

Biddulph Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation Statement December 2019



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Introduction

This Consultation Statement summarises the community engagement programme and the Regulation 14 consultation that were undertaken for the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan 2016 to 2035. It shows how the requirements of Regulations 14 and 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 have been satisfied.

Summary of Community Engagement

In 2015, Biddulph Town Council agreed to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the town of Biddulph. An application was made to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to designate the Town Council area as the Neighbourhood Area, which is the area that the Neighbourhood Plan will cover; on 16 February 2016 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council approved and designated the Biddulph Neighbourhood Area. This enables the Town Council to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Biddulph.

The Town Council set up a Working Group comprising Town Councillors and local residents to take the process forward. Neighbourhood Planning specialists, Urban Vision Enterprise CIC, were appointed to provide professional advice and guidance, beginning with training on Neighbourhood Planning and the preparation of a project plan.

Neighbourhood Plans are produced from two main sources of information. Firstly, factual evidence about the town, its social, economic and environmental characteristics, obtained from sources like the Census or other research; and secondly, the views and ideas of local people about the local area and its needs, obtained from a process of community consultation and engagement.

The Working Group agreed to undertake community consultation in three stages:

Stage 1 - Open consultation to find out what people think is good and bad about Biddulph and should be changed.

Stage 2 - Targeted consultation with stakeholders, residents and interest groups to confirm the main issues identified, and to test the proposed aims and possible policies that would form the basis of the plan.

Stage 3 - Six weeks formal statutory consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Each of these stages is considered below:

Stage 1 – Open Consultation

The purpose of the Stage 1 consultation was to find out what local people think about Biddulph, before any plans or proposals are produced. The results of this consultation enable the main issues to be identified, and the strategic aims and vision of the Neighbourhood Plan to be produced in draft form. This approach is widely regarded as good practice, because it enables the community to play an integral role in the development of a document that will highlight their knowledge of, and aspirations for, their town.

The application for the designation of the Biddulph Neighbourhood Area involved a period of formal consultation by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to allow people to comment on the proposed Neighbourhood Area boundary. In advance of this, and throughout this period, the Town Council brought the concept of a Neighbourhood Plan into the public domain to make local people aware that a plan for the town was being considered.

At the end of 2015, and throughout early 2016, the Town Council organised and publicised a series of drop-in events at venues across the town. The drop-in events were publicised in advance via local media including the *Biddulph Chronicle* and *Biddulph Times*. Posters, leaflets and emails were also important tools of engagement. A dedicated section of the Town Council's website was created to provide information about the Neighbourhood Plan, which linked with a Facebook page 'My Biddulph'.

Below are examples of early responses to consultation events where residents had an opportunity to understand what a Neighbourhood Plan means for the town.



Householder Questionnaire

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group spent several months pulling together existing reports and data and organising this information into themes. These discussions led to the development of a Householder questionnaire, which was delivered to 8,000 households in the town. Additional copies were available at key venues. Responses had to be either posted, hand delivered or completed on Survey Monkey before Christmas 2017. There were 1217 responses.

During this time, a range of publications encouraged people to complete the questionnaires. The *Biddulph Times* wrote:

The questionnaire will be delivered to all homes in the Biddulph area towards the end of November. It can be completed manually and returned in the envelope provided, no need for a stamp or dropped into the Town hall. The questionnaire will also be available online, and accessible through the 'mybiddulph' Facebook page or at www.mybiddulph.co.uk. Replies are required by 22nd December 2017.

The data will be collated and used to generate planning policies to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. When a draft is available it will be available for consultation and it is planned that a referendum on its acceptance will be held towards the end of 2018.

The Plan has to go for approval by a government inspector prior to the referendum and the inspector will be looking for evidence for the policies proposed. This questionnaire can go a long way to providing the required evidence. This is the chance for the residents of Biddulph to influence planning policies in Biddulph. It is very important that residents complete and submit the questionnaire to get their views heard on the future of the town.



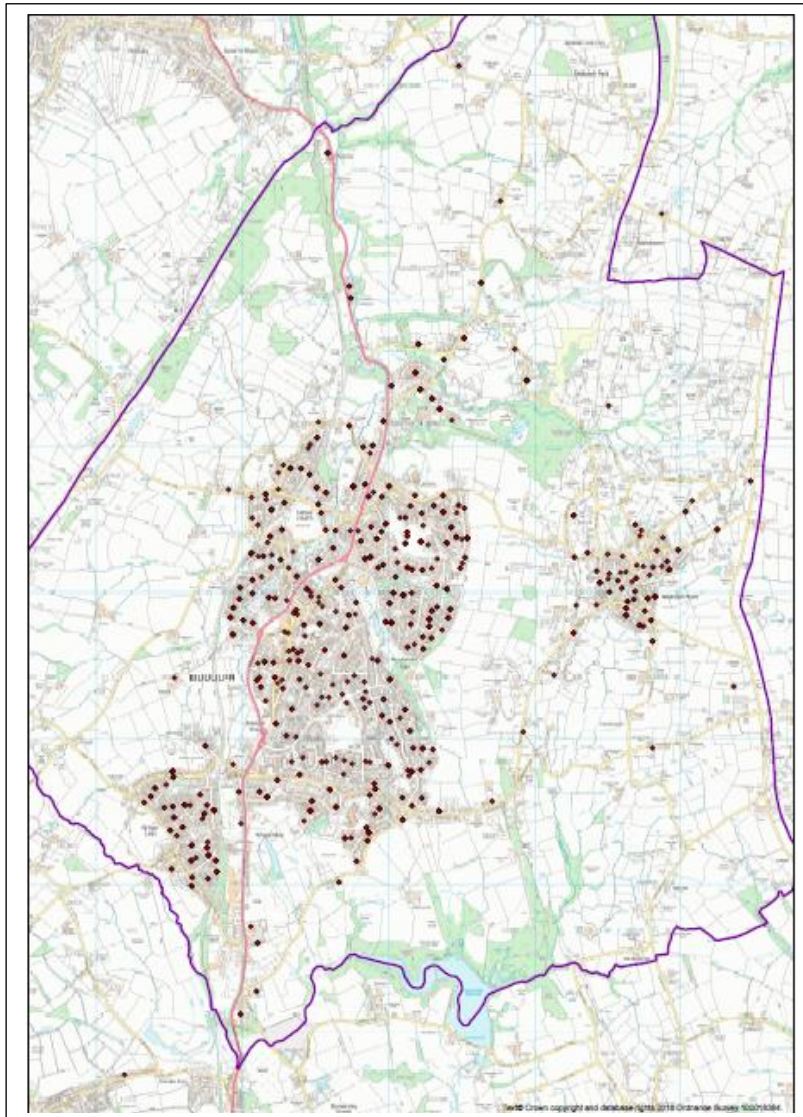
Local Schools were encouraged to get involved in creating a vision for Biddulph and designing the cover of the Householder Questionnaire. A 'Biddulph 2035' competition resulted in some incredible ideas!



The Questions and Responses

The introductory section of the questionnaire asked 'About You'. This section provided information about the ages of those living in households where a questionnaire had been completed, their postcode area and their length of time living in the town.

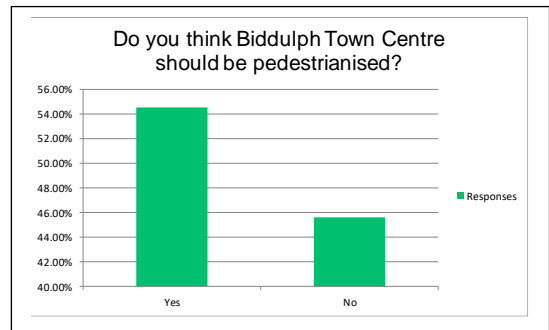
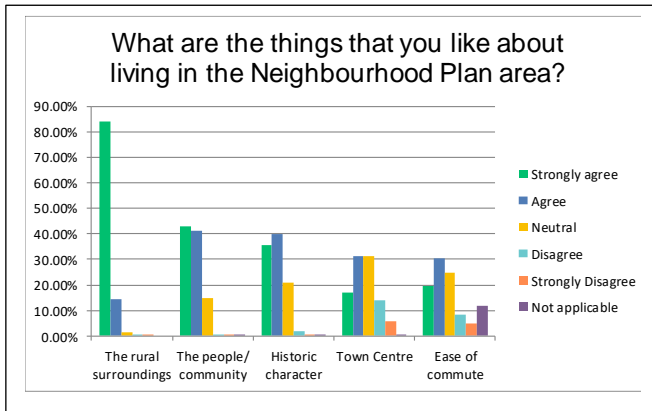
The map below shows the coverage with regard to responses received. Each dot represents a postcode rather than a response (one dot might equate to five responses, for example) and demonstrates that responses were received from across the town.



