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1. Introduction

Purpose of the consultation statement

- 1.1 As the qualifying body Willenhall Neighbourhood Planning Group formally submitted the Willenhall Neighbourhood Plan to Coventry City Council in July 2017.
- 1.2 When submitting a neighbourhood plan to the relevant local planning authority the legislation requires that the qualifying body also include a number of other documents. One of these is commonly known as a consultation statement.
- 1.3 This consultation statement has therefore been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. Part 5, Section 15(2) of the Regulations states that a consultation statement should:
 - a) contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - b) explain how they were consulted;
 - c) summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - d) describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

Overview of consultation stages

- 1.4 Consultation activity during the preparation of the Willenhall Neighbourhood Plan occurred in three stages.
 - the application to have both the neighbourhood area and forum designated;
 - initial non-statutory consultation; and
 - statutory pre-submission consultation on the draft plan.
 - 1.5 These stages are described in more detail in the following sections.
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2. Background

Willenhall Community Forum

- 2.1 The Willenhall Community Forum has operated in the area for over 20 years. It is a consortium of local organisations that deliver services for the benefit of people living in the area. In particular it encourages a co-ordinated approach to the provision of leisure time pursuits, employment support, volunteering opportunities, learning and training courses and childcare services. These activities are aimed at improving the education attainments and economic wellbeing of local people as well as increasing the level of community cohesion.
- 2.2 The community forum utilises and maintains a range of local resources as part of its community work. This includes the Willenhall Village Green, Willenhall Focus Newspaper, Eureka Childcare and Willenhall Education, Employment & Training Centre, and Hagar Community Space.

Neighbourhood Area and Forum Application

- 2.3 Following the publication of the Localism Act 2011 the Willenhall Community Forum decided to prepare a neighbourhood development plan for the area. The first stage in the statutory process was to ask the City Council to formally designate the boundary of the neighbourhood area.
- 2.4 At the same time the City Council had to designate an appropriate organisation to prepare the neighbourhood plan, known in the regulations as the ‘qualifying body’. Unfortunately the existing Willenhall Community Forum did not exactly meet the required criteria as set out in the legislation. A new body was therefore formed by the community forum known as the Willenhall Neighbourhood Planning Group.
- 2.5 The constitution of the group stated that it has been established with the express purpose of promoting and improving the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of Willenhall.
- 2.6 The objectives of the group are:
- to preserve and promote the unique character and identity of the area with particular attention to a clean, safe and peaceful environment, green spaces and heritage features;
 - to promote a strong and sustainable balance of community with particular attention to appropriate development and regeneration of the area;

- to forge strong and effective links with the local authority, local businesses and other interested parties as may collaborate towards the best interest and improvement of the area;
- to encourage the goodwill and involvement of the whole community, inclusive of all ages, gender, ethnicity, faith, health and sexual orientation, in neighbourhood planning and community life; and
- to foster strong community spirit and encourage local pride.

2.7 Joint applications were therefore submitted to the City Council to designate Willenhall as a neighbourhood area and the Willenhall Neighbourhood Planning Group as the appropriate qualifying body to prepare the neighbourhood plan. The City Council publicised the applications for a six week period and invited any representations by 8 August 2013.

2.8 The City Council subsequently approved the Willenhall Neighbourhood Area on 17 October 2013. The boundary of the neighbourhood area is indicated below.

Diagram 1 – The Willenhall Neighbourhood Area



2.9 The Willenhall Neighbourhood Planning Group was then approved by the City Council as the appropriate qualifying body on 6 February 2014.

3. Initial Non-statutory Consultation

Appreciative Inquiry

- 3.1 As part of the initial preparation of the neighbourhood plan the group utilised a consultation exercise initiated by the City Council in 2015.
- 3.2 The City Council was investing in new ways of working so that they could strengthen existing relationships with residents and partner agencies. The Council felt that strong and sustainable community engagement was essential going forward as increased pressure is placed on the public and voluntary sector budgets as a consequence of Government cutbacks. Through its 'Active Citizens, Stronger Communities' strategy the City Council hoped to introduce a new approach to the way it works with communities.
- 3.3 An independent consultancy was appointed to support the City Council in this process and Willenhall was chosen as a pilot area. It was felt that the area would be an ideal location to trial this new approach to asset based working. Willenhall was regarded as rich in untapped assets but often seen as a community 'in deficit' (e.g. drug and alcohol abuse, low educational attainment, high unemployment). It was felt that residents could have ideas and solutions to provide for a positive new future. If this was to be achieved the statutory and non-statutory services may have to engage in different ways of working. This initiative therefore attempted to draw on front line neighbourhood staff and active local residents to discover the assets within the Willenhall community.
- 3.4 An event known as Appreciative Inquiry was thereby arranged with participants drawn from the Police, City Council, Willenhall Community Forum, Grapevine and Coventry Law Centre. This event sought to focus on what is already in place and working well, and doing more of it. Designed to be an interactive event, the three hour process enabled participants to share their views and aspirations for Willenhall and its existing strengths. The event took place at the Willenhall Education Employment Training Centre (WEETC) in June 2015 with 65 participants.
- 3.5 The event was also used to provide some initial input into the emerging neighbourhood plan. In particular it provided some evidence of the needs and opinions of the local community and the various stakeholders represented.
- 3.6 The event had three distinct sessions. The participants first considered the attributes of the area. The following themes emerged from the discussion:
- there are number of important buildings located in the area such as the library, WEET Centre, Hagard Centre, Willenhall Social Club, doctors surgery, churches, Whitefriars Housing, social care, Middle Ride Hut and various schools;

