vehicles are not going to be able drive down the street due to parked cars.	Medical cover is stretched now. Surgeons are unable to attract new GPs into the area because of patient lists. Land needs to be allocated to the south of the town to ease the burden on existing facilities. I agree a new sports centre is needed but it should not be funded at the expense of new homes. There is also a need for athletic and track facilities.	As all educationalists know there is a baby boom coming through primary education. I have seen no provision for the additional education facilities which will be required if all the housing requirements are built now rather than spreading development through to 2026.	Our biggest employer is, I think, Coors Brewery. They are moving out. Whilst we do have some medium or small businesses we have to grasp the nettle and realize we are a dormitory town for London, Basingstoke, Reading and other towns with a bigger manufacturing base. We must therefore develop a transport plan which will cater for the increase in commuter traffic without bringing the town into gridlock.				
GU34 44H	Jane Smith	16	Very well thought out	Again, well and thought through taking into account the long established town planning statement that restricts any building that will be visible from outside the town.	At least there is a well thought out one! Transport is going to be a big and unaddressed issue in the future if left to EHDC	going to be a big and unaddressed issue in the future if left to EHDC	going to be a big and unaddressed issue in the future if left to EHDC	All well thought through with very detailed analysis and proposals				
GU34 29G	Souter	17	Given that planning approval has been given for a number of sites covered by the NP, this is an area where it can have real influence. For too long we've been saddled with poor house design and inappropriate layouts etc. This is an opportunity to at least get something positive out of the planning debate. We have the appropriate architectural expertise on the committee, let's use it.	Given that planning approval has been given for a number of sites covered by the NP, this is an area where it can have real influence. For too long we've been saddled with poor house design and inappropriate layouts etc. This is an opportunity to at least get something positive out of the planning debate. We have the appropriate architectural expertise on the committee, let's use it.	We are still deficient in this department...of all the infrastructure issues affecting the town this is perhaps the most important. However, the amount of data and imaginative, creative solutions are absent. Cycle lanes, parking, junctions are all in need of input and the NP appears to be short of information to make a meaningful contribution.	This seems to be an area of concern that the NP had identified but that no-one seems to be actively doing something about.	Retail needs to be sorted out and needs specific expertise if the High Street is not to wither and die.		No changes to plan required			
GU34 27W	Roy Sandell	18	I fully agree with the Design Policies as set out in the Neighbourhood Plan. They seem well researched and carefully argued. In particular I agree with its proposals regarding development on the fringes of Alton not being allowed to detract from views in and out of the town. In addition, considering errors made in the past, I am keen that any development is in frequency with the predominant architectural style in the town.	I fully endorse the proposals regarding housing policy. Alton is not, never has been and must not become a middle class dormitory suburb. Therefore, there must be provision for an adequate proportion of affordable housing to maintain the social mix of the town. The submissions with regard to the various development sites are practical and well balanced. In particular I am keen that the Boreore Lane site should not breach the skyline. I wholeheartedly support the comments with regard to providing adequate infrastructure as development takes place especially with regard to traffic and flood management	I wholeheartedly support the transport policies put forward in the Neighbourhood Plan. I have ongoing experience of all the traffic backlogs referred to in the Plan. They are problematic already and will only get worse as Alton expands. However, I am not sure why the Boreore Lane/Butts Road junction was omitted. The plans for improved building in Alton, I agree that the current health centre will have to be expanded and endorse the proposals with regard to the extension of the community hospital of which I have been a frequent user. It is essential to reduce my car use in town by a considerable degree.	I agree completely with the Plan's support for an improved community centre. I use the building every week and the current facilities are plainly inadequate for the current population of the town. Proposed growth will exacerbate this problem. I would not support the removal of the sports/leisure complex if the car only be financed by further building in Alton. I agree that the current health centre will have to be expanded and endorse the proposals with regard to the extension of the community hospital of which I have been a frequent user. It is essential to reduce my car use in town by a considerable degree. I would like to commend Alton Town Council for its recent interest in the Woodmill site which is used frequently and is a very necessary resource for residents in the Boreore Lane/Ridgeway area.	I fully endorse the Plan's proposals in this area particularly with regard to increased provision in the South West of the town. When we first arrived in Alton, 24 years ago, the Butts School was full and we had to take them to Chawton School by car. This kind of situation must not be allowed to recur. As many parents as possible should be able to walk to a primary school with their children	I fully support the Plan's proposals in this area. I agree that a more concentrated retail area would be more attractive to businesses and shoppers so that change of use to shops is, for example, Normandy Street and Butts Road should be encouraged. The use of brownfield sites for commercial expansion is another excellent idea			No changes to plan required	
GU34 10Q	Rita Ogilvie	19		Planning committee agenda and supplementary matters 17 Feb. Will Hall Farm. --- amendments to conditions Item22 shows encroachment on green meadow. Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission consultation draft page 45 states green area not developable due to River Wey. Comment please. Another point for comment if you are able is the gas main along the New Odham Road. This has had several leaks due to age. We were told once replacement not required as it was bordered by agricultural land and not housing. (Interpretation, if realisation no great loss of life as only one side of road would be affected) will this be updated before any building work commences?						No changes to plan required		

		53	We need more affordable housing.	We need more affordable housing.	While I agree that public transport must pay, it is so important to retain public transport as many of us have no other means of getting about.	Close the Community Hospital???? Unshakable? It certainly is NOT underused; witness the difficulty to get an appointment sometimes. The wards also form an essential link between main Hospital work and return home, especially for an older. One other point: doctor's surgery places must keep pace with a growing population.	School places, already over-stretched, must expand to cater for a growing demand.	INFRASTRUCTURE must keep pace. In fact it should PRECEDE any development.		No changes to plan required
GU34 1TW	Arthur Harvey	54	Retain Alton's character as a market town and retain greenfield sites.	Ensure that there is no overcrowding of properties on developments retain trees and green spaces. Ensure adequate parking is available to keep roads clear of parked vehicles.	Transport accounts for nearly a third of carbon emissions and we must do all we can to reduce that. I support the need to ensure traffic flows around the town. I fully support well-maintained footpaths and cycleways that are traffic free and link community facilities, schools and public transport links, with good signage. I would like to see the opportunity to install digital displays at bus stops. I support cycle swaps in all new homes.	Keep Alton's Community Hospital which is a centre of excellence and of huge value to the town and surrounding villages.				
GU34 1JT	Christine Chappell	55	Well done on the excellent work. You have included the wide range of facilities that impact on our daily lives and will continue to do so for hundreds of years	I was disappointed at the lack of emphasis on sustainability of new housing. We need to do all we can to reduce our carbon emissions and domestic energy accounts for a significant part of the total a massive proportion. Future housing has the potential to be zero-carbon, even if current legislation does not specify that. We can use local policies to ensure our town has the best chance and is a beacon of excellence, flexible to future needs and the lowest carbon impact possible.	Transport accounts for nearly a third of carbon emissions and we must do all we can to reduce that. I support the need to ensure traffic flows around the town. I fully support well-maintained footpaths and cycleways that are traffic free and link community facilities, schools and public transport links, with good signage. I would like to see the opportunity to install digital displays at bus stops. I support cycle swaps in all new homes.	We need to maintain a local community hospital. It enables residents to avoid frequent support to loved ones, whether they are recuperating or dying; both are vital to vulnerable and momentous stages in our lives. I support the need to maintain our open spaces. I would like to see to see the opportunity to link all such spaces with well-signposted routes that encourage and enable greater physical activity. This could include distances covered and equipment for other physical use, which blends with or combines street furniture and the landscape.			We are each directly responsible for over half of all carbon emissions. Housing, transport and green spaces are vital factors in maintain our health I would like to see more emphasis on sustainability, with a traffic free town centre and zero-carbon homes.	
GU34 1QE	Robert Athas	56	With regard to the Will Hall site - see 5 below	I would prefer there not to be much building done in Alton, but if there is to be building done, then South of the A31 bypass would be my preference.	Page 51 '2/3rd of respondents supported building a western by-pass.' I seem to remember that this was expressed as being the solution to the Whitdown Lane problems. No other solution was offered, and nothing was said about the loss of public access land that this would involve. Your comment and the Action Point go close to supporting a western by-pass which would clash with Objective 3c. (Although it is outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan an alternative solution would be to re-route the A319 along an improved Avenue Rd, across a roundabout at the Golden Pot, on past the radio masts and down below Highdown Drive to a roundabout by the Vesolia site, eliminating the need for new railway bridges, and bringing a number of other benefits.) I would urge you to steer away from specifically expressing support for a western by-pass, on the principle of 'be careful what you pray for'		New schools need large areas of fairly flat land. The only such area that remains in the town is the Will Hall Farm site and it should be earmarked for this purpose.			
GU34 2LJ	Jane Hartung	57	pp 16-17 I fully support the NDP's proposals for land allocation (providing they conform to the Joint Core Strategy) & am pleased that areas the Alton Society identified as being unsuitable for development, have all been protected in the Draft. I support your emphasis on affordable housing. Please also include the need for a credible housing for adaptive living.	I agree with the stated policies. A contribution from the Statutory Authorities (Water supply, Sewage disposal, Surface water disposal, Flood prevention/avoidance, Electricity supply) concurring with Development proposals would be welcome.	Five months is an overly extensive period of time in which to have delayed the publication of the Transport Study (promised in Oct '14) in order to reflect upon its findings. You have been misled in my opinion by not doing as the courtesy of offering an explanation for this delay. Please publish the Study without further delay & give a credible explanation as to why it has delayed in the first place.	CH4 p 69 In my view your statement that the Community Hospital is 'underused' is entirely incorrect. I see two consultants there on a very regular basis myself & many of my friends regularly use it too. I value our hospital very highly, especially for those with mobility problems & those who are frail, who would otherwise experience great difficulties with transport. TR7 I fully support the policies re the refurbishment/replacement of our Community Centre in my view an outdated eyesore that is a disgrace to our town & the Sports Centre.				
GU34 2m	Tony Payne	58	I appreciate the hard work put into this, however how much notice will the district council take of it. Judging by the recent actions taken by them to get recent planning applications passed at Pains Place rather than in Alton?	I would prefer there not to be much building done in Alton, but if there is to be building done, then South of the A31 bypass would be my preference.	I greatly regret the delay in publishing the Transport Study; the grant of substantive planning consent in advance of the Plan's author's ability to assimilate any proposals likely to influence the location or content of development proposals, is of extreme concern. Hopefully, any desirable amendments arising from the Transport Study can be added later.	I understand you have no control on what can and can't be done for this. What I don't want is a 2' week wait to see a doctor due to there not being enough resources when all these houses are built.	Same as Health. Will the schools be able to build extra classes to their existing premises when the need arises?	More shops are closing in the town centre even with extra housing built, can't see this trend ending.	No changes to plan required	
GU34 2PQ	D.J.Lock	59	I agree with the stated policies	I agree with the stated policies. A contribution from the Statutory Authorities (Water supply, Sewage disposal, Surface water disposal, Flood prevention/avoidance, Electricity supply) concurring with Development proposals would be welcome.	I greatly regret the delay in publishing the Transport Study; the grant of substantive planning consent in advance of the Plan's author's ability to assimilate any proposals likely to influence the location or content of development proposals, is of extreme concern. Hopefully, any desirable amendments arising from the Transport Study can be added later.	Replacing the Community Centre with a new building and refurbishing/rebuilding the Sports Centre should be of equal importance.			No changes to plan required	
GU34 2QR	Iwin	60			Very poor public transport links between Alton and Basingstoke especially when associated with healthcare needs.	The community hospital is a valuable asset and it's expanded use, especially for outpatient and inpatient specialised services.		The a high turnover of empty shops must be indicative of the high business rates	No changes to plan required	
GU34 2H	Sonia Clark	61				I would support most strongly Alton Community Hospital. I really don't know how we as a family, or other friends who have had relatives there, could have managed without it. Looking forward, with an aging population they'll be more need for this hospital to be used in conjunction with North Hants and a move back into the Community from hospital.			No changes to plan required	
GU34 1KD	Nicole Penn-System	62	p.19 The Summary Map of Allocated Sites shows the existing Mill Lane employment site in orange and numbers it 15, but it is omitted from the legend. The Coon brewery is not indicated as an employment site and it is important at this time that it should be.	I fully support the land allocation proposals which conform to the Joint Core Strategy and other relevant planning documents and fully reflect opinion in the town. I am delighted that the areas identified in previous statements as being unsuitable for development have all been protected in this draft plan. I support the emphasis on affordable housing provisions and would add that flexible housing for adaptive living in the future should also be a priority. It is noteworthy that the most controversial of the areas recommended for development, Will Hall, dominates what has been a rural view from the home of the Chairman and his almost literally as the back yard of another member of the Steering Committee. This fact is an eloquent testimony to the fairness and integrity of the process in which they have played such a central part.	I wish to express my profound dismay at the continuing and unexplained non-publication of the Transport Study. This was promised by October and the Neighbourhood Plan process was, we understand, held up for four months in order to reflect its findings. Without this further delay the NP would probably have progressed to a point where its recommendations carried much more weight at the extremely important planning meetings of recent weeks. TRAP9 When mentioning the improvement of cycle tracks it is equally important to include the question of their maintenance. TR7 I fully support the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan regarding refurbishment or replacement of Community Centre and Sports Centre	CH4 p 69 I question the accuracy and the wisdom of stating that the Community Hospital is 'somewhat underused' and recommend that the first paragraph should finish with a full stop after 'for the duration of the plan period'. The hospital is a precious asset to the town and in the current financial climate should be supported without the slightest reservation.	Allow ability to expand existing schools without having to lose much needed sports land	ES2 p86 I am pleased in particular to see the proposed reuse of brownfield land and the encouragement of retail development on such sites. The Coon brewery site is a good example, and it is also an illustration of the need for flexibility in responding to unforeseen developments in future.		
GU34 4BE	Aan Brounan	63						Since the figures with regard to empty retail facilities were included, a number of other businesses have closed and I believe an update on the figures used in this section would underline the need to ensure more is done to make the town centre sustainable and attractive to shoppers.		