The questionnaire included sections on:

- Community and Wellbeing
- Economy
- Heritage Culture and Tourism
- Housing Need and Design
- Infrastructure
- Landscape Open Spaces and Wildlife


There were a range of 'tick boxes' and opportunities for free text. For example,



In relation to proposed new Local Green Space designations:

Respondent	Response Date	Responses	Categories
Neighbourhood Plan Householder Questionnaire			
If yes, are there any new areas that you would like to suggest?			
Answered	296		
Skipped	922		
1	Feb 13 2018	(I am quite sure that the Council do their best for us, but I worry that we may go too modern. I do think that Disabled Parking is bad. I am fed up with not being able to find a slot and someone j	
2	Feb 13 2018	(keep off Green Belt building areas	
3	Feb 13 2018	(All open spaces are important	
4	Feb 13 2018	(Head of the Trent - Biddulph Moor	
5	Feb 12 2018	(Biddulph Valley	
6	Feb 12 2018	(Yes playing fields- control dogs better to prevent dog fouling of football pitches CCTV. Designate dog walking areas with them always kept on a lead- the Grange, Biddulph Valley Way, Halls F	
7	Feb 12 2018	(All green space areas should be kept. There is plenty of brownfield areas and a old mills that could be converted into housing making them into apartments with ground floor parking,	
8	Feb 12 2018	(Brown Lees Park- fence to stop balls going into gardens- children climb over railings- dangerous! plus they damage property - mine included either stop ball games or add fences.	
9	Feb 12 2018	(I think at the moment Biddulph and the surrounding countryside is beautiful. One of the reasons I moved here.	
10	Feb 12 2018	(I don't have any particular suggestions but it's vital those green spaces we already have are maintained. New housing should be on Brownfield or disused sites e.g. area from Brindley Ford to	
11	Feb 12 2018	(Green space between Biddulph and Biddulph Moor by Woodhouse Lane and Biddulph Valley brook.	
12	Feb 12 2018	(Residential parking is needed on John Street, Stanley Street, Gunn Street	
13	Feb 12 2018	(Along the by pass on its western side and its outlook up to Mow Cop. Ensure any future housing developments are not 'cramped in' but have open spaces designed	
14	Feb 12 2018	(Biddulph Valley Park	
15	Feb 12 2018	(Church Road car park. Gym park. Coppice woods. Areas either side of Biddulph Valley way	
16	Feb 12 2018	(Green Belt was given that status for a reason and no amount of money should change that!	
17	Feb 12 2018	(Biddulph Grange Country Park is a beautiful area of Biddulph that needs to be preserved. It does however need to be maintained more often than at present, especially the visitors centre wh	
18	Feb 12 2018	(Suggested building along cycle path near to Gillow Heath entrance leading onto Mow Lane. Broke my heart when I saw all the trees and shrubs cut down. All the wildlife this must have upset	
19	Feb 12 2018	(Ensure trees in private gardens are not allowed to grow too tall	
20	Feb 12 2018	(biddulph valley way	
21	Feb 12 2018	(top priority to stop trucks using woodhouse lane also buses create more danger nightmare for anyone walking. dread meeting anything on dangerous bends particularly near the farm very co	
22	Feb 12 2018	(the fields my home looks on to in mill hayes road	
23	Feb 12 2018	(the woodland at the grange country park.	
24	Feb 12 2018	(I would like a preservation order on the oak tree in the field next to my house, junction mill hayes lane/park lane.	
25	Feb 11 2018	(To make Hurst Quarry into a nature reserve (and not a housing development). This would significantly enhance bio-diversity and potentially attract more visitors to the area- thus- Nature rese	
26	Feb 11 2018	(All. Very against plans for new chain food outlets such as KFC due to litter, antisocial behaviour, smell, etc. Greenspace being built on would encourage me to consider moving out of Biddulph	
27	Feb 11 2018	(Land above and beyond Oxhey First School to remain as fields. Land along Woodhouse Lane to remain as fields. Land along Akesmore Lane to remain as fields.	

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group spent a number of months collating the results of the questionnaire before moving onto the next stage of consultation.



Thank you to Year 4 children from across the First Schools in Biddulph. They shared their visions for what the town will look like when they are 25 years old. The Neighbourhood Plan should take into account what residents want now and also consider developments for the future of the children that live here.

Are Local Green Space designations important to you? If so, are there any that you would like to suggest?

Yes No

Suggestions:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Please return by Friday 22 December 2017 in the following ways:

1. In the envelope provided; no need for a stamp
2. Drop it into the Town Hall in Biddulph

The questionnaire will also be available online, and accessible through the 'mybiddulph' Facebook page or at www.mybiddulph.co.uk

If you need help to complete this questionnaire, please contact Biddulph Town Council at Biddulph Town Hall, High Street, Biddulph ST8 6AR. Tel: 01782 297845 or email biddulph@staffordshire.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Plan Householder Questionnaire

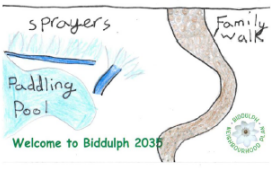
What is this questionnaire about?

Biddulph Town Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the area to guide the planning and future development of Biddulph up to 2035. The Neighbourhood Plan will enable the local community to have more say in what kind of development is allowed, including protecting key assets and local green spaces.


Neighbourhood Plans introduced by the Localism Act in 2011 are produced by local people for their own areas and are only brought into force after a majority vote by residents in a local referendum. It is therefore very important that local people are able to have a say about what goes into the Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plans carry weight - they are part of the statutory planning system. This means that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council will have to take the policies and proposals in the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan into account when it makes decisions on planning applications in the town.

The Town Council is consulting the local community now, before any plans or proposals have been made, so that people can influence what goes into the Neighbourhood Plan. Completing



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Stage 2 – Targeted Consultation

The purpose of Stage 2 was to consult with stakeholders, residents and interest groups on specific areas of the draft Plan to confirm the main issues identified, and to test the proposed aims and possible policies that would form the basis of the Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group organised two periods of consultation in relation to proposed Local green Space Designations, a play survey and a visitor accommodation study.

Local Green Spaces Consultations (December 2018 and April 2019)

The draft Neighbourhood Plan identified a number of areas of green space which were considered for designation as Local Green Space. Where they could be identified, the Town Council contacted site owners or organisations with an interest in sites that were included within the Plan as well as undertaking wider community engagement. They were referred to the Council's website, where they could view information about individual sites.

The results were collated by the Working Group. 88 sites were included in the green space audit for potential inclusion within the Neighbourhood Plan. A summary of responses is included at Appendix 1.



FREE TEA AND CAKE AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL!

Friday 7th December 2018, 10 - 3pm

We want to know two things, while you're with us:

- 1) What do you like and what would you change about the town centre?
- 2) What local green spaces are important to you?

This is a drop-in event. There will be a further event on Saturday 19th January 2019, if you are not able to join us this time.



Help us to get it right- Neighbourhood Plan consultation

Friday 7 December 2018, 10-3pm

Visit the last Artisan Market of the year and join us in the Town Hall for tea and cake! We want to know two things, while you're with us:

- 1) What do you like and what would you change about the town centre?
- 2) The Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Local Plan identified 9 areas that should be given a 'Local Green Space Designation'. This means it's an important community area that should be protected. It can include playgrounds, allotments, green spaces at the end of cul-de-sacs, etc. We think we have identified 60+ sites, but we want to make sure we've got them all. Are there any areas near you that you want to protect? Do you agree with those that we've identified?

This is a drop-in event. There will be a further event on Saturday 19 January 2019, if you are not able to join us this time.

Biddulph Town Council 01782 297845 or biddulph@staffordshire.gov.uk for more information.

Play Questionnaire

Students from across the First, Middle and High Schools were invited to complete a questionnaire in postcard form, which would help the Working Group to identify where there were gaps in provision and opportunities for development.

We need your help to design new areas where young people can play and to improve existing play areas. Thank you!

1. How often do you go out to play or hang out? (please tick one)

- Most days
- A few days a week
- Hardly ever
- Only when adults are around
- I don't play or hang about with friends


2. When you go out to play or hang out, what do you like doing? (tick as many as you like)

- Climbing things
- Running and chasing games
- Exploring
- Making bikes/ scooter tracks
- Playing with mud, sand or water
- Chatting and being with my friends
- Playing ball games
- Fishing
- Looking for bugs and stuff
- Spending time with adults
- Building dens
- Making swings
- Dancing
- Going out with my family
- Having a picnic
- Anything else?

