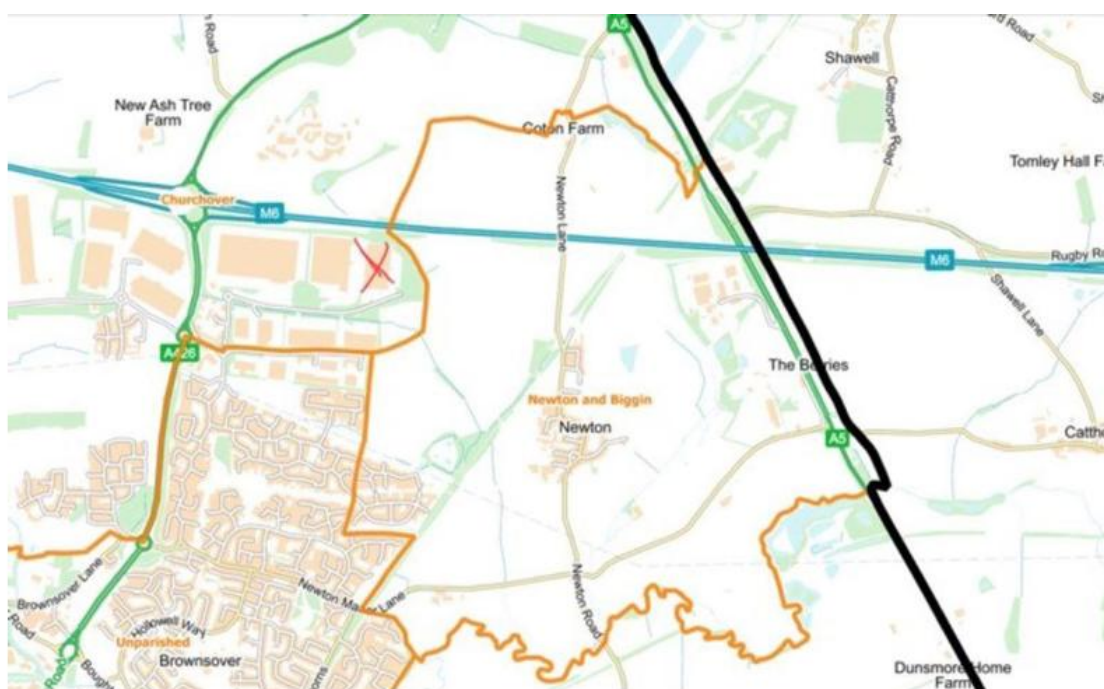


Newton and Biggin Consultation Statement

Getting Started

The Parish Council resolved at its June 2023 meeting to proceed with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. (**Appendix 1**) This meeting also resolved to apply to Rugby Borough Council (RBC) for the Designation of the Plan area to be the whole civil parish of Newton and Biggin and wrote to RBC in July 2023. This area designation was confirmed by RBC on 20th September 2023

Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan Area designated on 20th September 2023.



Proposal

At the June 2023 Parish Council meeting the proposal was put forward to create a neighbourhood plan that would cover the same period as Rugby Local Plan and provide a vision for the parish that would cover housing, economy, conservation, community facilities and environment. This was agreed by all.

In July 2023 a letter was submitted to RBC setting out the proposal for the Neighbourhood Plan as well as the designated area covering the parish which included Newton & Biggin and part of Coton Park East.

Initial Engagement

At the 25th September 2023 meeting of the Advisory Committee, it was resolved to agree to appoint YourLocale to act as consultants for the preparation of the Plan as

well as raising awareness within the community to create events where the community could have their say.

An event was launched at a meeting on 14th July 2024. This is shown in **Appendix 2** and **appendix 3** together with the relevant Parish Council meeting minutes. At the event, attended by 50 residents and Councillors, a presentation was given describing the process of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan.

Setting Up the Steering Committee and Initial Consultation

The June 2023 Parish Council Meeting resolved to establish a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee as a sub-committee of the Parish Council. **Appendix 4.** The introductory meeting was held on 25th September 2023 and the Steering Committee was formed with ten residents and five councillors and Terms of Reference agreed. **(Appendix 19)** It was agreed that the Chair should be a Parish Councillor.

The Committee met 8 times up to Plan Submission. The dates of these meetings are shown in **appendix 5.** The agendas and minutes of all the meetings can be found on the Village Website. ([Neighbourhood Plan Meetings – Newton & Biggin Parish Council](#))

The initial key objectives of the Committee were determined as:

- Communication with the Village
- Preparation of a Vision Statement
- Design of a Village Questionnaire
- Preparation of a Housing Needs Assessment
- Create a list of stakeholders and landowners
- Preparation of Design guide

The initial objectives and the July Open Event were reported at the June 2024 Parish Council meeting for information. **Appendix 6.**

Housing Needs Assessment (HNA)

The HNA was completed February 2024 by AECOM. The assessment included Newton and Biggin based on the 2021 census. The HNA recognised the need for housing that covered affordable housing and bungalows therefore addressing the needs of current and future residents

July 2024 Open Event

A flyer was distributed to each household, advertised on the community Facebook, and posters located in Newton and Biggin. Copies of the draft vision, maps, and key points of the vision were available to Parishioners. The Parish Councillors and representation from YourLocale were available at the event to explain the benefits of the Neighbourhood Plan and answer questions.

Vision Statement

The initial draft of the Vision for the Village was prepared. The draft Vision was presented at the July 2024 Open Event.

Respondents were asked if they would support the use of this vision in the Neighbourhood Plan and were invited to comment/suggest changes. All respondents indicated support. Summary report of consultation event **Appendix 7**

In total 50 Parishioners attended the consultation event which was held at Newton Memorial Hall on the 14th July 2024 between 10am and 12.30. Several of the Parishioners indicated a willingness to consider participating in future Theme Groups and left their contact details. A questionnaire (paper copies and on-line) was available to feedback comments. The flyer is available on the Village Website. ([Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan Open Event – Sunday 14th July 2024 – Newton & Biggin Parish Council](#))

A further flyer was delivered to all households in August 2024 for those that were unable to attend the open event and provide their feedback. **Appendix 8**. A copy of this survey is available at **Appendix 9**.

Following the response received from the questionnaire the results were collated to form the basis for the theme group and policy work. To see the results **Appendix 10**.

Theme Groups

It was decided at the meeting the advisory committee of 31st July to commence the work of the 2 theme groups. The minutes explain the next steps. **Appendix 11**

Two Theme Groups were established:

- Housing
- Environment

Residents were asked to confirm which group they preferred to be on. Each group was tasked with taking all the information obtained from the Open Event and developing policies for the Plan which addressed the identified needs, ambitions and preferences. Meeting dates to be confirmed. **Appendix 11**

June 2025 Open Event

Once the Focus Groups had completed their work and produced a set of proposed policies, these were presented to the Village for feedback at an Open Event in June 2025. A flyer advertising this event was delivered to all households **Appendix 12**.

The event was also advertised on the Parish Council website ([Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan Open Event – Sunday 22nd June 2025 – Newton & Biggin Parish Council](#))

All the policies proposed for the plan were presented at the event with a feedback form allowing participants to indicate whether they agreed or disagreed with each of them. There was overwhelming support for the policies presented. The session was lively and interactive and several constructive comments were received which have been incorporated in the plan. **Appendix 13**

Contact with RBC

Regular contact with RBC throughout the process in seek advice and to ensure awareness and compliance with the emerging Local Plan.

- Submitted the SEA and RBC agreed 29/10/25. **Appendix 14**

Regulation 14 Consultation

The Regulation 14 Consultation ran for 6 weeks from the 16th March 2026 to 28th April 2026. The Pre-Submission version of the Plan was completed in June 2026 and approved at the Parish Council meeting on 25th June.

All villagers were made aware of this process through posters on Village notice boards (**appendix 15**) and posts on Facebook: (Copy on Village Website).

It also detailed how to comment on the Plan and asked particularly for residents' thoughts on: (**appendix 16**):

- anything you feel we have omitted
- any sections which are not clear
- aspects which you think may be wrong
- what you like about the Plan.

Other stakeholders were informed by letter (copy available on Village Website).

Appendix 17

We received comments from 25 people. **Appendix 18** These are recorded in full in the Pre-Submission Consultation Responses document together with our responses and any required amendments to the Plan.

Conclusion

We believe that the focus on broad consultation has resulted in a Plan which has identified and addressed the key needs and preferences of the Parish and other stakeholders during the Plan period. The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee would like to thank all those residents who helped with the preparation of this Plan through participation in meetings and open events, commenting on the pre-submission draft and general informal discussion.

Comments from respondents to the Regulation 14 Consultation have helped to shape the draft Neighbourhood Plan prior to submission to Rugby Borough Council.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan is now ready to be submitted under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations prior to validation by the Local Planning Authority And Regulation 16 consultation, where there will be a further six weeks of consultation before the draft Plan, with accompanying documents and all representations made during the publicity period, will be sent to an Independent Examiner who will review it and check that it meets the 'Basic Conditions'. If the Plan successfully passes this stage, with any modifications, it will be put forward for referendum.

The referendum question will be a straight "yes" or "no" on the entire Plan, as set out by Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. People will not be able to vote for or against individual policies. If 50% or more of those voting vote for the Plan, it will be brought into force ('Made') and become part of Borough-wide planning policy.

This Consultation Statement and the supporting Appendices are provided to comply with Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

Appendix 1

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Appendix 2

NEWTON AND BIGGIN (including COTON PARK)

Neighbourhood Plan




Newton & Biggin Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the whole parish which includes parts of Coton Park. A Neighbourhood Plan gives local residents a measure of control over issues like new developments and protecting open spaces and rural areas. Work is at an early stage and the Drop-In will give you a chance to shape the Plan. Come and share your views!

OPEN DROP-IN EVENT

Date Sunday 14 July 2024 Time 12:00 – 2:30 pm
Venue Village Hall, Silver Street, Newton, CV23 0DU

Come and talk to us about the future of the Parish:

- What environmental areas should be protected?
- Is further housing needed in Newton village to meet a local need? Where should it go? What should it look like?
- What other facilities are needed?
- What about highways and public transport?

Look out for the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire – coming soon!

Appendix 3

8	NPC24/05/0095	Neighbourhood Plan (NP) I. General Update - The Chair reported that the work is progressing well, with the open event planned for Sunday 14th July. The public need to be engaged and a leaflet will be distributed ahead of the event. Representatives from Coton are playing an active role on the committee.	All
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Appendix 5

List of Neighbourhood Plan meetings

25th September 2023

9th November 2023

1st February 2024

12th March 2024

8th May 2024

5th June 2024

31st July 2024

1st April 2025

Appendix 6

17/496 To receive any applicable progress reports from Parish Councillors

Neighbourhood Plan: Committee meets monthly, there are 5 current actions; draft a vision statement, draft a questionnaire for the village, complete history of parish, create a list of stakeholders, create a list of landowners. Census data not available yet. Open event planned for 10th September 10-12.30pm. This will help to develop evidence and policies for the plan. The next meeting will be held on 27th July.

Appendix 7

Introduction

Newton and Biggin Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee organised a drop-in event on Neighbourhood Planning at the Memorial Hall which was held on Sunday 14 July 2024 between 12:00 pm and 2:30 pm.

The aim of the event was to help engage the community in the Neighbourhood Plan and to seek comments on the emerging topics – including important open spaces and environment; community facilities and amenities; housing and design; transport and employment.

The drop-in event was promoted through posters, social media, leaflets and through word of mouth.

In total, 50 people attended the event.

Format of Event

Attendees were welcomed on arrival and asked to complete a contact sheet or to tick a box to record their attendance. The arrangements for the day were explained.

The first displays introduced neighbourhood planning and described the process that is being followed by the Parish Council. Copies of explanatory booklets were available for reference and copies of finalised Neighbourhood Plans from other parishes were available for people to read as they walked around the displays. Maps supplied by Rugby Borough Council were on display.

Consultation on key issues

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

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

People were invited to read the displays and the information available and to make comment on



'post-it' notes.

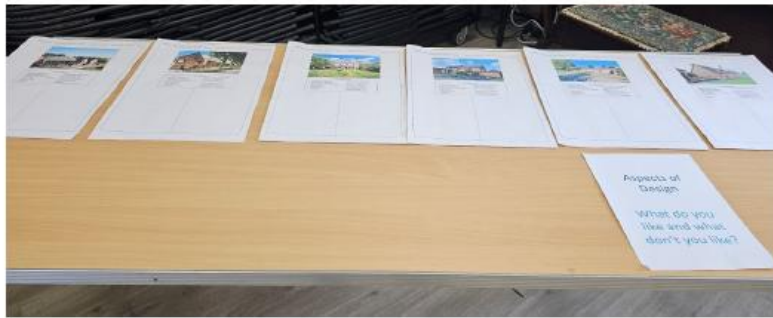
In addition, people were invited to identify open spaces which are important to them by placing up to 3 green marks on a map of the parish which they value for views; and up to 3 blue marks on areas good for recreation. A similar exercise invited people to indicate where they would not welcome new housing, and where residential development would be acceptable.

House designs were shown in a separate display and residents were invited to comment on what they liked and did not like about the design features.

Display Boards

The following pages give a sample of the boards that were on display at the event. The boards posed questions which people were invited to comment on.





Having read the displays, attendees were asked to comment on each topic using post-it notes and to place them on flip-chart paper alongside each display. These are the comments that were made:

VISION:

- Slow down traffic through the village.
- Good vision statement.
- Environmental impact? Renewable energy?
- Traffic calming.
- Protect open spaces
- Vision statement mentions safety of pedestrians – this needs to include wheelchair users, mobility scooter, pushchairs etc. i.e. pavements need to be passable/useable.
- Control of street parking to ensure pavements not obstructed for wheelchair users, prams etc.
- Reduction of through traffic.
- Plant trees and have open green spaces. Not a concrete vista.

Housing.

- Eillis Gardens is not shown on the Newton Settlement Boundary map so should be added.
- Prevent HMO without parking etc.
- Variety of house shapes so not all same. Curves in road. Shrubs, trees, parks and local shop, café.
- When will the building companies be held to their responsibility to build schools?
- Good no further housing requirement as would lose rural/community feel of village – the reason people love living here.
- Recent Persimmon Estate looks poorly made – most of Coton Park is prettier.
- Housing should only be considered alongside suitable infrastructure – GPs, Schools etc.

People were invited to place a red dot where housing was not wanted, and a green dot where housing would be suitable. The results are as follows:

Appendix 8

Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire



Newton & Biggin Parish Council, which includes part of Coton Park, is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan which gives YOU a means of control over issues like new developments and protecting open spaces, rural areas and other things important to you.

An Open Event was recently held where residents gave their opinions, thoughts and suggestions on issues like new housing developments and looking after the local environment. We were delighted that over fifty local residents attended but we'd also like YOUR feedback on shaping the area you live in.

We would therefore appreciate it if you could spare 5-10 mins to complete a simple, confidential questionnaire which gives you the opportunity to help shape the Neighbourhood Plan and let us know what you think.

Complete the questionnaire online or by scanning the QR code
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/newtonandbiggin>

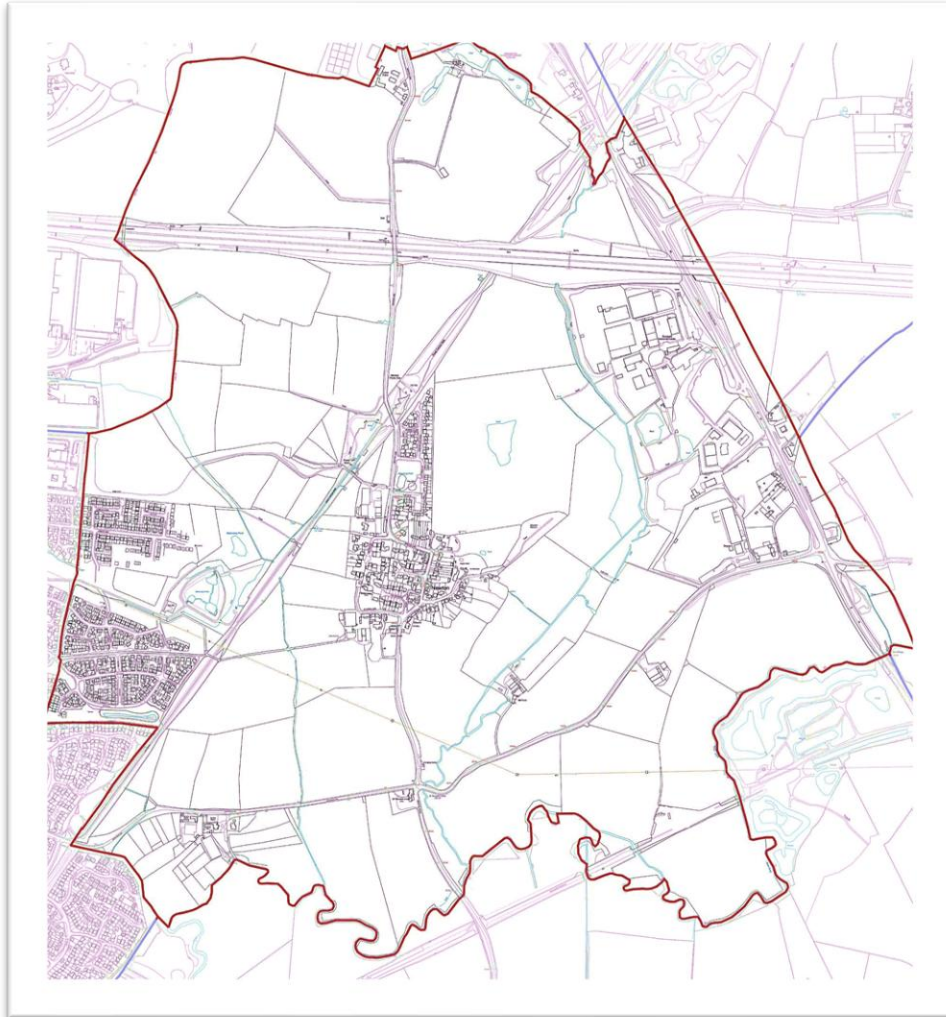


We would prefer the questionnaire to be completed online but if this is not convenient for you, paper copies can be obtained from any Parish Councillor or the Coton Park Residents Association.

The closing date is 30th September 2024

Get involved and help us manage development locally!

Newton & Biggin Parish Neighbourhood Plan



Residents Survey

Newton and Biggin Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the whole Parish, which includes parts of Coton Park.

A Neighbourhood Plan gives local residents a measure of control over issues like new development and protecting open spaces and rural areas. It also provides an opportunity to identify what's important and what needs improving.

Work is at an early stage and the results of this questionnaire will help inform the content of the Plan.

You can answer the questionnaire individually or as a household. The Neighbourhood Plan will take time to develop and there will be plenty of further opportunities to be involved.

If you would like assistance in completing this form please contact:

Andy Newnham 0774*****

Anne Davis 0793*****

Deadline for completion – 30th September

1. Are you answering this questionnaire as a ...	
Household	
Individual	

2. Please enter your postcode to help us understand what part of the Parish you live in.	
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About your household

3. How would you describe your household?	
Family with children under 18	
Family with children over 18 living at home	
Couple	
Adult living with other adults	
Adult living alone	

4. How many people in your household are ...	
18-40	
41-60	

61-80	
Over 80	

5. How long have you lived in the Parish of Newton and Biggin?	
Less than 10 years	
10-20 years	
21-30 years	
31-40 years	
41-50 years	
More than 50 years	

6. How would you describe your dwelling?	
Terraced house	
Semi-detached house	
Detached house	
Bungalow	
Flat or apartment	
Other (please specify)	

7. Please tell us how many people in your household are ...	
Employed full-time	
Employed part-time	
Self-employed	
Carers	
Currently unemployed	
Retired	

Our Parish – Community, Heritage and Environment

8. How do you rate Newton and Biggin Parish as a place to live or do business in?	
Excellent	
Very Good	
Good	
Not Very Good	
Poor	

9. What do you value most about living in Newton and Biggin Parish?

10. What do you dislike most about living in Newton and Biggin Parish?

11. How do you rate public footpaths and bridleways in the Parish?				
Excellent	Very Good	Good	Not Very Good	Poor

12. How do you rate public open spaces in the Parish?				
Excellent	Very Good	Good	Not Very Good	Poor

13. How would you rate the availability of local employment?

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Not Very Good	Poor
14. How would you rate the availability of local activities and community groups?				
Excellent	Very Good	Good	Not Very Good	Poor

15. How would you rate the general upkeep of the Parish?				
Excellent	Very Good	Good	Not Very Good	Poor

16. Do you, or a member of your household, use the following ...			
	Often	Sometimes	Never
Byways, Bridleways and Footpaths in the Parish			
The Good Shepherd Church, Newton			
Local schools			
Stag and Pheasant pub			
St Thomas Cross pub			
Newton Village play area			
Betony Road play area			
Five Arches Wildlife Area/Great Central Way			
Newton Memorial Hall (Village Hall)			
Buses from Coton			
Buses from Newton			
Allotments			

17. How important are the following to your household?			
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not so important
Protection of Countryside Rights of Way			
Protection of ancient fields, hedgerows and woodlands			
Protection of wildlife and habitat			
Mobile reception			
Broadband provision			
Allotments			
Rubbish and dog waste bins			
Street lighting			
Fixed benches and planters in the Parish			
Good Shepherd Church, Newton			
Local schools			
Stag and Pheasant pub			
St Thomas Cross pub			
Newton Village play area			
Betony Road play area			
Five Arches Wildlife Area/Great Central Way			
Newton Memorial Hall (Village Hall)			
Buses from Coton			
Buses from Newton			

18. Are there any facilities above that should be improved or expanded?

19. Please add any other services or amenities you may like to see in the Parish

Education

20. How well do you think the Parish is served with access to educational facilities?

	Well served	Adequate	Not well served
Pre School			
Primary School			
Secondary School			
Adult learning			

Transport and Getting Around

21. How many vehicles are in your household?

None	
1	
2	
3	
4 or more	

22. How many of these vehicles are parked within the property's boundary?

None	
1	
2	
3	
4 or more	

23. Thinking about things that could be done to encourage road safety in the Parish, bearing in mind future traffic growth, which of the following road calming measures would be important?				
	Very important	Important	Not important	No strong opinion
Speed restrictions				
Where?				
Junction improvements				
Where?				