GU34 2QT	Stella Light	64	I would like to say that I think this plan is excellent and I commend everyone involved in it for all the hours of work they have put in.	I agree with the Housing Policies suggested but do wonder what difference it would have made had Coon pulled out of the town before the NP was started. It may have meant that the more sensitive green spaces would have been spared development as per the current ideal site for a diverse building programme.	I am afraid that in spite of the sensible proposals put forward that HCC will not listen as usual, and we will have more bad decisions made about the local roads.	I think that the NP has addressed most of the problems besetting our health services but would like to see on PWS, CH4 that the rest of the sentence after the word 'benefit' should be deleted as I feel it could give 'people' ideas! Also perhaps the words 'somewhat underused' in this section would be better left out.	Agree	I am afraid the Alton shopping area needs a miracle to save it but the NP proposals are good.		
GU34 2LR	Pauline Island	65	These comments cover all points 1-6. This plan is very thorough, far sighted, fair and well presented. I hope the people who have the final say will take careful note of it all.							No changes to plan required
GU34 2AH	Christopher Lang	66	No comments.		I would like to see HCC strengthened, particularly with respect to the need for affordable housing and smaller dwellings, to encourage young people to stay in the town. I think HCC should explicitly mention a 40% affordable housing target and should set a target for 1-2 bedroom dwellings. With regards to HCC, I think it would be helpful to explain the proposed housing density at each site. This varies considerably from site to site and it is not obvious why this is the case.	I would like to see more radical proposals to enhance pedestrian and cycle access to the town centre, such as turning the High Street into a shared space or pedestrian zone. This would both encourage more walking and cycling within the town and enhance the shopping experience.	With regard to CH2 I think it is dangerous to encourage developers to include proposals for a new sports centre in their development plans as it will encourage proposals for larger development which compromise on other aspects of the plan (such as affordable housing) in 'compensation' and will compromise the sports centre facilities. Far better to simply mandate that all developments make significant contributions towards the cost of community facilities and have the town and district councils plan best use of these funds.	No comments	No comments	No changes to plan required
GU34 1PA	Susan Pickering	67								
GU34 4AU	Nick Carey-Thomas	68	No	In HCC there is no mention of housing space standards. We will expect these to comply with the Housing Standards Review published in 2013. This recommends MGNM standards for different levels of accessibility. Even the lowest level has been seldom attained in recent planning applications, many of which have been very seriously inadequate in this respect.	I understand that evidence from the recently completed Alton Transport Survey has been used in drafting the NP, but the Survey has still not been put into the public domain. How can we judge the policies without this essential information?	Policy CH2 recommends replacement of the Sports Centre, but there is no mention of its size in relation to Alton's present and future population, in particular the size of the swimming pool. A new Centre must be planned to be adequate for the expanded population that will result from the housing developments that have recently been, and are likely to be, granted outline consent. Policy CH4 - The words starting 'unless it can be demonstrated.....' in the first para should be deleted.	No	No		
GU34 4AD	Froy Ransley	69	Amazingly the Neighbourhood plan has no financial section the photo below is part of one I proposed... It is based on the fact that each building has to make by law a contribution to HCC coffers to getting planning permission. The numbers are astounding if no deals are struck HCC will receive about £130 million pounds from the developments in Alton town... that's right £130million, on top of that HCC will get another £4.5 million a year in rates income! You ask what will Alton get? The 'promise' so far is two new roundabouts and a promise of possibly though highly unlikely keeping the Community Hospital, a refurb of the sports centre? Possibly a new bridge in the Butts we don't want... some private roads adopting? Some new cycle paths painted on the roads? Possible a cycle storage space? and the promise of lots more committees to review a number of things like schooling, transport etc... you have to ask the Town Council think we are we towns of employees? I don't know what to do about this... but from where I sit Altonians are being taken to the cleaners... there is no facility for attachment but I can send you a basic spreadsheet if you email me at froy.ransley@gmail.com	The houses being constructed are nowhere near the standard of the wootton development. We should at least review the proposals in line with the HBA recommendation as per the document that can be obtained at the following e-address http://www.architecture.com/files/submitting/policyandinterrelations/homeuse/corforpage.pdf	The proposals so far are totally inadequate to cope with a 25-30 % increase in housing in the area. We await the review from the Hampshire Transport Department with interest....	The local community hospital must be saved at all costs. (Altonians are bed blocking at Basingstoke Hospital that will only get worse unless we restore the beds at our community hospital.	We will need a new primary school very but all the members indicate that.	The town will only thrive if the facilities are improved and shops are attracted that make people want to go into town rather than shop in Basingstoke. The traders have plans we need to encourage them.		
GU 14 1QD	Lee Short	70	What is the plan for the already struggling sewerage system of Alton?		The proposed road layout at Lenton street to New Oakham road will not work. There used to be a T junction there and it was chaos	Alton's current health services struggle as it is	Do we have enough school places?	Who is going to compensate existing home owners for the loss in value of these properties? Also who compensates us for the loss of the beautiful views we currently enjoy One of the reasons for buying our property in the first place Hope you have a good lawyer		
GU34 2U	A Brennan	71	I have very strong feelings about the design of the new dwellings. At present we have more than enough uninspiring red brick developments (i.e. Treloar Estate) which do nothing for our town. I was pleased to see that this was mentioned in the Report.	The design policies are well thought out to ensure that the discreet setting of Alton within the surrounding landscape is maintained. Also that the new housing is of good design and contributes to the needs of the town in terms of the mix and design of dwellings.	The transport policies are comprehensive and also the action points for Alton Town Council. The overall requirement for a western bypass is recognised and the identification of key junctions. Good policies on streetscape, pedestrian networks, cycle storage, general parking and bus service provision. Butts bridge any modification to reflect the brick built present structure and to reflect the existing design.	Very comprehensive. Identifies the need for enhanced provision for a community centre and sports centre. Also need to expand health facilities for a growing population. Good policies regarding local green spaces and allotments and the provision of new children's play area.	Correctly identifies that Alton Town Centre needs to be vibrant and adaptable to future needs. Also that the town needs to be economically sustainable. Well thought out policies regarding access to allocated employment land, reuse of commercial brownfield land.	No changes to plan required		
GU34 2U	Mr J Dickson	72	All sound and agreed	Fine	Strongly agree that a western bypass for the A339 is crucial before Butts Bridge is considered for demolition. The Victorian bridge can then be retained as a fitting gateway into the historic town. Much better than a motorway style modern slab sided bridge as proposed recently. Page 48 provide parking space - a nebulous concept, could we please specify spaces per housing unit? or are we not allowed to do that in this document? Found 48 off street 63 from 174 well done.	Agreed - this section particularly well dealt with.	Agreed - additional school places needed to be completed and ready to accept students before new housing is occupied, as identified.	All aspects agreed	No changes to plan required	
GU34 2SD	Lisley Willis	73		The CNP has reached a very thoughtful balance of development spread around the town. If this could also be phased over a sensible time period for the town to assimilate the increase in population, it would be good.	TR4 19 - I support 20-30mins free parking to encourage short visits to the High Street. TR3 and 4 - strongly support. Consider installation of charging units for electric cars eg at Alton Station.	CH2 - Important that a new sports centre could actually provide the same level of facilities that the current one has. Also a large car park is needed. Visit on Monday morning to see how full the car park is! CH1 - With the brewery site as an opportunity to build a new, central community centre. This should include a flexible performance space for small scale productions/concerts. CH4 - Community hospital is highly important to the town and must be protected. CH5 & Strongly agree. Both policies very important.	ED1 - Schools expansion should take place ahead of new housing being occupied.	ES2 - Very important in the light of the closure of the brewery. Oppose any further out of town retail development.		
GU34 1GS	Edward Hepper	74	Agreed.	Within the limits of what is possible, I agree though would prefer even houses Borovore to be ruled out in order to preserve the Chateau gap.	Serious problems for HCC which must address for Cadnam - Anstey Road/Anstey Lane junction. Anstey Lane itself and the completion by the Shop and the Convert from on-street parking. Upper Anstey Lane and Golden Pot, Gilbert White Way. Old Oakham Road and the Golden Pot. Butts junction pedestrian tunnel in south abutment and adverse effect of improvement in Seabrook.	Agreed. NB Anstey Park has a skateboard area.	Agreed.			
		76							(1) we need the houses. Ideally too we need houses at prices ordinary people without rich parents can afford (2) The western by pass, with building north of ackdown woods up to the basingstoke road seems worth pursuing. Near vertical cutting through the wood - as Winchester M3 - 2 or 3 bridges over for pedestrians and horses (3) It is possible to jack a bridge through the embankment, both at the Butts and also at western bypass alignment south of the A321/33 roundabout. Could minimise disruption (4) It's all very well providing less car parking as per guidelines, but personal observation suggests even one bed flats often have two cars outside them, and many families have 3 or 4 cars when their teenagers reach a certain age. Basement, or raised ground floors with parking under? (5) Don't build south of the A31 bypass. This will lead to sprawl (6) Is there a way for councils to hold the houses on publicly owned land, so that the land cost, which I am led to understand is the major part of housing costs can be taken out of the equation? (7) Given the brewery is leaving, can't the plan be reviewed soon after issue. The central site could provide housing, close to shops, and transport links (8) Don't build up above the skyline (9) don't allow any council houses without at least 1 for 1 replacement (10) Stop developers coming back with late changes part way through construction. My property has suffered through late drainage changes. New houses at the hollybore end have screening thinned down or removed to allow the developer a few more pounds.	
	Mike Donnett	77							Thank you for consulting Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on the Pre Submission version of the Alton Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The council welcomes this opportunity to work with Alton Town Council in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate on cross boundary issues of common concern and interest. The Borough Council has no specific cross boundary comments in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan. However, more generally the borough council supports Objective 3c of the Alton Neighbourhood Plan 'To encourage the provision of public transport services both within the town and beyond', and suggests that the Parish Council liaises with the relevant public transport providers, such as Basingstoke and with Hampshire County Council to achieve this. The Council would like to be kept up to date of progress made	No changes to plan required

GU34 28D	David Giles	78									<p>I am writing to formally object to the draft Alton Neighbourhood Plan which has recently been opened to public consultation. At the same time I would also like to express my deep concern at the undemocratic way that the Plan and recent planning applications have been handled. There is much that could be said, but at its base level the Neighbourhood Plan is supposed to be representative of the majority view. This is demonstrably not the case in the current iteration of the Plan. Specifically, following the public consultation in February 2014, findings from preferences reported regarding the largest sites covered by the EHDCC Strategic Housing and Availability Assessment showed the most favoured locations as Trelours 1 and 2 and the least favoured as Will Hall Farm (quoted from your own Executive Summary, Analysis of Results from Community Questionnaire, published October 2014). The data very clearly showed 'strong opposition' to the Will Hall Farm site (ibid, p.14), also revealing that this location attracted the fewest number of 'welcome' development votes. The reasons for the public's rejection of developing Will Hall Farm are manifestly clear from both this research and from the unprecedented number of objections to the planning application of development subsequently put in. In summation, the site is inappropriate because it is separated from the rest of Alton by an unavoidably busy road, there are no amenities in the vicinity, it would destroy productive agricultural land and obliterate an exceptionally popular countryside walk, the utilities in the area (particularly drainage) are insufficient for such a large scale development, it would damage the character of the town at this key gateway, there is insufficient schooling and healthcare provision in the town for such an influx of people and the transport infrastructure is weak in this area, particularly at weekends. Furthermore, there is not even a demonstrable need for additional housing - gulfamer.co.uk currently lists 148 already-built properties for sale in the Alton area. Yet, despite this, the draft Plan that has now been put forward for ratification suggests that Will Hall Farm should be built on, rejecting instead sites that were considerably less popular for development. It has proved exceptionally difficult to extract any rationale for this site: the ANP members who suggest that I should have been at the presentation to discuss their reasoning. That said, I deduce from the scant information available that the preference for this site is because 'Altonians have misunderstood the scope of the development' and that it will not infringe on the flood plain towards the lower elevations of the plot. This, if true, is a highly offensive - dirty, residents should be created with some intelligence and, secondly, the plan did not show any development of the lower regions. Surely at least further consultation should have taken place prior to blindly going ahead with this draft Plan that tramples over public opinion? I gather that despite the strong opposition, the EHDCC planning committee voted to develop Will Hall Farm in any case. I trust that Alton Town Council will be submitting an Article 25 application to the Secretary of State to halt the Will Hall Farm development as they have done with the South Alton proposals this week. If not, serious questions need to be answered with regard to the democratic process - as the South Alton plans, though not ideal, were considerably less opposed by Alton residents than were the Will Hall Farm proposals.</p>
GU34 20R	Allison Cliffe on behalf of Alton Buckle	80									<p>I've sent the link to the draft Alton NP to schools. My only comment is on Pg 79 5th line of the paragraph should read 'These schools' as the infant and junior schools are separate schools. You've done a great job with the report in protecting the character and beauty of Alton under the requirements of expanding the town.</p>
GU34 1D	Edward Hepper	81									<p>Employment Land (pages 19 and 84-86). The Lynch Hill site is an obvious candidate but, despite it being outside Alton Town boundary, we must ensure that it respects the policies about not intruding into the green skyline. Cadnam (pages 40-41, & 48-52). The road access to this site is VERY problematic for Anstey Rd / Anstey Lane Junction, Anstey Lane itself with on road parking and so congestion near the shop and the Convent Upper Anstey Lane and so increased traffic in the dangerous Cadnam Rd junction Gilbert White Way / Old Cadnam Road and so the Cadnam Rd Butts Junction (page 51). There is no mention of the effect on Salbome of significant improvement of the Butts. I would like to see mention of a pedestrian tunnel through the southernmost abutment. Recreation Areas - Anstey Park (page 27 & 75). No mention of the significant skateboard site. Aids a minor suggestion for clarity. Could the Policy Numbers of Annex B be included in the relevant lines of the contents Page 5?</p>
GU34 1TL	Matt Bland	82									<p>I write in support of all the proposed areas for housing/building designated in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. I believe a substantial increase in the number of residents of the town is necessary to sustain local services and a thriving town centre for commerce. If steps are not taken to attract more residents, particularly young families which are economically active, then I expect the town to continue to decline.</p>