- there are places and events that provide opportunities for social interaction such as the car boot sale, community café, community allotment, shopping precinct, benches outside the Hagard Centre;
- there are valued local services delivered by the Willenhall Community Forum, Money Advice Centre, a good and frequent bus service, Eureka nursery, police, and the combined doctors and dental surgery;
- there was a good environment that contains lots of open space, parks for children, Willenhall Wood for dog walkers, and the regeneration of the area by Whitefriars Housing; and
- there is a good community spirit that is welcoming and friendly.



Participants at the Appreciative Inquiry Event

3.7 For the second task participants were asked to consider future aspirations for Willenhall. The following emerged during the discussion:

- increased community safety, with a reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour;
- young people need to feel safe and supported with adequate and positive activity for them to do;
- to have good quality, affordable social housing;
- good community cohesion with all ethnic backgrounds living together harmoniously
- the health and well-being of local people is addressed with good support from the relevant organisations and services; and

- to have good governance whereby the local community can influence the decision making process with associated good communications about what is happening in the area.

3.8 In the final task participants were asked to develop an idea that had arisen during the discussions. Participants thereby started to develop their thoughts for the area. A theme that frequently emerged was the importance of community cohesion. Everybody wanted to bring the community together either through events and activities. Taking a pride in the area was also seen as key in bringing about positive change that would hopefully lead to less anti-social behaviour.

3.9 From this event the vision and objectives for the neighbourhood plan began to take shape.

Engaging Stakeholders

3.10 In March 2016 a copy of the first draft of the neighbourhood plan was distributed to various government agencies and local stakeholders, such as the City Council and Whitefriars Housing. These bodies were asked to comment on the draft plan and its evidence base.

3.11 These organisations were also invited to attend a presentation at WEETC to hear more about the background to the neighbourhood plan, the statutory process, and the content of the first draft.

4. Statutory Pre-submission Consultation

Statutory Requirements

- 4.1 Part 5, Section 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires that before the neighbourhood plan is submitted to the local planning authority the qualifying body must:
- a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area:
 - 1. details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;
 - 2. details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;
 - 3. details of how to make representations; and
 - 4. the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;
 - b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and
 - c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

Publicising details of the proposals for a neighbourhood plan in Willenhall

- 4.2 The consultation period was from 1 November 2016 until 2 January 2017.
- 4.3 A notice was placed in the local newsletter known as the Willenhall Focus. This is produced by the Willenhall Community Forum and about 3,000 copies were distributed throughout the neighbourhood area. The relevant extract from the newsletter is attached as Appendix 1.
- 4.4 A leaflet was produced containing a brief summary of the draft plan contents and the consultation details. This was distributed at community events and meetings. A copy of the leaflet is attached as Appendix 2.
- 4.5 Posters were displayed at 40 local businesses including shops, beauticians, restaurants and pubs also community venues such as local churches, health centres and the library. A copy of the poster is attached as Appendix 3.

- 4.6 In addition a display was erected at the local library in the Hagarad Space and the Willenhall Employment Education and Training Centre (WEETC). A large promotional banner was also displayed at the entrance to the centre in Robin Hood Road.



Banner displayed at the entrance to WEETC in Robin Hood Road



Banner displayed in WEETC building in Robin Hood Road

- 4.7 To publicise the neighbourhood plan there was:
- a stall at the community Christmas event (3 December);
 - a stall at the car boot sale and cafe in the Hagard Community Space (13 December); and
 - information circulated at the nativity event at St John the Devine Church (20 December).
- 4.8 Meetings also took place with various local groups including the Craft Group, History Group and Men’s Shed.