3. In your town, do you think there are enough places to play and hang around? (please tick one)

- Yes
- Hardly any
- No

4. How do you get to the place where you hang out? For example, walk, car, cycle



Biddulph Town Council

Delivered by hand

Monday 8 October 2018

Dear Headteacher

This time last year, we were very fortunate that so many of the fabulous Year Four students from across Biddulph took part in the 'Welcome to Biddulph 2035' competition, to design the front cover of the Neighbourhood Plan Householder Questionnaire.

The Neighbourhood Plan will help to ensure that development that happens within the town meets the needs of the people that live here. Within the Plan, we can stipulate how we want Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money to be spent across Biddulph. This is money that is received from developers for the benefit of the community. Following completion of the questionnaire, over 90% of respondents felt that any future development in the town should consider play and open areas. As a result, we want to focus on improving and increasing play opportunities for young people, and we now need their help to make sure we get this right!

Please find attached postcards that will help us to put this information together. We would be most grateful if you could ask students in Year Nine to complete these.

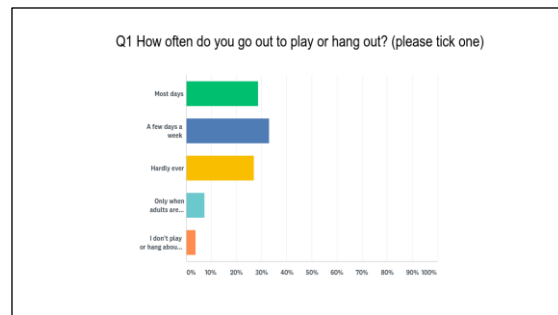
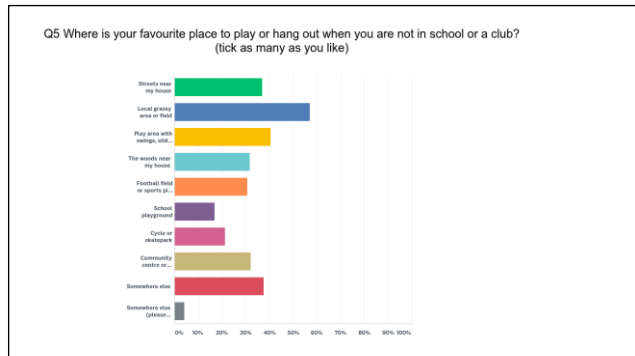
If you are able to complete these cards, we can collect them from you in the week commencing 22 October 2018. If it would be helpful, I am more than happy to come and speak to the students to explain the Neighbourhood Plan process and the importance of their involvement.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Haydon
Chief Officer


420 responses were received from all groups, which provided a picture of the experiences of young people within the town.



Visitor Accommodation

During August 2018, the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group attended the Biddulph Grange Gardens National Trust property to ask visitors about demand for accommodation.

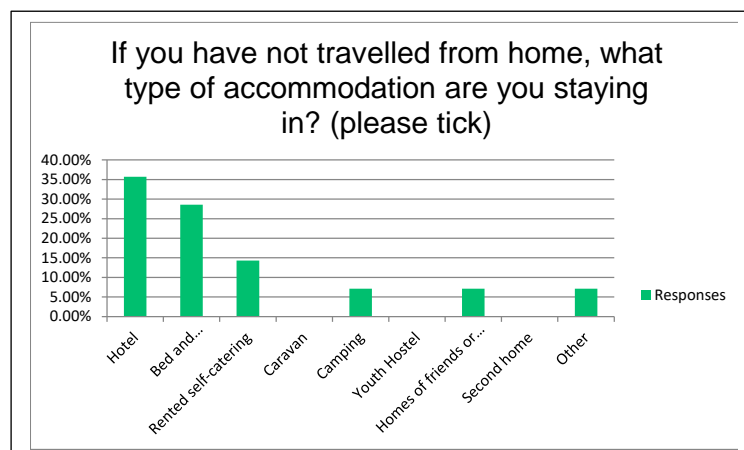
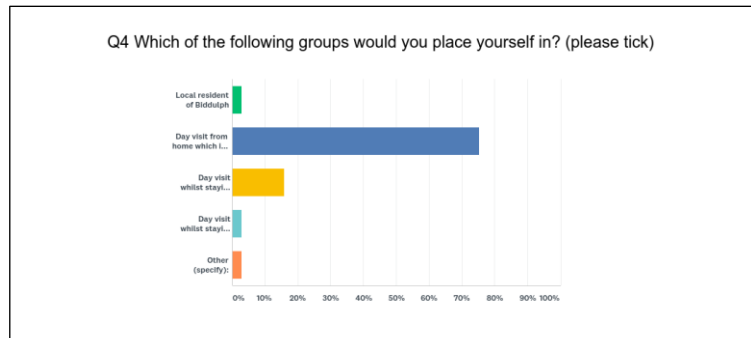
The results represented approximately 165 visitors and helped to guide thoughts around the need for enhanced visitor accommodation options in the town.

 **Neighbourhood Plan Visitor Accommodation Study**

Our focus with these short questions is to consider whether there is demand for more visitor accommodation in Biddulph. This will help to develop the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan and our priorities until 2035.

- Where is your home?** (Partial postcode or town)
- What is the main purpose of your visit to this area?** (please tick all that apply)
 - Holidays, leisure and recreation
 - Visiting friends and relatives
 - Education and training
 - Business and professional
 - Other
- If on holiday or short break, is this your?** (please tick):
 - Main holiday this year?
 - Second holiday this year?
 - Third or more holiday?
- Which of the following groups would you place yourself in?** (please tick)
 - Local resident of Biddulph
 - Day visit from home which is outside the town
 - Day visit whilst staying outside the town
 - Day visit whilst staying in Biddulph
 - Other (specify):

August 2018



Stage 3 – Six Weeks Formal Statutory Pre-Submission Consultation (Regulation 14)

A press release setting out the Regulation 14 consultation arrangements was circulated locally to online, printed and radio news outlets. It contained the following information:

Biddulph residents, supported by Biddulph Town Council, are undertaking the formal pre-submission consultation of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and draft Neighbourhood Development Order for Biddulph.

*Consultation will run from **Monday 23 September, midday to Monday 4 November, midday**. This is a six-week statutory consultation period and we welcome comments on the draft documents.*

To view the documents, hard copies together with consultation forms can be found at the following locations:

- *Biddulph Moor Post Office*
- *Biddulph Town Hall*
- *Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre*
- *Biddulph Doctors*
- *Biddulph Valley Doctors*
- *Brown Lees Post Office*
- *Flavours, Smithy Lane*
- *Biddulph Library*

An electronic copy is also available to view online or download at

<http://biddulph.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/> together with a downloadable consultation form.

Biddulph residents, supported by Biddulph Town Council, will also be at the following community events and markets where the plan can also be viewed:

- *Saturday 28 September, 10-2pm Biddulph Town Hall*
- *Friday 4 October, 11-2pm and Friday 1 November, 11-2pm Biddulph Artisan Market (town centre)*
- *Saturday 5 October, 10-2pm Biddulph Town Hall (part of the 'Ethical Fair')*
- *Sunday 6 October, 11-2pm Biddulph Youth and Community Zone (part of 'Staged: Theatre for the Ages' event)*

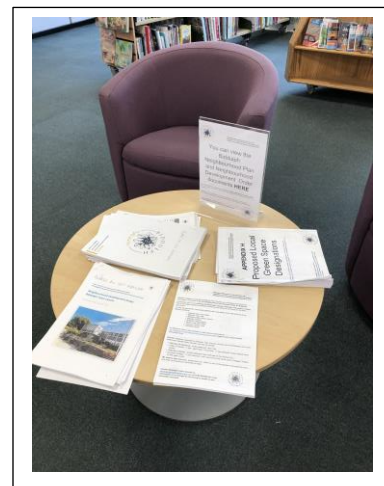
We want to hear from you, please give your views on any of the policies in the draft Plan and any other comments you would like to make.

Posters and flyers were also produced for display and circulation around the town.

A list of statutory consultees was requested from, and supplied by, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. Each of these was individually approached either by letter or email according to the preference expressed in the list supplied by the District Council. A full list of these statutory consultees is included at Appendix 3.

Responses to the consultation were logged by Biddulph Town Council and analysed by Urban Vision. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group considered the responses and determined the changes required to the plan.

A summary of responses from statutory consultees have been included in Appendix 4, together with the comments of the Working Group and the agreed modifications to the plan.



Conclusions

The Town Council and the Working Group have been pleased by both the support received from residents for production of the Neighbourhood Plan and the overwhelming number of positive comments received during consultations. Comments have been constructive and have enabled the Plan to be refined to a point where the Working Group believe that it will meet the needs of the area and its residents for many years to come.

Each of the consultation exercises outlined above was well supported, and their outcomes ably analysed and reported by Urban Vision. The Working Group have considered all comments and, where appropriate, made amendments to the Plan.