24. Thinking about accessing community facilities and the countryside, both now and into the future, would you like to see new cycle routes established?	
Yes	
No	
If so, where (including start and end points)	

25. Do you have any further comments about transport, parking or safety?
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Your concerns

26. How concerned are you about the below issues?			
	Very concerned	Concerned	Not concerned
Burglary			
Vandalism			

Vehicle crime			
Anti-social behaviour			
Litter			
Fly-tipping			
Dog fouling			
Policing			
Inconsiderate parking			
Upkeep of residents buildings and gardens			
Noise levels			
Anything else?			

Employers and employment

27. Are you employed by a local business (within 5 miles of the Parish)?	
Yes	
No	

28. Do you operate a business from within the Parish?	
Yes	
No	

29. Does the current internet provision in the Parish meet your business needs (including working from home)?	
Yes	
No	

30. Would you welcome new businesses to the Parish?	
Yes	
No	

31. If you answered yes, what type of businesses would you like to see and where would they be situated?
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32. Please add any additional comments on business and employment?
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Housing

33. Should the Neighbourhood Plan identify a small site or sites to meet an identified local housing need?	
Yes	
No	
If yes, would you like to provide details of any sites you feel may be suitable for development within the Parish	

34. How important do you feel new housing development is in the Parish with regards to ...				
	Very important	Important	Not important	No strong opinion
To meet general housing need in the Parish				

To provide affordable housing To enable local young people to move to, or remain living in the Parish				
To enable older people to move into more suitable accommodation for their needs (e.g. downsizing)				
To meet the needs of those with additional needs				
Other (please specify and provide rating of importance)				

35. Have you, or any member of your family (even if they don't live with you now), recently had a problem finding suitable living accommodation in the Parish?			
Yes, currently	Yes, in the last year	No, but I anticipate this being a problem	No

The current housing mix in the Parish (from 2021) is as follows:

1 bed	10	1.7%
2 bed	144	24.2%
3 bed	230	38.7%
4+ bed	210	35.4%

36. What do you think of the current mix of housing in the Parish?			
	Too little	Adequate	Too many
Flats			

Bungalows			
Small houses (1-2 bedrooms)			
Family housing (3-4 bedrooms)			
Large houses (4+ bedrooms)			
Private rented housing			
Retirement / sheltered housing			
Housing association/local authority housing			

37. Regarding design of houses to be developed in the Parish, what style do you think would fit best? Please rate each from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)					
	1	2	3	4	5
Traditional style, traditional materials					
Modern design, traditional materials					
Traditional style, modern materials					
Modern design, modern materials					
Unique design and/or materials					

38. Should all new development meet net zero requirements? (i.e. remove at least as much greenhouse gas as it creates)	
Yes	
No	

39. Should there be a minimum tree canopy policy (amount of trees planted per development) for new developments?	
Yes	
No	

40. Are there any other climate change policies that we should be considering?
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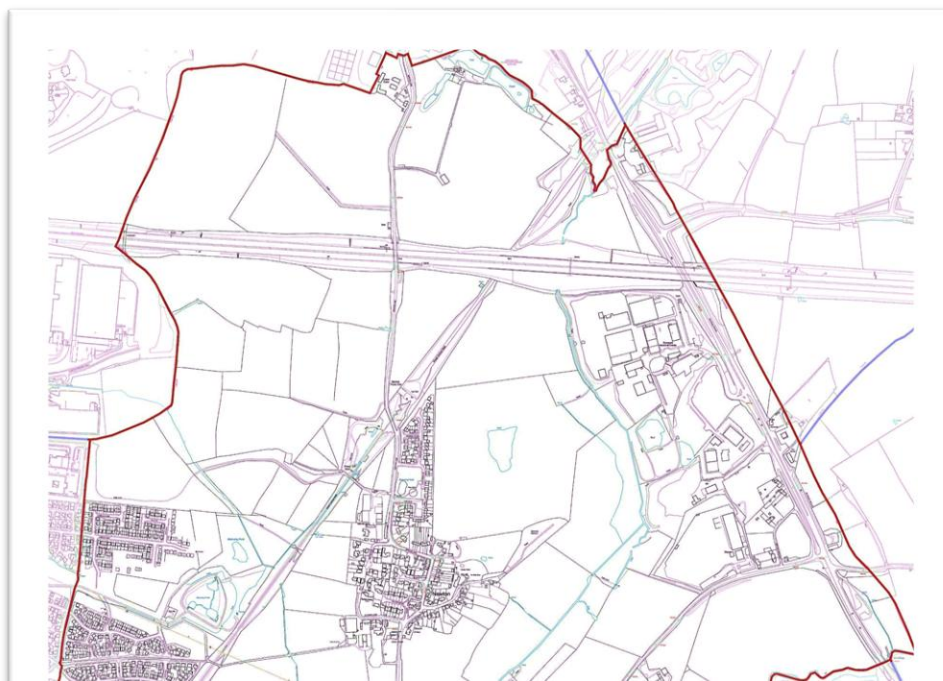
Thank you for completing this survey

All responses will be used solely for preparing this Neighbourhood Plan. Your participation in this questionnaire, together with your individual responses to the questions asked, will be kept confidential and no-one will be identifiable in any published results.

Appendix 10

Newton & Biggin

Parish Neighbourhood Plan



The community of Newton & Biggin has commenced the preparation of their Neighbourhood Plan.

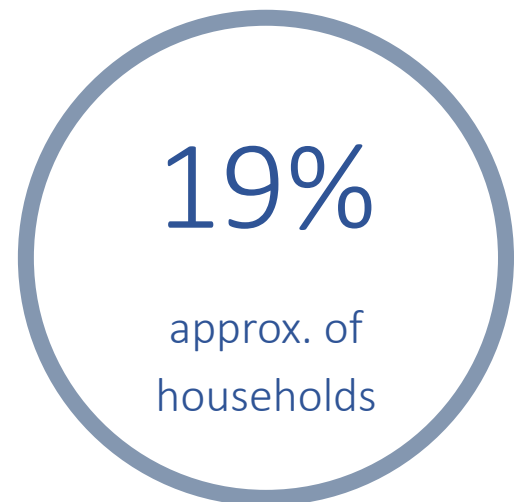
An important part of this inclusive process is, of course, obtaining the views and aspirations of the community. Key to this has been the development and dissemination of a community questionnaire.

The questionnaire contains 41 questions and is based on important themes established following initial consultation work by the team leading the Newton & Biggin Neighbourhood Plan.

The questionnaire took place during September and October of 2024. It was available to complete electronically and as a paper version. The level of response from the community was good, there being 116 responses. This represents a return from 8% of the adult population, (1,468 aged 16 plus).

Given that some households choose to respond collectively rather than as individuals (see Q1); it is also pertinent to consider the number of responses in relation to the number of households in the Neighbourhood Plan area. The number of responses represents the equivalent of up to 19% of the 599 occupied households.

This demonstrates a good level of commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan by the community and, in turn, adds strength to the validity of the collected views expressed.



Our Parish – Community, Heritage and Environment

Q8 How do you rate Newton and Biggin Parish as a place to live or do business in?



Respondents display a very positive view of their parish to live or do business in. 99% feel that Newton and Biggin is good, very good or excellent.

Q9 What do you value most about living in Newton and Biggin Parish?

Sense community environment Family
town great people greenpeaceful
friendly close quiet walks shops
nature area **community** rural
good village countryside Lovely
Small Community spirit access amenities
green spaces location surrounding

Respondents demonstrate overwhelmingly that they value the community spirit within their Parish – the friendliness and support. They also value the village and rural environment, the countryside and the proximity to transport links and larger conurbations.

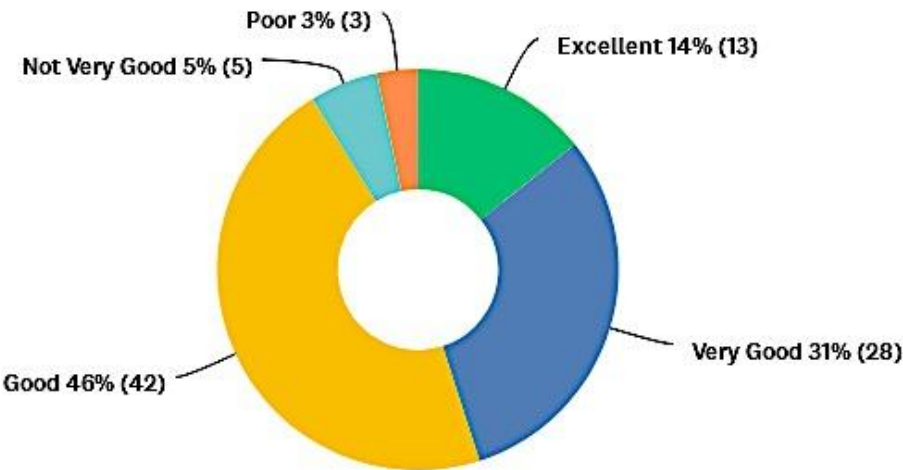
A full list of comments appears in the appendix.

Q10 What do you dislike most about living in Newton and Biggin Parish?

The major concern of respondents is traffic – speeding, parking and the difficulty driving out of the village. There is also concern about the lack of a local shop and other amenities, including a secondary school. There is a view expressed by Coton respondents that they are not fully included; for example: meetings are held in the village hall in Newton village and not in Coton.

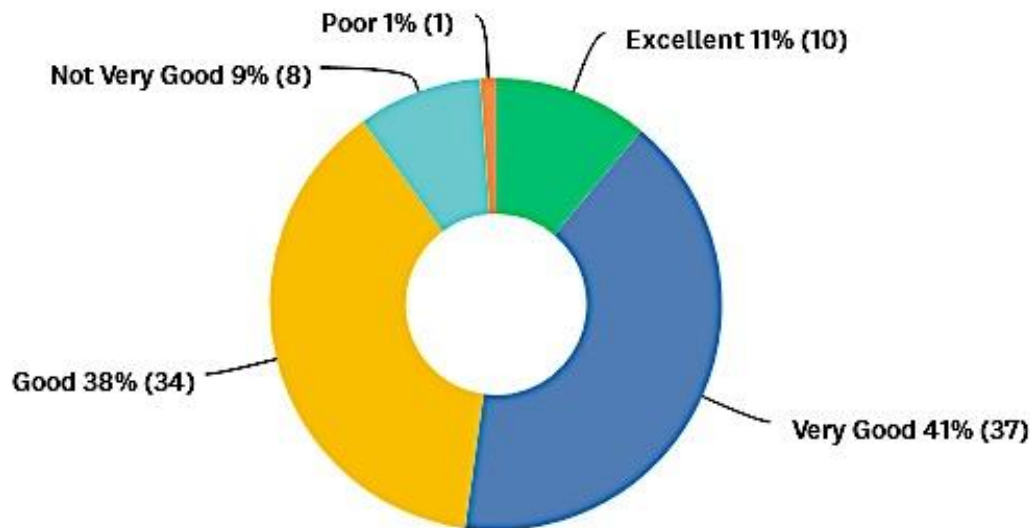
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Q11 How do you rate public footpaths and bridleways in the Parish?



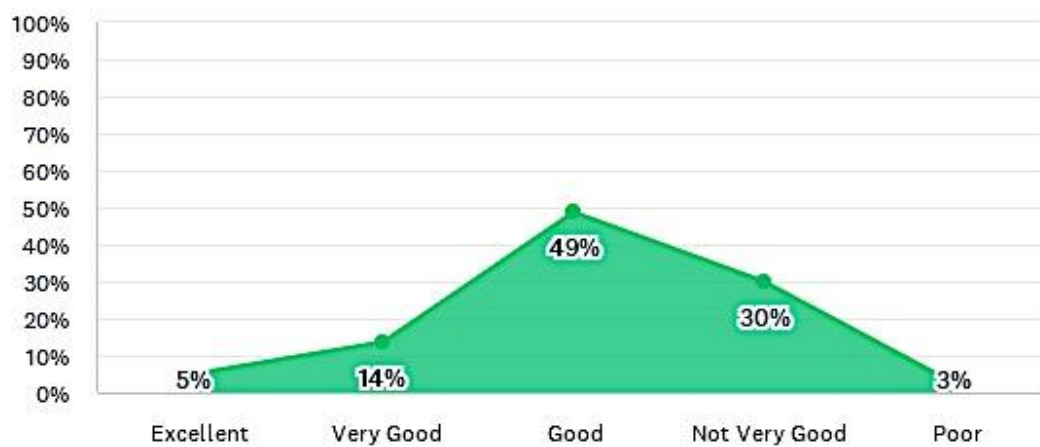
Public footpaths and bridleways in the Parish are viewed positively by those responding – 91% rate them as good, very good or excellent.

Q12 How do you rate public open spaces in the Parish?



Public open spaces in the parish are viewed positively by respondents – 90% rate them as good, very good or excellent.

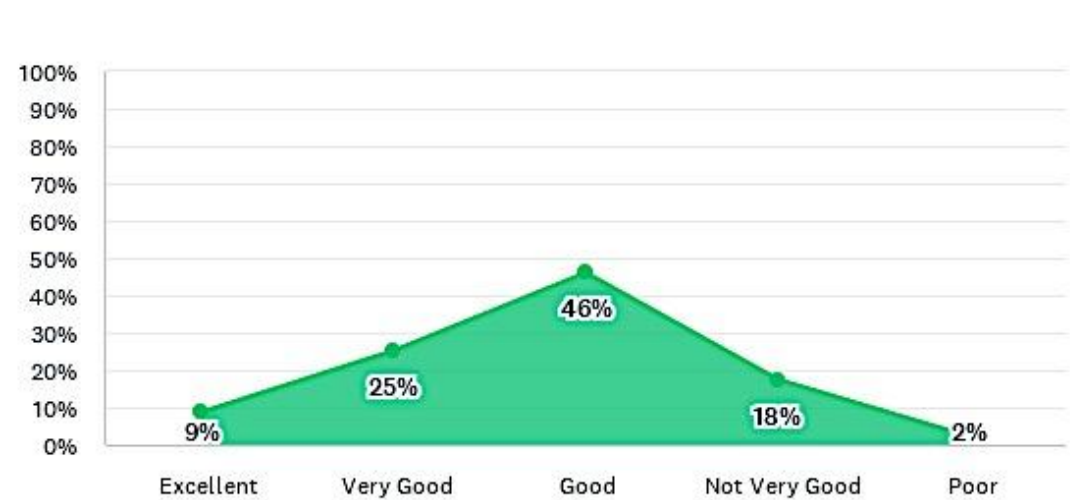
Q13 How would you rate the availability of local employment?



In this question it does not specifically state within the Parish- so respondents may also be considering the local surrounding area where a greater number of employment opportunities exist.

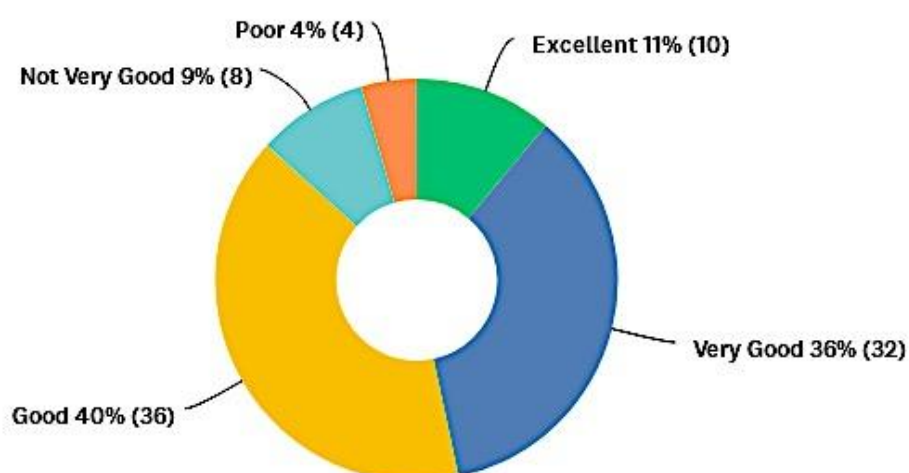
There is a generally positive view about the availability of local employment – 68% good, very good or excellent. However, almost a third of respondents hold a negative view in response to this question.

Q14 How would you rate the availability of local activities and community groups?



80% of respondents rate the availability of local activities and community groups as good, very good or excellent. However, 46% only rated it good and 20% rated it not very good or poor.

Q15 How would you rate the general upkeep of the Parish?



Over 85% of those responding rate the general upkeep of the Parish good, very good or excellent.

Q16 Do you, or a member of your household, use the following ...
Often/Sometimes/Never

	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	NEVER
Byways, Bridleways and Footpaths in the Parish	70.33%	26.37%	3.30%
Five Arches Wildlife Area/Great Central Way	64.44%	30.00%	5.56%
Newton Memorial Hall (Village Hall)	25.27%	42.86%	31.87%
Local schools	18.89%	5.56%	75.56%
Stag and Pheasant pub	13.33%	44.44%	42.22%
The Good Shepherd Church, Newton	11.11%	33.33%	55.56%
Newton Village play area	10.00%	35.56%	54.44%
Buses from Coton	8.14%	9.30%	82.56%
Allotments	8.05%	11.49%	80.46%
Betony Road play area	6.90%	13.79%	79.31%
Buses from Newton	3.41%	18.18%	78.41%

	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	NEVER
St Thomas Cross pub	2.22%	38.89%	58.89%

96% of respondents use the byways, bridleways and footpaths in the Parish whilst 94% use the Five Arches wildlife area and Great Central Way.

These two options are significantly more popular, in terms of usage, than each of the other options offered in this question.

A majority do not use the buses from Coton or Newton, or the Newton village and Betony Road play area.

Q17 How important are the following to your household?

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT SO IMPORTANT
Protection of wildlife and habitat	91.11%	7.78%	1.11%
Five Arches Wildlife Area/Great Central Way	90.00%	8.89%	1.11%
Protection of ancient fields, hedgerows and woodlands	87.78%	11.11%	1.11%
Protection of Countryside Rights of Way	84.44%	13.33%	2.22%
Rubbish and dog waste bins	82.42%	16.48%	1.10%
Broadband provision	82.95%	13.64%	3.41%
Newton Memorial Hall (Village Hall)	69.23%	18.68%	12.09%
Mobile reception	68.89%	25.56%	5.56%

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT SO IMPORTANT
Street lighting	65.93%	27.47%	6.59%
Local schools	59.34%	25.27%	15.38%
Newton Village play area	56.67%	27.78%	15.56%
Buses from Newton	54.44%	27.78%	17.78%
Fixed benches and planters in the Parish	46.67%	46.67%	6.67%
Stag and Pheasant pub	44.44%	34.44%	21.11%
Buses from Coton	46.51%	24.42%	29.07%
Good Shepherd Church, Newton	42.22%	28.89%	28.89%
Allotments	41.11%	32.22%	26.67%
Betony Road play area	41.86%	22.09%	36.05%
St Thomas Cross pub	27.78%	37.78%	34.44%

Respondents place the highest priority on environmental issues. The protection of wildlife and habitat, the Five Arches Wildlife Area/Great Central Way, ancient fields, and rights of way are considered "very important" by over 84% of respondents. Similarly, practical needs like rubbish and dog waste bins, and broadband provision are priorities, with over 82% rating them as "very important."