Consult any consultation body affected by the proposals

- 4.9 A copy of the notice announcing the publication of the draft neighbourhood plan and the opportunity to comment was distributed by email to 90 stakeholders, partners and local residents. This fulfilled the statutory requirements to contact the consultation bodies specified in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The contact list was kindly supplied by the City Council. A list of those consulted is attached as Appendix 4.
- 4.10 Although engaged throughout the early preparation process, a copy of the draft plan was also formally sent to the City Council for comment.

Publicising where and when the plan may be inspected

- 4.11 The plan and associated public materials stated that a copy of the plan could be inspected on the website: www.willenhallcommunityforum.com. A screenshot is attached as Appendix 5.
- 4.12 Hard copies of the plan were also made available for inspection at the:
- WEET Centre;
 - Hagard Community Space; and
 - Willenhall Library.

Details of how to make representations

- 4.13 Those commenting were encouraged to use the response form. Electronic versions of the response form were made available on the website. Hard copies were also available at the aforementioned locations. A copy of the response form is attached as Appendix 6.
- 4.14 The plan and the publicity material made it clear that any comments must be submitted in writing to:
- Email: enquiries@weetc.org.uk
 - Postal address: WEET Centre 239 Robin Hood road, Coventry, CV3 3AN

The date by which representations must be received

- 4.15 It was clearly stated in the plan and all the associated publicity material that the deadline for comments was 2 January 2017.

The main issues and concerns

- 4.16 The group received 10 responses in total. This comprised:
- 5 responses from local residents
 - 5 responses from various organisations.
- 4.17 The organisations who responded were:
- Coventry City Council (Place Directorate)
 - Willenhall Library
 - Historic England
 - Severn Trent Water
 - Youth Service
- 4.18 All the respondents were broadly happy with the overall content of the neighbourhood plan and there were no fundamental criticisms or areas of concern.
- 4.19 The more detailed comments can broadly be summarised as follows:
- some housing provision should be made for people who would like to downsize;
 - there needs to be specific provision for the elderly and disabled;
 - there needs to be more diversity of retail outlets at the Local Centre;
 - there are insufficient school places for the existing population;
 - a bus service is required to the Airport retail park;
 - a new community space would give the precinct a much needed lift and could offer more services in the same local place;
 - more sports and leisure facilities are needed, together with improved park areas; and
 - car parking is a significant problem in the residential areas.

How these issues were considered and addressed

- 4.20 How each of the issues and concerns raised during the pre-submission consultation were considered and addressed is summarised in Appendix 7. This table lists:
- the respondent;
 - summarises their comments;
 - provides the group's comments in response; and
 - outlines the proposed action, notably whether modifications were made, or not made, to the plan in light of the representation.

4.21 The group also decided to make some minor modifications in the light of comments received and further discussion. These are summarised in Appendix 8.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 This consultation statement demonstrates that the Willenhall Neighbourhood Planning Group has prepared the Willenhall Neighbourhood Development Plan in accordance with the legal obligations set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.
- 5.2 As stipulated in Part 5, Section 15(2) of the Regulations this consultation statement has:
- a) provided details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - b) explained how they were consulted;
 - c) summarised the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - d) described how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Willenhall Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 5.3 Furthermore the group hope that this consultation statement demonstrates that they have endeavoured to go beyond the minimum legal requirement. The group has made genuine and committed efforts to engage all those who live, work or have a business interest in the Willenhall Neighbourhood Area and provided them with every opportunity to influence the content of the Willenhall Neighbourhood Development Plan throughout its preparation.
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An Extract from the Willenhall Focus Newsletter



The Wellbeing of FOOD

EVERY FRIDAY - 1pm

This is free to use project that has been set up to help men with their health and wellbeing, through the use of a cooking group

Hagard Community Centre
Remembrance Road, Willenhall,
Coventry CV3 3DG

For more info call
074 0195 5367
or email: coventrymensshed@ncc.co.uk



"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means, "God with us." ISAIAH 7:14

December Christmas Services at St James.

Sunday 10th 5:30 pm: Carols by Candlelight.	
Christmas Eve 4:00 pm	Crib Service Especially for children but all are welcome
11pm for 11:30pm	Midnight Communion. Come early for Mulled Wine & Mince Pies.
Christmas Day 10am	A Birthday Party for Jesus. All age service with Holy Communion

All services will include refreshments

Success is sweet at the Hagard Macmillan Coffee Morning



On Thursday 29th September Let's Get Crafty and Willenhall Library joined forces in the Hagard main hall to host a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. This was a great start to the Library's first days in the Hagard, and we hope for more collaborations to come. For this special event, we were joined by the children, Library staff and parents from

Rhyme Time. An array of tempting cakes proved very popular with all who attended. Hagard volunteer Chris McKenna won the Best Baker award for his Iced Victoria sponge.