The policies of the Plan have arisen from community consultation and reflect the expressed desires of residents. This is demonstrated by the small number of people who have raised concerns about the Plan. It thus appears that the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan reflects a general consensus and is largely non- controversial, which we hope will manifest itself at the referendum.

Appendix 1 - Summary of Responses to Green Spaces Consultations in January 2019 and April 2019

Proposed Ref.	Address/location	Approx. location		Description	NPPF Para 100 Criteria							Particular significance because of any one of below: (a) Historic interest (b) Scientific interest (c) Geodiversity (d) Nature conservation (e) Archaeology (f) Other (specify)	(O)* Other reason explained	Consultation Responses			Date Comment Received	Comment from Landowner (L), Community Engagement (C), User Group (U).	Recommendation following two periods of consultation
		Post Code	OS Grid Ref.		Not relevant	Not allocated for development	Near an extensive natural landscape	Is local infrastructure	Is the proximity to a boundary	Is the proximity to a local community	Positive Comments			Negative Comments	General Comments				
1	Land at the end of Humber Drive	ST8 7LW	S370704,N 2	Accessible open space providing an important area for the community to engage in recreational activities; an important transition area between settlements.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRW	Contributes to "well being"	Used daily as a short cut to avoid busy roads. An attractive area maintained by the Council. Important "green" space for well-being and a play area.		SMDC amenity green space.	19-Jan-19	L, C	LES - rename as 'Humber Drive community space'.
2	The Clough	S1896, S189	S1896, S189	This is a local beauty spot, used by residents for short family walks and walking dogs. Although this land had TPO's placed on it, back in the 1970's a large number were cut down and Japanese Knotweed took over. This has now been rectified by the current owners with the planting of over 300 native trees in 2003 (once the knotweed had been eradicated). It is an area where this space has been reclaimed for nature, it is retained for responsible recreational use by the local community.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BHRTW		Tunnel filled in 2002 when sewers put in. Really important wildlife corridor. Any extension towards main road would be beneficial to allow link with Bailey's Wood. Many people park in the pub carpark, take a walk through the Clough and relax in the Talbot afterwards. This route is regularly used by walking groups as part of a longer hike, including Biddulph Ramblers. The valley provides an ideal habitat for flora and fauna - in springtime the ground is covered in bluebells, daffodils, red campion, wood sorrel and wood anemone. It is also inhabited with rabbits, foxes, various owls, buzzards, kestrels and finches, and bats. In addition there are some interesting tree species, planted by the Batemans including Scotts Pine, Hornbeam and evergreen Oak.		Within walking distance of the main road and accessed via Hurst Road (a public footpath which starts next to the Talbot pub).	19-Jan-19	C	LES
3	The Leat	S1899, S189	S1899, S189	The Ordnance Survey Map of 1876 shows the route of the leat from within the confines of Biddulph Grange Country Park landwards, ending the Country Park at the Hurst Road entrance. It continues its course through fields running parallel with Hurst Road until it enters the Mill House pool on Grange Road. The leat had fallen into considerable disrepair within the Country Park and this year the Biddulph Grange Country Park Friends group raised the funding to have repair work carried out supported by High Peak Borough Council & Staffordshire Moorlands District Council). Due to this work the integrity of this water source further downstream has been secured.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BHRT		This has significant heritage and has just been repaired within the country park. Map of Leat needs extending to Congleton.		The leat's story starts at the weir towards the top of the Himalayan Walk in Biddulph Grange Country Park where there is a simple mechanism diverting water off the stream sourced from the moorlands. A further project is underway preparing to prepare an Interpretation Board to be installed at this point to tell the leat's story. At the point where this important feature exits the Country Park it can be clearly seen from Hurst Road at various points. More importantly it can be viewed via footpaths 15A, 36 and 89.	19-Jan-19	C	LES - merge with sites 15 and 73 to make one designation covering areas of Biddulph Grange Country Park. 'New' area considered in April consultation.
4	Congleton Road Biddulph in Bloom grass verge (Greenway Moor- WI)	S1889, S190	S1889, S190	The grass verge is on Congleton Road, just in front of Biddulph Bowling Green and extends along to the junction with Woodhouse Lane. Greenway Moor WI representatives perform this voluntary work regardless of whether the town is putting an entry into the competition or not. Therefore, it is an endeavour done by the people of the town, for the people of the town. This is a particularly good example (by the WI) and provides a beautiful passageway into the town from the north.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BWD	Important area for the 'Garden Town of Staffordshire' image.	Gardening work has been carried out on a voluntary basis by the people of the town for more than 20 years. It is highly valued by the people of the town and its visitors. This work is carried out throughout the year and this grass verge in particular is very well maintained. On entering the town this planned verge reinforces Biddulph's reputation as the "Garden Town of Staffordshire". Throughout the spring, summer and autumn months pollinators are supported by this planting and we should ensure it is not lost to them or to the people of Biddulph.			19-Jan-19	C	LES - rename as 'Greenway Moor WI gateway to the town'
5	Biddulph Bowling Club	S1889, S190	S1889, S190	This is the location of a thriving bowling club which recently relocated to this spot. The club has been in existence for more than 100 years and continues to compete in local leagues and competitions.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RO	Contributes to "well being"	This place is highly valued by both the members and the residents who live nearby. It has become a very well used space, even in winter months on what had been a space that had fallen into disrepair.			19-Jan-19	C	LES
6	Fold Lane Biddulph in Bloom grass verge	S1888, S195	S1888, S195	The grass verges are on the junction of Fold Lane with Congleton Road. Biddulph in Bloom volunteers perform this voluntary work regardless of whether the town is putting an entry into the competition or not. Therefore, it is an endeavour done by the people of the town, for the people of the town. This is a particularly good example (by Biddulph in Bloom) and provides a beautiful passageway into the town from the north.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BWD	Important area for the 'Garden Town of Staffordshire' image.	This is the first opportunity for formal planting as you enter Biddulph. This is important for Biddulph in Bloom and as a gateway. This work has been carried out on a voluntary basis by the people of the town for more than 20 years. It is highly valued by the people of the town and its visitors. This work is carried out throughout the year and these grass verges in particular are very well maintained. On entering the town these planned verges reinforce Biddulph's reputation as the "Garden Town of Staffordshire". Throughout the spring, summer and autumn months pollinators are supported by this planting and we should ensure it is not lost to them or to the people of Biddulph.			19-Jan-19	C	LES - rename as 'Fold Lane gateway to the town'
7	Well Street Biddulph in Bloom allotment	ST8 8HY	S370652,N 2	Without this facility the work done by Biddulph in Bloom volunteers could not be carried out. Much of what we see on the allotment is grown on this site from seed; the huge preparation work that most of us don't see.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RTW	Helps Biddulph in Bloom volunteers to grow plants and flowers from seed within the town, making an important contribution to the 'Garden Town of Staffordshire' image.	This site is "identical" special to the community since, without it, the work done by the town's volunteer base could not be carried out. If this site were not protected the garden sites all around the town would be bare and very drab. The whole character of the town would be changed for the worst.			19-Jan-19	C	LES