Community facilities such as the Newton Memorial Hall, mobile reception, and street lighting are seen as important by most, though with slightly lower "very important" ratings, ranging from around 66% to 69%. Local schools and the village play area are also valued with "very important" ratings of 59% and 57%, respectively.

Less consensus exists for amenities like pubs, buses, and benches, which have mixed levels of importance. The St Thomas Cross pub and Betony Road play area have the lowest "very important" ratings, with many respondents considering them "somewhat important" or "not so important."

Q18 Are there any facilities above that should be improved or expanded?

Many respondents express a need for more frequent and accessible bus services, including connections to nearby towns and evening routes. Improvements to footpaths, public rights of way, and accessibility for wheelchair users are also mentioned, along with better maintenance of the Great Central Way.

Other concerns include the condition of road surfaces, drainage, and the need for more litterbins/dog waste bins. Concern about the loss of the Betony Road play area is expressed by a number of those responding.

There are also requests for improved broadband, traffic management, more parking, and indoor facilities for events. Some suggest expanding green spaces, planting schemes, and play areas, while others prioritise maintaining historical hedgerows and preventing illegal dumping, a secondary school, and improvements to local pubs and churches.

A full list of comments appears in the appendix.

Q19 Please add any other services or amenities you may like to see in the Parish

Responses indicate a strong desire for a local village shop/post office. There is also interest in a secondary school, community cafe, youth clubs, and additional amenities such as sports facilities, including a football pitch and more organised youth activities like Scouts or Guides.

Respondents also highlight the need for infrastructure improvements, including safer road layouts, better parking solutions, and safe pedestrian pathways. There are requests for additional dog waste bins, maintenance of existing parks, and development of a community facility in Coton Park, where respondents feel services are lacking.

Other suggestions include local grocery delivery services, interactive children's features like bug hotels, outdoor gym equipment, and improved traffic management measures such as speed bumps and cameras. There is also a call for more community events, such as family fun days.

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Education

Q20 How well do you think the Parish is served with access to educational facilities?

	WELL SERVED	ADEQUATE	NOT WELL SERVED
Pre School	15.19%	64.56%	20.25%
Primary School	35.00%	55.00%	10.00%
Secondary School	15.19%	44.30%	40.51%
Adult learning	2.63%	46.05%	51.32%

A majority of respondents feel that educational facilities are adequate for children and young people. However, it appears that several respondents feel that the absence of an anticipated secondary school means that secondary education is not well served (40%).

A small majority (51%) think that adult learning is not well served, with only 3% believing that it is.

Transport and Getting Around

Q21 How many vehicles are in your household?

There are 88 respondents to this question who state that they own 148 vehicles, an average of 1.7 vehicles per household.

Q22 How many of these vehicles are parked within the property's boundary?

Of the 148 vehicles owned by respondents, 133 are parked within the property's boundary.

Q23 Thinking about things that could be done to encourage road safety in the Parish, bearing in mind future traffic growth, which of the following road calming measures would be important?

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO STRONG OPINION
Speed restrictions	64.37%	22.99%	5.75%	6.90%

87% of those responding believe that additional speed restrictions in the parish are important or very important.

Key areas mentioned for implementing these measures include Main Street, Newton Lane, Coton Park, and St Thomas Cross, with several respondents calling for speed control throughout the Newton village.

Residents express concerns about excessive speeding when entering or leaving the village, particularly from the A5. Frequent problem spots identified are Coton Park Drive, Long Hassocks, Newton Manor Lane, and village entry points, often used as cut-throughs, increasing the need for traffic calming. Suggestions also include adding

zebra crossings and speed bumps at strategic locations. (Some of these may be the same problem spots differently described ...)

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Q24 Again, thinking about things that could be done to encourage road safety in the Parish, bearing in mind future traffic growth, which of the following road calming measures would be important?

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO STRONG OPINION
Junction improvements	74%	14%	3%	8%

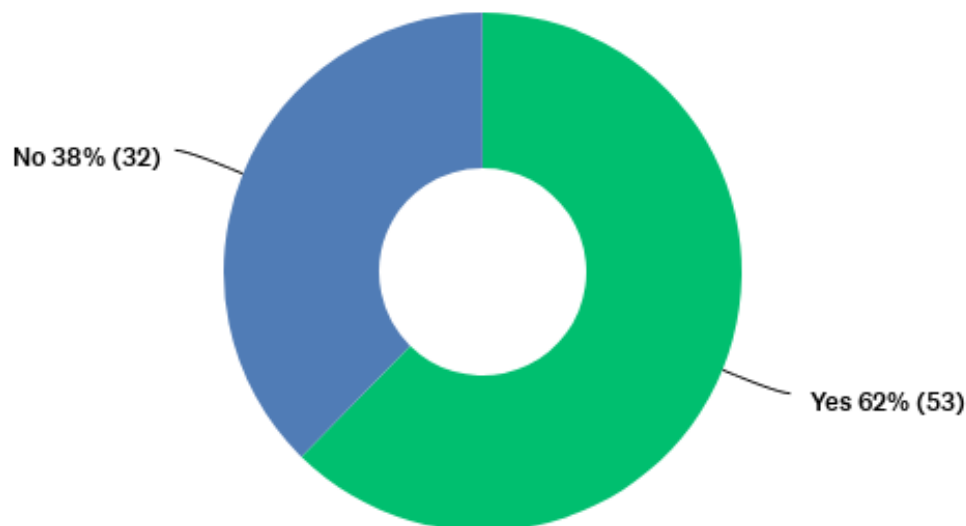
88% of those responding believe that junction improvements in the parish are important or very important.

Because of frequent accidents and difficulty navigating the junction, the majority of respondents emphasised the need for safety improvements at the St. Thomas Cross junction, including better lighting, clearer signage, and the potential addition of a mini-roundabout.

Other problem roads identified include the Newton Road, Newton Manor Lane, and Market Harborough Road, which require reconfiguration for safer traffic flow. Coton Park was also highlighted for morning traffic congestion, while suggestions were made for roundabouts at key locations like Tuthill Furlong and improved bus stop positioning. (Some of these may be the same junctions differently described ...)

A full list of comments appears in the appendix.

Q25 Thinking about accessing community facilities and the countryside, both now and into the future, would you like to see new cycle routes established?



Almost two thirds of respondents would you like to see new cycle routes established.

Newton to Clifton is amongst the most mentioned suggested routes – creating a link between the two major settlements within the Parish.

A full list of comments appears in the appendix.

Q26 Do you have any further comments about transport, parking or safety?

Responses highlight significant concerns about parking, traffic safety, and road management. Many residents find parking inadequate, with issues particularly acute in both Coton Park and parts of Newton where cars block roads, footpaths, and visibility. Suggestions include implementing parking restrictions, such as yellow lines and traffic wardens to enforce rules, especially near junctions, bends, and roundabouts.

There are also suggestion for measures to manage traffic flow, including speed cameras, chicanes, or reduced speed limits, particularly at problematic areas like St Thomas Cross and Newton Lane. The lack of parking alternatives is an issue, with

some proposing collaboration with local establishments to provide additional spaces. Improved road maintenance and the addition of off-road parking solutions are also suggested.

Residents express concern about large buses navigating narrow roads in Coton Park and suggest using smaller vehicles. There are requests for better pedestrian infrastructure, such as dedicated footpaths to avoid crossing at dangerous spots.

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Your Concerns

Q27 How concerned are you about the below issues?

	VERY CONCERNED	CONCERNED	NOT CONCERNED
Inconsiderate parking	57.47%	32.18%	10.34%
Fly-tipping	40.23%	42.53%	17.24%
Policing	35.63%	36.78%	27.59%
Litter	32.18%	45.98%	21.84%
Dog fouling	28.74%	49.43%	21.84%
Vehicle crime	26.44%	48.28%	25.29%
Vandalism	24.14%	40.23%	35.63%
Anti-social behaviour	25.00%	36.90%	38.10%
Burglary	22.99%	48.28%	28.74%
Noise levels	16.28%	27.91%	55.81%

	VERY CONCERNED	CONCERNED	NOT CONCERNED
Upkeep of residents buildings and gardens	12.79%	37.21%	50.00%

The most significant concern among respondents is inconsiderate parking, with nearly 90% expressing some level of concern. Fly-tipping, policing, litter, and dog fouling are also notable concerns, each with over 70% of people indicating they are either "very concerned" or "concerned."

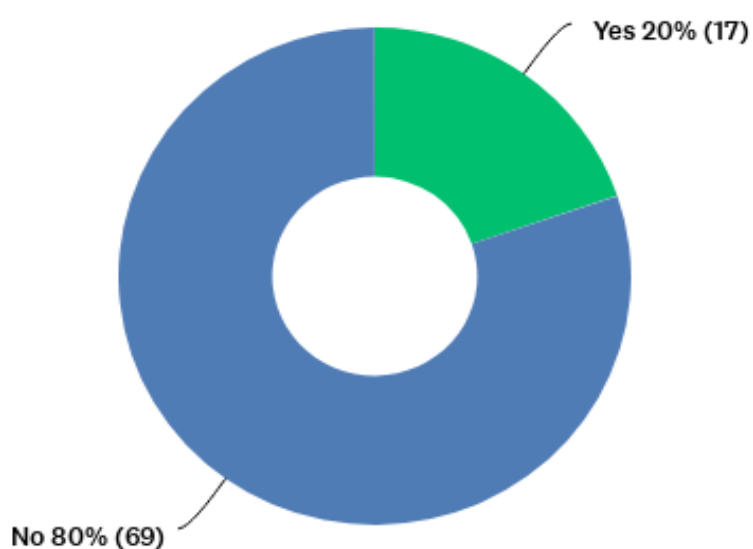
Issues like vehicle crime, vandalism, anti-social behaviour, and burglary also worry many residents, though to a slightly lesser extent.

Noise levels and the upkeep of residents' buildings and gardens are seen as the least concerning issues, with over half of respondents not expressing concern.

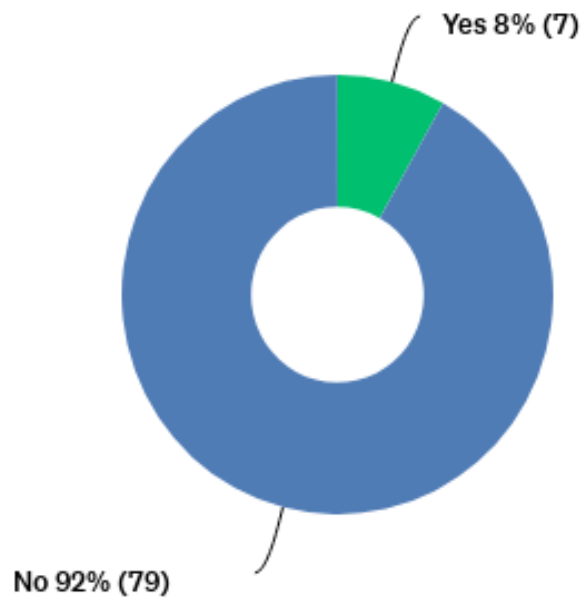
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Employers and Employment

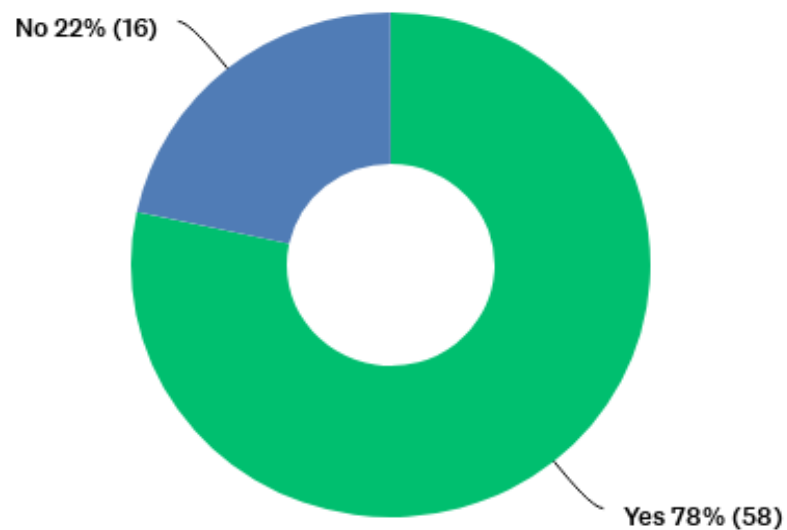
Q 28 Are you employed by a local business (within 5 miles of the Parish)?



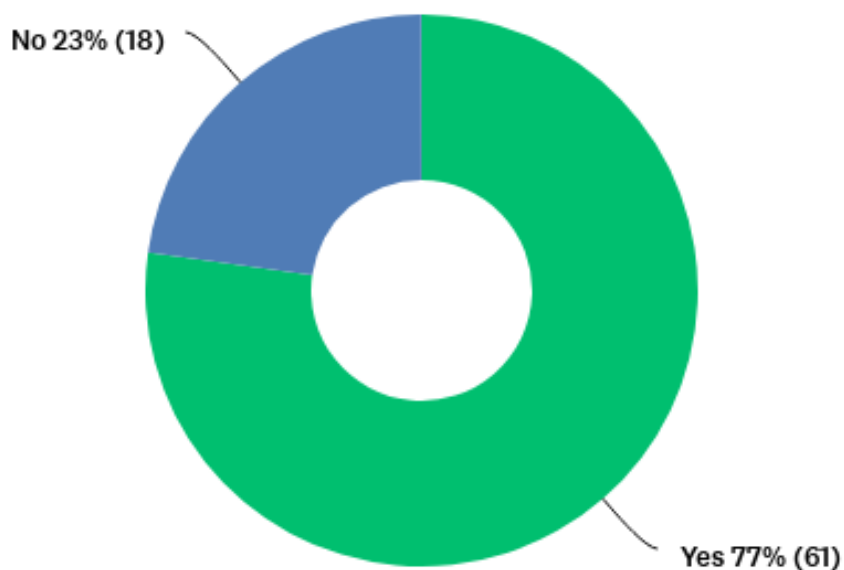
Q29 Do you operate a business from within the Parish?



Q30 Does the current internet provision in the Parish meet your business needs (including working from home)?



Q31 Would you welcome new businesses to the Parish?



Q32 If you answered yes, what type of businesses would you like to see and where would they be situated?

Respondents expressed a desire for small businesses such as local shops, cafes, convenience stores, hairdressers, and community-oriented facilities like a pub/restaurant. There is support for local retail in areas like Coton Park, Newton village; even at the pub car park. Suggestions include a village store, independent eateries, craft shops, or a blacksmith.

Many prefer to keep large businesses, warehouses, and noisy industries in designated employment zones, while promoting smaller businesses that offer skilled local employment or community benefits.

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Q33 Please add any additional comments on business and employment.

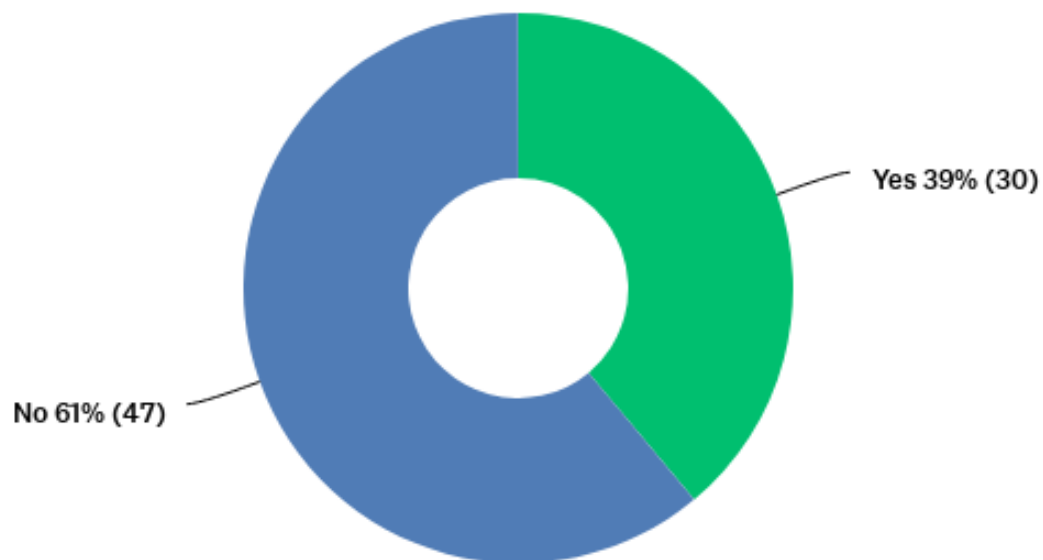
Residents again expressed a desire for local amenities like a shop or post office for everyday essentials. They also seek better broadband connectivity, and part-time employment opportunities for those over 50.

Some suggested that while the village may not be suitable for direct business development, areas like Coton Park could support business growth, including spaces for community use and flexible workspaces. There is a call to encourage local business ventures to boost employment.

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Housing

Q34 Should the Neighbourhood Plan identify a small site or sites to meet an identified local housing need?



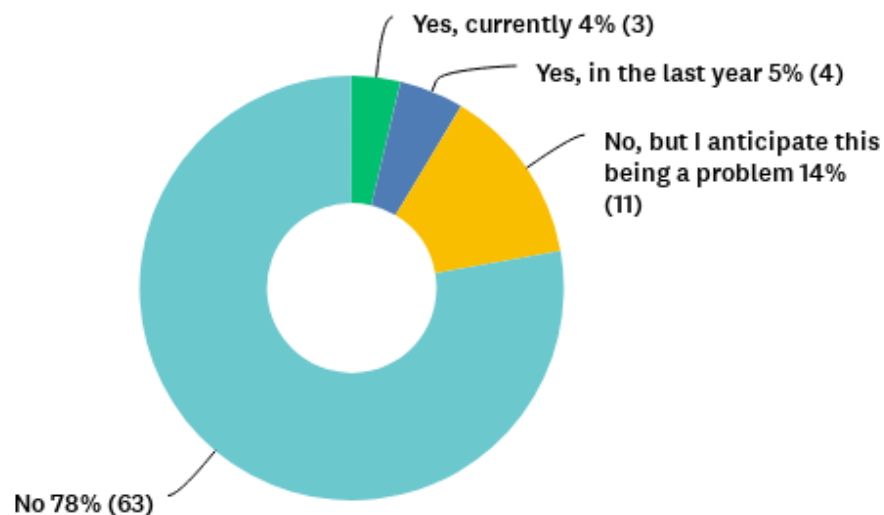
Q35 How important do you feel new housing development is in the Parish with regards to ...

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO STRONG OPINION
To enable older people to move into more suitable accommodation for their needs (e.g. downsizing)	36.59%	35.37%	10.98%	17.07%
To provide affordable housing To enable local young people to move to, or remain living in the Parish	23.17%	43.90%	21.95%	10.98%
To meet the needs of those with additional needs	21.52%	45.57%	12.66%	20.25%
To meet general housing need in the Parish	12.50%	33.75%	35.00%	18.75%

Residents consider new housing development in the Parish to be most important for enabling older people to downsize (72% rated it important or very important), followed by providing affordable housing for young people (67%), and meeting the needs of individuals with additional needs (67%). Meeting general housing needs in the Parish was seen as less crucial, with only 46% considering it important or very important.

Specific comments were received about the need for more bungalows and taking more consideration of who occupies the Social Housing.

Q36 Have you, or any member of your family (even if they don't live with you now), recently had a problem finding suitable living accommodation in the Parish?



Over three quarters of respondents (78%) have not recently had a problem finding suitable living accommodation in the Parish? However, 23% have either had such a problem in the last year, are currently experiencing such a problem or anticipate having one.

Q37 What do you think of the current mix of housing in the Parish?