Thanks to all the helpers behind the scenes, and to everyone who came along to help us raise the grand total of £115.51



14 To advertise in the Willenhall Focus Telephone 02476511228 and ask for the Focus advertising desk.

The Willenhall Neighbourhood Plan

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The draft plan contains policies and proposals to:

- provide over 300 additional houses, including properties suitable for the disabled and older people
- ensure new development is well designed and is energy efficient
- make sure that the Willenhall shopping centre meets local needs
- build a new community hub on the site of the Hagard Community Space to bring together a range of services and facilities under one roof
- build houses on the Extended Learning Centre and Willenhall Education, Employment & Training Centre in Robin Hood Road, and Children and Social offices in Stretton Avenue if they are no longer needed
- to encourage additional primary school provision in the area
- to improve health by reducing pollution, encouraging fewer car journeys, better access to leisure and sports facilities, and limiting the number of through roads
- to better manage traffic in the area
- to support a local rail station on the West Coast Main Line
- to protect important green spaces

We are keen to hear your thoughts about these suggestions.

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Neighbourhood Plan Leaflet

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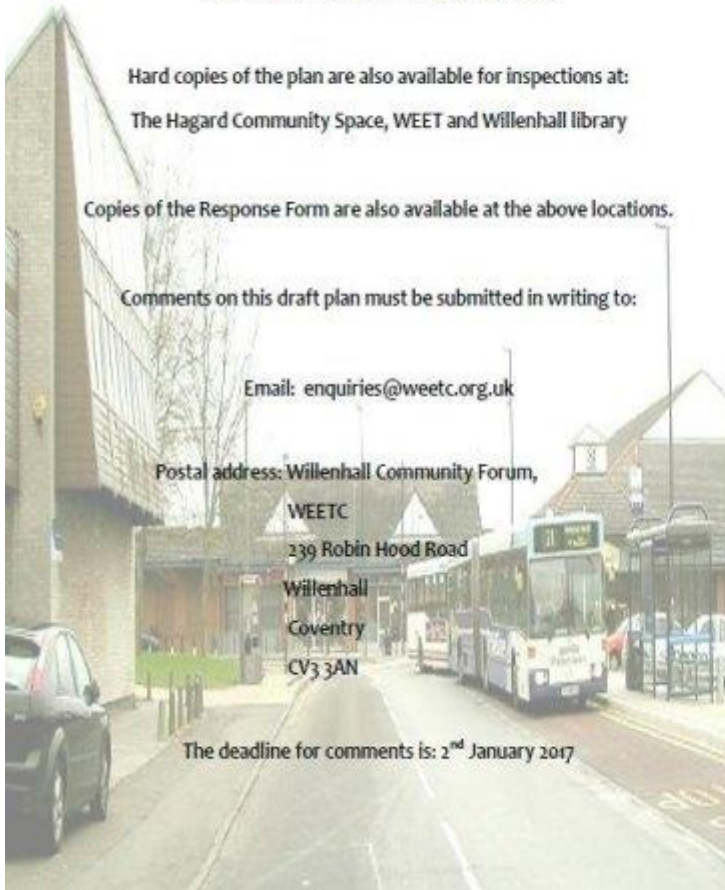
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The Willenhall Neighbourhood Plan



Willenhall has a long history.
For hundreds of years it was a rural area on the edge of Coventry.

However shortly after the Second World War it was transformed when the housing estate we know today was built. At the time it was an exciting and innovative development that won several design awards. It formed part of the comprehensive redevelopment of the city.

A strong community formed and thrived in the post war years. The area continued to grow and change. Some new housing was added and some older properties have recently been refurbished.

The make-up of the local community has also changed, and it now has a more diverse population.

But the neighbourhood is now over sixty years old.
We need to start thinking about the future.

How should the area change? What does it need?
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Copy of Poster

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List of Consultees

AFM Church

Airport Retail Park

Alan Higgs Centre

ASDA

Baginton Airport

Baginton Parish council

Brandon and Bretford Parish Council

Bubbenhall Parish council

Centro

Community Organiser

Cook and Eat Well

Coventry Airport

Coventry City Council

Coventry Haven

Coventry Law Centre

Coventry Libraries - Willenhall

Craft Group

CRASAC

CSWP/Talent Match

Cycle Coventry Smarter Choices

Environment Agency

Eureka Nursery

Grapevine

Hagard Community Space

Healthy Team Buggy Workout
Ignite
Jaguar Land Rover
Knightlow Lodge Housing Care
Local residents
Midland Heart Housing Association
MIND
Natural England
PCT
Poppy Court
Positive Youth Foundation
Pride of Willenhall Facebook page
Rugby Borough Council
Severn Trent Water
St John the Divine
Stoneleigh Parish council
Sure Start S.E. Children's' Centre
Valley House
Warwick District Council
Warwickshire Country Council
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust
Wasps RFC
WEETC
Well Being Project
West Midlands Police
Whitefriars Housing
Willenhall Community Forum

Willenhall Local History Group

Willenhall Social Club

YMCA

Youth Service

The www.willenhallcommunityforum.com website



Response Form

Please use this form to submit your comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Willenhall.