8	Grass verge on the junction of Hurst Road and Grange Road	S1886 599	Planted with fruit trees in memory of a well-loved local resident in 2003. Also full of Staffordshire in the spring.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B	Provides a "gateway" for walkers making their way up the Hurst to enter Biddulph Grange Country Park at the top of the road. Particularly in spring when all the Staffordshire flowers provides a special haven for the local Poftford residents.	What about the fields opposite the Talbot - local green space designation. Open via the foot path from the Talbot pub Car park to Hurst Lane, blocked at the old mill.	19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
9	YOS 16-Thames Drive woodland	ST8 75X	51'07.10.97N 2°04'20.00E	Unmanaged mature woodland belt with watercourses, glades, public right of way, and informal paths network through southern section.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RTW	LOCAL PLAN SITE. Footpath from the leisure centre up through unmanaged woodland belt to old Carriage Drive (now gone) to moutroom farm back behind Chamberlain Way to valley park, open up the coppice. A fantastic nature corridor. The Old Carriage Drive is a haven for foxes, badgers, all types of wildlife and must remain free of people, dogs etc.	Why open the Coppice and destroy all this ??	19-Jan-19	C	Retain as LGS
10	Small wooded areas where Woodhouse Lane meets Conington Road	ST8 79U	51'07.15.67N 2°04'20.00E	This small square of land at the bottom of Woodhouse Lane adjoining the Biddulph Bowling Club makes a fabulous small space.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRW	Important area for the 'Garden Town of Staffordshire' image.	Part of the Bowling Green land and needs protecting with Bowling Green.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS
11	Hurst Quarry	S1800 593		This site sits opposite the Hurst Road entrance to Biddulph Grange Country Park and provides a natural extension of habitat for wildlife (including badgers, bats, invertebrates and birds).	✓	?	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	BHW	Various surveys have revealed evidence of significant wildlife presence. These include Common Toad (Priority species), Palmate Newt, Toads of Bat (Protected), Badgers (Protected), Barn Owl, Tawny Owl, and Kestrel. An Invertebrate Study revealed that the site has been proven to hold a resource of ground-nesting bees and wasps that fulfils allocated the Site of Biological Interest (SBI) guidelines, having 23 breeding species and two species of genuine scarcity. This partial study concluded that, in relation to the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust guidelines (2014), the site should be considered to be of SBI quality.	Check whether the proposed LGS has planning permission. If an active mineral extraction site or with an extant planning permission it must be removed as a proposed LGS. Any description that includes 'richness of wildlife' should be supported with evidence. Large site could be considered an extensive tract of land-consider size of site. Biddulph Common is much larger than this site.	19-Jan-19	CL	active mineral extraction site, although this is discussed. Large area, should be highlighted that this is an important site within the green protection of wildlife, is dependent on the residents of the town.
12	Biddulph Common	S188729 63793		is designated as a "Common" on the OS map and is therefore of heritage value.	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRW	Suggestion to access the Bigmaps in order to do a 'map regression' and see earlier references to Biddulph Common.	Greenbelt protection	19-Jan-19	CL	Remove. Boundaries unclear and greenbelt protection in place
13	Wide verge along Conington Road from Marsh Green Road	S188731 50033		This is a wide grass verge, which fronts on to properties in Conington Road and benefits from maintenance by those residents. There are several attractive semi-mature, deciduous trees along its length. It contributes greatly to the pleasant, southerly approach to the town.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRO	Recreational value. Provides visual break and transition space in a busy settlement area. Good visual attractiveness contributing to the setting of the local area, providing important buffer. Helps to contribute towards making Biddulph a more attractive place to live, work and visit.	What about car parking (8 foot bridges). Is this public footpath to Station Road? Who owns these verges Council or highways? No more road signage	19-Jan-19	C	LGS - rename "Conington Road gateway to the town"
14	Ringwork Castle, Bailey's Wood	S1 88934 59478		Small wooded area, the site of an old Ringwork castle. PIN Number 00278. This is a cultural and ecologically important site with easy access via the footpath network for local residents and visitors along the Biddulph Valley Way. It is an ancient and semi-natural woodland.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRW	Very wild area but needed with proximity to main road pollution. A wild peaceful area must be preserved	A negative woodland trust ownership. PPs in difficult condition - very poor access by car for less able, poorly used, beauty of bluebells being taken over by brambles. Have walked through this wood with an organised walk but it was pretty poor underfoot.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS
15	Biddulph Grange Country Park- Spring Wood and PLOIC Area	S1 88679 50658		This site is an important area of ancient and semi-natural woodland found within the historic Biddulph Grange Country Park. It is used frequently by walkers, dog walkers and various groups (cicods / guides etc).	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	✓	✓	BHWF	Incorporate country park agrt fields in site. Farmers retain the right to graze cattle. Lots of bats seen here years ago on an organised bat watch, lovely lake with lots of wildlife. Pity about the state of the discussed water course. Spring Wood is an ancient and semi natural woodland consisting of a mixture canopy of oak, ash, sycamore, beech, chestnut, Scots pine and larch, a number of different bats have been recorded in this area including Pipistrelle bats, Whiskered / Brandt's bat, Daubenton's but and the Noctule bat. English bluebells can be seen in the Spring and there is a wide diversity of fungi in the autumn.	19-Jan-19	C	NEW AREA LGS- merge with sites 3 and 73 to make one designation covering areas of Biddulph Grange Country Park. New area considered in April 2020 consultation.	
16	Biddulph Valley Way (White Moor Local Nature Reserve)	S188655		This site is a local nature reserve with great accessibility due to the Biddulph Valley Way running through it. Opportunities for interpretation about the local wildlife are provided with numerous signs.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRW	Vital environment site, good for walking. Vital this area is protected. Well used by walkers, cyclists etc. What about car parking and footpaths? Vital area that needs to be protected for walking and cycling. Biddulph Valley Way crossing on Halls Road needs dog poo bins. Where Biddulph Valley Way crosses Halls Road need speed reduction for safe crossing. Pond between Marsh Green Road crossing and Bailey's Wood is full of wildlife - frog, newts etc - and is a rich hunting ground for the local crane population. Marsh Green Road two waterways and streams. Kingfisher, Coy, Badgers.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS- Note Biddulph Valley Way 'junctors' is part of second consultation.	
17	Elgar Close grassed area (Ipslands Estate)	ST8 70X	51'07.22.97N 2°04'20.00E	Grassed area on the periphery of the housing estate, providing attractive entrance and important green buffer between housing developments.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RW	Enhances the attractiveness of the estate in which it sits, providing a good contribution to the setting of the local area. Helps to contribute towards making Biddulph a more attractive place to live, work and visit.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS	
18	Uplands Play Area	ST8 79G	51'07.23.87N 2°04'20.00E	This play area is newly created and is set within a popular family housing estate.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R	This needs to be completed, vital for local children. This is very important, so the children have a safe place to play outdoors. Population in this area has increased rapidly. Lots of young children. Vital for them to have a safe area to play. I agree lots of young children in the area that need a safe place to play away from all the SUVs. Needs to be completed. Used by children walking to Chesham School. Allows them to walk in an area away from traffic pollution	Enables increased physical activity and improvements to children's learning. Provides a good contribution to the setting of the local area, ensuring a break between dwellings. Improved community cohesion and sense of belonging.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS
19	Geneva Way Green Spaces	ST8 79F	51'07.17.67N 2°04'20.00E	Grassed area on the periphery of the housing estate, providing attractive entrance and important green buffer between housing developments.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R	Enhances the attractiveness of the estate in which it sits, providing a good contribution to the setting of the local area. Helps to contribute towards making Biddulph a more attractive place to live, work and visit.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS	
20	Behnd Oxhay Drive Green Spaces	ST8 79B	S1 134117 N 2°04'20.00E	Grassed area, providing attractive and important green buffer between housing developments.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRW	Enhances the attractiveness of the estate in which it sits, providing a good contribution to the setting of the local area. Helps to contribute towards making Biddulph a more attractive place to live, work and visit.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS	
21	Corner of the Ipslands	ST8 79E	51'07.27.47N 2°04'20.00E	Grassed area, providing attractive and important green buffer between housing developments.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R	Enhances the attractiveness of the estate in which it sits, providing a good contribution to the setting of the local area. Helps to contribute towards making Biddulph a more attractive place to live, work and visit.	SMDC amenity green space.	19-Jan-19	CL	LGS
22	Corner at junction between Torville Drive and Ribble Drive	ST8 79L		A rectangular space that is open grass with trees and shrubs from the corner to approximately half way along the Torville side, when it then opens and drops steeply down to the culvert that starts in the rear garden of No. 17 Flower Drive and continues under this space and down to Biddulph Brook at the Leisure Centre, moving water coming off the hillside up to Biddulph Moor.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RW	Regularly see wildlife there. A nature break for the estate. Lovely area for squirrels and lots of birds. Probably best left overgrown to protect wildlife. Green space recreational area for the resident's children. The grass and shrubs at the open area are maintained by Ribble Drive's residents, to retain its attractiveness and community use, while retaining its natural environment and wildlife habitats. The steep drop down to the culvert is heavily overgrown providing wildlife habitats. Its boundary edge with Torville Drive has wide grass and thriving blackberry hedgehog extending back into that area and supporting wildlife, as well as fruit picking by residents along the roadway edge. The joint maintenance and use contributes to the social and community cohesion of Ribble Drive. In addition to being a recreational area, the open space is used by the resident's children for such as displaying their drawings, singing / hosting charity activities and assisting their school nature projects	19-Jan-19	C	LGS	
23	Knyperley Cricket Club	ST8 74H	517.3N - 2°04'42.00E	Founded in 1880, the club has three senior teams and facilities available for hire.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H,R,T	Recreational and historical value. Long established sporting venue valued by the wider community. Accessible for entire community with various age groups accessing training and sporting facilities. Iconic pavilion in the grounds, visible from the road side. So much history attached to this site. Great local point in the town. In support of this. A wonderful asset to the town. Great sporting facility for young sports teams. Recreational value. Good public access for formal and informal	The trees at the edge of the site by the road are especially important - do they have a TPO?	19-Jan-19	C	LGS
24	Knyperley Sports Ground	ST8 74H	515.1N - 2°04'42.00E	Football 5 a-side pitch and full-sized football pitch.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H,R,T	Provides opportunities for increased physical activity, improving mental and physical health. Encourages improvements in community cohesion and children's learning.	Entrance to Biddulph from South, all green spaces make a positive impression.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS
25	Fields behind Knyperley Cricket Club	ST8 74E	520.8N - 2°04'42.00E	Grassed area used for both grazing and cultivation of grass for feeding.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B,R	Very important visually, helps for the town to appear as a green space. Provides visual break and transition area between settlements. Important area of darkness attracts bats, birds, and other wildlife. Provides enhanced opportunities for wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors. Very good visual attractiveness, providing a good contribution to the setting of the local area. This helps make Biddulph look great!	Very important visually, helps for the town to appear as a green space. Previous SHCC site for removal from greenbelt.	19-Jan-19	C	second consultation- investigate usage further, consider remaining site as 'Knyperley transition space' or 'Knyperley Green Space'
26	Knyperley Bowling Club	ST8 74E	518.3N - 2°04'42.00E	Long established bowling club with thriving membership. Competes in local leagues and competitions.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H,R	Recreational value. The club aims to promote the game of Crown Green Bowling, improving physical and mental health, and increased local activity. Good facilities and evidence of frequent and regular use. Sign and coming bowlers need this facility.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS	
27	Knyperley Fishing Pool with field	-	511.3N - 2°03'19.00E	Standing open water. A pool used for fishing surrounded by tall herbs and locally frequent goat willow. At the southern end is a small beech/oak woodland with occasional sycamore.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H,H,R,T	This site is an important ecological site with open water, tall herbs and goat willow trees. There is a small beech/oak woodland and occasional sycamore at the southern end. A well-used fishing pool which contains muckable shoals of small roach, budge, and perch and big shoals of summer drem with the old carp and tench. Open standing water with tall herbs and goat willow. At the southern end is a small beech/oak woodland with occasional sycamore. The pool runs alongside the Knyperley Mill water channel - a relic glacial channel from the Devenian period. It is the UK's largest expanse of subglacial meltwater that cuts across a drainage divide (the Ten / Merse watershed) and is a Regionally Important Geological Site for this reason. It is frequented by up and coming young anglers. Used by local walkers of all ages. Encourages activity in the open spaces.	Pool at Knyperley hall of historical significance and for wild pond life.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS

28	Green on Conway Road	ST8 7AL	723.8N - 212.8E	Visually attractive site, providing important green space for the community on a highly populated road.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7	R	(O) It provides a visual open space. Site provides amenity	Recreational value. Provides visual break and transition space in a busy settlement area. Good visual attractiveness contributing to the setting of the local area. Provides a safe place for young people and dog walkers. Lovely green space amidst the housing. Keep it! Would benefit Biddulph families and increase motivation. Encourages local young people to engage in meaningful weekend activities. Gives local people chance to gather with others to play games etc. Recreational value. Full sized Football, Mini Soccer and Junior Football grass pitches accessible for the entire community, throughout the year. Good range of informal and formal uses. Good visual attractiveness; provides a good contribution to the setting of the local area. We play football here! Apply lottery funding for communities	SMDC amenity green space.	19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.	
29	Mill Hayes Sports and Recreation Ground	ST8 7PX	600.9N - 212.6E	There is a car park with spaces for 40 cars, football pitches and open grass. Owned by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, managed by Parkwood Leisure.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R,T	(O) The site has clear community use. Sporting facility.	Good visual attractiveness; provides a good contribution to the setting of the local area. We play football here! Apply lottery funding for communities		19-Jan-19	C	Document usage - Clearly demonstrate the public benefit. Document usage historically.	
30	Butterfly Garden	ST8 7DB	525.6N - 212.5E	Owned by Biddulph Town Council and maintained by Biddulph in Bloom at the entrance to Biddulph, from Stoke-on-Trent.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B,T	(O) The site has clear community benefit. Important area for the 'Garden Town of Staffordshire' image.	Good level of wildlife along the site; ecological significance with a water course through the centre of the site. Good visual attractiveness, providing important buffer from the industrial Brindley Ford into the 'Garden Town of Staffordshire'. Helps to contribute towards making Biddulph a more attractive place to live, work and visit. Beautiful open space on entry to the town of Biddulph, keep it green. Important entrance to Biddulph in a relatively un-polluted area. Provides a pretty view coming into the town.		19-Jan-19	C	LGS	
31	Grass verge in front of Mill Hayes Sports Ground		S1881559	This has been planted with 8 trees and also has planted beds. This is a grassy area with heating.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7	R	(O) Provides an entrance to town, creates a visual open space.	This site provides an introduction to the Garden Town of Staffordshire on entering from the south by showing a tended area in the midst of the town's industrial units to the west. The colour of the trees in autumn is particularly vibrant. Flower beds. Greenery breaks up the otherwise unpleasant view.	Litter in the car park behind distracts from the flower beds etc.	19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.	
32	Parts of Greenway Bank Country Park, also known as Knypersley Reservoir, Sandstones and Crowborough Wood			The ancient and semi-natural woodlands contained within Greenway Bank Country Park are important habitats for numerous organisms. The sites, added together, form a vital reserve for wildlife and part of a wider area-wide wildlife corridor. Consist of open water, deep sandstone gorges, predominantly broad-leaved woodland with marshy grassland, swamp and acidic areas mainly in the north-east section. Water voles have been recorded on site in the past. There are some significant old trees on the ridge leading to Gawton's Stone.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B,H,R,T	(O) The site has clear community benefit.	Lots of history, beautiful scenic walks for families. This is a vital area for walking, encouraging wildlife and good mental health in the community. Vital green space site from historical and natural aspects, very well used throughout the year for recreation. The site is accessible to walkers and cyclists, being serviced by two car parks and a circular footpath. It is also linked to the wider footpath network providing easy foot access for residents living in Biddulph, Brown Edge and the north of Stoke-on-Trent.	Loads of fossils in Crowborough Wood; significant geological potential.	19-Jan-19	C	Possibly too large. Second consultation to establish whether there are specific parts that need additional protection.	
33	Mill Hayes Fishing Pool	ST8 7PR	557.2N - 212.9E	Standing open water. A small pool used for fishing surrounded by trees.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	B,R,T	(O) The site has clear community benefit.	Entrance to Biddulph Wildlife Reserve needs to be kept green.	The Mill Hayes pool is an important ecological site with open water, providing enhanced opportunities for wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors.	19-Jan-19	C	Document usage - Clearly demonstrate the public benefit. Document usage historically.	
34	Part of Section A VOS 20- Top of Springfield Road	ST8 7BY		An area owned by Biddulph Town Council for the benefit of the Community; flat grassed area with boulders along the periphery, with fabulous views across Biddulph	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RW			Needs to be better maintained (lower section).	The stock of fish was increased in spring 2003. The new fish were over 2000 small roach and skimmer bream. Other fish that are present are numerous perch and gudgeon, Crucian carp, tench, mirror - common carp, rudd and golden orfe can also be caught.	19-Jan-19	C	Reinstate as LGS
35	Park Lane allotments	ST8 7BY		Owned and managed by Biddulph Town Council providing an opportunity for residents of the town to grow their own food.	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	R		Particular local significance because of its recreational value; good level of wildlife observed. Provides accessible facilities to enable local food production and improvements to health and wellbeing. Improved community cohesion and sense of belonging.	Good visual attractiveness with a good variety of natural features.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS	
36	Moorland Road allotments	ST8 6EN		Owned and managed by Biddulph Town Council providing an opportunity for residents of the town to grow their own food.	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	R		Particular local significance because of its recreational value; good level of wildlife observed. Provides accessible facilities to enable local food production and improvements to health and wellbeing. Improved community cohesion and sense of belonging. Garden spaces available at Church Road gardens users welcome.	SMDC amenity green space.	19-Jan-19	CL	LGS	
37	Section B VOS 20, Springfield Road- Behind St David's Way	ST8 7XA		Accessible open space providing an important area for the community to engage in recreational activities; an important transition area between settlements. Includes wooden play/bym equipment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R		Contains important footpath that is well used. Used by dog walkers and children. Important buffer between housing estates.	LOCAL PLAN SITE Needs to be better maintained.	19-Jan-19	C	Retain as LGS	
38	Shepherd Street/ Slater Street green space	ST8 6E		Accessible open space. Owned by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and identified for allotments by Biddulph Town Council	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	R		Recreational value and adds to the local amenity. Provides an outlook for surrounding residential properties. Provides an opportunity for wildlife habitats.	SMDC amenity green space.	19-Jan-19	CL	LGS	
39	VOS 17- Braddocks Hay/ Upper Biddulph Valley Park			Linear managed grassland with mature trees along the brook, includes the Leisure Centre. Steeply sloping down to Leisure Centre and brook. Full Public Access	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RW		LOCAL PLAN SITE Agree with green space designation. Important land for children to play on, picnics for families etc. Lots of trees reducing pollution. Important areas for families using it for recreation purposes and lots of trees there. Very important park for dog and human walking and wildlife and plants. Biddulph is a great community needs promoting		19-Jan-19	CL	Retain as LGS	
40	VOS 18- Braddocks Hay/ Upper Biddulph Valley Park			Linear woodland which extends south east to the open countryside, containing a network of footpaths	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRT		LOCAL PLAN SITE Green space designation should remain		19-Jan-19	CL	Retain as LGS	
41	VOS 19- Braddocks Hay Recreation Ground/ Church Road	S1886, 569		Open grassland with play and sports facilities; and community garden and school to North.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R		LOCAL PLAN SITE Floodlights on a 5-a-side. Really well used. Play equipment for under 5's needs more of it. Slide, play hub, monkey bars, lights, zipline, for park on Church Road.	5-a-side turns into a lake needs draining. Better benches, more bins	19-Jan-19	CL	Retain as LGS	
42	Green Space in the middle of Kingfield Crescent	S188689, 57780		Grassed area in a densely populated housing estate, providing an important green	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7	R		Safe for the children to play. Great for dog walkers	Grassed area, with several mature silver birch trees. The area forms a pleasant, natural outlook for the residents of the close and transition space in a busy settlement area.	19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.	
43	Lawton Crescent	S188688, 57923		Pleasant green area with few deciduous trees, which give the properties in the crescent a green open outlook	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7	R		The area forms a pleasant, natural outlook for the residents of the street and transition space in a busy settlement area.	SMDC amenity green space.	19-Jan-19	CL	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.	
44	Land opposite Lawton Crescent	S188688, 57923		Parcel of land bounded by Lawton St, East St and Moorland Rd. An open recreational area with a few deciduous trees, affording residents in East St a pleasant open outlook.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7	R		The area forms a pleasant, natural outlook for the residents of the street and transition space in a busy settlement area. This area is important.	SMDC amenity green space.	19-Jan-19	CL	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.	