	TOO LITTLE	ADEQUATE	TOO MANY
Bungalows	59.74%	37.66%	2.60%
Retirement / sheltered housing	64.79%	35.21%	0.00%
Small houses (1-2 bedrooms)	45.21%	50.68%	4.11%
Housing association/local authority housing	26.39%	51.39%	22.22%
Flats	22.67%	69.33%	8.00%
Private rented housing	13.24%	70.59%	16.18%
Large houses (4+ bedrooms)	10.67%	66.67%	22.67%
Family housing (3-4 bedrooms)	8.00%	86.67%	5.33%

Respondents feel there is a significant shortage of bungalows (60% of responses) and retirement or sheltered housing (65%) in the Parish. Small houses (1-2 bedrooms) are

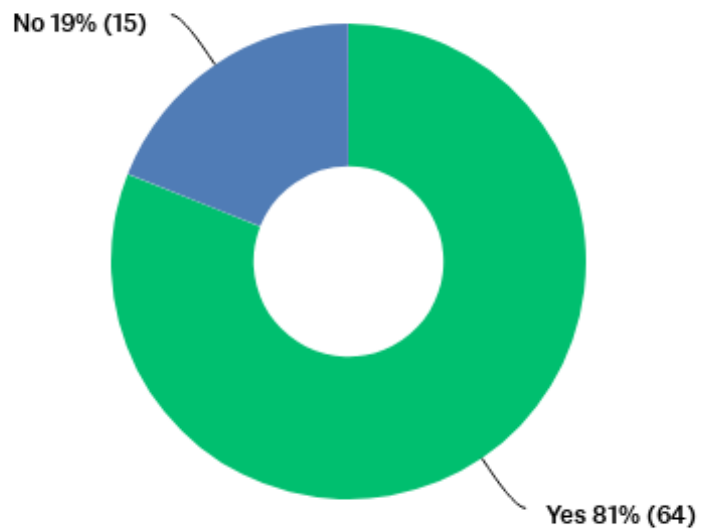
also seen as somewhat lacking (45%). Most people find the current levels of flats, private rented housing, large houses, and family housing to be adequate, with 67% or more considering these categories sufficient.

Q38 Regarding design of houses to be developed in the Parish, what style do you think would fit best? Please rate each from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree)

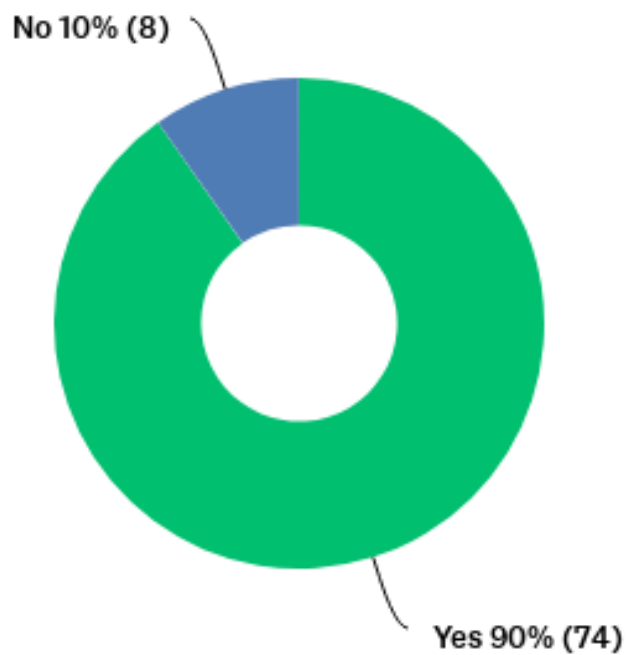
	1	2	3	4	5
Traditional style, traditional materials	3.95%	6.58%	30.26%	23.68%	35.53%
Traditional style, modern materials	9.21%	11.84%	28.95%	28.95%	21.05%
Modern design, traditional materials	14.67%	13.33%	37.33%	21.33%	13.33%
Modern design, modern materials	23.61%	16.67%	27.78%	18.06%	13.89%
Unique design and/or materials	28.38%	21.62%	18.92%	17.57%	13.51%

Respondent's preferred housing style is traditional design with traditional materials, (59% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing). Traditional style with modern materials is also favoured by 50%. Modern designs, whether using traditional or modern materials, received more mixed opinions, with just 35% expressing strong support. Unique designs and materials are the least popular, with the majority either disagreeing or expressing neutral views.

Q39 Should all new development meet net zero requirements? (i.e. remove at least as much greenhouse gas as it creates)



Q40 Should there be a minimum tree canopy policy (amount of trees planted per development) for new developments?



Q41 Are there any other climate change policies that we should be considering?

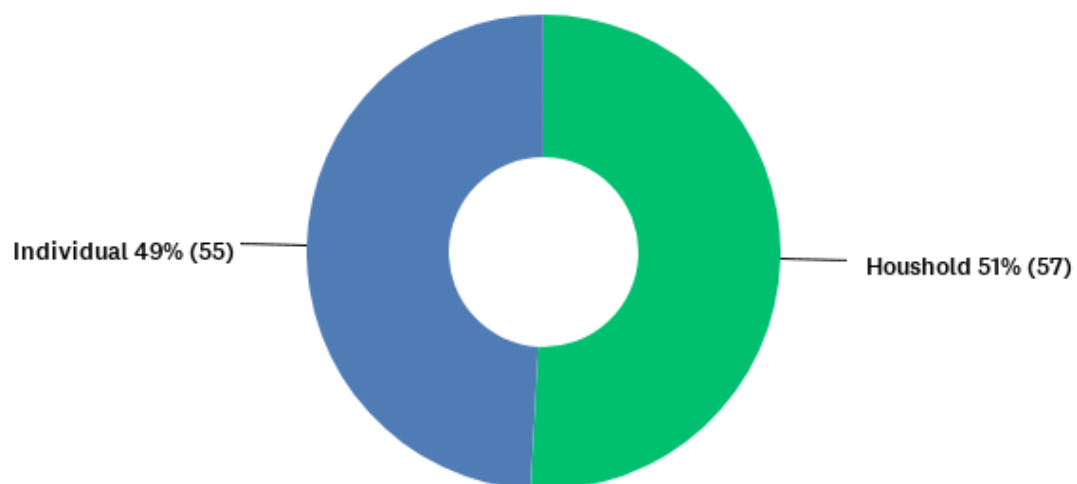
Respondents' suggestions for climate change policies in the Parish include encouraging solar energy through grants for solar panel installations, mandating solar panels and energy-saving devices in new housing, and promoting retrofitting of existing homes.

There are also suggestions for providing electric vehicle chargers, ground-source heat pumps, and water-saving systems. Other ideas include tree planting, wind turbines, better public transport, minimising pesticide use, preserving animal habitats, and using sustainable building materials. Further suggestions include underground heating for new developments and planting wildflowers or fruit trees in public spaces.

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About the Respondents

Q1 Are you answering this questionnaire as a ...



Q2 Please enter your postcode to help us understand what part of the Parish you live in

A full list of respondents' postcodes appears in the appendix

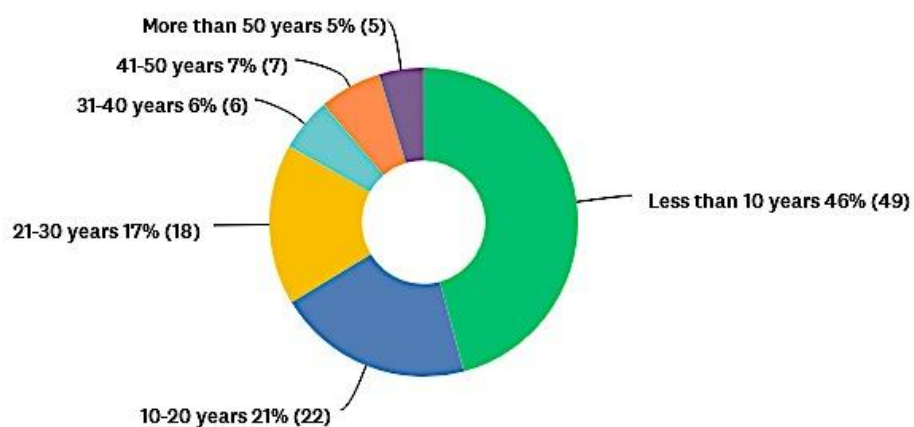
Q3 How would you describe your household?

Family with children under 18	36.11%
Family with children over 18 living at home	7.41%
Couple	38.89%
Adult living with other adults	4.63%
Adult living alone	12.96%

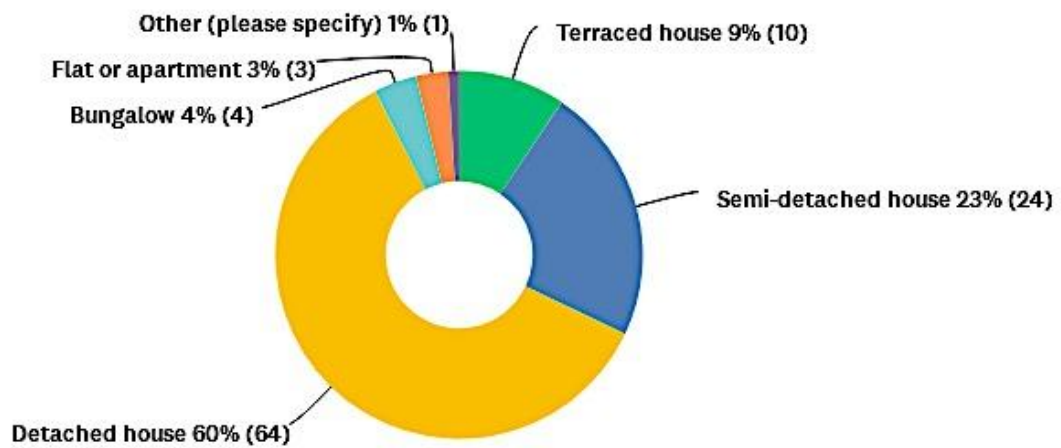
Q4 How many people in your household are ...

	TOTAL NUMBER
18-40	67
41-60	85
61-80	51
Over 80	13

Q5 How long have you lived in the Parish of Newton and Biggin?



Q6 How would you describe your dwelling?



Other = Old Farm

Q7 Please tell us how many people in your household are ...

	TOTAL NUMBER
Employed full-time	114
Retired	56
Self-employed	19
Employed part-time	15
Currently unemployed	9
Carers	2

Summary

A good response to the Neighbourhood Plan Community Questionnaire has demonstrated a set of clear concerns and preferences amongst the respondents. This offers a good steer to those actively involved in the development of the Newton & Biggin Neighbourhood Plan, the wider community and the Parish Council.

These results will become an important part of the evidence gathered to inform and develop the Plan.

Appendix

Q2 Please enter your postcode to help us understand what part of the Parish you live in.

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Q9 What do you value most about living in Newton and Biggin Parish?

- Community x8
- Village Life & community
- Friendly, caring community. Clean environment
- Sense of community- A chance to make a difference
- Good neighbours & community
- Peaceful environment, friendly people
- Friendly community
- Friendly
- Friends
- Family
- Village community
- Friendly
- Friendly community
- The people that live there
- Support, events for community, friendly
- Community spirit, village hall, allotments, pub
- Community spirit of a village
- Friendly people mostly and green spaces
- A friendly, neighbourly village
- The community is small
- The quiet village feel and great community spirit
- Community support
- Sense of community and safety
- The community are very friendly and welcoming
- The community spirit and the fact it is still a village
- Being a village community
- Active local community, green spaces/walking possible from home, quiet, safe
- Self contained rural village community
- Calm quiet friendliness privacy
- Lovely community
- Its a great community
- Community spirit of a village
- Small and friendly with regular community activities
- The community is great
- Friendliness of Newtonians
- General friendly vibe
- Safety places for families
- Family oriented
- Community and quiet
- Sense of community
- It's a very safe place to live, good sense of community
- Small community and access to countryside
- The people and the surrounding walks in nature

- Community spirit and open space
- Access to countryside
- Countryside nearby, good walks
- Not noisy
- The green spaces
- It has a rural feel but is close to good amenities
- The walks
- The natural landscape, the railway line and surrounding green areas provide great walks
- The environment
- Countryside x3
- Semi rural nature
- Great Central Way & Nature reserve
- Near to great central walk
- Living close to countryside but also close to town and amenities
- Green space
- People take pride in the area and their houses
- Near to great central walk
- Semi-rural location
- Easy access to the shops and transport.
- Proximity to Rugby Town Centre and retail parks
- Semi-rural location
- Easy access to the shops and transport
- Proximity to Rugby Town Centre and retail parks
- Great central walk
- Being close to amenities but not within town.
- Being a rural area but close to shops and good transport links
- It's a lovely estate
- Village location
- Rural location
- I am away from the world. It is quiet and rural
- Green countryside so near
- Open countryside. Nature. Wildlife.
- Access to excellent walks in the area
- The village atmosphere
- Convenient location
- Walkways
- Location
- Living close to countryside
- Convenient location, well connected to local services, but peaceful and quiet with lovely natural spaces and countryside to enjoy
- Greenery around
- It's a quiet peaceful village set in pleasant green field surroundings
- Quiet village life
- Walking trails
- Good road links Lovely community spirit Very peaceful

Q10 What do you dislike most about living in Newton and Biggin Parish?

- No shop x8
- Lack of shops for general things
- Lack of amenities
- Lack of services
- Lack of shops available for basic supplies
- Lack of facilities e.g. a village shop or a pub serving great food all day every day. Lack of local secondary school- we moved to the area 8 years ago believing the secondary would be built in time for our eldest starting secondary but he travels across town to RFSS
- Lack of public transport. Difficulty getting in and out of the village safely via St Thomas's Cross
- Lack of parking
- Parking
- Parking issues
- Poor bus service
- Traffic noise
- Traffic speed
- The speed at which people drive around, way too fast!!
- Traffic around estate and poor traffic management as well as number of houses now being built
- Through traffic going too fast
- Street parking through village and general appearance
- Increasing traffic congestion and speed especially on main roads
- Difficult road junctions to leave the village
- Difficultly getting out of village
- The traffic through the village and the junction at The St. Thomas's Cross
- There are not many roads that connect to the main road. There are many tenants and only one road that leads to main road. It is desirable to build more roads to the exit because too many houses are being built and they do not think to build and more roads. It would be wonderful to have more exits to Newton road not only for pedestrians but also for cars.
- The cars and buses, traffic
- Rat run through traffic from St Thomas Cross to A5 Watling Street.
- Lack of pavements
- Cars parked on pavements
- The lawless roadside parking
- St Thomas Cross junction x2
- St Thomas Cross junction. Van deliveries using private driveway to manoeuvre, reverse etc.
- Parking
- The traffic through the village and the junction at The St. Thomas's Cross
- Parking issues
- The cars parked over footpaths

- Bus service leaves a lot to be desired. No traffic calming on the way into the village from the A5
- Lack of public transport
- Poor bus service x2
- No decent bus service
- Lack of buses
- New houses
- Losing our identity as a village and our local services
- Litter
- Children on street
- Full of nature
- Not enough time and attention given to maintaining the area i.e. hedge trimming, grass cutting and road cleaning etc.
- New building site
- The cotton park side is largely ignored
- Separation between Newton and Coton Park for village facilities such as the village hall and pub. Distance to voting centre from Coton Park
- Lots of new houses taking over fields and green areas
- Some houses are not well looked after
- Cars being parked on verges and on pavements making walking on paths difficult
- Non-resident racing through the village causing issues
- Being in Coton Park means lots of people crammed together
- Poor highways, broadband and bus service
- Lack of shops/local amenities - Rural nature means that cars and bikes can speed through village
- Drivers speeding on the estate
- Traffic, litter
- New housing developments
- The crossroad to exit the village
- Bus service not regular enough and no timetable at either bus stops The speed cars go through the village, we need a 20 mph limit and speed humps Exiting the village at the Thomas Cross end, it is dangerous and the junction is not understood by many drivers, one simple improvement would be to cut back / down the trees and bushes to improve overall visibility
- Traffic/ parking chaos on the roads
- New developments
- Having to vote in Newton Village Hall! Distance deters those living in the Parish but in Coton Park
- Relating to Coton Park there is a lack of community spaces and facilities
- St Thomas Cross road junction! Must be upgraded asap!
- The fact that we are becoming swallowed up by Rugby
- Traffic when A5 goes down x2
- Traffic
- Traffic on Coton Park drive amount and speed of travel
- None resident traffic speeding through the village

- The crossroad junction at St Thomas Cross pub. It needs to be a mini roundabout. I never feel safe using that part of road
- The roads- some road surfaces are not well maintained, some hedges/verges are not well maintained which creates hazards, and The Cross junction between Newton/Clifton/Brownsover is particularly dangerous
- Too much development with not enough facilities, traffic and parking issues. Lack of night time street lights
- Rubbish and the weeds on the pavements. Traffic and poor parking
- Constantly seeing how you're demeaning the environment by letting the houses be build. Also the car's parked everywhere. Hard to see if the car is coming towards you as they're parked right at the angle where you can't see.
- Parking encroaches on footpaths but there is no other option for some properties. Small provision of somewhere to buy essential items such as milk & bread without having to drive, but equally understand the village is not big enough for a shop!
- How close Brownsover and Coton are with dirty industrial building encroaching ever closer
- The noise from motorbikes and cars racing
- Traffic problems at junction of Newton Lane
- Lack of play areas
- Issues with agricultural vehicles Nimbism Parking Unable afford my own home despite growing up in the village Lack of EV chargers
- Traffic speeding and using the village as a short cut!
- Poor parking, lack of facilities eg shop, poor public transport
- Accessibility, not so much now but when my son was a baby there wasn't a great deal of good pathways to walk with a buggy. Parking on the main roads is also bad at times
- The scale of housing developments linking villages that should be separate together. Additionally speed through the main village road
- The poor design of new build houses. They are carbon copy orange boxes in rows. Parking remains an issue due to the developer's greed to build more houses rather than have bigger plots for spacing, parking and gardens. The houses are also still lacking eco credentials
- Rugby council do not respond to emails or help with any environmental concerns. Always pass the buck!
- I would prefer if there were no more houses built, the new development of Ellis Gardens is more than enough
- Nothing x4

Q18 Are there any facilities above that should be improved or expanded?

- Bus Service
- Buses x3
- Bus services- joined up in Coton Park
- Bus availability both ways throughout the day into early evening
- Bus service x3
- More buses daily

- More frequent bus service
- Buses have been reduced again and there are not enough now
- A bus to Rugby would be handy
- Public transport
- Thinking of people without transport. Better service to local town or supermarket needed
- We are expanding all the time and now the village is beginning to work together
- Footpaths/public rights of way and green spaces with trees
- Nothing from my point of view
- Accessible footpaths for wheelchair users
- Pavements
- The 5 arches
- More dog bins
- Rubbish along grand central way should be cleared and lorry parking banned. Also junction on long hassocks to new builds by persimmon is extremely dangerous
- Better maintenance of Great Central Way as it is a very popular and much used route
- Road surfaces and sewage water drainage
- Secondary school
- Betony Road play area needs replacing! Enjoy the Stag and Pheasant but wish it was more of a family pub with food
- The church needs some more maintaining and care
- A secondary school
- Stag and pheasant pub and bus service
- Nothing comes to mind
- Decent pub required in Coton!
- All the items under very important heading
- More frequent buses The junction by St Thomas Cross is a danger.
- Broadband connection is patchy at best which is not ideal when you work from home
- Coton needs an indoor facility for community events.
- Going forward I would like the children's playground to be expanded and more benches and litter bins to be provided
- Good back on at the pub
- The play area in Betony Road
- Broadband provision could be improved
- Further planting schemes etc. to improve overall appearance of village.
- public paths and overgrown hedging
- Less cutting down of trees on great central
- Betony Road play area no longer exists!
- I have noticed that on my walks that the picnic area in Newton is sometimes used as a dumping ground. I guess because of the proximity to the A5. Perhaps some sort of surveillance
- Availability of Schools for younger families
- Play areas
- None that I can think of
- Better road maintenance

- Betony Park was removed earlier this year and was supposed to be replaced, this still hasn't happened and I'm concerned as to why? I have been liaising with Eve Hassell with regards to this but communication has been quiet of late. I am concerned that the money allocated for the park has been used elsewhere? I would appreciate an update
- Car park spaces Wildlife protection Greenspace protection Development of the parks and activities for kids like outside gym for the kids/ adults to use
- Betony Road play area
- EV chargers for electric cars
- Off street parking solutions
- Better traffic management
- Traffic calming Main Street
- Betony road play area is our closest which we used a lot it was removed to be replaced and had never been replaced
- Hedges cut back on pathways for easier use when walking on them.
- Broadband
- More frequent buses. Little bit more street lighting through main roads.
- I would like more allotments in the area as I can currently only grow in my garden
- Active protection of historical hedgerows. Rugby council should actively repair & maintain & prosecute offenders who trample it down to make shortcuts!
- Dedicated walkway into five arches as opposed to walking in road entrance
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Q19 Please add any other services or amenities you may like to see in the Parish

- Village Shop & Post office.
- We need a roundabout at the intersection between Newton Road, Newton Manor Lane and Harborough Road ☐
- A shop x3
- A local shop
- A village shop would be nice but is probably not practical
- Shop in village
- Small shop would be very convenient
- A small shop of post office
- Maybe a community shop or a provision to help older people with the basic grocery needs especially in winter months
- A small shop
- Coffee shop/ cafe/ area for community
- I think due to the new houses being built around aster drive/chervil way I believe a shop would be very beneficial as travelling to Central Park or Tesco express in Brownsover can take up a lot of time. I also think another play area suitable for younger children would be fantastic for development aged 1-10 I believe would be great
- Some sort of village shop or cooperative
- Some sort of village shop- even a visiting one, like the library one
- Mobile library
- Bus service Ability to get out of the village on roads
- More dog waste bins and collection of the waste

- Something to be done with derelict car park at the top of Coton Park.
- Sport club
- Secondary school
- A secondary school! A proper grass or artificial grass football pitch. Sports clubs, family events, better pathway from Coton Park to St Thomas Cross- crossing the fields is not always feasible and the newton manor lane is unsafe without a path
- Yellow lines to control parking
- Voting and community facilities within Coton Park part of the Parish. Regular maintenance of public open spaces and play areas in Coton Park part of the Parish. Better Parish information in Coton Park part of the Parish via a couple of notice boards
- Active youth organizations e.g. Brownies/ Guides
- It was lovely when the village used to run the village family fun days, I think it really added value to the community and helped people get to know each other
- Local grocery deliveries. Maybe Cathorpe farm shop could offer a delivery service for the elderly?
- Just maintain existing services
- A community facility on the Coton Park part of the Parish. More residents live there than in Newton and Biggin
- I would really like to see a shop in the village. A small shop that sells the basics and essentials to keep some money flowing into the village and stop forcing all villagers to have to support other shops . I also believe that parking in the Leys needs to be improved. I've recently had my 2024 plate car damaged because of extremely tight parking spaces in our street. The grass verges are being spoiled by cars driving on them when parking is unavailable.
- Children's groups
- Outside gym equipment activities for kids ☐
- Some kind of youth club?
- Interactive boards for children on the trails /bug hotels etc.
- Ev car chargers Local healthcare availability- screening
- Speed bumps ..slow down traffic signs ..speed camera
- A small shop of post office
- Maybe a community shop or a provision to help older people with the basic grocery needs especially in winter months

Q23 Thinking about things that could be done to encourage road safety in the Parish, bearing in mind future traffic growth, which of the following road calming measures would be important?