All comments must be returned by Monday 2 January 2017.

Submit your comments in writing to either:

- WEET Centre, 239 Robin Hood Road, Coventry, CV3 3AN
- or as an attachment by email to: enquiries@weetc.org.uk

Your contact details	
Name	
Organisation (if appropriate)	
Address	
Telephone number	
Email address	

	Yes	No
Are you broadly happy with the overall content of the Neighbourhood Plan?		

Please tick as appropriate

Please provide any detailed comments below, including any objections or content you support.

Page number	Paragraph number or policy number	Comments

Thank you for your comments. Your feedback is appreciated.

Assessment of Responses Received During Pre-submission Consultation

Ref No	Consultee	Para or Policy	Comment	Response by Forum	Modification made to Draft Plan
1a.	Rob Haigh Planning and Housing Policy Officer Place Directorate Coventry City Council	General comment	Fully support the plan as a whole and the associated policies and proposals.	Noted	No change required
1b.	As above	2.5 to 2.10	The draft plan is in accordance with the policies and proposals as set out in the City Council's Local Plan, Submission Draft 2016.	Noted	No change required
2a.	Dawn Collins, Childcare Quality Regulations Advisor South East Cluster Children's Centres People Directorate Coventry City Council	General comment	As a local resident of Willenhall for the past 42 years I am pleased that I have the opportunity to comment. The plan is very positive and would certainly help the community move forward and develop.	Noted	No change required
2b.	As above	General comment	I do feel that there is currently a huge issue with litter across the entire community and feel that we should address this as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.	The neighbourhood plan can only address matters that relate to development and the use of land. It cannot include a specific policy around the prevention and collection of litter. However the issue of litter and maintenance issues more generally, could be considered as an aspirational project that sits outside the main body of the statutory plan.	No change required
3a.	Geoff Forrester Willenhall Library	General comment	Broadly happy with the overall content of the neighbourhood plan.	Noted	No change required
3b.	As above	General comment	Would like to see more information on the proposals and future developments, and would welcome session to discuss.	The Forum will provide feedback to the local community on the responses received during consultation. They will also explain next steps (including referendum). There will be opportunities for further community engagement as the various proposals are developed over coming years.	No change required

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4.	Peter Boland Historic Places Advisor Historic England West Midlands Office	Para 6.3 to 6.10	Historic England is supportive of both the vision and objectives set out in the plan and consider that it takes a suitably proportionate approach to the historic environment of the neighbourhood. Beyond those observations we have no further substantive comments to make.	Noted	No change required
5a.	Iris Weir Willenhall Community Forum ■■■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■■■ Coventry	General comment	Broadly happy with the overall content of the neighbourhood plan.	Noted	No change required
5b.	As above	7.17	Some housing provision should be made for people who would like to downsize – may be single bedroomed apartments. Bungalows take up a lot of space.	Table 3 on page 28 (second row) and Policy 2 refers to providing smaller units for older population to downsize locally.	No change required
5c.	As above	7.46	There needs to be diversity of retail outlets – a bakery and greengrocers would be a great asset.	A diverse range of retail outlets, including those described would be an asset to the area. It would provide choice and support wider health objectives. However there are limits to what the planning system can do to ensure such specific provision. The opening of the Aldi store on the nearby Airport Retail Park may add to provision overall but conversely may place added commercial pressure on retail units located at the Local Centre. The new store may also not be accessible to all within the neighbourhood area.	Add reference to the importance of diversity in Policy 4 (third paragraph). Policy 4 amended to include reference to supporting 'a more diverse range of retail units'.
5d.	As above	7.56	The move across the road from the old library has proved successful and indicates that having services under one roof can be beneficial. This bodes well for integrating services within one building and will be energy efficient.	Noted	Update para 7.56 and add reference to success of moving library to supporting justification. The following sentence has been added: 'This proposal was implemented in 2016 and appears to have been a successful. The move indicates that having services under one roof can be beneficial and bodes well for integrating services within one building'.