GU34 1HK	Jeremy Duggan	83									<p>I have just spent 45 minutes reading the 100 page 'Alton Neighbourhood Plan' via your website. This was brought to my attention by the 'Love Alton' Facebook page. I am extremely impressed with this document. Comprehensive, Clear, Attractive, Highly professional and well written. I comment everywhere involved in it's production. I come to the Plan with, maybe, a quite different viewpoint from most Alton residents: I have only lived in the Alton for ten years, and East Hants for twelve years. I am in my mid 50s, married, a home owner, self-employed. I have lived and owned properties in Essex, Staffordshire... London... Middlesex... Surrey... Isle of Wight... towns... villages. Maybe all of this explains why I fully support the Plan. I fully support the need for housing development, as and when viable, over the next thirteen years (I believe I read 2028 somewhere in the Plan). I want to see Alton thrive and grow, not stagnate. As an 'incomer' who found and fell in love with Alton through using the B3006 and B3349 as a commuter, ten to fifteen years ago, I maybe see Alton through less 'rose tinted spectacles' than many fellow residents. I want to continue to wish to live in Alton, for many years to come. Alton is "... an historic and characterful market town in East Hampshire ..." and, so long as development is high quality, emphatic, interesting (even when it's for social or 50+ or rental), then it will surely all be good for the town. One point I would challenge, though, is on page 8: "... a shortage of available broadleaf sites...". Surely, with the departure of Coom in May, this changes? I think Alton has grown admirably and attractively with the 55+ developments near the Public Gardens and, most recently, on the Calfrens site. I urge you to consider more such development in and around the Coom site / rear of Sainsbury's/Butts Railway Bridge as an issue being dealt with elsewhere and I have already written to Damien Hinds on the subject so I shall not say much here other than that I strongly object to this one element of the current proposals. The Victorian railway bridge is iconic and must not be lost. I do, though, support consideration be given to expanding access at Northfield Lane, by replacing that railway bridge instead (what concerns me most, as an Alton resident, is how we reverse the tide of retail/business closures in Alton. I support and endorse Page 80: "... Objective 5a: 'To protect and enhance the role of Alton town centre as a retail, tourism and hospitality hub, which is vibrant and adaptable to future needs...'". I suggest a further objective to help meet Objective 5a: an objective to attract young professionals, rather than simply "... Providing homes to meet local needs...", perhaps through a primarily rental / apartment development. I'm not sure where, but maybe the Wilson Road site will meet that need. We should strive to attract more young commuters - the ones who can't afford to live in Farnham! I can hear the outcry that these young professionals will only want cafes and restaurants in Alton High Street... but, better that than empty retail units... and then, maybe, Between The Lines and the like will return. More seriously, I believe the three key concerns which I and my neighbours share which must be clearly discussed and fully resolved in the Plan are Health, Transport and Schools. Health: it is simply not acceptable to waive all of this through on the vague notion of expanding Butts and Woolstays schools. Health: I appreciate the plans are afoot for a "mega hospital" near Durrum and some form of satellite facility in Alton but, again, health provision, especially GPs, is fundamental. Transport: the key outstanding item is Hampshire County Council's 'Alton Strategic Transport Study'. The Neighbourhood Plan and that Transport Study must surely go hand in hand? Anecdotally, the declining bus service is a real block to young people finding work - just ask my step-daughters. I welcome your proposals for Paths... Cycling... Open Spaces... and Allotments... again, all important aspects of what makes Alton what it is. Congratulations on putting together an excellent plan. I am in agreement with it all, and would hope that EHDCC planners decide it is worthy of their consideration after all. Is there any chance the soon-to-be vacated brewery site could be considered as a potential location for a new Community Centre, although I understand this involves a change of land use? It is central and there is enough space to provide for parking. My concerns are for greater provision of safe walking and cycling routes within Alton, and a central location of this facility would go a long way to enabling access by cycle or on foot, so long as the infrastructure was provided.</p>
GU34	Janicke Montgomerie	84									<p>I have just completed a full read through of the plan having scanned it on the internet previously. Firstly I want to say what a tremendous job you and all in your team have made of this plan and to produce such a comprehensive document in just over a year pays testament to all your efforts. The AEWRA will do our best to bang the drum and get residents to read it and comment either on the AIC website or via the paper sheets I got from Tony South. I hope you don't mind me making some observations but I have noticed a number of minor things and one more major thing that you might want to adjust - I p 19 There is a 15 on the map but not in the key 2. P 32 Allocations section. The Lord Mayor Trelours phase 2 explanation is not very clear and I think it will be mis-constructed or simply ignored. The reader needs to 'get it first' and they won't read, when they have a further 50 pages to go at! 3. p33 There is a 14 on the map but not in the key 4. p 51 Plans 2 and 3 appear to be in conflict. Even with "feasible improvement", a western by-pass being one such improvement, the Butts bridge (a junction known to be overloaded at present during peak periods p50) will become overloaded by 2028. I think it is a weak part of your otherwise excellent plan. It would be wise to consider how much more to take of certain lobbyists in order to avoid being accused of conflict of interest. 5. p 53-64 What does TRAP mean - needs spelling out first time. Same goes for CHAP, EDAP and ESAP? I want to say to you and your team what a fantastic performance and result for our town that this plan represents. Would that ATC had given you the green light earlier.</p>
GU34	Markus and Tessa Thomson	86									<p>I have just read the draft neighbourhood plan and am impressed with the thoroughness and voluntary hard work that has been invested into doing the best for the development of the town of Alton. My husband and I are both residents of Alton and artists, recently having held a successful joint exhibition at the Allen Gallery. We would like to make a suggestion for your consideration. That is, to use any selected vacant shop windows to temporarily show works of art from top quality local artists. This will stop the shop fronts from going off the down and glass feeling when they are empty and it will also give the different artists an opportunity to show and even sell their works of art. It will provide an ever changing attraction for the tourists and shoppers and there will also be ways for them to actually buy the work. We are happy to be the organisers, gathering a collection of work from local artists and being the voice at the end of the telephone when any member of the public is interested in buying something they have seen. We are also happy to be the coordinators between the artists, shop owners and the public, making sure that these shops always look attractive and interesting too. Obviously contracts would have to be drawn up with the agents of the shops, that the premises would be duly vacated when and if the shops are rented out, and to insure that any other interests are represented. Thank you for your time, reading and considering this idea, and we look forward to your response and suggestions.</p>
GU34	Lindsay McKenzie	87									<p>Hello I am emailing on behalf of many of my friends. We find it heart breaking that the feelings of Alton residents are just not considered. The towns that do not seem to care that all the charm of Alton is slowly disappearing. Now the brewery is closing could that plot be used for housing and leave some of our countryside alone. The feeling is that will just be built on as well. I live in Queens road and I am not alone in feeling that our pretty road will just be used as a cut through road by many when all the new houses are built. Why aren't residents not considered?</p>
	ENVIRONMENT AGENCY	88									<p>Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on your draft neighbourhood plan. Having reviewed the document, including the proposed allocated sites, we have the following comments to make. General Comments We are pleased with the reference on page 34 that provides explicit recognition regarding waste water disposal. It is very positive to see that developers will be requested to demonstrate there is adequate wastewater/sewerage capacity and surface water drainage, both onto and off the sites, to serve their specific development proposal. Also that where there is a capacity problem and no improvements are programmed by the water company, the developer needs to agree required improvements prior to the occupation of the development. This is essential to ensure that there is protection and to avoid pollution of the water environment. We are also happy to see that the individual site requirements are highlighting the importance of ensuring that sites have adequate drainage and flood management provisions as well as sewerage infrastructure and capacity. This should hopefully ensure that drainage is considered holistically and that proposed schemes are effective in their operation. Consideration may need to be given to the maintenance of any surface water features that are implemented. Site Specific Comments We are pleased to see that all the sites proposed in this document are being allocated in flood zone 1. Will Hall Farm (HO3 (e)) is obviously the exception to this. We are however satisfied that the development requirements for the site will ensure that the built development will be confined to the flood zone 1 area with flood zone 2 and 3 areas including the River Corridor, being left free from development. This is following the flood risk management hierarchy of avoidance first, consistent with the guidance in national planning policy. We hope that you find the above comments useful. Local Green Spaces and afforded additional protection due to their demonstrable value to the local community. Anstey Park, Alton Public Gardens, Alton Flood Meadows (to the rear of Lenten Street), Holybourne Play Area; King's Pond; The Butts Green; Greenfields; Windmill Hill; Allotment land (four sites at Boverine, Hawthorns, Spitalfields/Woolstays and Whitdown) and St Lawrence's Churchyard would add that Green space provided for the new developments for recreation and enjoyment should also be given 'Local Green Space' protection to safeguard them for the reasons they were created. Alton needs more children's play areas, sports facilities and allotments where all ages can participate but these need to be sited in accessible and safe locations to encourage safe and continued use. I have seen children's play areas included in the new developments applications but not allotments so it could be my memory to identify appropriate sites for housing allocation within Alton and Holybourne, only took account of sites that had been previously included in the East Hampshire District Council SHLAA (2014). It is not considered that this approach provided the most comprehensive assessment of potential development sites. The sites within Alton and Holybourne that were excluded from the East Hampshire SHLAA (2014), were excluded for various reasons, some relating to technical constraints which could potentially be addressed with further information. A reassessment of an SHLAA sites would therefore have identified whether there had been any change in circumstance or new information relating to excluded sites, which may address previous constraints identified by EHDCC. This would have provided a more comprehensive and thorough assessment to underpin the Neighbourhood Plan process. Draft Policy CHS - Local Green Space and Open Space Planning committee agenda and supplementary matters 17 Feb. Will Hall Farm. ---amendments to conditions item22 shows encroachment on green meadow. Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission consultation draft page 45 sites 'green area not developable due to River Wey' Comment please. Another point for comment if you are able is the gas main along the New Oakham Road. This has had several leaks in the past. We were told once replacement not required as it was hardened by agricultural land and not housing. (Interpretation, if explosion no great loss of life as only one side of road would be affected) will this be updated before any building work commences?</p>
Greenfields Avenue	Jonathon Jarvis	90									<p>I point out that not all elderly people in multi level houses want to move to Maccarthy Stone type blocks-some would prefer to remain in Alton in bungalows, of which there is extreme shortage. But there is such a shortage of land/A the "fringes" of allocated building land where multi-storey houses cannot be built in cases they spoil the skyline could be re-allocated for bungalows. It is a comfort to older people to remain in their community, and release their houses that are now beyond them and their abilities to care for them, and have space ATC needs to show it is looking after its elder community by giving extra choices rather than "expecting" them to go to large retirement blocks which can be very expensive. B. the NP should encourage the design principles of "adaptable housing" aka "lifetime" housing. This could make housing more related to local peoples on housing lists more accessible, rather than developers building 4-5 bedroom houses which are used to house downsizing people from afar as sewerage infrastructure and capacity. This should hopefully ensure that drainage is considered holistically and that proposed schemes are effective in their operation. Consideration may need to be given to the maintenance of any surface water features that are implemented. Site Specific Comments We are pleased to see that all the sites proposed in this document are being allocated in flood zone 1. Will Hall Farm (HO3 (e)) is obviously the exception to this. We are however satisfied that the development requirements for the site will ensure that the built development will be confined to the flood zone 1 area with flood zone 2 and 3 areas including the River Corridor, being left free from development. This is following the flood risk management hierarchy of avoidance first, consistent with the guidance in national planning policy. We hope that you find the above comments useful. Local Green Spaces and afforded additional protection due to their demonstrable value to the local community. Anstey Park, Alton Public Gardens, Alton Flood Meadows (to the rear of Lenten Street), Holybourne Play Area; King's Pond; The Butts Green; Greenfields; Windmill Hill; Allotment land (four sites at Boverine, Hawthorns, Spitalfields/Woolstays and Whitdown) and St Lawrence's Churchyard would add that Green space provided for the new developments for recreation and enjoyment should also be given 'Local Green Space' protection to safeguard them for the reasons they were created. Alton needs more children's play areas, sports facilities and allotments where all ages can participate but these need to be sited in accessible and safe locations to encourage safe and continued use. I have seen children's play areas included in the new developments applications but not allotments so it could be my memory to identify appropriate sites for housing allocation within Alton and Holybourne, only took account of sites that had been previously included in the East Hampshire District Council SHLAA (2014). It is not considered that this approach provided the most comprehensive assessment of potential development sites. The sites within Alton and Holybourne that were excluded from the East Hampshire SHLAA (2014), were excluded for various reasons, some relating to technical constraints which could potentially be addressed with further information. A reassessment of an SHLAA sites would therefore have identified whether there had been any change in circumstance or new information relating to excluded sites, which may address previous constraints identified by EHDCC. This would have provided a more comprehensive and thorough assessment to underpin the Neighbourhood Plan process. Draft Policy CHS - Local Green Space and Open Space</p>
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GU34 1X	Catherine Finn	112	There are areas within Alton that I feel should be looked at for redevelopment prior to green areas (Will Hall farm etc) being given up for housing. For example the Coors brewery site.	As a resident of Ackemder Road, which is already used greatly as a cut through, often by people using ridiculous speeds for a residential road, I would welcome the 20mph restrictions to be increased - as long as these are actively enforced (unlike the current access only restriction currently on this road.)	I worry that resources will become stretched and standards will fall.				
GU34 2P	Rachel Palmer	113	We do need to provide more housing. However, I'd specifically like to comment on the 25 houses suggested for Wilson Road, one of the edge of town greenfield sites. This seems a strange place for housing. It's not even near the settlement boundary it's so much in the country. I'm concerned that it would result in a wealth uplift of the Walsell Hill field. Additionally, the houses appear to wrap around the 9 houses at the end of Wilson Road. The site goes uphill, and their visual impact will be great. If they were just spread along Wilson Road without going behind, it wouldn't be so bad. The houses 100-86 Wilson Road will surely be developed by this development coupled with the employment land directly opposite them, the new link road to the A11 and a possible solar farm around the corner. Poor people who live there getting 4 things at once. Maybe compensation could be made to them. I don't think this site is appropriate.	The Western bypass is the ultimate answer but it's at least 10 years away so, when these developments are carried out the congestion on Charston Park Road, Whitewind Lane and the Seabone Road will significantly increase. Therefore it's essential to deal with this in the short term by dismantling Butts bridge and building the new wide one with all the associated works, roundabout etc. Don't agree with it being listed.	We really need to keep our community hospital especially as the town grows.				