- Through village x 3
- Main Street x 6
- Newton Lane x4
- Newton Road from St Thomas Cross
- Coton Park x7
- In village

- St Thomas Cross junction and through the village Main Road/Newton Lane
- Through the village, outsiders speed through the village and I live on a corner and it's frightening
- Throughout Newton village
- Main road into village near new estate
- Everywhere!
- All roads leading into the village
- Coton Park Drive x 6
- Long hassocks
- Before the village starts
- Main Street through Newton Lane
- Main Street and all roads in newton
- Through Newton Village
- Through village and north of Newton
- Longstork Road, Snellsdale Road
- Through the village
- Entering the village from the A5. Traffic goes way too fast when entering the village. Every summer at some point there will be cats racing into the village and circling round in the Hollies entrance.
- Both ends of the village
- Newton Manor Lane
- Main road through the village
- Entering the village both north and south
- Newton Lane from A5
- Main Roads through Newton
- Newton Manor Lane
- Zebra crossings on the junctions by Central Park
- From the A5 approaching the village
- From Newton Picnic Area to The Leys
- Entering and especially leaving the village
- St Thomas cross
- Throughout the village on the main road through Newton
- Entry to village from both A5 and cross.
- Throughout the village. The speed of some cars on entrance and exit to the village is often excessive. At particular times of day, especially if there is a local traffic accident the village is often used as a cut through and vehicles speeding
- St Thomas Cross junction
- The road coming into and out of Newton
- Bailey Road
- St Thomas cross junction .. v v important
- Main roads
- By the new estate just before the bridge over the 5 arches
- Coton Park estate roads
- Newton manor lane used as cut through from A5. Use speed bumps

Q24 Again, thinking about things that could be done to encourage road safety in the Parish, bearing in mind future traffic growth, which of the following road calming measures would be important?

- St Thomas Cross x 45
- St Thomas Cross & Newton Lane/A5 junctions should be lit.
- St. Thomas's Cross and Newton Road with the A5
- St Thomas cross... at certain times of day the junction is very hard to navigate safely
- The Cross junction at the Thomas Cross pub between Newton, Clifton and Brownsover
- St Thomas Cross junction- surely there is room for a mini roundabout
- Newton Road
- St Thomas Cross is horrendous nobody knows how to use it and accidents continually happening!
- Newton Manor Lane/St Cross junction. Top of Little London Lane and Main
- The junction between Newton road, Newton manor lane and Market Harbrough road needs to be changed to a round about. it is really dangerous because there are two lanes competing for the same ingress
- Street/Newton Lane corner
- St Thomas Cross, end of Newton Lane A5 junction, top of Market Harbrough road at A5 junction
- The intersection between Newton manor Road, newton Road and Harbrough Road
- M1 x2
- Long hassocks
- Clifton Road
- Coton Park x3
- Coton park Aldi lingstork
- Coton park is absolutely blocked in the morning with traffic and I have two kids to drop off to town to school. The traffic is absolutely nightmare!
- Central Park Drive
- Roundabout at Tuthill Furlong. Positioning of bus stops not on corners. People parking on the road rather than using their parking space

Q25 Thinking about accessing community facilities and the countryside, both now and into the future, would you like to see new cycle routes established?

- Along Newton Manor Lane
- From village to Brownsover and Coton
- Hill to Clifton
- Not sure where x2
- Throughout the parish
- All over
- St Tomas Cross junction to Crowthorns junction x2
- Start in village, out in all directions, but especially to Clifton

- Circular cycle route from end of Five Arches to St Thomas Cross and back into Newton and thro village
- Newton to Clifton, Newton to Brownsover i.e. Newton Manor lane
- Cliftonville to newton. Brownsover to newton. Caythorpe Shawel to Newton
- Newton manor lane from Brownsover to St Thomas Cross
- Within Coton Park including parts that are within the Parish
- Newton to Clifton, St Thomas's Cross to Crowthorns and A5
- From Newton to Brownsover
- Towards the A5 on both exits from the village. Through the village although appreciating this would be difficult
- To Clifton
- Newton into town
- Village to town
- Safe route for kids from Coton Park to town so i would not have to take them to school. They could cycle on the cycle path rather than on the unsafe road
- From Newton to Brownsover/Coton Park
- Better cycle access to Great Central Railway
- Along old railway paths which pass through the parish and also safer access to the town centre. Also going north from the parish towards Lutterworth
- I cycle into rugby twice a week and just pop onto the railway

Q26 Do you have any further comments about transport, parking or safety?

- There is inadequate car parking but nothing can be done about this.
- Double red lines should be put in place on cotton park drive roads to reduce hazardous parking at roundabouts
- Parking
- Parking- we are part of the problem and don't know the answer
- Parking ban near the sharp bends in the village. Restrictions for parking on footpaths. Safety- loose gravel always spilling onto the footpath from frontage in Main Street- dangerous
- Limiting on road parking particularly at junction of Little London Lane and Main Street and 90° bend at junction of Main Street and Newton Lane
- We need to ensure that as far as possible through traffic is kept out of Newton by what ever means possible. This will become increasingly important as the A5, especially the Gibbet Island is already 'at capacity'.
- It would be nice if more community parking was available but I cannot think where this might be
- Too many cars parked on roads. Unsafe
- Yes it needs to be fully reviewed
- More to be done to get cars off road where possible, especially on corners within Coton park where people fly round blind, or beeping
- Improved off road parking for Main Street and Newton Lane properties

- Parking is very unsafe in the cotton park side of the parish. Will really appreciate if something is done. Maybe yellow lines
- Find a way of clamping down on speeding through village
- Coton Park parking on the street thus narrowing the road and access in and out of the estate is very restricted and poor.
- Parking on Coton Park main roads hinder traffic flow and visibility. Also obstruction of public footpath. Needs traffic wardens to patrol and fine persistent offenders
- Reduce vehicles parking on the footpaths and pavements.
- Parking is a problem in the older parts of the village but there is no easy answer as the houses were built before cars.
- Too many cars park on at the orchards entrance, at times difficult to get past
- Main Road in the village cars block the L bend makes it's difficult and dangerous
- More road maintenance provided
- Parking within the village is difficult. Could provision be arranged with the pub to provide some spaces?
- Why do people have to park as to limit footpaths
- Maybe use of a community bus for the elderly
- Dangerous and inconsiderate parking is an ever increasing menace
- A chicane could work to slow traffic through the village
- Parking on roadways is a bit of a problem in Newton
- Footpaths narrowed on longstork to stop parking and yello lines on CPD to stop parking
- Speed bumps just ruin suspension and cause more cost to motorists
- I have real concerns about people parking irresponsibly on Coton Park, particularly the cars parked on the bend at the junction of Snellsdale drive. The bus comes along this road and has to move into the centre of the road to pass the parked cars. I have seen several near misses on this bend as cars/buses cannot be seen until you are around the corner
- Parking is a massive problem
- The parking at Coton Park should be reviewed as soon as possible. You can hardly see what is coming towards you as the cars are blocking the vision. Also some of the people are thinking the road is a racing track
- The lack of footpath on one side of Newton Lane when exiting The Hollies forces people to have to cross the road on a corner where visibility is limited
- St Thomas cross junction needs speed cameras or other enforcement before someone else is killed
- Speed restrictions through Newton village
- Junction at St Thomas Cross needs improvement as well as the junction on to the A5
- Parking of vehicles is an issue on cotton park blocking vision for pedestrians and road users
- Speed limit drop..speed bumps etc. for safety whilst using the roads and pavements
- Number of parked cars especially around Newton Lane / Main St corner cause poor visibility and are a danger
- Parking on Coton Park. Cars parked on blind bends, pavements & across T-junctions & rights of way along Crackthorne Drive!
- The large buses travelling along Coton Park Drive need to be stopped. These are dangerous and cannot keep to the left side of the road. Smaller buses are needed.

Parking on pavements and at junctions needs to be stopped. My road is constantly blocked by residents from nearby streets parking half on the pavement and blocking access to pass on the footpath. They also park on the junction which is dangerous

- Yes parking on the main road is ridiculous. the corner is very sharp and can cause accidents
- The parking through the village is sometimes bordering on dangerous but really not sure what can be done to improve it when people don't have driveways and there are often multiple cars per household

Q27 How concerned are you about the below issues?

- Going back to inconsiderate parking it is difficult to answer as most houses haven't got parking facilities as they were built before cars were common place
- Night light pollution from local factories
- Local Authority adoption of Ellis Gardens area and protection of current open spaces and fields
- Litter and dog poppo
- The safety of children playing outside
- We've had a couple of shed break ins over the years and wouldn't leave anything out (even had a tow bar removed from a car at the front of the house!)
- The electricity supply to most of Newton village is carried on over-ground cables. This is unsightly and should be underground.
- Drug taking and meeting points at the picnic site
- Maintenance of community facilities
- Road surface
- Price of a pint
- behaviour of neighbours, lack of consideration with mowing lawns and making noise
- The amount of weeds growing out of the roads and pavements! Sedge road is particularly bad

Q32 If you answered yes, what type of businesses would you like to see and where would they be situated?

- Shop/cafe
- Village Shop
- More supermarkets to serve Coton Park
- Depends on the size and space and transport involved also what it brings to the people of the parish. Keep the pub going and offer food. Maybe some mobile shopping/banking etc.
- Shops
- Small scale
- Blacksmith in the smithy and a cider press in the Orchards
- Hairdressers x3

- Anything but warehousing! At the A5 end of the village
- Coffee shop/cafe, at the top of the Coton Park field where the car park has been left derelict, something for the community would be great
- Local retail Cliftonville or Newton
- Blacksmith in the smithy and a cider press in the Orchards
- Sport club, cafes
- Shopping Training health and skincare professional training institutions
- A cafe, a small shop- Newton Main Street. We are on Coton Park so a grocery shop built in the new development area would be good
- No more warehousing sheds. Small business units for small businesses and local employment that bring in skilled workforce
- Pub, restaurant, local stores so can avoid Aldi and Tesco
- a food establishment at the Stag & Pheasant
- Shop, local craft, cafe
- Large businesses should be accommodated on the designated employment areas (Coton & Europark). Smaller businesses that don't cause a nuisance to residents could be situated in Coton and Newton. Both areas would benefit from a local shop. At Coton this could be combined with a community hall.
- A shop in the village would be nice. Smaller businesses working from home. Larger commercial businesses would be better suited to the A5 area and Coton Park
- A grocery shop
- Shop within the village of Newton
- Local shop or village co-operative
- Local shops, hairdressers
- Doesn't matter, as long as they are above board and supportive
- Any local business
- Shops and small businesses. Top of the village. Shop at pub?
- A shop
- Small shops in pub car park or by the park would be incredible
- A local pub (not chain) or cafe on Coton Park would be lovely
- Maybe farm shops
- Cafe
- Lock shop in Newton for residents who cannot get out easily
- Independent restaurants/eateries, either permanent or pop-up event style
- Small convenience store in Newton
- Convenience shop
- Activities for kids. Outside gym equipment to be installed in the Coton Park More cycle safe routes
- Anything within reason that would benefit the area
- Local cafes/soft play/ bakery
- Cafe Garage Supermarket Post office Leisure facilities/ Gym
- A small shop
- Local convenience store in Newton
- Chemists Newton Village

- Smaller businesses focussed on technology. Not more warehouses or large manufacturing. Ideally within existing business parks (e.g. Coton Park). Perhaps some flexible office space for small businesses.
- Village store selling absolute basics (honesty box?)
- A community shop

Q33 Please add any additional comments on business and employment

- Would be nice to have a shop or post office to pop into for milk, bread etc.
- Focus should be given to businesses that can be supported locally
- Somewhere built within Coton Park for families to go but with a separate space for a sort of WeWork would be good for employment and the community
- The village doesn't lend itself to business development directly but maybe at Coton Park
- Better broadband connection would be beneficial
- More for over 50+ part time
- We should encourage local business ventures to aid employment locally
- None x2
- The village doesn't lend itself to business development directly but maybe at Coton Park
- Better broadband connection would be beneficial
- More for over 50+ part time
- We should encourage local business ventures to aid employment locally
- We do not need City Fibre or any other businesses to keep ripping up the roads and paths to install more Broadband. OpenReach provision is equivalent. This is making a mess of our area with lots more unnecessary cabinets, poorly filled trenches, etc.
- It's a village...

Q41 Are there any other climate change policies that we should be considering?

- Grants for solar panels. A wind turbine. Biofuel
- Type of trees
- Make solar panels cheaper
- Encourage solar panels where possible. Tree planting as much as possible
- Provision of non fossil fuel energy generation, increasing provision for flood prevention
- Maybe a wind turbine on a small scale
- All new housing should be built with solar panels and water saving devices as standard
- Phasing out has
- Retro fitting solar panels to existing housing
- Solar powering and grey water systems
- Vehicle charges for electric vehicles.
- Future proof houses and include Green utilities e.g. heat pumps, solar panels, EV chargers etc.
- Every house new house should have PV and Solar and EV charging.
- More solar panels

- Use materials that are most suitable modern or traditional
- Ground source heat pumps and solar panels on new developments. Better bus service to reduce car usage
- Wind turbines, government to pay for solar panels for over 60s
- Don't use pesticides, don't cut back hedges so much, keep animal habitats in mind
- Better public transport to reduce car use
- Solar and wind power. Community energy initiatives
- Solar installation and heat pumps, green energy for new builds
- If building on new ground why cant developers be made to make provision for underground heating as surely this would be much more practical. There has already been a huge amount of building on green field sites where I'm sure this could have been achieved
- Planting wild flowers in verges Potentially a green cemetery
- Each property should have at least 2 off-road parking spaces with electric charging as standard. Larger properties need 3-4 spaces. This does not include garages, which are normally too small to fit a car in. We need to stop random solar panels being put on houses and fit them neatly into the roof to avoid future maintenance issues and to avoid unsightly mess
- Newton play area- plenty of space for wild fruit trees to be planted

Appendix 11

6. Commencement of Theme Groups

Gary explained that the first phase of the Neighbourhood Plan process is now complete, and the way to progress the plan now is the commencement of two theme groups, and committee members are asked to choose which theme group they would like to be involved in:

- Housing – led by Gary Kirk
Gary explained what the housing group would be focusing on and will send a summary out to the group for the benefit of committee members not at the meeting.
- Environment – led by John Martin
John explained what the environment group would be focusing on and will send a summary out to the group for the benefit of committee members not at the meeting.

The work of the two theme groups will take around 6 months to complete, at which point a draft Neighbourhood Plan will be in place. After that we move into the statutory phase.
 The two theme groups will hold separate meetings, facilitated by Gary / John. Full committee meetings will now be held less frequently.
 The first theme group meetings will be held in early October, and each meeting will nominate a scribe and chair.

Current position with volunteers for each group:

Housing Theme Group	Environment Theme Group
Gary Kirk – YourLocale Lead	John Martin – Your Locale Lead
Rick Crane – Parish Council Lead	Ian Davis – Parish Council Lead
Kamal Mehta – Coton Park rep	Kamal Mehta – Coton Park rep
Glen Langham	Anne Davis
Sarah Sturdee	Sarah Sturdee
Ian Davis	Trevor Hawley
	Julie Hawley
	Chris Wildig
	Gordon Coates

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Date of future meeting (s) – Theme Group Meeting dates to be confirmed.

Appendix 12

NEWTON AND BIGGIN PARISH

Neighbourhood Plan



This is your chance to influence the draft policies of the Neighbourhood Plan prior to formal consultation and submission to Rugby Borough Council

OPEN DROP-IN EVENT

Date Sunday 22 June 2025 Time 12:00 – 2:30 pm

Venue Village Hall, Silver Street, Newton, CV23 0DU

- Housing – type and design of future development.
- Community facilities – to be safeguarded and enhanced.
- Environment and heritage – assets to be protected.
- Transport – the key issues needing to be addressed.
- Employment – what is appropriate for the Parish?

Refreshments provided

Appendix 13

NEWTON AND BIGGIN

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENT



22 JUNE 2025

CONSULTATION ANALYSIS

1. Background

Project Brief

Newton and Biggin Parish Council organised an open event through the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee at the Village Hall on 22 June 2025 (12:00 pm – 2:30 pm) to share the emerging policies in the Neighbourhood Plan with those who live and work in the Parish.

The aim of this event was to see whether or not the local community supported the emerging policies – including ones on housing, Local Green Space and environment, community facilities and design.

Publicity

The drop-in events were promoted in a variety of ways:

- The event was advertised through posters placed throughout the parish and through social media.
- Leaflets were distributed to each household.



Summary

This was a well-attended and engaging event where people had the opportunity to see the draft policies and to ask questions of those who have drafted the Plan. People stayed for a long time to read and consider each policy area. There was strong support for most policies – often unanimous support. Comments made will be taken into account.

It is felt that the relative lack of support for affordable housing was based on a misunderstanding. The draft policy does not promote affordable housing, it adds local detail to be taken into account to help ensure that it meets a local need and is of the same quality as market housing.

Images from the event are on the following pages.



Appendix 14

Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan

Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment

Screening Report

August 2025

Updated October 2025 (to incorporate the consultation responses from the statutory bodies)

1. Introduction

1.1 This screening report has been prepared to determine whether the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Development Plan should be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC (SEA Directive) and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulation 2004 (SEA Regulations).

2. Legislative Background

2.1 The basis for Strategic Environmental Assessments and Sustainability Appraisal legislation is European Directive 2001/42/EC. This was transposed into English law by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, or SEA Regulations.

2.2 This report will also screen to determine whether the Neighbourhood Plan requires a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) in accordance with Article 6(3) and (4) of the EU Habitats Directive and with Regulation 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended). A HRA is required when it is deemed that likely adverse significant effects may occur on protected European Sites (Natura 2000 sites) as a result of the implementation of a plan/project. As a general 'rule of thumb' it is identified that sites with pathways of 10-15km of the plan/project boundary should be included with a HRA.

2.3 This report focuses on screening for SEA and HRA, and considers criteria for establishing whether a full assessment is needed.

3. SEA Screening Opinion

3.1 The assessment has been made by Rugby Borough Council as to whether the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have any significant environmental effects. This assessment has been undertaken bearing in mind the following context:

- The neighbourhood plan has been developed to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted development plan together with the NPPF
- The Local Plan was subject to a Sustainability Appraisal that sets the framework for growth and development within the borough until 2031.