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5e.	Iris Weir Willenhall Community Forum	7.65	There is already a problem with sufficient school places for the existing population of school children. A new school may be necessary to service the increased population.	It is not within the scope of the plan to allocate a site for a new school without supporting evidence to justify, most notably from the Education Dept. However overall education provision across the city will have been assessed as part of the preparation of the emerging local plan, and the distribution of new housing.	Add further background information to paras 7.65-7.68 regarding overall provision addressed in the emerging local plan. The following sentence has therefore been added to para 7.65: 'An assessment of overall educational provision has therefore been addressed as part of the preparation of the emerging local plan'.
5f.	As above	7.79 onwards	There are many people in Willenhall who don't own a car. It is a long way to both Pilot and Airport retail parks – a bus service from the precinct to the outlying retail areas will be necessary.	This could improve competition and choice by providing access to other retail provision. However it could also threaten the commercial viability of the Local Centre. It is not clear who would run such a bus service and how it would be funded.	Add reference after para 7.48 to availability of other retail provision nearby. Added: 'There is now competition from the superstore at the Airport Retail Park'. Add reference after para 7.80 to accessing other retail provision. Added: 'For example the superstore available at the Airport Retail Park may not be accessible to all within the neighbourhood area'.
5g.	As above	7.96	The History Group has a vested interest in the Village Green as the chairman John Russell was instrumental in getting it. It would be great if the whole community could help with the maintenance, especially garden tidying and litter picking.	The plan seeks to protect the site from any future development by designating it as Local Green Space. The maintenance of it is not strictly relevant in the policy but could be mentioned in the supporting justification.	Add sentence to para 7.98 highlighting the importance of maintaining the site to a high standard. Added: 'In view of its prominent location at the heart of the estate it is also important that this site is maintained to a high standard'.
6a.	Linda Torley (Resident) [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	General comment	Broadly happy with the overall content of the neighbourhood plan.	Noted.	No change required
6b.	As above	7.8	With the new dwellings that are being built I feel there is a need for more bungalows for elderly and disabled people.	The need for new homes for the elderly is noted in Table 3 and mentioned in Policy 2. However house builders are unlikely to build bungalows as they are not commercially viable because of the amount of land they occupy.	No change required

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6c.	Linda Torley (Resident) [REDACTED]	7.48	The Willenhall Local Centre needs a better variety of shops. The Co-op hasn't a good range of foods and is quite highly priced. A local fruit and veg shop and a butcher are needed.	A more diverse range of retail outlets, including those described, would be an asset to the area and would support wider health objectives. However there is a limit to what the planning system can do to ensure such specific provision. The opening of the Aldi on the nearby Airport Retail Park may add to provision overall but conversely may place added commercial pressure on retail units located at the Local Centre.	Add reference to the importance of diversity in Policy 4 (third paragraph). Policy 4 amended to include reference to supporting 'a more diverse range of retail units'.
6d.	As above	7.64	A new community space would give the Willenhall precinct a much needed lift. The new hub could offer more services in the same local place and bring the community together.	Make reference to additional benefits of the community hub.	Added sentence to para 7.64 'The new community space would give the Willenhall precinct a much needed lift. It could offer joined up services in one location in a more holistic manner. It would also bring the community together and support the vision of community cohesion and social interaction'.
6e.	As above	7.76	Totally agree with the proposals for improving the health and well-being. More sports and leisure facilities are needed. Improved park areas are needed also.	Noted	No change required
6f.	As above	Policy 9	The traffic on the London Road can become very congested. A rail link for the workers to get to the industrial estate on Siskin Drive would be beneficial.	An integrated transport system will need to be assessed by the relevant organisations as part of the feasibility of a new station on the West Coast Mainline. However a new station will have strategic implications wider than the neighbourhood area, and is therefore outside the scope of the neighbourhood plan.	No change required
6g.	As above	7.48	Improved facilities for the community car boot would benefit the residents. Find a space for it indoors maybe?	A purpose built facility is not financially feasible, but use of an existing building may be a possibility at some point in the future. Nevertheless this comes under a potential aspirational project as part of a new Section 9.	No change required