GU34 3P	Ginny Bewell	114	Housing on brown field sites where possible, save as much of our green space as possible under our housing quota allocation.	Happy with all the development planned as there is a dire need for homes. Happier with the 20s affordable.	We must retain the Community hospital. It's so convenient rather than the journey to Basingstoke which has to be by car as the journey is very difficult by public transport. Can it's services be increased to ensure it's survival? The Alton surgeries should try to use it whenever possible. As was said at the presentation I would be keen to keep open spaces, formal sports facilities and playgrounds.		No changes to plan required		
GU34 1UA	Marilyn Lewis	115		The suggested policies are in line with the views made by the majority of the people of ALTON. However, what will be the effect of the departure of COOKS from the brewery site - plus the ALD site near by? - assuming of course those sites would be available for housing rather than "industry".	The current Health situation will be under great strain with the advent of the extra population unless action is taken to improve the present facilities. Any suggestion to remove the Community Hospital should be resisted strongly. It is vital this remains (and enhanced) to cover additional needs. Suggest the wording after the word "period" be deleted - also the words "somewhat underused" be removed.	OK providing any extra facilities are in the appropriate locations for the additional housing			
GU34 2J1	Roy Light	116	NO - but I would like to use this section of the form to express my thanks for the excellent work that has gone into the production of this plan. ALL concerned should be very proud of their (joint) efforts on behalf of ALTON. I hope that all the work will be rewarded with success.	We need more affordable housing, but no more age-restricted developments, or houses with more than 4 bedrooms - we already have plenty of those. BUT before you build even one more house make sure that the infrastructure is there to support the people of Alton (both old & new). Alton is used to change, most people accept that there will be some changes & more housing - but we value the surrounding countryside too, & do not want Alton to spread over the hills until we reach Basingstoke.	It seems to me that despite the traffic problems clearly shown during rush hours along Ansey Road, Ansey Lane etc (RCC) a turning a blind eye to the potential chaotic situation which will inevitably arise with the building of the proposed developments. All infrastructure should be in place before any developments begin.		Alton Town is in a bad way - a combined effort from the towns people PLUS a more visible view on trains and buses may help BUT it may take a miracle for it to return to anything like it's former "glory".		
GU34 2NE	Donna Reeves	117							
GU34 1RG	Ian Zambra	118	I appreciate all the hard work put into the ANP and for me one of the most important things is not to allow the town to be developed above the natural green skyline. Alton is a beautifully hidden market town in a basin of sloping down land.....please let's protect this.	Any future developments must have proper storage provision for wheeled bins. Is the existing sewerage system adequate for the planned development?	It would be a huge mistake to close Alton Community hospital. Many Altonians use this facility and as the town is growing in population surely the need to keep this hospital open to us. As public transport to Basingstoke is not very good it is also important to keep the hospital open for those who do not have a car.	With so many new houses planned surely there is a need for new schools for children of all ages. Simply expanding what we already have will not be enough. Also it is detrimental to expand a school such as The Butts School to the point that they lose their amazing sports fields at a time when child obesity is growing and we need to encourage children to take more physical activity.	No changes to plan required		
GU34 2AP	Erwin Portner	119			Alton Community Hospital is an absolute godsend - one of Alton's most important civic services. It must be protected at all costs.		No changes to plan required		
GU34 2BF	Bill Griffin	120	This comment applies to all sections. As a result of an enormous amount of thorough research followed by highly detailed policy development, a comprehensive and robust ANP has been produced. It is robust in terms both of its evidence base and its consistent linkage to national and local planning documentation. All those involved are to be congratulated on their dedication and application to the task. It is therefore an enormous shame that the ANP has not been able to influence the recent EDDC planning decisions on major Alton developments. It is quite obvious that the Location Act deliberately created delaying obstacles designed to slow the development of neighbourhood plans so that such influence could not be brought to bear. It is equally obvious that EDDC planning officers only invoked the ANP where its policies happened to coincide with the developer's plans - otherwise the ANP was dismissed. Also applying to several sections is consideration of the future of the brewery site once Molson Coors cease operations later in 2015. While the ANP notes that this is happening, perhaps it should go further and include a statement about what would be the most desirable future use of the site. Such a statement would, however, lack any public consultation or evidence base. Nevertheless, with that caveat, it could be worth making.	In reference to AL026 land between 60 and 86 Wilson road. I'm principal do not object to this development the land is unused. I object to the housing wrapping round behind the existing properties on Wilson road, the site at that point is higher than our properties, causing us to be overlooked. As the rest of windmill hill behind this site is currently out of scope for the schh I am concerned that this could then open up for future development behind it. The policies state that the plan focuses on creating the character of the town and surrounding countryside this will be eroded if this health provision is allowed. I would also need some validation reassurance that the work here would not affect the integrity of our property that is the access to this site, large excavation of the land could undermine our home.	In line with your policies existing facilities would need to be protected. I am concerned the healthcare provision is not planned to expand in line with town growth.	I am concerned that the schools will not have kept pace with development with 2018. I would think it will take longer to develop the schools than the houses. This cannot be allowed to happen we offer a great educational choice in Alton and this needs to be preserved.			
GU34 2SL	Liz Piper	122	Good	Good	Good	Good		No changes to plan required	
GU34 2TX	Jonathan Stehli	123		HO1: What is the number of dwellings in Alton before the any new build of the 700 (minimum) and the additional 1031 dwellings already with planning permission, i.e. what is the percentage (minimum) increase? HO1: Housing provision needs to include low cost or affordable homes - what provision is made for social housing? HO1(a): What is the density of recently built sites at Treloar or Barley Fields? HO1(a): Development at Boversey Farm: Housing here would be visible from the A11, breaching the policy for housing to be concealed (DE1). Road noise from the A11 dual carriageway - will this require noise shielding? Has a noise level survey been conducted? Traffic entering the town via the Butts bridge from the development would place additional stress on this pinch point. HO3(b): Treloar development: What consideration is there on the impact on existing wooded area by building and the density of housing as already built? What is the impact on drainage and surface water use off? HO3(b): Alton Convent School site - is this from the site of school playing fields?	CH1: If the Community Hospital is underused and at risk, why not GP provision visitor parking to reduce the risk of onward parking?	CH1: If the Community Hospital is underused and at risk, why not GP provision visitor parking to reduce the risk of onward parking?	CH1: If the Community Hospital is underused and at risk, why not GP provision visitor parking to reduce the risk of onward parking?	CH1: If the Community Hospital is underused and at risk, why not GP provision visitor parking to reduce the risk of onward parking?	
GU34 2QP	James Volter	124	I would like to thank the steering group team for finding the most suitable areas to build the many new homes required - particularly for the Wilson site and the Convent site are both good viable locations to build. Smaller infill sites are preferable against large mass development on greenfield sites, which are not in keeping with the character of our market town.	I feel the steering group have spent many months of their time, gathering comments and presenting feedback from Alton residents. They have now come up with a Neighbourhood Plan which is the least impact option. It is essential this plan is adopted, otherwise all the effort and voluntary time given to produce this robust and detailed document would be wasted. I feel the smaller developments should be given precedence over larger greenfield developments. The town lacks banglows and the site at Wilson Rd would lend itself to single storey dwellings on the higher ground.	I'd like to show support for a relief road from the centre of town via Wilson Road onto the A11. This would ease congestion through the town and allow quick access for commercial vehicles to the extended industrial area proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan.	I feel it is vital that hospitals are kept open if our town is to grow at the rate required by central government.	I would like to support the proposed Day Nursery beside Egges School. The town lacks facilities for full-day children.	I feel the proposed Wilson Road industrial estate would be preferable to building on greenfield off Waterbrook Road. Less intrusive into the countryside.	No changes to plan required
GU34 4EW	Chris Gavin	125						No changes to plan required	
GU34 2QP	Fiona Volter	126	I am keen to keep the large developments to a minimum, as in my view they are not in keeping with our pretty market town. Smaller infill sites seem the best option. I am disappointed that the historic Butts bridge, a gateway landmark into our town, could be demolished to make way for 250 homes some of which are on hill tops which goes against our emerging Neighbourhood Plan. I am so pleased with our town council taking in the decision under Section 25.	I support the central relief road from to the A11. This could be phased by constructing one side of carriageway and a second carriageway added later.	The existing hospitals must be kept open, particularly so when our town is growing. I feel the existing sports centre should be given to structure with complete refurbishment. The Convent site could be a leisure complex with easy access from the station.	I feel all schools should be extended rather than new schools being built.	I feel that the town would benefit from a new double train line from Farnham to Alton as it used to be.		
GU34 1QX	Anne Mayne	127						No changes to plan required	
GU34 2RS	Rod Eckles	128						No changes to plan required	
GU34 1JP	Jennifer Sinclair	129	The steering group have done a great job in reflecting the view of an Altonians and I agree with the document they have produced.	The people have been listened to on the best places to build houses and whilst nobody wants new housing, we have to accept our population is growing and houses are needed, the smaller developments are preferable and are in more keeping with our market town, such as Bass Sports ground/Wilson road land behind the convent school/the Barley Mow pub. This neighbourhood plan has taken a long time to produce and I hope the recommended areas to build on are included in our new neighbourhood plan.	I feel the traffic lights at Holybourne should be part time and only operate a peak times. I also feel that the Butts bridge is an attractive feature of our town and should be listed and a relief road built on the corner of the Butts Green to relieve traffic pressure. The bridge offers a traffic calming feature to the town.	Our hospitals are operating at full capacity and waiting times are too lengthy. Hospitals need to be expanded to cope with the new level of housing.	The schools need to be expanded to cope with the growing population.	The railway should be extended up to Four Marks. This would stop the Four Marks/medstead traffic driving down using our parking and congesting the town.	
GU34 4E2	Janey Brown	130	No comment	Low cost housing is needed in our town and all new areas to build should have 40% low cost housing to help people get on the property ladder. Land should be identified as closely as possible in the centre of town for transport and railway links. I feel there is a great need for banglows for the elderly to be built close to us we have an aging population and developers are not building this type of property.	More buses should be provided and cycle lanes to encourage people to use a greener form of transport	No comment		No comments	
GU34 1QX	G Mayne	131						No changes to plan required	
GU34 2TT	M Harris	132	Well thought through and evidence based	Completely agree there is a need for housing but not at the expense of taking away our sky line	The Alton Community Hospital perform a valuable if somewhat underused role. This misleading if it is meant to mean that it could be used more. Given the impression that we don't need it whereas it is a vital service that will become even more important as the population grows. CH1 you should take this bit out altogether " it can be demonstrated that it is either no longer needed or". The Sports Centre replacement must be bigger than the existing one if it is to serve an ever increasing population.	School places are heavily over subscribed currently yet alone additional housing. Need expansion at both ends of town. Again infrastructure first	Convent site should be catalysed for all that is lacking currently including sports centre, shopping mall, and two and three bedroom flats. It could also include development on the ALD site (Minnetosta)		
GU34 2NU	Alan Webster Brown	133	Overdevelopment and lack of infrastructure compared with Wootsey, which was designed with housing for all generations, a school and a shopping parade.					One of the car parks at the Normandy Street end of town, either Victoria Road or Rogers Court, should have 2 hours free parking to compete with Sainsbury's and encourage shoppers to use the traders on Normandy Street.	

GU34 1UG	Ian Gilson	134	I support the design policies as stated in the plan	I am realistic about the need for development in Alton, but think it is a shame that policy does not allow for the potential new site on the Coors brewery to be considered before jumping in and building on our greenbelt. I strongly support the desire to prevent building on the higher slopes of Treloars and Borrowers. In my role as Chair of TERA, I hope that lessons will be learned from the first phase of development at Treloars and that the second phase will be better planned and built.	It is regretful that EHO's transport study has not been published as promised and cannot be integrated into the plan. At this stage, the transport policies cannot be detailed as I would have liked and I agree with the stance taken. In particular, I have major concerns about the effect of development on the junction between Chawton PK Rd and Whitelands Lane, which will be further exacerbated by the intended demolition of Butts Bridge.	I support the aims of the plan, but have reservations over the following: 1. The position regarding the hospital outfall on p99 needs clarifying - I agree with comments raised by the Alton Society on this point. 2. I have concerns about the current plans for the new Sports Centre and the confines of the plot currently being considered.	I am extremely concerned about the future of The Butts School in particular and its ability to cope with the required expansion without losing playing space and essential character. I recognise that this is highlighted as a concern in the plan however and support the general policy.	I agree with the policies as outlined.			
GU34 2FF	J M Ramsay	135	Going out down Anstey Lane turning left by Anstey Park at 8.30 a.m. We were in a traffic queue from Anstey Lane to the traffic lights. Will your designs for 250 houses at Cadrams Farm improve this?	This town does not have room for more housing. The government has changed its mind on greenfield sites	A railway line needs to be reinstated from Alton to Basingstoke. Many Altonians work in Basingstoke.	There is not enough health provision for the existing population in Alton. It will be at crisis point!	The education in this country is so bad that children very often are unable to read or do basic maths at the end of primary education. This is what primary education is supposed to mean. What hope is there for overcrowded comprehensives. We are turning out unemployable teenagers. It is little wonder that other countries send educated youngsters here for our jobs.	The councils books will balance but the towns amenities wont. I dont believe that town councils can fight county councils especially when government has already changed its mind.	What is the point in this form when Alton has already relied over and allowed itself to be ridden on!		
GU34 14S	Peter Desmond Thomas	136	General points: All design should be harmonious and consistent with best practice (ie professional bodies), in particular all communication should be plain english (Plain English Society).	Must be matching infrastructure such as GP surgeries, NHS dental care provision and school provision.	There is a need for an out-of-hours urgent care centre which is easily accessible without restriction to public transport, notwithstanding the need for improved bus services for access to Basingstoke Hospital.	See previous comments	See previous comments	1. There is an overwhelming need to shorten up the main drag from Alton Station to the redundant magistrates court. In particular the desolate state of unenclosed commercial premises (e.g. The bon bon newagents). 2. To improve pavements particular where asphalt surfaces still remain and improve litter collection and control.	No changes to plan required		
GU34 1TE	I Collins	137							Firstly, I would like to say that the 2 proposed sites, although given permission around the time when the development was applied for alongside the hospital is probably the nicest site of natural beauty around the outskirts of Alton and contains the best view of the Albourne direction. It also seems a shame to lose this natural site Alton with protection orders on the watercourse and Victorian out building. The trees leading to the orchard have been razed and the field has rare orchids as well as a mouse house for various butterflies (never seen locally) when left to grow naturally. I have lived and known this site for over 40 years and as for the Japanese bird weed supposedly dug and dealt with we all know there is next to no chance of this having been done successfully and suspect it to be everywhere! We also have heard that the council may be planning to make a picnic area within the ackender woods entrance path... and can't really understand that what the residents want is for the area to be left to its own devices and not ruined entirely. Secondly the proposed no 5 site by the Albourne road and between back lane is a site from which the river Wey itself begins and residents cannot believe this could be dug and built upon without harm being caused to the natural start of the river for which Alton is known for. If the council could leave the site no 2 and not cut or maintain the field I think residents and walkers would have a chance to enjoy this wonderful natural site untroubled by any other site in the local area.		