Table 1: Application of the SEA Directive

Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004	No/Yes	Reason
Regulation 2(1) Is the PP (plan or programme) subject to preparation and/or adoption by a national, regional or local authority OR prepared by an authority for adoption through a legislative procedure by Parliament or Government? (Art. 2(a))	Yes	If the final Neighbourhood Plan is successful at referendum and is subsequently 'made' by the Local Planning Authority it will become part of the Development Plan with similar status to the Local Plan.
Is the PP required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Art. 2(a))	Yes	Communities have a right to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, but are not required by legislative, regulatory or administrative purposes to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Once 'made' the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan would form part of the statutory development plan and would be used when making decisions on planning applications within the Neighbourhood Area. Therefore, it is considered necessary to answer the following questions to determine further if an SEA is required.
Regulation 5(2) Is the PP prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries,	Yes	The Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan is prepared for town and country planning and land use. The plan sets out a framework for some aspects of future

energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use, AND does it set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II to the EIA Directive? (Art 3.2(a))		development in the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Area. Once 'made' the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan would form part of the statutory development plan and would be used when making decisions on planning applications which may include development which falls under Annex I and II of the EIA directive.
Regulation 5(3) Will the PP, in view of the likely effect on sites, require an assessment pursuant to Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive? (Article 3.2(b))	No	There are no Special Areas of Conservation or Special Protection Areas in close proximity to the neighbourhood area. The Cave's Inn Pits SSSI is located approximately 50 metres northeast of the neighbourhood area, within the county of Leicestershire. The entirety of the Neighbourhood Area lays within the Impact Risk Zones for this SSSI, however, there are no site allocation proposals in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
Regulation 5(6) Does the PP determine the use of small areas at local level, OR is it a minor modification of a PP subject to Art. 3.2? (Art.3.3)	Yes	Once 'made' the Neighbourhood Plan would form part of the statutory development plan and be used when making decisions on planning applications in the defined area. The Neighbourhood Plan does not propose any development allocations, but does seek to guide the design of development and to enable residents to exercise greater influence over future development proposals. In particular, it seeks to maintain the area's village identity amid large scale developments at Coton Park, the eastern parts of which lay within the Neighbourhood Area.
Does the PP set the framework for future development consent of	Yes	The Neighbourhood Plan, once 'made', forms part of the statutory development plan and will be used to determine

		would defer to the opinions of the other statutory consultees. Natural England stated: It is Natural England's advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that: significant effects on statutorily designated nature conservation sites or landscapes are unlikely; and, significant effects on Habitats sites, either alone or in combination, are unlikely.
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3.2 The following assessment in table 2 provides further detail on the response to criteria 7 in table one. The assessment considers the likelihood that the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan would have significant effects on the environment.

Table 2: Likelihood of significant effects on the environment (Schedule 1 of Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004)

Characteristics of the Plan	Summary of Effects
The degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources.	Once 'made' the Neighbourhood Plan will set out the framework which will be used to determine proposals for development within the neighbourhood area. The Neighbourhood Plan does not propose any development allocations. It seeks to guide change within the parish of Newton and Biggin, to protect and enhance its character. It aims to ensure that future developments are sensitive to the distinctive historic environment of the Neighbourhood Area, which has been highlighted as a key priority for residents at consultation. There is a desire to maintain Newton's distinctiveness from the urban extension at Coton Park, parts of which fall within the Neighbourhood Area. The adopted Local Plan contains allocations

projects (not just projects in annexes to the EIA Directive)? (Art 3.4)		planning applications within the designated Neighbourhood Area. Therefore, the Neighbourhood Plan will set the framework for future developments.
Reg 9 Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment, taking into account the views of the consultation bodies and the criteria set out at Schedule 1 of the Regulations? (Art. 3.5)	No	See table 2 below for further detail. Summary of statutory consultee responses (see appendix 1 for response in full). The Environment Agency stated: Based on the information submitted, and as the plan does not propose any new site allocations, we agree with these conclusions [of the Screening Opinion] and, in consideration of matters within our remit, agree that the NDP is considered unlikely to have significant environmental impacts and/or significant effects on European designated sites. Historic England stated: For the purposes of consultations on SEA Screening Opinions, Historic England confines its advice to the question, "Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?" in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage. Our comments are based on the information supplied with the screening request. On the basis of the information supplied and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of the 'SEA' Directive], Historic England concurs with your view that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required. Regarding HRA Historic England does not disagree with your conclusions but

	for 800 dwellings and 7.5 ha employment land at Coton Park East. The Neighbourhood Plan identifies areas where development of larger-scale renewable energy generation infrastructure would be supported, subject to conditions set out in the plan (ENV 12), but does seek to allocate any land for this purpose.
The degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans or programmes including those in a hierarchy.	The Neighbourhood Plan must be (and is considered to be) in general conformity with the strategic policies of the currently adopted Rugby Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. All proposals within the Neighbourhood Area would need to demonstrate compliance with the policies of all three policy documents once the Neighbourhood Plan is made.
The relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	The draft Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan seeks to guide development within the neighbourhood area and sets out specific design policies and advice for the parish of Newton and Biggin. It does not propose any site allocations but does include policies and community actions to make Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Area a more sustainable place with regard to social, economic and environmental aspects of sustainable development. Section 6 (Natural, Historical and Social Environment) of the draft plan most specifically addresses environmental considerations. It sets out approaches for allowing appropriate development within the neighbourhood area, while ensuring the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, avoiding damage to scenic views and landscapes, and maintaining and improving resilience to flooding and climate change. It also identifies areas most suitable for renewable energy generation. The plan also acknowledges two SSSI sites which are not within the neighbourhood area but are in close proximity to the area, or have impact risk zones within the area (see pages 25-26).

	Policies in this section address: • Local green space designations • Important open spaces • Sites and features of natural environment significance • Biodiversity across the neighbourhood area • Sites of historical environment significance • Ridge and furrow • Important views • Footpaths, bridleways and cycleways • Flood risk resilience and climate change • Renewable energy generation infrastructure Section 7 (Sustainability) incorporates a range of policy topics which broadly contribute to the sustainability of the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Area including: • Community facilities and amenities • Business and employment • Working from home • Reuse of agricultural and commercial buildings • Broadband infrastructure • Transport and traffic
Environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme.	The existing Rugby Borough Local Plan makes allocations for 800 dwellings and 7.5 ha of employment land at Coton Park East (DS3.1 & DS4.1), most of which lies within the Neighbourhood Area. To date, only 191 dwellings have been delivered on part of the site which has permission for 225 dwellings. It is understood that the landowner now wishes to develop the remainder of the site solely for employment purposes, and accordingly, a new employment allocation (site 64) has been proposed in the Preferred Options (Reg 18) Local Plan. Furthermore, the Preferred Options (Reg 18) Local Plan proposes allocations for 240 dwellings (site 59) and a secondary school off Newton Manor Lane, in the southwest of the Neighbourhood Area.

	These allocations, should they be retained in a new adopted Local Plan, could bring significant changes to the Neighbourhood Area. The Neighbourhood Plan does not seek to allocate further development sites, but does include policies designed to maintain a distinct identity for the Newton and Biggin area and ensure that any future development is sensitive to the needs of local residents and the natural environment. The key environmental issues from the Rugby Borough Local Plan which are relevant to this plan include: 1. Protection and enhancement of biodiversity; 2. The effects of development on the historic environment; 3. The effects of development on the wider landscape; 4. Traffic generation and air quality . The Local Plan contains policies to tackle these issues. The Neighbourhood Plan adds additional support to this.
The relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of assimilated law on the environment (e.g. plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).	The Local Plan has regard to assimilated law on the environment and the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan is considered to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan.

Table 3: Likelihood of significant effects on the environment part 2 (Schedule 2, Paragraph 1&2 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004)

	Traffic	Flooding	Biodiversity	Historic Environment	Landscape	Agricultural Land
Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected.	The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not propose any site allocations, though it is supportive of small scale development proposals for infill and redevelopment where these meet certain criteria (Policy H2). This is in line with the Local Plan. Policy CF1 seeks to ensure that any new community facilities are suitably located	The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not propose any site allocations. Policy ENV11 addresses flood resilience and climate change. Other policies relating to new developments, such as E3 and ENV12, note the need to ensure there is no increase in flood risk or loss of flood resilience.	The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not propose any site allocations. Policy ENV4 seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity across the neighbourhood area. Other policies relating to new developments, such as ENV3 and ENV12, explicitly note the need to prevent damage to biodiversity and ensure minimum	The draft Neighbourhood Plan is supportive of small scale development proposals for infill and redevelopment where these meet certain criteria. It does not propose any site allocations. Policy ENV5 identifies and seeks to protect sites of at least local historical environment significance, whilst policy ENV7 identifies and seeks to	The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not propose any site allocations. It is supportive of small scale development proposals for infill and redevelopment where these meet certain criteria. This is in line with the Local Plan (Policy GP2). Policy ENV8 identifies eight important views which maintain the setting and character of the area. The plan	The draft Neighbourhood Plan does not propose any site allocations. Therefore, there are unlikely to be notable effects on agricultural land. Policy G1 considers development for the purposes of agriculture, including farm diversification and other land-based rural businesses, to be appropriate development within the countryside.
	for village residents to walk or cycle. Policy T1 seeks to minimise any increase in vehicular traffic from new development.		biodiversity net gain. Any planning application on this site would also now be subject to a minimum 10% biodiversity net gain requirement.	protect areas of ridge and furrow as non-designated heritage assets.	does not support development proposals which would have an adverse impact on these views. Policy ENV12 supports small scale renewable energy generation infrastructure, but a condition of the policy is the minimisation and mitigation of landscape impact.	Whilst Policy ENV12 supports small scale renewable energy generation infrastructure, this support is restricted to limited specified areas (as shown in Figure 16). Furthermore, the policy specifies that in the case of large solar PV arrays, proposals should include assessments of agricultural land quality.
The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects.	Any planning proposal would have to comply with transport policies at National and Local level. The Highways Authority would	Any planning application would have to comply with National and Local Policy on flooding which would minimise the probability of	Any proposal would have to meet the statutory requirement for a minimum 10% biodiversity net gain, and comply with biodiversity	Any proposal which impacts a Listed Building or Scheduled Monument would be subject to National Policies on the historic environment,	Any proposal which has an impact on the wider landscape would be subject to National and Local policies as well as policies within this	Any proposal would have to have regard to National policy on agricultural land. Therefore the potential for negative impacts is low.

	be consulted on this. Therefore, the probability of significant effects would be very low.	unacceptable impacts.	policies at national and local level. Under these requirements and policies there is scope for positive impacts.	including the Neighbourhood Plan policies identified above.	Neighbourhood Plan. As such the potential for negative impacts is very low.	
The cumulative nature of the effects.	Any impacts of additional traffic would be an addition to that which already passes through the Neighbourhood Area.	Additional development in a flood zone would have a negative cumulative effect on flooding.	Impacts on one species could impact further species.	Any detracting or deterioration of important historic features could lead to further deterioration in future.	If the quality of the relationship between the village and the wider landscape deteriorates this could lead to further deterioration in future.	Loss of farmland could lead to increased intensity of farming on remaining agricultural land which may deviate from sustainable farming practices.
The trans boundary nature of the effects.	Air pollution from traffic may have a trans boundary effect.	Flooding would generally be localised.	These would generally be localised.	These would be localised.	This could have an impact on the wider landscape.	These would be localised.
The risks to human health or the	Potential for a decrease in air quality, increase in noise and	Potential for impacts to human health	Very little risk to human health. Potential impacts on individual	Very little risk to human health. Risk to the quality of the	Very little risk to human health. Risk to the relationship	Very little risk to human health. Some risk to flora and fauna

environment (e.g. due to accidents).	potential for car accidents.	and damage to habitats.	plants and animals, their habitats and the wider ecosystem.	historic environment and deterioration of the character of the parish.	between Newton and the wider landscape.	that benefit from the agricultural land.
The magnitude spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected).	These would be very localised impacts.	Localised impacts.	Localised impacts.	Localised impacts.	Impacts could be perceived to extend beyond the Neighbourhood Area.	In general impacts would be local but could feed into a larger scale picture if good quality agricultural land is also being lost elsewhere.
The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: - special natural characteristics or cultural heritage - exceeded environmental quality standards - intensive land use	There are two SSSIs located outside the neighbourhood area within reasonably close proximity. Cave's Inn Pits SSSI is c. 50 metres from the area boundary, while Stanford Park SSSI is c. 4.5 km from the area boundary. The entirety of the neighbourhood area is within the Impact Risk Zones of the former. These SSSIs are identified on pages 25-26 of the draft plan. The area contains three Listed Buildings and 19 further sites and features of historical environment significance according to Historic England and/or Warwickshire Historic Environment Record. The draft neighbourhood plan does not include any site allocations, therefore the impacts of development are not likely to significantly exceed those considered through the adopted local plan process.					

The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, community or international protection status.	See above regarding SSSIs with impact zones extending into parts of the neighbourhood area. There are no Special Protection Areas in or close to the neighbourhood area. There are no Special Areas of Conservation in or close to the neighbourhood area.
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4. Assessment for HRA

- 4.1 Ensors Pool Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and the River Mease SAC are not considered to sit within 15km of the Neighbourhood Area, and there are no Special Protection Areas in or close to the neighbourhood area.
- 4.2 The Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan does not propose any development allocations but rather seeks to guide development within the settlement boundary, with a view to protect the distinctive character of the area in light of potential larger scale developments at Coton Park East, as allocated by the adopted Local Plan.
- 4.3 Development within settlement boundaries is supported within the strategy of adopted local plan. It is not considered that there would be any detrimental impacts on Ensors Pool or the River Mease arising from the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4.4 The Rugby Borough Local Plan 2011-2031 was subject to a Habitats Regulation Assessment Stage 1 Screening Report. A full HRA was not deemed necessary.

5. Screening Outcomes

- 5.1 As a result of the assessment in section 3, it is unlikely that there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the emerging proposals to be contained within the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan. As a result, it is concluded that an SEA is not necessary.
- 5.2 As a result of the assessment outlined in section 4, it is concluded that a HRA is not necessary.

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Our ref: SV/2023/111853/SE-
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Your ref:
Date: 1 October 2025

Dear Laurence

**Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Development Plan – Draft Strategic
Environment Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)
Screening Opinion Consultation**

Thank you for consulting us on the above SEA/HRA screening opinion or the
Neighborhood Development Plan (NDP). We have reviewed the submitted
documentation and offer the following comments for your consideration at this time.

Flood Risk: We note that the River Avon (main river) runs along the Southern border of
the plan boundary, and two ordinary watercourses** which are also present within the
plan boundary. Based on our indicative Flood Map for Planning (Rivers and Sea) we
note these watercourses have associated Flood Zones 3 and 2 (the high and medium
risk zones respectively) within the plan area.

It should be noted that the Flood Map provides an indication of 'fluvial' flood risk only.
You are advised to discuss matters relating to surface water (pluvial) flooding with the
drainage team at Wychavon District Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA).

We would not, in the absence of any specific site allocations proposed within the NDP,
offer any bespoke comment at this time but note reference to the development site at
Coton Park East allocated within the Local Plan.

However, please note that other potential development areas may be at flood risk given
the presence of 'ordinary watercourses' which may be un-modelled if the scale and
nature of the stream and receiving catchment is less than 3km².

Water Catchment Quality: It is noted that Newton and Biggin falls within the wider
Avon Warwickshire Management Catchment, and then into a sub-catchment area of the
Avon Rural Rivers and Lakes Operational Catchment. This consists of the Avon-
CaycotonYelvertoft Brook to confluence River Sowe Water Body which is considered as
having a 'moderate ecological status'. The aim is to achieve 'good' status by 2027.

SEA/HRA Screening Opinion: To assist your Council's determination of the SEA and
HRA Screening Opinion (dated August 2025), we note the conclusions achieved from
the assessment of the NDP that it is unlikely to cause significant environmental effects
and has been developed to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the

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adopted local plan. The report also concludes that the Plan area is not in close proximity
of European designated sites.

Based on the information submitted, and as the plan does not propose any new site
allocations, we agree with these conclusions and, in consideration of matters within our
remit, agree that the NDP is considered unlikely to have significant environmental
impacts and/or significant effects on European designated sites.

Furthermore, we do not offer detailed bespoke advice on policy but advise you ensure
conformity with the local plan and refer to guidance within our area neighbourhood plan
"pro-forma guidance", I have attached an updated version for your consideration.

Notwithstanding the above, it is important that these plans offer robust confirmation that
development is not impacted by flooding and that there is sufficient wastewater
infrastructure in place to accommodate growth.

I trust the above is of assistance at this time.

Yours faithfully

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9 September 2025

Dear Mr Goodchild

**NEWTON AND BIGGIN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SEA & HRA SCREENING
OPINION CONSULTATION**

Thank you for your consultation and the invitation to comment on the SEA Screening Document for the above Neighbourhood Plan.

For the purposes of consultations on SEA Screening Opinions, Historic England confines its advice to the question, "Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?" in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage.

Our comments are based on the information supplied with the screening request. On the basis of the information supplied and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of the 'SEA' Directive], Historic England concurs with your view that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

Regarding HRA Historic England does not disagree with your conclusions but would defer to the opinions of the other statutory consultees.

The views of the other statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for a SEA is made. If a decision is made to undertake a SEA, please note that Historic England has published guidance on Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Historic Environment that is relevant to both local and neighbourhood planning and available at: <https://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/sustainability-appraisal-and-strategic-environmental-assessment-advice-note-8/>

I trust the above comments will be of help in taking forward the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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Historic England is subject to both the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and Environmental Information Regulations (2004). Any information held by the organisation can be requested for release under this legislation.

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Dear Mr Goodchild

Newton & Biggin Neighbourhood Plan - SEA/HRA Screening Opinion Consultation

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 27 August 2025.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Screening Request: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

It is Natural England's advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that:

- significant effects on statutorily designated nature conservation sites or landscapes are unlikely; and,
- significant effects on Habitats sites¹, either alone or in combination, are unlikely.

The proposed neighbourhood plan is unlikely to significantly affect any Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection areas (SPA), Ramsar wetland or sites in the process of becoming SACs or SPAs ('candidate SACs', 'possible SACs', 'potential SPAs') or a Ramsar wetland. The plan area is unlikely to have a significant effect on a National Park, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Heritage Coast, and is unlikely to impact upon the purposes for which these areas are designated or defined.

Guidance on the assessment of Neighbourhood Plans, in line with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 is contained within the [Planning Practice Guidance](#). This identifies three triggers that may require the production of an SEA:

- a neighbourhood plan allocates sites for development
- the neighbourhood area contains sensitive natural or heritage assets that may be affected by the proposals in the plan
- the neighbourhood plan may have significant environmental effects that have not already been considered and dealt with through a sustainability appraisal of the Local Plan.

Natural England does not hold information on the location of significant populations of protected

¹ Habitats sites are those referred to in the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (Annex 2 - glossary) as "any site which would be included within the definition at regulation 8 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 for the purpose of those regulations, including candidate Special Areas of Conservation, Sites of Community Importance, Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas and any relevant Marine Sites".

species, so is unable to advise whether this plan is likely to affect protected species to such an extent as to require an SEA. Further information is included in Natural England's [standing advice](#) on protected species.

Furthermore, Natural England does not routinely maintain locally specific data on all environmental assets. The plan may have environmental impacts on priority species and/or habitats, local wildlife sites, soils and best and most versatile agricultural land, or on local landscape character that may be sufficient to warrant an SEA. Information on ancient woodland, ancient and veteran trees is set out in Natural England/Forestry Commission [standing advice](#).

We therefore recommend that advice is sought from your ecological, landscape and soils advisers, local record centre, recording society or wildlife body on the local soils, best and most versatile agricultural land, landscape, geodiversity and biodiversity receptors that may be affected by the plan before determining whether a SEA is necessary.

Natural England reserves the right to provide further advice on the environmental assessment of the plan. This includes any third party appeal against any screening decision you may make. If a SEA is required, Natural England must be consulted at the scoping and environmental report stages.

Please send any new consultations, or further information on this consultation to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Sally Wintle
Consultations Team

Dear Lindsay,

Please find the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report attached here. It finds that it is unlikely that the Neighbourhood Plan will result in any significant environmental effects, and therefore concludes that neither an SEA or HRA are required. The Screening Report has been approved, and we will now proceed with publishing it in the Neighbourhood Planning section of our website.