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6h.	Linda Torley (Resident) [REDACTED]	7.48	The small café in the Hagard was a great space for people to get together. Before the library was put in its place the café was able to offer residents roast dinners etc. This was the only time some of the elderly or disabled residents had a proper cooked meal. It would be nice to see something like this return.	The cafe proved not to be commercially viable, so changes had to be made. A new cafe might be included in the proposed activities located within the community hub. However the precise services and facilities available have yet to be determined.	No change required
7a.	Martin Needham (Resident) [REDACTED]	General comment	If implemented, broadly happy with the overall content of the neighbourhood plan.	Noted	No change required
7b.	As above	6.9	More bungalows needed.	The need for new homes for the elderly is noted in Table 3 and mentioned in Policy 2. However house builders are unlikely to build bungalows as they are not commercially viable because of the amount of land they occupy.	No change required
7c.	As above	7.46 a)	Balance required, not another betting shop.	Para 7.46 refers to the emerging local plan, and the neighbourhood plan must conform. However there is a limit to what the planning system can do to ensure specific provision. The opening of the Aldi on the nearby Airport Retail Park may add to provision overall but conversely may place added commercial pressure on retail units located at the Local Centre.	Add reference to the importance of diversity in Policy 4 (third paragraph). Policy 4 amended to include reference to supporting 'a more diverse range of retail units'.
7d.	As above	7.66	School place to match housing.	It is not within the scope of the plan to allocate a site for a new school without supporting evidence to justify, most notably from the Education Department. However overall education provision across the city will have been assessed as part of the preparation of the emerging local plan, and the provision and distribution of new housing.	No change required

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7e.	Martin Needham (Resident) [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	7.81	Bus to retail park?	This could improve competition and choice, and provide access to cheap food and other retail provision. However it could also threaten the commercial viability of the Local Centre. Who would run and fund the bus service?	Add reference after para 7.48 to availability of other retail provision nearby. Added: 'There is now competition from the superstore at the Airport Retail Park'. Add reference after para 7.80 to accessing other retail provision. Added: 'For example the superstore available at the Airport Retail Park may not be accessible to all within the neighbourhood area'.
8.	Dawn Williams Water Efficiency and Growth Advisor Severn Trent	General comment	Currently have no specific comments to make. However have set out some general information and advice relating to Severn Trent's overall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • position statement • sewage strategy • surface water and sewer flooding • water quality • water supply • water efficiency. 	Noted	No change required
9a.	Tammy Ballard Youth Service c/o The Peoples Place [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	General comment	Broadly happy with the overall content of the neighbourhood plan.	Noted	No change required
9b.	Tammy Ballard Youth Service c/o The Peoples Place [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	General comment	It would be good to have a summary of policy proposals to go through with young people.	A summary was made available. Although young people under 18 are not entitled to vote in the eventual referendum, there may be other ways in which they can be engaged in the process.	No change required.
9c.	As above	General comment	In terms of community engagement and youth provision it appears limited. I wonder if more needs to be considered under the wellbeing section.	The Neighbourhood Plan can only cover matters relating to development and the use of land. It cannot address the provision of specific services unless there are land use implications.	Add reference to youth provision in para 7.61. Added: 'It could also consider incorporating services for young people'.
9d.	As above	General comment	It is a very comprehensive document and it is enjoyable reading and seeing the history and progression of Willenhall.	Noted	No change required.

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10.	Dee Hodgson (Resident)	Para 7.37	Parking needs to be looked at in residential areas. Appreciate the need for green space but there is an area opposite my home that does not get used. The roads around Willenhall become so dangerous in the evening with double parking and parking on pavements, together with drivers speeding. Many who depend on cars for work feel that adequate parking has not been considered. Also there are days that emergency response would not get down the street.	There are limits on what the neighbourhood plan can do to address existing car parking problems. Car parking largely can only be dealt with as part of new development. Policy 3 covers this issue accordingly. Traffic management measures often come under the Highway Acts and cannot be addressed in the main body of the plan accordingly. They would have to be addressed as an aspirational project.	These issues are already described in para 7.37 and no further change is required.

Amendments Instigated by the Neighbourhood Planning Group following Pre-submission Consultation