GU34 2FF	Peter Bell	138	Important to retain the essential nature of the town as it nests in the bowl between the hills. Also to preserve the views in and out of the town (ie not compromise the skyline) also to consider the drainage into the town, especially as the current housing is mainly in the valley. Housing design should be traditional in keeping with an old market town and not brick boxes.	Need for low cost housing for existing local families, and not merely for higher value houses that appeal to the commuter.	All aspects of transport needs considering, and not assume everyone uses a car, and that peak flow is allowed for without long build up of traffic. Ideally it should be possible to walk to the main shops (especially for food) as those without cars (frequently low income families) then need a tool to carry shopping home - something they can all afford. Ideally southern end should have traffic diverted away from the Butts area, to preserve Butts and reduce flow on Whitelands Lane.	Leisure facilities would need to be adequate for the projected population into the next 50 years (the presumed life of the buildings) and bear in mind the push for sports centres to encourage activities for a healthy lifestyle. I agree the community centre needs updating and more appealing in nature, currently it is functional but quite bleak and unfriendly - although the staff and visitors are totally the opposite. Health and school facilities are stretched and need to be in place before development, not an afterthought	Schools spaces would need to be in place before housing is built. Although there is currently some space in the secondary schools new housing tends to generate a demand for junior places first.			No changes to plan required	
GU34 28E	A W Dalton	139	Housing on the hills create more traffic into the town creating the need for more parking and pollution	Alton housing should only be for people with connections to Alton	The only answer is a Western Bypass	The new hospital at Basingstoke will be too far to meet guidelines on ambulance times	Comprehensive schools are too large to give personal attention to those getting left behind	All towns and the country needs more manufacturing. We need to create work for those who are not amongst the best educated and with the best IQ. Building work should be given to local builders.	No changes to plan required		
GU34 28E	Ian Dalton	140	We should be using brownfield sites such as Coors land, not putting houses on greenfield land.	Housing in Alton should be for local people especially younger people who can't afford to buy here. Affordable housing should be built on the Coors site	The previous plans for a link road to take traffic away from the Butts should be reinstated, so that it would not be necessary to rebuild Butts Bridge	The new sports centre will need to be larger than the current one with plenty of parking.	We will need more schools, not larger ones.	We need work for local people.	No changes to plan required		
GU34 24R	Paul Smith	141	I WISH TO CONGRATULATE THE STEERING GROUP FOR THE CRUCIAL WORK ON THE NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND AGREE WITH THE ROBUST DOCUMENT THAT THEY HAVE PRODUCED.	My order of sites would be: 1 BORDON ROAD SITE WILSON 2 TRELOAR SITE LOWER LEVEL ONLY 3 CADRAMS FARM 4 CONVENT SITE 5 BASS COORS	We need more traffic lights and more free parking	Our hospitals need to be expanded, waiting times are far too long	We need more day nurseries	Solar panels should be fitted on all public buildings	No changes to plan required		
GU34 4BU	Robin Lees	142		The Plan misses the opportunity to improve the transport infrastructure, except minor tinkering with details. Worried though these actions are, there is no plan to provide a western bypass or to solve the incipient problems posed by the development of the southern side of the town. Approval for the Cadrams development may be completed by those proposed at Highwood and that West of Old Midham Road. If all these are implemented there will be additional "problem junctions" such as Old Chalkham Road/Gibson White Way, COB/Greenfields Avenue and along Anstey Lane, including the junction with Anstey Road. A major road improvement should be included in the Plan.					No changes to plan required		
GU34 1RX	Amanda Soak	143	I support the policies in this section of the Neighbourhood Plan	I agree with the housing policies in the plan as long as the infrastructure to support those homes is in place first. Also the the affordable housing percentage should be more than 20%.	I believe that it would be a great shame to lose the Butts bridge to ease traffic flow through the town, by increasing the flow surely this will increase the speed too. The bridge acts as a natural pinch point as well as being an impressive gateway to the town.	I support the policies in this section of the Neighbourhood Plan	The community hospital is so under-used, this could easily be a minor injuries unit which would be easier to access than Basingstoke A&E.	I support the policies in this section of the Neighbourhood Plan	The town centre needs an injection of life, there are so many empty shops and a trip into town is both disappointing and depressing. This needs to change.	No changes to plan required	
GU34 1UG	Hilary Fowler	144	I'm in general agreement with these.	I commend the great efforts made on this and support the intention not to compromise the vistas on approaches to the town and to preserve the rural nature of the skyline.	I commend the Transport policies, particularly those involving improvements for pedestrians and cyclists.	It is obviously vital that provision is made for any new population to have access to health care and leisure facilities so I support those set out in the plan.	I agree with those set out in the Neighbourhood Plan.	I agree with those set out in the Neighbourhood Plan.	No changes to plan required		
GU34 1JT	Haydn Chappell	145		The Western by pass/helip road would solve most of the town's traffic problems and would divert south-bound traffic away from Selborne.							
GU34 1SB	J. Pascoe	146	I agree with these excellent policies	The policies should specify building to highest insulation standards	Agree	Agree	Agree		No changes to plan required		
GU34 15	Col (ret'd) D.A. Whitaker	147		I really don't see why we need so many new houses in Alton	To allow a developer to reduce the proportion of starter homes he is required to build is unacceptable - the lack of these is debated nationally, the requirement for them being so important. The Borrowers farm proposed development has already allowed the reduction of the proportion of these to 20% from 40% whereas the national aim is to DOUBLE the requirement! This local policy has been pursued by EHO's planning committee before and it makes one wonder why they have been allowed to get away with it. Lets get our young families into their starter homes!	I realise that transport planning has to look a good many years ahead but the requirement for the Borrowers development to ease the weight of traffic through the Butts bridge is grossly exaggerated. Of course daily commuters will support any road improvements but anyone else who tests the delay at the bridge will soon realise that even at the height of rushhours the delay is rarely more than perhaps 3 minutes. The bridge is a part of the history of Alton and should be considered sacrosanct.	The plan to demolish the Sports centre and build a new one on a different site is undeniably wasteful. Just think of the traffic to and from landfill and recycling plants recycling the steel structure alone will consume enormous amounts of fuel. If a careful survey of the building to cost an upgrading has been done I have not seen it. To rebuild or refurbish is a decision which should be taken without pressures from developers.				
GU34 4EJ	Kevin Gavin	148	I would like to thank alton steering group for all its efforts in producing our neighbourhood plan. I do hope the voice of the alton people is going to be heard as is suggested by the governments localism initiative, as much time has been spent on producing this document. I would also like to support the section 25 (to overturn the application) which has been served on eho: over the treloar / borrowere site. EHO should have waited until the new draft plan was fully adopted before making such a decision on 550 houses. Also the traffic study was not produced before the decision was made. I would like to support the neighbourhood plan as this is the voice of us altonians.						No changes to plan required		
GU34 3ED	Jill Brian	149	Any additional housing designs should be sympathetic to the local area especially in the historic & conservation areas which attract tourism. The Butts Bridge is a historic structure & makes a good gateway to the Butts as well as being a natural traffic calming solution. However the priority sign in Whitelands Lane is frequently disobeyed causing congestion on the double roundabout which already causes problems for pedestrians especially from Winchester Road.	I have no major objections to most of the areas which seem to be sensible infilling but with the following caveats: The River Wey is vulnerable & needs to be protected from contamination. Productive farmland should be preserved. Protected species should not be damaged. Alton is surrounded by hills & already prone to flooding so this must not be exacerbated. Parking in Alton is already difficult & not everyone is able to walk or cycle especially shoppers & tourists or residents of surrounding villages. Public transport is sparse & not available from at least some of the surrounding villages. The development of Alton should be considered by EHO as a whole, not piecemeal which seems to be the current norm & appears to allow developers to avoid contributions to green spaces, sports facilities, health, education & community buildings. The new housing should be developed on brownfield sites where possible. Why has The Cabotts site not been used? (William Collett must be turning in his grave) What will happen to the Brewery Site when the workers are made redundant? Any houses built should be a mix of commercial & housing authority & be used for local people to live in & not become 2nd homes which are left empty. Some of the Office buildings have been empty for a long time (e.g. The Post Office) & could be converted for housing.	There are particular traffic problems around Alton College & "rat-runs" e.g. Greenfields & Chawton Park roads.	Alton Sports Centre & Alton Community Centre need replacing but should not be out of action in the meantime. They should be improved to account for potentially more users with adequate swimming & other facilities for clubs to train for & host competitions. Health facilities are already stretched & frequently short of parking spaces. There is a strong music community in Alton but a lack of adequate performance space for larger scale works to accommodate singers & choirs & audience.	More houses will include children who need school places in appropriate locality to mitigate the traffic at school start/finish times.	There should be a good mix of shops in the High Street to encourage footfall. Business rates need to be reasonable for independent businesses to prevent more shops becoming empty. The industrial Estate has inadequate parking.			
GU34 2FF	Martyn & Sue Dell	150	We broadly support the thrust of the Steering Group's well argued proposals and would also like to congratulate them on their very inclusive approach to this work. They have clearly worked tirelessly and have engaged with local communities exceptionally well.						No changes to plan required		
GU34 1SA	Peter Shakenpeare	151	The density of housing at the South end of Alton is too great for the roads infrastructure, even if the Butts Bridge layout is worked. There will be major problems during peak periods.	Yes we have an expanding population, but Alton is a relatively poor town - the wealth sits in the surrounding villages. Why expand the town when there aren't those level of jobs available. The brewery is closing adding to the poor employment situation. Middle class professionals will come, but station parking is already maxed out in Alton and Bentley and can local industry sustain an increased population requiring jobs?	People will still want to use cars. This isn't London. Sort out station parking and nothing should be built at the South end of town until the roads can cope with the increased local traffic.	Build another doctor's surgery or expand the community hospital. North Hants hospital is maxed out as are the local surgeries.	See above. One key point is the rents in Alton are far too high. Most new start shops fail as a result and the fact that people with money don't want to spend it in Alton. Farham and Winchester are much nicer. Give new shops a fighting chance and this could change. They survive, jobs are created the town centre atmosphere changes. Alton improves. Currently it has the wrong image despite its location and history.				
GU34 1RX	Catherine Baylis	152	I think it is very important to maintain the unbroken skyline views that hide Alton especially with being on the edge of the National Park. I also feel that it is very important to maintain the Chawton Gap as with the tourist Chawton generates, the ambience needs to be preserved. I am very concerned though that this has already been destroyed by EHO's disregard of this important document.	I think the policies are well thought out and sound with a sensible level of much needed affordable housing. I only worry that this is to be ignored by developers as has recently happened on the Borrowers Farm site. It is good that developers have been made for known flood plains and though we realise there has to be development, it is a balanced spread with several parts of the town being affected.	Again a balanced view has been presented regarding roads. A western bypass would be the best option for several of the problem areas and not the craziness of closing off Winchester Road and putting roads through the Chawton Gap which is currently being threatened. Improving off street parking is also very sensible as it has been woefully inadequate with some new developments recently. I agree with promoting better pedestrian and cycling networks to improve safety and promote walking especially with some of the tourist routes between Alton and Chawton for instance	Please continue to lobby hard for a new sports centre as with an expanding population we need the facility as other centres are a significant journey, by car, away. I am very concerned about provision of health services locally with and expanding, ageing population mixed with increasing demand even without the other two factors. The current problem also is that it is assumed you can just get another GP which in the current climate is extremely difficult and local practices have had trouble recruiting for retirement, let alone to expand. At least two more GPs would be required to cope with the level of housing plus practice nursing and ancillary staff. North Hants CCG is the health lowest funded in the country and is in deficit which will lead to cuts in services (practitioners have "over referrals" by 12% this year for instance so are in trouble). Please do not underestimate the knife edge primary care is on at this current time. Please do preserve green spaces as much as is possible as areas such as the Butts really contribute to the feel of the Town and also the Public Gardens are a highly valuable facility	It is very difficult knowing that we are on the borderline of needing a new school. It is concerning how close to capacity the schools will be - it is fortunate that they are all schools that perform well. Will the planners need to work with other parishes such as Chawton to help balance capacity?	All seem sensible. Please can I add a well done and thank you to the steering group for their hard work on this excellent plan. I only hope this document is given the respect by EHO that it deserves.			
GU34 25H	Roger Epps	153						The terms sustainability and sustainable are used frequently in the document, without reference to any definition or statement how it is interpreted. This section addresses economic and viability issues rather than aspects of building design, energy generation and use, materials selection and/or re-use. I would welcome more commentary in the neighbourhood plan as to how future development would be required to address such issues. These comments would apply equally to design, housing and transport policies.			