45	Hawthorn Grove Play Area	ST8 6UJ	A play area set within a popular family housing estate	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	R		Very good play area and dog walking space. It is quite well maintained		Recreational value. Good facilities provided and maintained. Enables increased physical activity and improvements to children's learning. Provides a good contribution to the setting of the local area, ensuring a break between dwellings. Improved amenity cohesion and sense of belonging.	19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
46	Queens Drive Green	ST8 7DA	Accessible open space providing an important area for the community to engage in recreational activities; an important transition area between settlements.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	R				Recreational value. Provides visual break and transition space in a busy settlement area. Good visual attractiveness contributing to the setting of the local area. SMDC amenity green space.	19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
47	Church Road roundabout	ST8 6JL	Accessible open space providing an important transition area between settlements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	R				Enhances the attractiveness of the estate in which it sits, providing a good contribution to the setting of the local area. Display of large-scale artwork, which can be viewed from all sides. Provides an outlook for surrounding residential properties. Could be utilised with a better/greener streetscape or even a pollinator friendly growth in season - similar examples in Alagee Park. Very important for children to have these open spaces.	19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
48	Highfield Place Green Space	ST8 6HB	Accessible open space providing an important transition area between settlements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	R		important for the community		Enhances the attractiveness of the estate in which it sits, providing a good contribution to the setting of the local area. Provides an outlook for surrounding residential properties.	19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
49	Newpool Meadows	SI880 564	This area now has Village Green status. It connects the main road (A527) to the Biddulph Valley way via a public footpath. It is rich in wildlife and contains a small pond which is marked as a Conservation Area.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRTW	Village Green Status	Hugely important amenity on many levels - wildlife, public use, visual amenity etc. What about car parking.	LGS designation not necessary as already has Village Green status	It is significantly important to the local community. The area is jointly managed by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and the Newpool Meadows Village Green Friends group. The Friends say "The Friends of Newpool Meadows has been set up from the Newpool Meadows Action Group who fought long and hard to get this valuable piece of land Village Green status after it was threatened with development. The meadow has been used for recreation for as long as can be remembered and we are proud to be able to know that future generations can enjoy the land the way we have."	19-Jan-19	CLU	Village Green Status gives sufficient protection.
50	Land at the end of Healey Avenue / Royce Avenue	ST8 6SQ	SP0612.07N Z	Accessible open space providing an important area for the community to engage in recreational activities; an important transition area between settlements.	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	RW		Used to connect old part of Brown Lees to new houses. Used by dog walkers and children.		Recreational value and adds to the local amenity. Very good visual attractiveness providing an attractive setting and outlook for surrounding residential properties. Improves community cohesion and provides an opportunity for wildlife habitats. SMDC amenity green space.	19-Jan-19	CL	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
51	Land at the end of Farnworth Close	ST8 6PU	SP0624.37N Z	Accessible open space providing an important area for the community to engage in recreational activities; an important transition area between settlements.	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	RW				Recreational value and adds to the local amenity. Very good visual attractiveness providing an attractive setting and outlook for surrounding residential properties. Improves community cohesion and provides an opportunity for wildlife habitats.	19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
52	Corner of Craigside and Station Road	SI883 579	This triangular plot has been planted with 7 oak trees, which have been protected with decorative cages. This is a grassy area with seating.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R		important for the community		This work has been being carried out on a voluntary basis by the people of the town for more than 20 years. It is hugely valued by the people of the town and its visitors. This work is carried out throughout the year. This spot in particular provides a green break on what is often a busy bypass road.	19-Jan-19	LGS	
53	VOS 11- 'Gillow Heath Recreation Ground'	SI 88422 58504	This site is well used by numerous local residents and different sports groups across the town (i.e. football clubs). The various facilities mean that people of all ages are catered for, with a good circular footpath providing easy access around the site and onto the wider footpath network beyond.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BR		LOCAL PLAN SITE Used for sports and a lovely walking place. Nice dog walking area.	More litter bins needed, especially by access to/from Biddulph Valley Way and Washington Close. Car parking insufficient. No pavement.	Can the green spaces at the opening to Essex Drive (grass verges etc) be added as a green space site?	19-Jan-19	C	Retain as LGS
54	VOS 13- Dorset Drive (west)	SP0703.67N Z	Linear area of open space and woodland on edge of Biddulph enclosed by disused railway to west, with full public access.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RW		LOCAL PLAN SITE (S4 and S5) VOS 13/14 Great Barrier between houses walking/nature birds.			19-Jan-19	C	Retain as LGS
55	VOS 14- Dorset Drive (east)	SP0705.67N Z	Part of linear woodland, grass and stream to south of Dorset Drive, with open areas of maintained grassland and mature trees.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RW		LOCAL PLAN SITE Important area for recreation. Used to access town centre. Part of nature corridor within the town, offering sanctuary for wildlife.		What about where Dorset Drive joins the bypass, that's a Biddulph in Bloom planted. Flood plain?	19-Jan-19	C	Retain as LGS
56	VOS 12- 'Halls Road'	SI 88521 58312	This site forms an important natural wildlife corridor along the Biddulph Brook.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RW		LOCAL PLAN SITE great barrier between estates. This path is in a poor condition but a busy shortcut avoiding walking around Halls Road.			19-Jan-19	C	Retain as LGS