Para or Policy	Comment	Modification made to the Draft Plan
Overall	Proposed modifications to the emerging local plan were published in March 2017 and will be the subject of public consultation. These are The majority of the proposed modifications were regarded as minor in their nature and none of them fundamentally affect either the emerging local plan policies or the overall objectives or direction.	Update references in the neighbourhood plan to incorporate the proposed modifications to the emerging local plan.
Cover	Amend status and date of the document.	The title on the front cover has been amended accordingly. It now states: 'As submitted to Coventry City Council (April 2017)'.
Footnote	Amend status and date of the document.	The footnote on each page has been amended accordingly. It states 'Willenhall Neighbourhood Plan (page number) As submitted to Coventry City Council (April 2017)'
1.19-1.21	Delete references to pre-submission consultation requirements. Revise section accordingly and clarify next steps.	Paras 1.19-1.21 updated to reflect that pre-submission consultation has now been undertaken.
2.8-2.10	Add reference to recent progress on the preparation of the emerging local plan and anticipated date of adoption.	Paras 2.9-2.10 now state: 'The emerging local plan was submitted to the Secretary of State (SoS) in April 2016. The public examination hearing sessions took place over 3 stages between July 2016 and January 2017. At the time of submission of the neighbourhood plan the City Council were finalising the proposed modifications and expect to undertake a statutory period of consultation closing in April 2017. Following this consultation process the proposed modifications and all received responses will be sent to the Inspector for final consideration. If satisfied that the proposed changes overcome all outstanding issues of soundness then the inspector will issue the final report and the City Council will move towards adoption of the local plan. At this point it will replace the saved policies in the Coventry Development Plan 2001'.
Policy 5	Explain how the proposed hub will be funded. Refer to using capital receipts from redundant sites used to support the new community hub, but there is a funding gap (and therefore need for Section 106/Community Infrastructure Levy/grant	Paras 7.62-7.64 now say: 'The second phase involves a feasibility study of the demolition of the Willenhall Education Employment and Training Centre (WEET) and the Hagard Community Space, and building a new community hub in the Willenhall Precinct. The City Council already house their South Adult Education offices at the WEET Centre and hold their training and education services, especially adults with learning difficulties, at the same venue. The feasibility study will also include the potential for incorporating the City Council's Children and Social Care offices, which are presently based in Stretton Avenue. It could also consider incorporating services for young people.' 'This could be achieved as the Chace Extended Learning Centre in Robin Hood Road has been

	monies).	<p>closed and will be demolished in 2016. Willenhall Community Forum Limited run the WEET Centre on the site next door (which was previously Chace Primary School) and was brought back into use by the community on a 30 year lease. The Social Care office of the City Council is at the top of this land, which would then make it available for housing development. The sale of this land would bring in capital receipt monies used to build a purpose built centre in the heart of Willenhall for all these community services. However the initial feasibility work has indicated that even if all the money raised from the disposal of this redundant land were to be ring fenced to this new community hub, there would still be significant shortfall to cover the funding the new project. The Willenhall Community Forum, who would build and manage the community hub, would therefore need to maximise any Community Infrastructure Levy and/or Section 106 monies raised in the neighbourhood area, and secure external grant funding.'</p> <p>'Architectural drawings were commissioned by the City Council in 2016 to look at an indicative layout and feasibility work is on-going. The intention behind the proposal is not only to co-locate services, but also to move away from 'silo' working and create a true cohesion in partnership. Next to the Hagard site there is also the medical centre and work needs to take place to take a more joined up approach to the services that are provided for the residents of Willenhall and will also benefit each organisation. e.g. family parenting, older people, young teenage mums as well as all the medical services that are provided. The new community space would give the Willenhall precinct a much needed lift. It could offer joined up services in one location in a more holistic manner. It would also bring the community together and support the vision of community cohesion and more social interaction.'</p>
Policy 1	Add cross reference to Proposals Map.	Reference inserted accordingly.
Policies 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 11	Add numbering to the criteria	Delete bullet points and insert numbering and/or letters to the criteria.
Policy 5	Add cross reference to Proposals Map.	Reference inserted accordingly.
Funding	Need to refer to Community Infrastructure Levy and 'made' neighbourhood plans. Add new para in Section 8.	New para 8.5 inserted which states: 'Funding will be sought from developers through a combination of S106 Agreements and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for infrastructure and local facilities that is linked to new development. In April 2013 the Government brought into force legislation that requires local planning authorities operating the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to pass on 25% of the money raised from new development within a neighbourhood plan area to the local community itself. The community can then decide how the money is spent. This will only apply once the City Council has adopted a CIL charging schedule and the Willenhall Neighbourhood Plan has successfully been through a local referendum and brought into force'.
Monitoring	Make reference to being consulted on future planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area. Add new para in Section 8.	New paras 8.1-8.3 inserted which state 'Once made the Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the overall development plan for the area, and its policies will be a major consideration when the City Council is assessing planning applications. Section 142 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 came into force on 1 October 2016. At the request of a neighbourhood forum, this provision requires a local planning authority to notify the group of any relevant planning applications in their neighbourhood area. The Willenhall Community Forum will therefore assess and, if appropriate, comment on planning applications being determined by the City Council. In particular the Forum will consider whether the proposals conform or conflict with the policies in the neighbourhood plan.
Proposals Map	Amend map to show boundary of Local Centre.	Boundary of the Local Centre added to the Proposals Map.
Proposals Map	Produce new map (or one composite map) to show the local plan allocation and redundant sites mentioned in Policy 5.	New Proposals Map drawn accordingly.