GU34 1HR	Amey Hill Residents' A	154	Re DE1 - we feel that this should also emphasize the town gateway to the north of Alton as well as that to the south, to prevent expansion of the development around Will Hall. Re DE2 - we fully support the fact that the draft Neighbourhood Plan is referencing the Alton Town Design Statement.	HO1 - we believe that the first bullet point should be stronger, and should state that affordable housing will either meet or exceed the JCS CP13 (i.e. currently 40%). HO3 - The numbers stated already exceed the requirement. The draft Neighbourhood Plan should firmly state the upper limit over the period to 2026, and that this will not be exceeded. HO3(e) - Bullet point 3D should read 'Draw its only vehicular access from the B3349 New Odham Road to the east of the site; (i.e. to protect development of Brick Kiln Lane (H03(e)). We would also like to see inclusion of wording to specifically protect Brick Kiln Lane, both to protect the lane itself, and prevent further development within the vicinity of this ancient lane.	TR1 - we feel this revises the issue of an integrated town transport policy and overview. It should also call for a review of the expensive and ugly Butts Bridge proposals with the South Alton Plan - the new bridge proposal does not accord with the Alton Gateway preservation. TR4 - Is there any way of ensuring that future cycle routes be incorporated as "spill pavements", rather than on the roads. TR7 - Car parking charges should be reduced to assist town centre businesses / shops. Also, preference would be for visitor parking (residential property) to be off-street parking discouraged for all, and visitors' off-street parking spaces be provided for all new housing developments?	CH1 - The Brewery site is the obvious location for a new Community Centre, and should be given for any redevelopment of this area. CH2 - it should state that a replacement sports centre should be of equal or greater size to the existing facility. CH3 - we need to be more proactive in increasing GP provision at both centres. The existing proposal is too passive. CH5 - The ATC should actively attempt to acquire the field adjacent to the Basingstoke Road and create a walkway along the River Wye from Brick Kiln Lane and through to the existing Flood Meadow, then into the town centre. CH5 - Requests that the final bullet point be removed, to ensure stronger protection against encroachment on green spaces, and removes the possibility of infilling.	No comments	ES1 - makes no reference to the detail in ESAP1. This is an urgent task and needs to be tackled dynamically. The present draft Neighbourhood Plan's resolution lacks the spirit - 'works with' rather than 'ATC leading and inspiring' Altonians. ES2 - The brewery site would be a good candidate for mixed development - community centre, housing and commercial. It should help to lift the standard of building for commercial development (currently this is abysmal, the trading estate for example.) On a final, separate, note - with regards to the comment about monitoring, the ATC should publish an annual report giving a resume of their performance, good and not so good, with each major objective.	
GU34 1HR	Louise Parker	155	I am pleased that the Neighbourhood Plan makes reference to the Alton Town Design Statement, but I would like to see greater emphasis on maintaining / enhancing ALL town gateways, not just the one adjacent to the National Park.	Affordable housing should be linked to the JCS CP13, not just 'maximise the delivery of' - it should be an upper limit stated in the Neighbourhood Plan, to ensure that additional developments over and above those required by the JCS are not approved.	The cycle route from the town centre, out to Holybourne, is only a painted section on the road. I would prefer for pavements to be widened, and split into two sections - one for pedestrians and one for cyclists. I have seen this done successfully in Germany, and it does not take as much space as you think. It is much safer to have cyclists off the road. The recent development opposite Chawton Park Surgery (Winstreet Close) includes on-street parking, and it is dreadful to drive round. Please can on-street parking be discouraged for all, and visitors' off-street parking spaces be provided for all new housing developments?	Any replacement sports centre needs to be of equal or greater size to the existing one. No. The future of the hospital needs to be protected at all costs. Green spaces should be protected - there shouldn't be any infilling at the fringes of green spaces by housing, or commercial developments.	No	The ATC needs to take the lead on addressing the current issues with the town centre. The statement "maintaining an active shopping centre is vital to the wellbeing of the town" which accompanies the picture on page 83 is a crucial one, yet the bullet points in ESAP1 lack speed and urgency. The ATC should be leading this, rather than "engaging with interested parties". ES1 makes no reference whatsoever to the items in ESAP1 - I would like to see something included in ES1 that specifically mentions town centre retailers.	
GU34 1QW	Jean Lee	156			The increased number of houses will put pressure on already busy roads around Alton, the draft was completed before Hampshire CC plan for transport was available.		Will schools be able to accommodate the increased number of children arising from new houses?	As this a long term plan it is important that it is delayed until it is known what will happen to the brewery site. If it is developed for housing there maybe no need to build on green belt agricultural land.	
GU34 2ip	h boyce	157	Over all looks good. Comment on DE1: 1/ Difficult to see how any development on a greenfield site can enhance the appearance of the town 2/ Why are the flood risk zones not on the map or at all listed in the ANP? It is inferred without explanation that skyline considerations are more important. 3/ Why are the views from the south more important than those at the north of the town? This comment is not substantiated 4/ The community questionnaire is referred to support certain statements, but is ignored completely regarding the preferred (or least objected to) sites for development. In fact, this policy is worded in such a way as to favour development in the area most objected to by Alton residents	Despite consulting the public there views have been disregarded in the plan. You can't please all the people all of the time... but this certainly does manage to please a lot of the people! Well done.	Some current bus stops have no pavement and are dangerously situated (e.g. South Basingstoke Road see above)	It seems that the current health system won't be able to cope with the increased population. Developers therefore should be mandated to contribute to expansion of health care provision (Drs surgeries in particular) in the town	Why does the policy not address the major problems that expansion will cause for secondary school provision? Again, any proposed development will need to address the need to fund school expansion. Why has the impact on Alton College not been looked at?	No changes to plan required	
GU34 1QH	P Whomsey	158		Policy HO3: Why is lower housing density in certain areas than others? Why fewer houses in Borovores, which has a larger capacity, with fewer flood risks, than others? Policy HO3c: Current proposals relating to the roads around the development cater only for new residents. Without a footpath at South Basingstoke Road as well as a 4-way pedestrian crossing at the junction of New Odham Rd and Basingstoke Road, school and college students increasing to Amey and Alton College at peak times will be put at risk due to substantially increased traffic.	The Housing Policies have been arrived at after lengthy consultation with Altonians, and their wishes are reflected in the Housing Policies of the Plan. The consultations have been attended by 1000+ plus people. Nevertheless the wishes of the local population are being totally ignored by EHDC Planning Dept who have at no stage taken an holistic view of all the planning applications.	I support the Neighbourhood Plan's Transport Policies and these policies need to be taken into account when decided what and where to build houses.	I support the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan	I support the policies of the Neighbour Plan	
GU34 4BW	C Winchester	159							No changes to plan required
GU34 1SA	Rob Gill	160	It seems we are wasting our time (and moreover all of your's) in coming up with this Plan if EHDC then ignore the wishes of the resident tax payers with regards to the development of the land off the Selborne Road and the Butts bridge. The latter exerts a valuable traffic calming influence over the volume and pace of traffic around the Butts Green where we have lived since 1992 (Lincoln Green to be precise) We were away for the EHDC fiasco but know from others who did attend that many key factors - including the Traffic Survey which originally (I was told) had much importance attached to it was virtually dismissed as not relevant during the meeting when the planning application was approved. I am unsure if there is anything further we can do to support your valiant efforts to manage the development around our town but will be happy to do anything else that is considered helpful. I am aware that you have applied to Eric Pickles to review the decision by EHDC but have not heard further. Thank you for all your efforts in this regard. Rob Gill 12 Lincoln Green	We are simply storing up problems for the future unless we have a truly sustainable approach to new house building so that we are cutting carbon emissions and reducing our local fuel based energy needs. We must also actively improve existing housing stock. This means: 1. Development Location Density and orientation 1.1 Give preference to development on suitable brownfield sites in sustainable locations. i.e. closer to public transport, infrastructure and essential services. 1.2 Use land efficiently with average densities in towns and larger settlements similar to that of historic city suburbs 1.3 Orient and position roads and buildings to maximise the use of natural daylight, passive solar heating and integrated renewable technologies. 2. Building Design 2.1 Design all buildings for long term adaptability - long life, loose fit, low energy - or to be dismantlable for recycling. 2.2 Design domestic property with a "fabric first" approach, and achieve Code for Sustainable Homes Level 5 on energy and 4 on water. 3. Embedded Carbon and Materials Selection 3.1 Minimise the use of new materials with high embedded carbon content. 3.2 Favour the use of renewable materials which lock in carbon such as sustainably sourced timber. 3.3 Favour the use of recycled materials to minimise embedded carbon 3.4 Do not deminish sound, usable structures with large embedded carbon, unless the development delivers a better carbon footprint across the life of the building. 4. Energy Generation, Supply & Export 4.1 In order to minimise emissions, design buildings to maximise the use of renewable technologies appropriate to the size and scale of the development, such as solar thermal systems, solar PV, heat pumps, CHP, biomass boilers. District heating networks are normally preferable to individual domestic heating being both more cost-effective, and easier to adapt to changing renewable heat technologies. It is now possible to create networks to link developments together and build them over time. 4.2 Unregulated emissions from any development should be fully off-set in the course	I support policies relating to walking cycling and public transport. East Hampshire has higher than average CO2 emissions per person partly because of its rural nature. We can cut carbon emissions by building Alton to encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. This must be a feature of every development. I do not agree that we should be spending large amounts on road infrastructure to meet the estimated increase in traffic brought about by development. Our location of new housing around the town should be adjusted to allow for traffic improvements that are proportional and are the minimum necessary. Specifically the south Alton development should be reduced in size so that a replacement bridge is not required. This is feasible now that the Coors Brewery is closing and the site can be redeveloped for housing. It is a complete waste of money to spend millions on the bridge when there are far more important community facilities that are needed. Besides the road and bridge proposals are very likely to bring more through traffic down the A339 and B3349. Already a survey has indicated that this is 70% of total traffic. If a western bypass is considered necessary this should be paid for from national taxes and not by the people of Alton. Policies should support the use of electric cars and provision of sufficient car charging points to meet growing demand.	I support the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan	I support the policies of the Neighbour Plan	No changes to plan required	
GU34 4BW	CD Winchester	162	There can be few criticisms of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan with the amount of effort that has gone into its thorough research and presentation. It is a plan that housing is needed in the immediate area but the intrinsic character of Alton itself should be protected from those who would seek to build housing developments well above defined, pleasant views of hills and woodland.	It is surprising that each proposed development is treated in isolation when the obvious notion is to see the whole. All development should surely be influenced by the whole picture of amenities (to include roads, pavements, water supply, sewage disposal, car parks - not to say schools, doctors' surgeries and employment)	The Neighbourhood Plan's ideas need to be supported, housing developments need to have public transport a large weighting factor	The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be supported on these issues	The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be supported on this hugely important issue	No, the Neighbourhood Plan covers this issue extremely well	
GU34 2SP	Mrs Jane Weeks	163							I would like to make the following comments; CP7 and CP8 (5b) in this policy states that The Plan will develop and enhance the business and economy of Alton'. No.8 in the summary map is Wilson Rd, identified as a potential site for industry. This is a green field site outside the Town boundary. There is a large amount of available brown field land already available within the town of Alton, and more to become available with the closing of Coors Brewery. There is also land available on the Minsterdale site opposite Coors. Considering the quantity of unused existing commercial properties and these available sites, it seems odd to be considering green field sites for further commercial units. The Wilson Road site is also regularly flooded and the river Wye winds through it. It has been stated within the documents that Policy DE1, guideline 3.1 'protects and river corridors from encroaching development'. Photographic evidence is readily available. If we allow commercial development to encroach into sensitive river courses we lose the historic core of the town lying in the river valley. We ruin the landscape setting and the abundance of wildlife that inhabits this area, including visiting herons, egrets, buzzards, red kites and bats.
GU34 2QP	Don Hammond	164	The design policies are very well set out and provide an excellent set of guidelines for maintaining the character of the town and surroundings.	The selection of sites is sound and the treatment of each, to include designation of open space and keeping development below the skyline, is LIKELY THOUGHTFUL. The need for affordable housing cannot be over-stated and every effort should be made to ensure that developers incorporate the full allocation - the ychold not be allowed to dilute this	Traffic, and the way it is dealt with, has a major impact on quality of life in a town. Junctions must be dealt with so that peak time flow is eased without detriment to general usage throughout the day - traffic lights are not the answer. Dealing with traffic impacts on the street scene - traffic lights and excessive or ill-considered signage create an urban feel that is alienating to pedestrians, cyclists and casual visitors. Cycling and walking will only be encouraged if these are given priority over vehicles at key points and there are adequate safe crossing points. I strongly endorse the need for more visitor parking - coaches and cars - with good drop-off points and low cost short-term parking. I think the plan could stress these aspects more.	All good policies	It is important that access to the town is improved for all types of visitors and residents. This is the key to a sustainable development.		
GU34 2QT	Hazel C'cantoni	165	I agree with DE2 building design and town character and expect that ATC observes it's action point.	As Alton needs new housing the Housing Policies seem to have made the best of a bad job.	The Transport section of the plan would appear to be the area where more work is needed. There seems little detail on the provision of road improvements which will be required for the total increase in traffic. The provision of walk and cycle ways, whilst laudable, will divert money away from roads which will be used more due to increased residents having to both drive to work and transport their children to school. The on/off street parking issue seems to have been addressed as it will become an increasing issue.	The Community Hospital must be retained as a necessary facility available to treat the increasing population of Alton.	I support the expansion of existing schools.	The vibrancy of the town centre is a huge issue that needs addressing.	
GU34	Chr C R Elderton for Farnhingham Parish Council	166		No account taken of the essential infrastructure and services (waste water management (eg sewage), transport, schools, medical, dental, parking etc) provided by Alton to the surrounding villages. Concurrently no account taken of the additional traffic (assessed as 2000 vehicle movements a day to include domestic and business (including delivery) vehicles) which will put pressure on surrounding minor roads which are already suffering from congestion and lack of adequate maintenance. This will be particularly acute to the south of the town as a consequence of the Treloar and Borovores developments. The myopic approach of each Development Plan will inevitably lead to under provision and failure.	No account taken of the essential infrastructure and services (transport, schools, medical, dental, parking etc) provided by Alton to the surrounding villages. Concurrently no account taken of the additional traffic (assessed as 2000 vehicle movements a day to include domestic and business (including delivery) vehicles) which will put pressure on surrounding minor roads which are already suffering from congestion and lack of adequate maintenance. This will be particularly acute to the south of the town as a consequence of the Treloar and Borovores developments. As drafted the Transport policy fails to provide any evidence that opportunities will be taken to link with local rural area (for example national cycle paths etc) (or that a holistic approach has been taken to local area public transport needs (there is for example no mention of a bus service south towards Farnham or improved connectivity north towards Odham).	No account taken of the essential infrastructure and services (transport, schools, medical, dental, parking etc) provided by Alton to the surrounding villages. The myopic approach of each Development Plan will inevitably lead to under provision and failure. GENERAL R is unfortunate that the method of feedback chosen fails to accommodate comment on wider issues. The Plan as drafted is process heavy and does little more than wrap policy around selected SHAA4 sites. No account is taken of the essential support provided by Alton to surrounding villages nor of the impact this plan and further development will have on the local area beyond the town boundaries.	No account taken has been taken of the wider area in terms of economic sustainability and viability.		