As I previously mentioned to Rebecca Barry, while Natural England agreed with our conclusion that significant environmental effects are unlikely, they still advised that we seek the views of our local ecological advisers before determining whether an SEA would be necessary. I therefore sought the views of the ecologists at Warwickshire County Council and received the attached response from David Lowe. Although he is of the opinion that there is a deficiency in the Screening Opinion (that it has not considered functional pathways for migratory fish), he has nevertheless noted that, because the Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with the adopted Local Plan, it should be covered by the environmental assessments which were carried out for the latter. Furthermore, the HRA Screening Report and forthcoming HRA Appropriate Assessment for the new Local Plan both take into consideration functional pathways for migratory fish, hence why we maintain the view that an SEA or HRA are not necessary for the Newton and Biggin Neighbourhood Plan.

Hopefully that is reasonably clear. If the Parish Council have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Laurence Goodchild
 Planning Officer (Development Strategy)
Development Strategy Team

Appendix 15



Newton Parish Clerk

19 March · 🌐

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The Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation for Newton and Biggin Parish is now live. Please complete the survey and give your views. The survey will close 28th April

The link to the survey is below.

[Newton and Biggin (inc Coton Park East) Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation – Fill out form]([https://forms.office.com/e/jSJWjgurr])(https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2F%2FjSJWjgurr%3Ffbclid%3DIwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAc3J0wZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHs_M-nJOx1YOIMEPCIfsKoecdGSEOd1SEEyFLw0vDxGnb7HJCevM9hmq25lp_aem_f5uvrZArYeUmJ62SjQ788w&h=AT6xbqBY6yl0g7aAV7XdU8sZsOwx9OYGncvTnj3ZjHsrWKEhX6kAqkelxRT7YcRBc9exvAoBwvfQCLnr_cdt7eJGZ0sTHIFZPI7jj53GbKR8gFjqazBIB1F0crgJVc5C3ZKgs2UJAdAHsO1YcCLG4Up9_9CMjDA&_tn_=-UK-R&c[0]=AT4CRqjQDxiGfyDF1-ptza9i5XCcrSf77xe_yliik5y6XJ-GEwRfMER0wJlqpznisTK5g38o7aq8ygjQfhKCjd4HI12Wb77ai1iWS7DoD01qYQNdkpX88vUI8JX0H5n0G4UmT8xwmVhs9I4j7lyTgLmiHMhEZl8j01bj-d5oqF8vQ))

Below is a link to the Neighbourhood Plan documents on our website.

[https://newtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/.../neighbourhood-plan...]
(https://newtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/.../neighbourhood-plan...)

If you have any questions please get in touch with Newton and Biggin Parish Council.

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NEWTON & BIGGIN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



NOTICE OF REGULATION14 CONSULTATION

Comments are invited on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Newton & Biggin between

21 March & 28 April 2026

A copy of the draft plan along with details of how to make comments can be found online at

The Newton and Biggin Parish Council Website
alongside a link to the online survey

www.newtonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Please scan QR code to access survey

Appendix 16

Newton and Biggin (inc Coton Park East) Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led, legally binding framework that helps guide the future of a local area. It must conform to the Local Plan and can't be used as a means of preventing development proposed in a Local Plan. However, it can be used to 'shape' that development in areas like protecting important open spaces and views, influencing design of new development and the housing mix of new residential (affordable housing, bungalows etc). This is a formal consultation being run by Newton and Biggin Parish Council in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The consultation period will run from **16th March to 28th April at 5pm**. Only comments received by this deadline will be included. We are unable to accept anonymous comments. Thank you for taking part.

The full text of the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Parish Council website
www.newtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Newton-NP-Presubmission-draft-NP-Feb-26-for-R14.pdf

The easiest way to complete the questionnaire is to open a copy of the plan using the link above and giving your

1. Name

2. Address

3. Organisation (if you are responding on its behalf)

4. Do you live in Newton and Biggin inc Coton Park East?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

5. Do you work in Newton and Biggin inc Coton Park East?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

6. Are you a landowner or agent responding on behalf of a landowner?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan includes a series of policies which will help to shape the future development and growth of Newton and Biggin. These are Highlighted in boxes throughout the plan and prefixed with 'policy_____'. An explanation of each policy has been included below. However please refer to the plan for further information and diagrams/maps. Please provide comments regarding each of the policies below:

7. **POLICY G1: SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES** – This defines the built up area of Plan and sets boundaries to them. Within those boundaries new developments are likely to be acceptable. Outside the boundaries is open countryside where new development is more strictly controlled. see policy on page 15 on plan

8. **POLICY G2: DESIGN**: This sets out design requirements (layout, appearance, materials) for any new developments according which part of the Neighbourhood Plan they are sited within. See policy on page 17 of plan

9. **POLICY H1: HOUSING MIX** - New housing in Newton village should provide a mix of housing types as set out in the Housing Needs Survey which forms part of the Plan. Bungalows and smaller houses will be particularly supported, there is a 'presumption against' large houses (more than 4 bedrooms). See policy on page 19 of plan

10. **POLICY H2: WINDFALL SITES** – These are small sites arising from infill or redevelopment. In general they will be supported providing they meet the other requirements of the Plan and don't impact unacceptably on neighbours. See policy on Page 20 of plan

11. **Policy H3: AFFORDABLE HOUSING** – This policy is aimed at maximising the provision of affordable housing on 'exception sites' (ie those outside but immediately next to Settlement Boundaries - see Policy G1). See policy on page 21 of plan

12. **POLICY ENV 1: LOCAL GREEN SPACES** – The Neighbourhood Plan identifies key Local Green Spaces - any development proposals that would result in their loss or would have an unacceptable impact on them will not be supported. See policy on page 25 of plan

13. **POLICY ENV 2: IMPORTANT OPEN SPACES (OPEN SPACE, SPORT & RECREATION SITES; OSSRs)**These are the next tier down in importance from the Local Green Spaces identified in Policy Env.1. As with Local Green Spaces development of Important Open Spaces will not be supported unless it can be shown they are no longer needed or they are to be replaced by a Space of equivalent size in an acceptable location. See policy on page 28 of plan

14. **POLICY ENV 3: SITES AND FEATURES OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SIGNIFICANCE** – The Plan identifies those areas that are of significance for the natural environment in terms of habitat, species or other features and gives protection to them. See policy on page 29 of plan

15. **POLICY ENV 4: BIODIVERSITY ACROSS THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA-** This policy requires all new developments to safeguard habitats and species and to deliver a biodiversity net gain. If this cannot be provided on site there is provision for it to be provided off-site. See policy on page 31 of plan

16. **POLICY ENV 5: SITES OF HISTORICAL ENVIRONMENT SIGNIFICANCE** - This policy identifies those sites and gives protection to them. See policy on page 32 of plan

17. **POLICY ENV 6: RIDGE AND FURROW** – The policy identifies views which are important to the character and setting of Newton Village and says that development which would have a harmful effect on them will not be supported. Ridge and Furrow are distinctive features of earlier agricultural practices, often Medieval. The policy identifies where those features remain in the Plan area and gives protection to them. See policy on page 35 of plan

18. POLICY ENV 7: IMPORTANT VIEWS – The policy identifies views which are important to the character and setting of Newton Village and says that development which would have a harmful effect on them will not be supported. See policy on page 37 of plan

19. POLICY ENV 8: FOOTPATHS, BRIDLEWAYS AND CYCLEWAYS -The policy maps all of these and says that any development that impacts on them must maintain a coherent network otherwise it will not be supported. See policy on page 39 of plan

20. POLICY ENV 9: FLOOD RISK RESILIENCE AND CLIMATE CHANGE- The policy identifies those areas at risk of flooding and sets out proposals to ensure that new developments don't make the problem worse. See policy on page 41

21. POLICY ENV 10 – RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE: The area where wind turbines and solar arrays would be supported - subject to a long list of requirements - is identified. See policy on 42 of plan

22. POLICY CF1: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND AMENITIES - Existing community facilities are listed and the policy provides for their protection unless it can be demonstrated they are no longer needed, aren't commercially viable or are to be replaced elsewhere. Support is also given to a new meeting venue at Cotton Park. See policy on page 45 of plan

23. POLICY E1: BUSINESSES & EMPLOYMENT - Developments that lead to a loss of employment will not be supported unless it can be demonstrated that the business is no longer viable. Any proposals for new employment will be supported providing they would not have a harmful impact on the area. See policy on page 46 of plan

24. POLICY E2: WORKING FROM HOME - If planning permission is required it will be supported providing it does not impact on neighbours. See policy on page 47 of plan

25. POLICY E3: REUSE OF AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS - Reuse for small business, tourism or recreation will be supported subject to the proposals not having a harmful impact. See policy on page 48 of plan

26. POLICY E4: BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE - Improvements will be supported. See policy on page 48 of plan

27. POLICY T1: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – Any new development should avoid adding to traffic on residential roads in Coton East and in Newton village nor add to on-street parking. Improvements to St Thomas Cross junction will be supported. See policy on page 49 of plan

28. POLICY T2: ELECTRIC VEHICLES - Subject to requirements to prevent harmful impact communal charging points will be supported. See policy on page 50 of plan

Appendix 17

Date:

Dear Stakeholder

Newton and Biggin Draft Neighbourhood Plan – Statutory Consultation period – 16th March 2026– 28th April 2026

Newton and Biggin Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

The purpose of this letter is to seek representations from Statutory Consultees and other Stakeholders and interested parties as part of the process of finalising the content of the Neighbourhood Plan. A hard copy is available on request.

You are now invited to read the Draft Plan and make comments prior to the document being finalised. There will be a six week period to do this, commencing on 16 March and closing on 28 April at 5pm.

Your comments will influence our final draft before it is submitted to Rugby Borough Council at which point there will be a further opportunity for you to comment when the Neighbourhood Plan is published prior to Independent Examination.

If you wish to comment on the Draft Plan you can do this:

- By email, to be addressed to: Clerk@newtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan can be made by using the Pre-Submission Comments Form at: [Newton and Biggin \(inc Coton Park East\) Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation – Fill out form](#)

All responses received by the above date will be considered and may be utilised to amend the Draft Neighbourhood Plan Review.

Wherever possible, please ensure that you specify the policy or paragraph to which your response relates.

Details of the process we have undertaken, and all relevant documentation is accessible on the Newton and Biggin Parish Council website: [Neighbourhood Plan Documents – Newton & Biggin Parish Council](#)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Consultation body	Date sent	Response
b) A local planning authority, county council or parish council any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority:		
County Council – Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 RL		
Rugby Borough Council – nicola.smith@rugby.gov.uk		
Adjoining Parish Councils		
Clifton upon Dunsmore Parish Council		
c) The coal authority		
Deb Roberts, Planning Liaison Officer, The Coal Authority, 200 Lichfield Lane, Mansfield,		

Nottinghamshire, NG18 4RG thecoalauthority@coal.gov.uk		
d) The Homes and Communities Agency		
Homes and Communities Agency, 5 St Philip's Place, Colmore Row Birmingham , B3 2PW		
e) Natural England		
Miss C Jackson, Consultation Service, Natural England, Hornbeam House, Electra Way, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 6GJ enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk		
f) The Environment Agency		
Geoff Platts. Specialist Sustainable Places, Environment Agency, Lower Trent Area, Trentside Offices, Scarrington Road, West Bridgeford, Nottingham, NG2 5FA Direct dial 0203 0253242 Direct e-mail geoff.platts@environment-agency.gov		
g) Historic England/English Heritage		
Historic England. eastmidlands@HistoricEngland.org.uk 2 nd floor, Windsor House, Cliftonville, Northampton, NN1 5BE		
Ann Plackett, English Heritage, East Midlands Region, 44 Derngate Northampton, NN1 1UH		
h) Network Rail Infrastructure Limited		
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, Kings Place, 90 York Way London, N1 9AG		
i) The Highways Agency		
Ms Aoife O'Tool, Highways Agency, Level 9, The Cube 199 Wharfside Street, Birmingham B1 1RN		

k) Any person i. to whom the electronic communications code applies ii. who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus in the area		
British Telecommunications Plc, Customer Wideband Planning Group Post Point BSTE 0301, Bath Street, Nottingham NG1 1BZ		
li) Primary Care Trust		
NHS Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Parkside House, Quinton Road, Coventry CV1 2NJ. contactus@coventryrugbyccg.nhs.uk		
lii) Licence holder under the Electricity Act 1989		
FAO Mr D Holdstock, National Grid, AMEC Environment & Infrastructure UK Limited, Gables House, Kenilworth Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 6JX		
liii) Licence holder under the Gas Act 1986		
British Gas Properties, Aviary Court, Wade Road, Basingstoke Hampshire, RG24 8GZ		
liv) Sewage Undertaker/iv) Water undertaker		
Severn Trent PO Box 407 DARLINGTON DL1 9WD		
m) Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or part of the neighbourhood area		
Voluntary Action Rugby 19&20 North Street, Rugby, Warwickshire CV21 2AG. rugbyinfo@wcava.org.uk		
Age UK Warwickshire, 8 Clemens St, Leamington Spa CV31 2DLinfo@ageukwarks.org.uk		
Campaign to Protect Rural England, 5-11 Lavington Street, London, SE1 0NZ info@cpre.org.uk		
n) Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area		
Equality and Inclusion Partnership, Room 127, Morgan Conference Suite, Warwickshire College, Technology		

Drive, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 1AR advice@equipequality.org.uk		
Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups info@gypsytravellerfederation.org		
o) Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area		
Rugby Interfaith Forum http://interfaithinrugby.org.uk/		
Local Church?		
p) Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area		
Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce, Chamber House, Innovation Village, Cheetah Road Coventry CV1 2TL info@cw-chamber.co.uk		
q) Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area		
Warwickshire Integrated Disability Service Saltisford Office Park Ansell Way Saltisford Warwick CV34 4UL feedback@warwickshire.gov.uk		
Other bodies		
contactus@warwickshire.police.uk		
Warwickshire Fire and Rescue		
Councillors/MP		
MP: mark.pawsey.mp@parliament.uk		
County Councillor: adrianwarwick@warwickshire.gov.uk		
Borough Councillor: eve.hassell@rugby.gov.uk		

Appendix 18

Neighbourhood Plan

Pre submission consultation responses

No.	Chapter/ Section	Policy Number	Respondent	Comment	Response	Amendment
1		G1	Chris Dixon	No comment	n/a	None required
		G2		No comment	n/a	
		H1		No comment	n/a	
		H2		No comment	n/a	
		H3		No comment	n/a	
		ENV1		No comment	n/a	
		ENV2		No comment	n/a	
		ENV3		No comment	n/a	
		ENV4		No comment	n/a	
		ENV5		No comment	n/a	
		ENV6		No comment	n/a	
		ENV7		No comment	n/a	
		ENV8		No comment	n/a	
		ENV9		No comment	n/a	
		ENV10		No comment	n/a	
		CF1		No comment	n/a	
		E1		No comment	n/a	
		E2		No comment	n/a	
		E3		No comment	n/a	
		E4		No comment	n/a	
		T1		No comment	n/a	
		T2		No comment	n/a	
2		G1	Resident	We should ensure these boundaries are maintained	n/a	Resident has expressed his agreement with the policies and, as such, no

						amendments are necessary.
		G2		All houses should be in keeping with the other building in the area	n/a	Resident expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		H1		They should be smaller 2/3 bed houses at affordable prices to encourage young people to the village and also enable label first time buyers to remain in there village	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		H2		Any small site must be in keeping with the surrounding property	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		H3		Cheaper affordable houses are definitely needed in this area	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV1		The green areas that have been identified must be protected	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.

		ENV2		I would prefer the existing open spaces should be protected as they already have established wildlife uses	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV3		This policy is must be closely monitored to protect these areas	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV4		Agree with the importances of this policy	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV5		Important to protect the history of the area	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV6		Not many of these in the area so important to protect them	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV7		There are some wonderful views in this area and I would not like to see any of them disappearing	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.

		ENV8		All public footways on Broadways should and must be kept accessible at all times	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV9		This covers the important risks of flooding and ensures the upmost protection	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV10		Seems to be a area north of the village that could be used but only as a small development so possibly not financially viable	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		CF1		All Publix facilities are important and must be maintained	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		E1		Important policy well structured	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		E2		Seems sensible as more people working from home	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no

						amendments are necessary.
		E3		Agree, if it brings in financial benefit of the area	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		E4		This already seems to be happening in the area	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		T1		Any new development must ensure the road infrastructure is improved as most of the roads around this area of Newton are already under maintained for the volume of traffic	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		T2		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
3		G1	Ian Davis	Fully support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		G2		Fully support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the

						policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		H1		Fully support - it's essential that new housing in the parish addresses local need if it is to have community support.	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		H2		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		H3		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV1		Strongly support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV2		Strongly support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.

		ENV3		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV4		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV5		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV6		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary. n/a
		ENV7		Strongly support - views out of and into settlements are essential elements in their character.	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV8		Fully support - the network of footpaths etc provide both a functional link to shops, doctors, schools which are not available in the parish as well as being a recreational resource.	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.

		ENV9		Fully support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV10		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		CF1		Strongly support the retention of community facilities in Bewton village and the provision of such a resource at Coton Park East.	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		E1		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		E2		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		E3		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no

						amendments are necessary.
		E4		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		T1		Support - particularly important given development proposals in the emerging Local Plan	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		T2		Support	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
4		G1	Resident	Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		G2		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		H1		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the

						policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		H2		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		H3		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV1		Agree. It is important for communities like ours to keep green spaces to improve quality of living better mental health etc.	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV2		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV3		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed his agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.

		ENV4		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV5		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV6		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV7		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV8		It is important to improve cycleways and footpaths improving connectivity to schools/shops/workplace and transport facilities	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		ENV10		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.

		CF1		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		E1		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		E2		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		E3		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		E4		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
		T1		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no

						amendments are necessary.
		T2		Agree	n/a	Resident has expressed agreement with the policies and, as such, no amendments are necessary.
5		G1	Resident	Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		G2		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H1		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H2		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H3		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV1		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV2		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV3		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV4		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV5		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV6		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV7		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV8		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.

		ENV9		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV10		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		CF1		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E1		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E2		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E3		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E4		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T1		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T2		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
6		G1	Resident	Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		G2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H3		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV3		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.

		ENV4		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV5		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV6		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV7		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV8		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV9		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV10		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		CF1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E3		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E4		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
7		G1	Resident	Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		G2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.

		H2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H3		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV3		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV4		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV5		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV6		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV7		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV8		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV9		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV10		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		CF1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E3		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E4		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.

		T1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
8		G1	Resident	I agree with this policy	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		G2		I agree with this policy	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H1		I agree with this policy	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H2		I agree with this policy	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H3		Regarding H3 e) We should be mindful of the potential change to the village character if developments consists entirely of affordable housing.	In relation to H3 the resident raises the issue that the character of Newton village could be changed if new development consists entirely of affordable housing. H3 is an evidence-based policy arising from the Housing Needs Survey. It should be remembered that the policy only relates to exception sites ie those outside, but immediately adjacent to, the village boundary where the affordable housing meets an identified local need. If any such sites are brought forward they are likely to be few in number and small in size. Furthermore, H3 stresses that any such	No amendments necessary.

					development should be “high quality” and allows for some open-market housing if it can be demonstrated that this is essential to the viability of the scheme. The concern is well-made but it is considered that H3 is essential if local housing need is to be met and that it contains sufficient safeguards (alongside other policies of the local planning authority) to ensure that the character of the village is not adversely affected. As such it is not proposed to change H3.	
		ENV1		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV2		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV3		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV4		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV5		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV6		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV7		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV8		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.

		ENV9		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV10		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		CF1		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E1		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E2		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E3		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E4		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T1		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T2		I agree with this policy.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
9		G1	Resident	Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		G2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H1		Agree mix of housing types but disagree with 'presumption against' large houses. There should be balance between all house types within the village.	Whilst resident agrees with promoting a mix of housing types they disagree with the presumption against large houses and argues for a balance of all housing types within Newton Village. H1 is an evidence-based policy that seeks to give effect to the results of the Housing Needs Survey. This demonstrated that the plan area has an unusually high	No amendments necessary.

					proportion of large houses when compared to the wider Rugby area as well as nationally and that as a result the area has insufficient smaller houses and bungalows aimed at meeting an identified local need. The policy is aimed at preventing further very large houses (ie those with 5 bedrooms and more) being constructed and, as a result, encourage relatively smaller houses to be built. It is considered that the policy will assist in meeting the residents wish that there be a mix of housing types and, as such, no changes are proposed.	
		H2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H3		Any affordable housing sites should be kept to small scale development in keeping with the village environment.	Resident suggests that any affordable housing sites should be small-scale. As these would be exception sites specifically aimed at meeting a local need it is suggested that they would inevitably be small	Policy H3 will be amended to insert the words "small-scale" i.e. ".....the provision of small-scale, high-quality affordable housing.....".
		ENV1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.