GU34 1rx	A Sowik	167	Overall good ideas	Would prefer to less housing but understand the need for more but would like to see more than 20% affordable housing	Traffic management should be carefully considered. At the Holybourne end of Alton traffic is awful during busy times, if this is allowed to happen at the Butts end of the town it will cause gridlock!	No account taken of the essential education services provided by Alton to the surrounding villages. The myopic approach of each Development Plan will inevitably lead to under provision and failure.	It appears that a Primary school maybe required.	It is sad to see the town of Alton slowly becoming a ghost town, rests should be more affordable to help businesses set up and succeed.	
GU34 1rx	W Corbett	168		20% affordable housing appears too low, surely with the amount of houses planned 40% affordable would be a more suitable target.	The Butts bridge acts as a natural pinch point and is also an attractive entrance to the town, therefore I feel it should remain, if this is not possible then it should be rebuilt sympathetically using the original materials.	Why is the Community Hospital not used for more? Surely this would be a perfect minor injuries department - much closer than Tavelly to Basingstoke Hospital.	I feel that the town needs an injection of life, there are too many charity shops, estate agents and very little of anything else.		
GU34 1rx	J Corbett	169	I would hope to see any development in and around Alton to be in keeping and not like the housing recently erected behind the BP garage! Some thought should be put into the new housing rather than just boxes!	Less if possible, although I understand the need for more, I would like to see more than 20% affordable housing.	I would like to see the Butts bridge stay and the 2 roundabouts made into one big island without closing the Winchester Road.	Please open up the Community Hospital for more departments ie. Minor injuries, x-Rays etc. The hospital is presently a waste of a great facility.	More businesses should be helped to start up in the town.		
GU34 1sl	T Saunders	170	Proud like to see all new properties in keeping with existing.	More affordable housing!	Chawton Park Road needs to be significantly changed, when the development of houses on the Treloar site takes place traffic will be using the Northfield Lane exit onto the A33.	More departments in the Community Hospital, utilize what facilities we have without having to go to Basingstoke Hospital	More help for small businesses in the town, help with leases etc		
GU34 1sl	M Saunders	171		More than 20% affordable housing	Keep the Butts bridge if possible. No traffic lights like the Holybourne end of town, better traffic management to help traffic flow at peak times.	Minor injuries unit at the Community Hospital	More initiatives for businesses to come into Alton town centre		
GU34 2EO	Newell	172	I am in support of the Neighbourhood plan.	We are asked for comments and yet the results of the questionnaire have been ignored. Will Hall farm is the most strongly opposed site yet it still appears in the Alton Plan. The plan contains is no data for occupancy of existing houses, (locally we have around 50% occupancy), the reason for this should be understood and tackled before any new houses are built. There is no data for where people work and live. We are told the proposed houses are well placed for commuting to other towns, so why are houses not being built where they are needed? The brewery site is not included in the plan. The brewery site is brown field and within realistic walking distance of the town centre, station and industrial park. Green fields will be lost for 100s of years as a consequence of this plan - do not build on green field farm land. Rewriting the plan to include the brewery site is a must.	not yet	As a town we have lost so many of our facilities ie Treloar hospital, my GP is out of town, meaning I need a taxi to get there again not much consideration for the elderly	none		
GU34 4hu	J Robinson	174	What is in this policy for me - I am 60 and will be needing much more than you are providing	More housing needed for the elderly preferably in a convenient place near to the town, hospital (if there still is one) and the GP's	not yet	As a town we have lost so many of our facilities ie Treloar hospital, my GP is out of town, meaning I need a taxi to get there again not much consideration for the elderly	none		

GUSA 4EU	Veron Burford	175	I fully support the Design Policies in the NP document. Specifically, in relation to gateways, I am totally against any plan that involves any major changes to Butts Bridge. I also feel that most existing and future residents would want the skyline protected - the beauty of the surrounding countryside was a big attraction for us when we moved to Holybourne. It is vital for sustainable development to ensure that the infrastructure and services of the area are kept in line with the new housing developments taken as a whole and not just on a piecemeal basis. The NP should form the basis for what, when and how developments take place.	I fully support the Housing Policies in the NP document. In particular, the provision of affordable housing is starting to look like being an issue where, typically, the target 40% seems to routinely be reduced to 20%. I understand that Alton is not managing to retain its young people and, for the same reason, will not be able to attract young people as new residents - this is not good for the area and sustainability in the sense of the future viability and vibrancy of Alton will be seriously affected. A particular incidence of this is the appalling decision affecting Butts Bridge and the consequent reduction from 40% to 20% affordable housing - an important housing policy just swept away in the expense of the future viability of Alton. It also seems that the NP document is being ignored with respect to site and use allocation for developments - the aim in the NP for approx. 800 houses now seems to be in the region (so far) of close to 1000. It looks like the smack of firm government is now overriding the NP, which in Alton's case is a very mature, well researched and balanced approach. It should not be ignored in this way.	I fully support the Transport Policies in the NP document. In my view it is outrageous that the publication of the NP was correctly held back to incorporate the findings of the traffic survey which was then not completed on time. As a result, developments are now being agreed to that are not taking either the NP or the traffic survey into account. Peak traffic conditions are already quite serious in Alton and need to be addressed properly. I have already covered the Butts Bridge aspect elsewhere on the form. In particular the London Road - Montecchio Way providing access to the A31 is already a big problem. This has not stopped agreement to the Cadmans Farm development proceeding - I hardly think that a roundabout at the end of Anstey Lane will do anything to improve the situation - especially with other developments being planned for in the same area.	I fully support the NP document on this. Also, if the schools are not in general within walking distance, it will add an even more severe burden by peak traffic problems - especially as there are many schools already affected by the London Road - Montecchio Way traffic problem.	I fully support the policies in the NP document. In addition I have mentioned already that we need to be able to attract and keep young people in the area. Also, and apologies for banging the same drum, it seems that commercial developments, including those to provide employment opportunities, will yet again impact the London Road - Montecchio Way traffic situation. Together with other impacts the overall impact starts to look very alarming and must be addressed seriously.	No changes to plan required	
GUSA 21L	Anon, please.	176	Broadly in favour, particularly of the protection of the skyline. One of the key attractions of Alton is the way that it nestles in its valley with a clear visual sense of boundaries where the hills are.	I want to say quite a bit - but events and decisions by EHDC have overtaken the NP process. I regard this as most unfortunate and as suggesting a real cynicism about the NP process by our elected representatives. What is going on? It looks as if far more housing is going to be allocated to Alton than was originally suggested - and that the opinions of the people in the town have been steamrollered for some reason. I would, though, note that I have a very real concern about the inclusion of area A1033 (Will Hall Farm) where the potential for an increased risk in flooding in the town centre seems to have been discounted despite the reality of the risk.	The bridges at the Butts should be preserved, ideally through the long-mooted Western Bypass, otherwise the transport planning ideas seem sensible - particularly the encouragement of more use of buses.	Generally agreed. Could the leisure centre be kept on, if this is not possible, could it move to the newly-available Brewery site? There is also a need for a new park at the western end of the town.	Agreed.	These seem sensible. Can anything be done to encourage the owners of shops to lower rents so that their properties are actually occupied (or is that outside the powers of this process?).	
GUSA 2UX	Rowland Ashley Baker	177	This is a very good report. Well done Mike and team.	There does not seem to be any requirement for extra houses to rent for disabled people. Currently there is a critical shortage. Have can development of brownfield areas be done quicker (eg old Millings and Gas works)? They look a mess currently. When will houses be built on Coors Sports Ground.	There is no restriction covering "on street" parking, which is clogging up road in residential areas.	When I broke my ankle I spent almost two months in the Community Hospital. It should be used more and new services introduced there. I often walk around Flood Meadows and Jubilee Playing Fields. There needs to be more like these.	I hope the planned expansion of schools will be made in a timely manner, so that families are able to send their children to their nearest and favoured school.	When will the Tesco site be built on? Don't let the re-development of Coors Brewery be drawn out. We don't want another eyesore in the middle of town.	
GUSA 25I	Peter Baker	178	We wish to express our appreciation to the town council and the steering group for an excellent document that will be of significant importance to the future development of the town. You have our wholehearted support and urge you to complete the final approval process with all due speed.	We considered that the land allocation proposals conform to the Joint Core Strategy and honestly reflect the opinion of the town. We endorse the emphasis placed on affordable housing, which is overly lacking at the present time. The achievement of a 40% affordable housing provision should be a top priority.	The non-publication of the Transport Survey has had a significant impact on the timetable of the Neighbourhood Plan. It could be said that the four months delay since October 2014 has prevented the Plan's recommendations from influencing the major planning applications that have been heard in the recent weeks. We endorse the plan's policies covering the refurbishment or replacement of the sports centre and the community centre.	The community hospital is an extremely important facility in the town and under the current economic climate it should be strongly supported without any degree of reservation. We fully support the need of brownfield sites and would suggest that a mixed development use could be applied to these sites.	We endorse the policy that Woobey Infant and Junior School and The Butts Primary School are expanded to meet future demand; provided that such expansions do not have a detrimental impact on the available playing fields and outside space.	The provision of additional employment opportunities should more that match the expansion in housing. We fully support the plan's policy that there should not be conflicting impact between housing and employment land. This is particularly relevant to the Coors Brewery site, should be developed on a mixed use basis.	No changes to plan required
GUSA 25J	Christopher Warwick	179		There does not seem to be a detailed improvement for access to some of the proposed developments, particularly Cadmans Farm and the old Treloars site.	Major expansion of healthcare provision will be required. This will be mainly focused on our excellent Health Centre. Alton Community Hospital should also be developed to provide additional areas of treatment and extra beds.	There will be a need to expand provision of school pupil volumes in infant, primary and senior schools as all current schools are already "stretched".			
GUSA 29C	Sandy Constantine	180					Where a site is developed adjacent to (1) already developed area (2) open areas has sufficient not been taken of already. Problems arise in regard to whether existing sewers etc. will be sufficient to cope where the new system meets the old and if not planning of more extensive change to support the new should be made. New developments cannot expect the drainage system adjacent to their site to be the responsibility of the existing authority eg sewers in Paper Mill Lane (downhill of the Willow site) already are constant problems with overflow of water and sewage which, although being worked on to remedy it, is still an ongoing occurrence caused probably by the building of flats at Waterside Court, Watercress Court and two other developments currently in the area. It is obvious to anyone that investigation was carried out (off site) in order to mitigate its potential future cause of pollution of the Wey!		
GUSA 29D	Mrs P Smith	181		Possibly a bypass at the western end of town would help traffic problems at The Butts/Wildswan Lane area of Alton.	Possible closure of Alton Community Hospital. To close this unit would be a disaster to Alton. Apart from the ward taking people from hospital to recuperate (my elderly father being one of these four years ago) I feel the other facilities are really, really necessary. The way most podiatry, osteopaths etc. regularly refuse to take people to these departments. The Limes Day Centre runs five days a week for the mentally and physically impaired and many of these clients use the above mentioned services.	Basically not enough thought given to enlarge existing schools before any more houses.			
ANON		182	Most have mixed requirements elderly/disabled facilities.	Yes, we cant we have continuous one way system through town will heavy goods vehicles transverse via Sarnsbury and Butts (like Market days) or bypass at Western end of town.	Hopefully all appointed sites will support medical surgeries (more needed) particularly Community Hospital facilities. Kept to serve locals.	More schools to support these sites.			
ANON		183	I know the town council are pleased because they have met their target early but it is not a good move for the people of Alton. If they had not met their target so early we could have kept our green spaces for longer. Plus other sites (which may be much better than the ones chosen) may well come up for development eg the brewery (may be worth Tesco, next to A16). I feel, as do many other Altonians that the council has jumped the gun VERY EARLY.	Some of the developments are on the outskirts of town where there are no bus routes which obviously means the vast majority of people will drive into town, thus causing more pollution in the environment.	We do not have enough doctors in Alton for the amount of people we have living here at the moment. It is already difficult to get an appointment at the surgery when it is going to be like with all the extra people living here. We have lost all our hospitals in town and if you do not have a car it is difficult to get to Alton and impossible to get home after that but unless you get a train which means you have to get further up the line before you can get back to Alton (and expensive).	We do not have enough places in the schools for all the extra children.			
GUSA 25J	Roger Baker	184	An excellent report. The Design Policies are clearly stated and succinct and have a clear focus on maintaining and where possible enhancing the town. The individual policies contained in section 6 would benefit from further endorsement of the sites and beginning each sub section on a new page. This would assist the reader to refer to each of the main policies more easily and quicker.	There is a clear focus on the need for affordable housing and the 40% target should be considered as a minimum and NOT a maximum which is regarding the overall strategy of affordable housing it should be stressed that full recognition should be given to the provision of suitable dwellings for disabled people. At the present time the disabled have to work hard to establish themselves with sufficient points, however, they have barely reached the start because there is a limited pool of houses with hardly any being available over the past few years. What about another Watercress Court?	"On street" parking needs to be controlled so that these spaces are reserved for local residents and not used by other individuals who are avoiding using council car parks and paying.	Alton Sports Centre and Sports Centre should be expanded so that they are available and benefit the whole of the town's expanding population. As a family we have benefited from both of these facilities. When they were originally commissioned they were expected to stand in other local towns. They should not become inferior to those offered in the adjacent towns.	There appears to be a clear understanding how schools can be expanded to absorb additional pupils. This should be achieved without a detrimental impact on playing fields and outdoor space.	There appears to be mixed messages given by South East Water. The Neighbourhood Plan team have stated that they have a letter stating the sewerage system needs to be upgraded before any housing development. This upgrade will take three years. An EHDC Community Forum in late 2014 focused on the flooding of Jan/Feb 2014 and the representative from South East Water was stating that the sewage works have adequate capacity. Which is right?	