		ENV3		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV4		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV5		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV6		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV7		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV8		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV9		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV10		Agree - no large-scale renewable energy infrastructure .	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		CF1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E3		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E4		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
10		G1	Resident	Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		G2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.

		H1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H3		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
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		E4		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T1		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
11		G1	Resident	Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		G2		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H1		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
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		E4		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T1		Agreed	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T2		Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
12		G1	Resident	Support the plan	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		G2		Can this explicitly accommodate householder extensions.	We agree that the policy includes extensions and this is implicit when it says 'development proposals' which includes extensions. However, we will clarify this.	The policy will be changed to say 'development proposals including extensions'.
		H1		This should apply to newly developed dwellings only. The settlement boundary to the West of the homes in The Hollies does not seem to include the gardens in full, please redraw to the exact curtilage.	Resident points out that the Settlement Boundary map excludes parts of the rear gardens in The Hollies, Newton and asks for this to be corrected. The Settlement Boundary is based on the historic one from WNC.	No amendments to be made.

					It is not uncommon for Settlement Boundaries to cut through large gardens where part of the garden relates more to the countryside than the built-up area. Changing the boundary is not considered to be appropriate given its long standing nature.	
		H2		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H3		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV1		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV2		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV3		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV4		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV5		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV6		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV7		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
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		ENV9		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV10		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.

		CF1		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E1		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E2		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E3		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E4		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T1		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T2		Support the plan.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
13		G1	Resident	Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		G2		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H1		Strongly agree. Bungalows should be affordable for elderly and by those that need to live in a same level accommodation.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H2		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H3		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV1		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
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		ENV5		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
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		ENV9		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV10		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		CF1		Strongly agree. Coton Park needs a community centre/hub for meetings and activities for all sections and residents of Coton Park	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E1		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E2		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E3		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E4		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T1		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T2		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
14		G1	Resident	Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		G2		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H1		Strongly agree Need affordable 1 and 2 bedroom bungalows for the elderly to downsize to.	n/a	No amendments necessary.

		H2		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H3		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV1		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
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		ENV9		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		ENV10		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		CF1		Strongly agree. A community space for meeting and activities is required in Coton Park.	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E1		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E2		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		E3		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.

		E4		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T1		Strongly agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
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15		G1	Resident	Agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
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19		G1	Resident	I agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		G2		I agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		H1		I agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
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		E1		I agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
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		E4		I agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T1		I agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
		T2		I agree	n/a	No amendments necessary.
20	general		Natural England	Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 16 March 2026. Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning	“Natural England does not have any specific comments on this Draft Neighbourhood Plan” and as such no amendments are necessary. General advice is provided on steps prior to Strategic Environmental Assessment screening - this has been undertaken as part of the Plan’s preparation and Rugby Borough Council has	No amendments necessary

				and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made. Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan. However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and to the following information. Natural England does not hold information on the location of significant populations of protected species, so is unable to advise whether this plan is likely to affect protected species to such an extent as to require a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Further information on protected species and development is included in Natural England's Standing Advice on protected species . Furthermore, Natural England does not routinely maintain locally specific data on all environmental assets. The plan may have environmental impacts on priority species and/or habitats, local wildlife sites, soils and best and most versatile agricultural land, or on local landscape character that may be	concluded that an SEA is not required.	
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				sufficient to warrant a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Information on ancient woodland, ancient and veteran trees is set out in Natural England/Forestry Commission standing advice. We therefore recommend that advice is sought from your ecological, landscape and soils advisers, local record centre, recording society or wildlife body on the local soils, best and most versatile agricultural land, landscape, geodiversity and biodiversity receptors that may be affected by the plan before determining whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment is necessary. Natural England reserves the right to provide further advice on the environmental assessment of the plan. This includes any third party appeal against any screening decision you may make. If an Strategic Environmental Assessment is required, Natural England must be consulted at the scoping and environmental report stages. For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.		
21	general		National gas	Wellbar Central 36 Gallowgate Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4TD T:	an assessment has been carried out..... no record of assets in the Neighbourhood Plan	No amendments necessary

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				Planning and Development Guidance is provided at the following link in relation to National Gas Transmission assets. • https://www.nationalgas.com/our-businesses/planning-and-development Avison Young (UK) Limited registered in England and Wales number 6382509. Registered office, 3 Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2JB. Regulated by RICS 2 National Gas Transmission also provides advice regarding '<i>Guidelines when working near National Gas Transmission assets</i>' at the following link: • https://www.nationalgas.com/our-businesses/working-near-our-assets LSBUD Linesearch BeforeUdig (LSBUD) is a free online service used before carrying out development at a site, specifically digging or excavation work. LSBUD Website: https://lsbud.co.uk/ LSBUD is a free to use online search service that any individual ("User") can use to check their works against over 160 asset owners' ("Members") utility assets. These assets include hundreds of thousands of kilometres		
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				of underground and overhead pipelines and cables in the electricity, gas, high pressure fuel/oil, heating, water and fibre optic networks. The service processes circa 4 million enquiries per annum. The process to submit an enquiry to LSBUD is completed online, with clear instructions included on the website. Enquiries should be submitted to LSBUD in respect of proposed development. National Gas Transmission also strongly encourage Local Authorities to submit enquiries to LSBUD in respect of proposed Development Plan Allocations, at an early stage of the Development Plan preparation. Submitting a query to LSBUD has several practical benefits, including improving safety of proposed development, and reducing risk of damage to utilities infrastructure. The LSBUD enquiry will provide clear documentation, including detailed utilities plans, and confirmation of who owns assets within a particular area / site. Further Advice Please remember to consult National Gas Transmission on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our assets. We would be grateful if you could add our details		
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				shown below to your consultation database, if not already included: Matt Verlander, Director nationalgas.uk@avisonyoung.com		
22	3.2		WCC	This section discusses the definition of sustainable development as provided within the NPPF. One of these dimensions is in relation to an environmental role. The LLFA fully supports the protection of open spaces and would recommend an additional bullet point is included that states all developments must consider the associated flood risk when building on greenfield and brownfield sites and will be expected to include sustainable drainage systems.	A request is made that an additional bullet point be added to “Environmental Role” under 3.2. The opening paragraph says ‘adapt to climate change’ which covers the point made.	No amendment necessary
	4			It is stated that there is a Rugby Local Plan allocation at Coton Park East for 800 dwellings and 7.5ha of employment land. It should be noted that if a site is over 1ha or for 10 dwelling or more, it is classed as a major planning application, therefore in line with the NPPF, a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy must be submitted to the Lead Local Flood Authority for review.	Noted, however this is not something that the NP can control or is responsible for.	No amendments necessary.
		G2		A comment could be included to say all developments will be expected to include sustainable drainage systems and that new developments need to	A request is made to change Policy G2 to include flood risk.	No amendment necessary

				consider their flood risk when building on greenfield and brownfield sites, as supported by the Sustainable drainage systems chapter in the Planning Practise Guidance (PPG). A link has been detailed below: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-and-coastal-change#sustainable-drainage-systems	This point is covered in Policy ENV 9 and not as a matter of detail in the Design policy.	
	18			It is stated that there is a single residential allocation in the Reg 19 Local Plan of around 25 dwellings for Newton and Biggin. It should be noted that if a site is for 10 dwelling or more, it is classed as a major planning application, therefore in line with the NPPF, a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy must be submitted to the Lead Local Flood Authority for review.	n/a Noted. We do not consider that this comment is necessary.	No amendments necessary
	25			We support the protection of open spaces and river corridors – this could be developed to mention the benefits of open space as flood risk management to retain water. Above ground SuDS could be utilised in open spaces.	n/a Noted. We do not consider that this matter of detail is necessary.	No amendments necessary
		ENV9		The LLFA fully supports the protection of open spaces and would recommend an additional bullet point is included that states all developments must consider the associated flood risk when building on greenfield and brownfield sites and	A request is made that an additional bullet point be added to Policy Env 9.	We will amend the policy to incorporate these points.

				will be expected to include sustainable drainage systems. If a site is over 1ha or for 10 dwellings or more, it is classed as a major planning application, therefore in line with the National Planning Policy Framework, a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy must be submitted to the Lead Local Flood Authority for review. All developments will be expected to include sustainable drainage systems. It would also be good to mention that all above ground attenuation features should be designed to be multifunctional and consider the four pillars of SuDS which are water quality, water quantity, amenity and biodiversity. You could develop this point to include the SuDS hierarchy. The hierarchy is a list of preferred drainage options that the LLFA refer to when reviewing planning applications. The preferred options are (in order of preference): infiltration (water into the ground), discharging into an existing water body and discharging into a surface water sewer. Connecting to a combined sewer system is not suitable and not favourable. You could include an additional point that encourages new developments to		
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				open up any existing culverts on a site providing more open space/green infrastructure for greater amenity and biodiversity; and the creation of new culverts should be kept to a minimum. New culverts will need consent from the LLFA and should be kept to the minimum length. It would be useful to include a link to the WCC Local Guidance for Developers which clearly outlines the expectations of the LLFA when it comes to development in Warwickshire. A link has been included below and is also available on our website. https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-453486374-170		
23	general		Environment agency	The Environment Agency aims to reduce and protect against flood risk, whilst protecting and enhancing the water environment, land, and biodiversity. To assist us in the West Midlands Area in providing the most focused and accurate consultation responses through the Neighbourhood Planning process we have produced the below guidance and pro-forma for you to consider, complete and return to Rugby Borough Council. You may wish to also refer to the Neighbourhood planning - GOV.UK	no specific comments are made relating to the Neighbourhood Plan, rather the Agency makes various general comments aimed at guiding its development. It is considered that these have been followed with particular reference to ensuring the Plan's conformity with the Rugby Local Plan and also in ensuring that the plan was subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment screening.	No amendments necessary

				(www.gov.uk) guidance to assist you in the preparation of your Plan. The Environment Agency, along with Natural England, Historic England, and the Forestry Commission (now known as Forestry England), has also produced some national guidance which offers further environmentally specific information in the context of Neighbourhood Planning and gives ideas on incorporating the environment into Plans. The guidance is available at: How to consider the environment in Neighbourhood plans. In the context of Climate Change there is further information on writing a low-carbon Neighbourhood Plan available at: How to write a neighbourhood plan in a climate emergency. To compliment the above we have produced the following guidance to assist you in the West Midlands Area specifically. This takes you through some of the relevant environmental issues your community should consider when producing a Neighbourhood Plan. We recommend completing the pro-forma to check the environmental constraints specific to your Plan area, which should help identify challenges, inform evidence and policy, and assist delivery of sustainable solutions. This approach		
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				will help ensure you have a robust Plan. Flood Risk: Your Plan should conform to national and local policies on flood risk. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) – Paragraph 170 states that ‘Inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk (whether existing or future). Where development is necessary in such areas, the development should be made safe for its lifetime without increasing flood risk elsewhere’. With reference to the adopted Rugby Borough Council Local Plan 2011-2031 (adopted 2019) it is important that your Plan is in accordance with Policy SDC5 – Flood Risk Management and its associated text Local Plan 2011-31 Adoption - Rugby Borough Council If your Plan is proposing sites for development you should check whether any of the proposed allocations are at risk of river or tidal flooding based on our Flood Map (of modelled flood risk). For example, are there any areas of Flood Zone 3 or 2 (High and Medium Risk). In line with National Planning Policy and, specifically, the Sequential Test, you should aim to locate built development within Flood Zone 1, the low-risk		
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				Zone. Our Flood Map can be accessed via the following link: Check the long term flood risk for an area in England - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) In addition to the above you should also check with the Council's Neighbourhood Planning / Planning Policy Team with regards to other sources of flooding (such as surface water, groundwater, sewers, and historic flooding) as detailed in their Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). Warwickshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), has 2 of 5 responsibility for local flood risk management and may hold flooding information that is not identified on our Flood Map. Specifically, some watercourses have not been modelled on our Flood Maps (Our Flood Maps primarily show flooding from Main Rivers, not ordinary watercourses, or un-modelled rivers, with a catchment of less than 3km²). The SFRA also gives information on the 'functional floodplain', also known as Flood Zone 3b. The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) shows the different Flood Zones in Table 1 in the Flood Risk and Coastal Change Section:		
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				Flood risk and coastal change - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Any allocations in areas of flood risk should include a consideration of climate change (see below). In the absence of up-to-date modelled flood risk information, or a site-specific FRA, to confirm an appropriate allowance you may wish to utilise the current Flood Zone 2 extent (where available) to indicate the likely, nominal, Flood Zone 3 with climate change extent. Where no modelling or flood map outline is available you will need to consider an alternative approach. Where an un-modelled watercourse is present, or adjacent to a site, then it may be prudent to incorporate a buffer zone, relative to topography, in consideration of flood risk not shown on the Flood Map. Some assessment is necessary in your Plan, to confirm that the site is developable. This includes safe occupation and that there will be no impact on third parties. You might seek opportunities to reduce flood risk. All 'major development' sites with flood risk issues, especially those with ordinary watercourses or un-modelled rivers within/adjacent or near to sites, are likely to need detailed modelling at the planning application stage to verify the design flood extents, developable		
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				areas and that the development will be sustainable. Climate Change: Your Local Authority's SFRA should indicate the extent of flood zones with likely climate change. The NPPG refers to Environment Agency guidance on considering climate change in planning decisions which is available online: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessments-climate-change-allowances . Please refer to our separate 'Area Climate Change Guidance' (March 2023) for more information on how to consider and incorporate allowances in development proposals. This advises that an allowance should be added to 'peak river flows' to account for 'climate change' which should be specific to a river 'management catchment'. You may wish to use the following link in conjunction with our Area Specific Climate Change Guidance to ascertain the correct climate change peak flows allowances in your area: Climate change allowances for peak river flow in England (data.gov.uk). Surface water (peak rainfall intensity) climate change allowances should be discussed with the LLFA. Flood Defences: Areas of your Parish, or proposed sites, may be		
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				afforded protection by a flood defence/alleviation scheme. Where this is the case, your Plan should acknowledge this and identify the level of protection provided (including any climate change allowance). It should be noted that flood defences are intended to protect existing properties and are not to facilitate new development in areas that would otherwise be impacted by flooding. Any assessment of development behind flood defences should consider the impacts of a breach or overtopping.		
24	general		Coal authority	Thank you for your notification of 16 March 2026 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above. The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. As a statutory consultee, the Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas. However, the area to which this consultation relates is not located within the defined coalfield. On this basis we have no specific comments to make.	the Plan “is not located within the coalfieldno specific comments to make	No amendments necessary

25			Historic England	Thank you for consulting Historic England about your Regulation 14 draft neighbourhood plan. The area covered by your Neighbourhood Plan includes designated heritage assets. In line with national planning policy, it will be important that the strategy for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets so that they can be enjoyed by future generations of the area. If you have not already done so, we would recommend that you speak to the planning and conservation team at your local planning authority together with the staff at the county council archaeological advisory service who look after the Historic Environment Record. They should be able to provide details of the designated heritage assets in the area together with locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the Heritage Gateway (www.heritagegateway.org.uk <http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk>). It may also be useful to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society or local historic groups	as the Plan's area contains some designated heritage assets various comments are made about consultations with appropriate bodies both to inform the Plan's preparation and also in relation to any subsequent development proposals.	No amendments necessary
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				in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan. Historic England has produced advice which your community might find helpful in helping to identify what it is about your area which makes it distinctive and how you might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. These can be found at:- <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/> You may also find the advice in <i>"Planning for the Environment at the Neighbourhood Level"</i> useful. This has been produced by Historic England, Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission. As well as giving ideas on how you might improve your local environment, it also contains some useful further sources of information. This can be downloaded from: <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/LIT_6524_7da381.pdf> If you envisage including new housing allocations in your plan, we refer you to our published advice available on our website, "Housing Allocations in Local Plans" as this relates equally to		
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				neighbourhood planning. This can be found at https://content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-and-site-allocations-in-local-plans/heag074-he-and-site-allocation-local-plans.pdf/> If you have any queries about this matter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.		
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Appendix 19

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND GOVERNANCE FOR NEWTON & BIGGIN PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1) Name

- a) The name of the Committee shall be the Newton & Biggin Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Advisory Committee (NBNPAC).

2) Role

- a) The role of the NP Advisory Committee is to carry out the following NP tasks on behalf of the Parish Council:
 - i) Undertake the preparation of an NP for the designated area of the Parish of Newton & Biggin;
 - ii) Utilise external funding secured by the Parish Council and assist with planning, budgeting and monitoring expenditure under the control of the Parish Council;
 - iii) Liaise with relevant authorities, organisations and identified Stakeholders to ensure the NP is comprehensive and inclusive;
 - iv) Identify and implement a wide variety of ways to engage the whole community throughout the process;
 - v) Undertake specific areas of work involving additional persons with specific expertise as required to progress the detail of the NP;
 - vi) Be responsible for the analysis arising during the NP process and the production and distribution of the final report;
 - vii) To work closely with Rugby Borough Council throughout the process;
 - viii) To submit the draft NP for consultation with the Parish Council, local residents, statutory stakeholders and Rugby Borough Council;
 - ix) To secure the endorsement of the Parish Council for the final NP document.
 - x) To prepare the NP for submission to Rugby Borough Council;
 - xi) To ensure the NP is in general conformity with Rugby Borough Council's existing development plan;
 - xii) To ensure the NP meets the requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the Localism Act 2011 and other relevant legislation, including European obligations.

3) Membership

- a) The NP Advisory Committee shall have a minimum of four members, including at least one member from the Parish Council.
- b) The membership and appointments are to be approved by the Parish Council and membership information included on the Parish Council website.

4) Meetings

- a) The NP Advisory Committee shall endeavour to hold a full meeting on average at least every six weeks or more frequently as may be required.
- b) Meeting dates shall be confirmed at least five days in advance.
- c) The meeting agenda shall be passed to all members, with the details of all supporting documentation, at least 3 clear days prior to each meeting. Members will be expected to have read the papers in advance of the meeting.
- d) Declarations of Interest for Agenda items shall be a standard agenda item at the beginning of each meeting.
- e) The minutes of the meeting shall be produced and circulated to all members within 10 days at most following the meeting, for approval at the following meeting.
- f) Resolutions shall be decided by a majority of votes, with the Chair having a casting vote if required.
- g) A minimum quorum of members for the transaction of business is three members, including one Parish Councillor.
- h) Meetings will normally be open to all members of the public. If a member of the public wishes to speak on a particular subject, the Chair shall invite him/her to speak when the subject is discussed, for no more than 5 minutes.
- i) The agendas, supporting papers and meeting minutes are to be posted on the Parish Council website to provide the maximum opportunity for community participation. The agenda and meeting minutes will also be posted on the Village notice board, with a contact address for those wishing to view the supporting papers.
- j) The NP Advisory Committee can exclude the public and hold a closed session in exceptional circumstances for matters that are sensitive.

5) Theme Groups

- a) The NP Advisory Committee may appoint specific Theme Groups to carry out agreed work on its behalf, with a nominated Leader for each Theme Group. **The work of the Theme Groups does not need to be open to the public and meetings are not required to follow the procedures referenced above, however the need to declare any interest is still required.**
- b) Each Theme Group will comprise at least one member of the NP Advisory Committee
- c) The Leader may co-opt additional members to further the work of the Theme Group.
- d) The Theme Group may make recommendations but decisions will be taken by the full NP Advisory Committee, for ratification by the Parish Council.

6) Finance

- a) The Secretary shall maintain a record of all income and expenditure with decisions on financial matters to be taken by the Parish Council.
- b) A current financial statement will be available as necessary.

7) General Conduct of NP Advisory Committee Members.

- a) Members are expected to conduct themselves when working on the NP in a manner consistent with the standards of conduct required for those in public life, i.e. selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.
- b) Members are required to read and sign the Parish Council Register of Interests and Code of Conduct. The Secretary will hold the signed forms in a central place.
- c) Members, including co-opted members, should declare an interest at the beginning of a meeting if the member has a disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest relating to an agenda item to be discussed.

8) Public Access to Information

- a) Members of the public, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, have the right of access to all meetings of the NP Advisory Committee, unless specific reasons have been announced in advance when confidential material may be discussed which might be prejudicial to the public interest. It is envisaged that this would rarely, if ever, be implemented.
- b) Members of the public should declare an interest, if applicable, in respect of any agenda item to be discussed at the meeting.
- c) The agendas, relevant papers and subsequent minutes of all NP Advisory Committee meetings will be published on the Parish Council website and available for all members of the public to access.

Newton & Biggin Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee

June 2023

Agreed at meeting 25th September 2023