GUSA 2UJ	Julie Baker	185	This shows careful consideration has been shown to cause least damage to the skylines and approaches to the town particularly green sites.	In view of the initial sites required I hope affordable housing should be maximised particularly on larger designated sites.	In the long term a western bypass will have to be found and negotiated across parish boundaries. Traffic from Basingstoke as the Butts, Selborne to A31. At the present time morning and evening traffic is at a premium causing congestion for Alton residents.	Replacement sites for sports centre and community centre are outstanding. Alton Health Centre are full to capacity. Doctors are overworked and appointments are difficult to arrange. The local hospital is essential for residents. Transport to Basingstoke is costly and limited.	Schools are full to capacity at the moment with more housing will extensions be sufficient in the long term? Will be standards will suffer?	The demand for houses will require jobs, apprentices, occupation for more people! The town centre needs to be protected and kept alive for the population to increase, empty shops are not a serious advertisement.	General comment - the work of the Steering Committee on the project has been arduous but appreciated by most residents. Parking is serious problem - inadequate there has been serious sewage problems. I feel Alton is bursting at the seams!
GUSA 25D	Brenda Davenport	186	YES - The houses should be a design to fit in with the area. We don't want new estates which stick out like a sore thumb and spoil the rural landscape.	YES - The developers say they will only build 20% affordable houses because they cant afford to build the promised 40% because they are building a new bridge. This does nothing to help the shortage of cheaper houses which is desperately needed.	YES - We don't want a new bridge. The rushhour traffic is mostly vehicles coming from the Basingstoke direction and heading for the A3 via Selborne. The new bridge will be of very little advantage to Alton residents.	NO	YES - There are not enough jobs locally for the new residents. They will spend most of their time in their cars commuting to work making the roads more dangerous and adding to air pollution.	No changes to plan required	
GUSA 25D	Robert Davenport	187	NO	NO	YES - Possibly no need to replace Butts Bridge if a western bypass is approved.	NO	YES - Unfortunately it appears to be an Alton population expansion mainly based on commuters need for housing rather than employment in Alton.	No changes to plan required	
GUSA 27A	Dr J Chaffield	188	To objectives 1a we need to add "awareness and respect of natural limiting factors e.g. hydrology" as this is something that the Neighbourhood Plan should not be silent on. Policy DE1 On the last section after flood plains add "and spring and groundwater sources" as this is an issue with Will Hall that we should not be silent on.	The selected housing sites all have various problems, limitations that may make some unworkable on the numbers given. A difficult choice as the natural river terrace gravel building land was used by the early 20 th century. To objectives 1b we need to add "use" after aim to be more specific. Policy HO1(a) However farm (agreed) of reduction in numbers from the outline planning application. Landscaping trees planting here at the foot of the site is recommended for flood risk as well as landscape reasons. Trees take up water and transport it out as vapour by transpiration flow through the leaves during summer, but this environmental service is not given in winter when devoid of leaves as so more wet winters are predicted other flood protection measures will be needed e.g. subsiding ground and marsh at the foot of the site. On rigging grey chalk the lower part of this site does not have good permeation for SUDS and water tends to collect so there is a drainage issue. As the water table (ground water) is close to the surface in Alton special attention needs to be given to sewage pipes when underground, maybe extra casing to reduce groundwater contamination. There is a borehole in the Selborne Road currently used by the brewery that may come into public use at some future date for groundwater protection is important. Need to strengthen the bottom bulge. Be compliant with EU Water Framework Directive with respect to the Caker Stream that this site drains into. Be compliant with EU Water Framework Directive with respect to the Caker Stream that this site drains into. Policy HO1(c) Cadmans Farm it was good to see the perimeter of the built environment to follow a natural contour line that will help to blend in. With respect to nature planting for screening add "of native species found in this area" HO1(d) Willow Road 25 dwellings is over optimistic for this site that is on a steep slope on disturbed chalk and possibly some quarry waste and disused pit from former quarrying. There is also an issue with the amount of excavation needed and the proximity of the Caker Stream immediately below the road but down a steep wooded bank so people are unaware that it is there. The risk of pollution from particles etc of development work is high. There is also the risk of radon gas that is invisible and odorless when the chalk is disturbed. See appropriate websites on this. Their need bullet. 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GU34 4AU	Tony Cohen & Charlotte Wigzell	192	The Design Policies have been carefully considered and should form the basis of future planning policy	Of the proposed sites for housing I feel the site by Will Hall Farm is the least appropriate as it changes the relationship between the town and its countryside setting. The most pressing local housing need is primarily for affordable housing and particularly smaller one and two bedroom units. Hence there should be relaxation of the social housing requirements when considering future applications.	The removal of the Butts Bridge will encourage through traffic to use Whitelown Lane and is therefore counter productive. The present restricted flow acts as a natural choke to through traffic. Ideally more traffic calming measures ought to be installed on Whitelown Lane to reduce traffic speed, especially as there is a natural route across the road for children attending the Butts Primary School.	Providing additional housing which can only be afforded by commuters who don't work locally will do nothing for the financial health of the Town.	
GU34 2HX	J Jarvis	193			as Greenfields Avenue will probably become a major route through from east to west, I suggest the carriageway to be divided sideways left and right where possible, to slow traffic down, and by slowing to one side, this can provide more laybys at the other side, to remove carparking from verges. Thank you.		
GU34 2DT	Pat Teague (letter)	194	TO BE ADDED				
GU34 2DT	Mary Chevis (letter)	195		As an Altonian born and bred I do hope that, after all the work the Steering Group has done, the government inspectors will legislate the documents put forward. The local community has real issues with the development and its impact on the community. As most of the development seems to be at the southern end of town, surely it is important to spread the load a bit and take advantage of the Willam Road site. As a resident of Willam Close, to see the site developed would be such an improvement on the rubbish there now and is a natural site. The steering group represents the people of Alton and not just a lot of time and effort to make sure our concerns are noted. With the steering group approving industrial units opposite, this development would make an attractive residential boundary on the approach into Alton.	The 30mph speed limit could then be reduced further along to the bypass bridge making the road safer by the existing houses.		
Molton Cours		196		Detailed letter, making representation: The Brewery site occupies a highly sustainable location on the edge of the town centre. It has the potential for continuing towards meeting a need for new housing (including affordable housing and specialised housing for the elderly) and provides an opportunity for meeting the "windfall" requirement for new homes. The redevelopment of the site would bring about significant environmental improvements, particularly for those residents living adjacent to the brewery. It is considered that there may be scope to include small-scale retail or commercial development (subject to viability testing) as part of a residential-led mixed-use development.		It is considered that policy E32 (as currently drafted) has the potential to frustrate the brewery plan from coming forward for redevelopment. In order for the policy to accord more closely with the NPPF and policy CM4 it is recommended that policy E32 is reworded as follows: E32 Reuse of commercial brownfield land The reuse of previously developed employment land with alternative uses within the town centre will be encouraged. The residential mixed-use redevelopment of such sites, that may include an element of employment generating uses (where viable) will be supported.	
Hillam Land Management		197	Detailed letter, with specific comments: Supports the objectives of policy DE1. No comments on policy DE2, but wish to highlight that proposals for land east of Will Hall Farm meet its requirements.	Support the overarching objectives of the plan. In particular, welcome and support the decision to allocate land to the east of Will Hall Farm for residential development through policy HD3a. Object in part to the criterion (iv) within policy HD3 a) where it stipulates the provision of a landscape screen to the eastern boundary of the site so that "it is in keeping with the character of the greenfield estate opposite" No such boundary planting exists along the western boundary to the Greenfields estate. The proposals for the site incorporate significant structural tree planting along the northern boundary and at the request of planning committee members, a wooded copse beyond this boundary. Request that the words "and eastern boundaries of the site adjacent" be deleted from criterion iv of policy HD3a.			
WYG		198		Extensive letter expressing concerns about the evidence base and presenting a case for the allocation for Treasur and Borrowe to be 280 and 249 respectively, by amending policies HD3a and HD3b.			
English Heritage		199	We note that the plan does not seek to duplicate or supersede any of the policies with regard to the historic environment set out in the East Hampshire Local Plan, but does provide specific policy consideration for the locally distinctive character of Alton as a town and support this approach to integrating the neighbourhood plan with the wider planning framework. We would support the incorporation of this town's unique and the setting of	We note that the plan appears to be silent on the subject of archaeological remains and recommend that the County's Historic Buildings and Monuments Record is consulted to determine whether any of the proposed allocation sites have previously been recorded as the sites of archaeological finds. Where archaeological sites have been identified on the plan, the plan should be updated to reflect this.			
EHDC		200					
CGMS		201		Detailed letter on behalf of the owner of land west of Old Dalham Road, arguing that there are errors with the site selection process and evidence base, resulting in the inappropriate exclusion of their site.			
Chris Garfield (letter)		202		Firstly, I feel it is rather unfortunate that the so-called important issue of landscape setting is particularly prominent throughout the Draft. However one may well be concerned to consider if there might actually be a tendency towards over emphasis of the point. Certainly, it is particularly notable that from the list of so labelled "excluded" SHELAA sites available through EHDC, there is a heavy bias toward landscape as reason for exclusion and, in many instances, this appears as the only reason. Although landscaping is important given the very nature of particularly Housing Policy where it is clearly not possible to create invisible new development, an over emphasis of the ambition to protect landscape setting may well have compromised other potential Policy suggestions being included in the Draft and hence weakened the overall impact of it. For example, with regard to potential housing development, I would suggest that sites able to provide say 50 to 100 units would be a wholly preferable way forward compared to the surface in Alton special attention needs to be given to sewage pipes when underground, maybe extra casing to reduce groundwater contamination. There is a hole in the Selborne Road currently used by the brewery that may come into public use at some future date for groundwater protection is important. Need to strengthen the bottom bullet. Be compliant with EU Water Framework Directive with respect to the Caker Stream that this site drains into. Be compliant with EU Water Framework Directive with respect to the Caker Stream that this site drains into. Policy HD3(c) Cadman Farm it was good to see the perimeter of the built environment to follow a natural contour line that will help it to blend in. With respect to nature planning for screening add "of native species found in this area" HD3(d) Willom Road 25 dwellings o		I am also concerned, in light of the very well publicised announcement by Coors brewery, that there is not sufficient emphasis to consider potential Brownfield development opportunities particularly in the context of housing. I believe there is an obvious sympathy to consider such situations but bearing in mind the significance of a 12 acre site in the very heart of the Town, I believe there is a special reason to carefully emphasise such a Policy. I do appreciate this is touched upon in Plan Policies p 96 but more detailed comment might well seem appropriate. With regard to Economic Sustainability and Viability Policies, this is a very dynamic area of any such Draft Plan and therefore inherently difficult to consider. While the intent of such Policies is perhaps obvious, creation of specific Policy wording and framework is challenging. I am unsure as to accuracy of some of the statements within the Plan in this respect, most notably retail property vacancy rates and would certainly encourage an update to the surface in Alton special attention needs to be given to sewage pipes when underground, maybe extra casing to reduce groundwater contamination. There is a hole in the Selborne Road currently used by the brewery that may come into public use at some future date for groundwater protection is important. Need to strengthen the bottom bullet. Be compliant with EU Water Framework Directive with respect to the Caker Stream that this site drains into. Be compliant with EU Water Framework Directive with respect to the Caker Stream that this site drains into. Policy HD3(c) Cadman Farm it was good to see the perimeter of the built environment to follow a natural contour line that will help it to blend in. With respect to nature planning for screening add "of native species found in this area" HD3(d) Willom Road 25 dwellings is over-optimistic for this site that is on a steep slope on disturbed chalk and possibly some quarry waste and disused pit from former quarrying. There is also an issue with the amount of excavation needed and the proximity of the Caker Stream immediately below the road but down a steep wooded bank so people are unaware that it is there. The risk of pollution from particles etc of development work is high. There is also the risk of radon gas that is invisible and odourless and can be a health hazard. The problems on the high street certainly need addressing and I'm pleased the plan is pushing for free initial parking times as this is a major contribution to the lack of footfall in the shops. If people could pull-up in the high street, or quickly park in a car park for 20mins and not have to rummage for change. I feel many more of us would pop in to town to get some things they would normally have gone straight to Sainsbury's for. Apparently Bishop's Walkham, which I understand to have a thriving high street, has the first hour free in it's car parks, is that one of the secrets to it's success?	
Gu34 Jug	Vikki Gilson	203		The choice of where the new developments are to go is the best of a bad lot. I'm glad the plan is against building above the skyline and is pushing for 40% affordable housing. This last point, I feel, is a major problem both locally and nationally. Developers are determined to build as many 4/5 bedroom, detached, expensive houses as they can get away with (and we know they get away with a lot) because they make so much profit from these as opposed to smaller 2/3 bedroom homes, yet it's the smaller houses Alton is crying out for. You only have to look in the property pages to see what type of houses estate agents are struggling to sell and which ones get snapped up before they even make it to the paper.	I'm not entirely sure how anybody is going to come up with a solution to the problem of traffic in the town at rush hour. At the end of the day the road layout in Alton was not designed to cope with the size the town has become. No amount of tinkering with roundabouts and lights (Hollybome / dual carriageway car park anyone!) will solve or ease the congestion and with the added developments planned for the future I dread to think how bad it's going to get.	Having been told by Damien Hinds that our GP surgery has the space for more doctors I find it difficult to understand why it can take weeks to see a doctor. Who, or what, determines hiring extra staff? I'm dismayed that the community hospital may be reduced/closed due to under use. When the national press is full of stories about the awful problem of bed blocking how can a facility which would ease this problem be at risk from not being used? Who is responsible for transferring patients from larger hospitals to the community one? Surely pressure must be put on them to fully utilise this site, or is there a hidden agenda in not sending people here and thus making it under used and subsequently redundant?	I feel the plan to extend the Butts school needs more detail. It seems this idea has been grabbed at as a solution to the problem of school places rather than push for a new school (which will need to be built at some time in the future). Are we talking of a couple of extra classrooms? (which won't be enough for the amount of children needing a place) Or will it be a doubling of the school? I'm assuming it's the latter but to squeeze that amount of extra children in will surely result in a massive loss of outdoor space, especially if, as I have heard, they can't build up due to foundation problems so will have to go sideways. And nobody seems to have thought about the type of school this expansion will create. 500 pupils squeezed into a site originally built for half that amount, the kind of place you find in inner cities, not leafy market towns. Does anyone truly believe this will be good for the school?

* Where making a change, write the actual wording of policy change
When altering the Plan prior to submission to LPA, suggest drawing track changes in one document submitted to LPA (for examiner's benefit). Also provide a non-track changed final version for LPA to publish (Discuss with LPA)
The methods used to consult on the final Draft Plan will be clearly set out in the consultation statement
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