17	Biodiversity off-site - fields at the end of Essex Drive/ York Close		53°07'45.07N 2°	This site forms an important link between two major wildlife corridors - that of the Biddulph Valley Way running along the eastern side of the town and the river network. It also contains a significant population of two different orchids which are known to be rare within the plan area and one of which is rare within Staffordshire.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRTW		What about other areas of the Biddulph Valley Way? Land owner should be discouraged from frequent tree destruction. Wildlife feeding station for migrating birds and seagulls etc. Should be taken into public ownership and trees planted into full woodland. Near to sewage works. Too near sewage works for more housing. Lots of wildlife around including rabbits and a resident COW. Junction of Mow Lane/Condon Road, Smithy Lane and Hall's Road - accident hot spot. Mow Lane access poor too narrow west of junction with Essex Drive. Children (and adults) have used this site since the 1990s for community gatherings, playing etc. Full of wildlife and I have spotted many rabbits and squirrels, also a great for dog walking. Heart think of the wildlife. Important site for wildlife i.e. badgers. Right of way runs through this field. Mow Lane already a threat to pedestrian due to traffic volume. Threat to wildlife, will create excess traffic, surrounding lane/roads already crowded used by public for country walks. Access poor. Roads don't meet minimum widths. Exceptional reasons not demonstrated to remove from green belts. Too close to sewage works for developers. Rare Flora and Fauna due to wetland running through. Not deliverable for development as too close to sewage works. Wetlands environment. United Utilities reports advice development close to sewage works not a good idea. Too near to sewage works for housing, full of wildlife and nature plants. Badger setts can be found in here. Link recreation space with Biddulph Valley Way. Broad range of nature spaces supports good biodiversity - irreplaceable. Well used public right of way. Important site for biodiversity - it links the wildlife corridor of the Brook with the Biddulph Valley Way which are important for the movement of wildlife. It would make a good biodiversity off site. Development close to sewage works not surrounded by national planning policy. How can you make a drive for a car, because there's a river and the old train tracks. Bats present - orchids present. If you take away the plants, animals will be vulnerable. If you take away the plants animals will be vulnerable. However!	Letter received from Planning Consultants rep. landowner	Previous SMDC site for removal from greenbelt.	19-Jan-19	CL	Includes in second consultation. 3) Check if strategic housing allocation. 2) review the description to include the section of the site marked as a wildlife corridor from the evidence base map and amend the text to include that part of the site forms a wildlife corridor and adjacent another. 3) Review the description to include the habitat distinctiveness map to show that a significant proportion of the site is of medium value distinctiveness. 4) Amend the description to include that footpath number 24 runs the full length of the site and provides a link to footpath 25, which makes a circular walk. Walkable neighbourhood for leisure, fitness and wellbeing. 5) Consider re-naming if no intersect off-street ability.
18	Station Road (Next to Brammer's Shop)		51883 578	Little green haven, providing a breathing space within the town centre.	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	R	O	Green area, no parking please! At one of the pictures - is this a public footpath to Station Road? Important area of green within the town centre.		TC developing this area into more formal garden using 500 money. This small space provides 2 formal flower beds and a number of planted trees. There are also 3 benches, providing a welcome break from shopping in the town. A pair road splits this site. This was left over from the construction of the bypass (Meadow Way). All it serves no purpose it should be taken up and incorporated into the gardens.	19-Jan-19	C	Planning permission granted on site
19	Millennium Gardens by Sainsbury's car park		51883 578	Little green haven, providing a breathing space within the town centre.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R		Important area of green within the town centre.		This space provides 3 dry stone wall planted areas, currently with winter planting within. There are 3 benches and a stone sculpture to mark the millennium (2000). The particularly provides a place of calm for personal reflection and well-being.	19-Jan-19	C	UG
20	Gilwell Heath Old Station (Hall's Road)		SI 88116 58364	Site of former platform and tracks for the Gilwell Heath Rail Station Constructed in 1880. This site is important in terms of local history, being the former site of Gilwell Heath Railway Station. It is a gateway to the Biddulph Valley Way, with an associated car park and opportunity for enhanced interpretation of this important route.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	HRW		Heritage restoration opportunity. Need to preserve - what 'heritage sites' are left in Biddulph? Other towns are preserving! Save it in green. Wildlife is evident and reports have shown the importance of the plants and trees that are found there.		History. Opportunity to provide interpretation of the Biddulph Valley Way, wider links to the industrial history of the area. Leisure and recreation wider links to the footpath network linking further afield to the Staffordshire Way and the Giffordstone Trail. The site is also a gateway to National Cycle Route 55 which runs the length of the Biddulph Valley Way.	19-Jan-19	C	UG
21	The Padlock (Hunters Close)	578 60Y	53°07'01.17N 2°	Owned and maintained by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. In need of modernisation, but an important transition area between settlements.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R		This is actually a beautiful area - could be so much better if spent. Good to include local youth clear this to aim respect. Beautiful space but not utilised and groups of people vandalise. Heavy usage by walkers, cyclists, horse riders, dog owners. Whole inadequate provision - poor maintenance by 777 service - muddy surfaces, lack of seats, hedges too high. Lowly area with mature trees and other wild plants. Love the idea of more wildflower meadows. The only downside is that you can feel vulnerable as its vandalised. Donor Drive Good area for walking dogs! Also has a bin not on maps. Neglected so prone to vandalism. The Padlock area. Urgent need to steps behind (Stamans house) - many adults pass through area. Area now vacant pro. Why not consider Nature Trail, Wildflowers, meditation quiet area. Urgent need - trees behind 44/56, Hunters Close. Very high and dangerous. A good calm area but - steps from cut through from Hunters Close to main road - to make make access possible down steep grassy bank. Consider wildflower areas. Bats planting.		SMDC amenity green space. Recreational value. Enhances the attractiveness of the local area. Provides an outlook for surrounding residential properties.	19-Jan-19	CL	UG
22	Craigside Green Areas	578 66L	53°07'06.07N 2°	Accessible open space providing an important transition area between settlements.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R				Recreational value. Provides visual breaks and transition space in a busy settlement area. Good visual attractiveness contributing to the setting of the local area.	19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
23	East of Newpool		5187959	Biodiversity Alert Site. Mainly broad-leaved semi-natural woodland with an area of semi-improved meadow grassland and scattered trees situated towards the north of the site. A marked path passes through the entire length of the site	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRTW		Wildlife corridor essential to link both ends of Biddulph along train lines and on each side. Linking both County Parks as well i.e. both sides of main road. What is biodiversity alert site? Are there others? Wonderful, useful, wildlife corridor. Plus gives 'safe' area for locals to take exercise. Links Newpool Meadows 'village green' with fields all the way to Gilwell Heath and beyond. Track used by families as they walk to school - health and safety? Used by many in Newpool Road/Mease estate for mobility/socialising/seeing neighbours - highly valued by walkers and cyclists linking Biddulph to 'further afield' north and south. It would be a tragedy if we could not access it. As a local resident I am concerned that green space around footpath crossing NC route 55 cutting out the 'tin bridge' on Newpool Road is protected. Work by the church on their car park has created a (hopefully) temporary eyesore. The green space there is attractive to residents.		SMDC amenity green space. Recreational value. Good facilities provided and maintained. Enables increased physical activity and improvements to children's learning. Provides a good contribution to the setting of the local area, ensuring a break between dwellings. Improved community cohesion and sense of belonging.	19-Jan-19	CL	Consider all Biddulph Valley Way 'pockets' (16)
24	Brown Lees Fun Park	578 6PE	53°06'14.37N 2°	Owned by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and supported by Brown Lees Residents Association. This park is set within a popular family housing estate.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R		Update would be good for local families. Very important for children to play here but people do walk dogs on it (despite notices) and inspections inadequate as rubber play surface lifting at edges (unsafe!) wonderful play area. Take the children on a bike ride/walking Biddulph Valley Way to get there.		SMDC amenity green space. Recreational value. Good facilities provided and maintained. Enables increased physical activity and improvements to children's learning. Provides a good contribution to the setting of the local area, ensuring a break between dwellings. Improved community cohesion and sense of belonging.	19-Jan-19	CL	UG
25	Trent Head Well	578 7NU		Site of spring which is the source of the River Trent, the third largest river in England	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H		The spring had a "well" built around it in the 1930s and is fenced off from the surrounding fields. It is a known tourist visiting spot. It is historically significant to the village and is also the reason for the annual well dressing, although this takes place on the village green as the site is not suitable for the event. The fields adjoining the well should also be included as it provides access to the site. This featured on a BBC4 programme about the Trent River - highlighted its heritage importance.	Needs very much restoring.	Well Head should be well documented and highlighted. Red line boundary needs extending east to avoid future fill in space	19-Jan-19	CL	Within Green Belt and future development would include environmental protection. However, site is important. Just need area to be included in second consultation.
26	Net Scotch Park	578 7HP		Newly refurbished children's playground and adjoining play area	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R		Encourages physical activity within young demographic. Area that promotes social well-being within the community. Vital amenity for the village. Used by Church groups regularly.		Remain as green space due to community use. SMDC amenity green space. This is the only playground in the village and has recently been refurbished after a local campaign to save funds. It has special significance to the community since the money was raised by local people and it was not paid for by the council. The playground has been there for over 40 years and is the only play area in the village. The adjoining grass area was previously used as a local football pitch and is currently not used as such because of the lack of changing facilities. It is used by local children as a play area for ball games and other general play.	19-Jan-19	CL	UG

47	Biddulph Moor Village Hall green space	178 7HP		Village Hall with car park and adjoining Green Areas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R		Ensures clear access to Hall recreation ground. Used by toddler groups and elderly. Great community hub.	B&NH Committee requested that this area is not included within the LGS designation. They are committed to protecting the site, but may wish to extend the Hall itself to meet the community needs.	Village Hall which holds community events including annual bonfire and well dressing. It is also used for weddings, parties and other community events	19-Jan-19	CL	Remove. Would have negative impact on development of Community Asset.
48	Land adjacent New Road Methodist Church			green space between bungalow and church	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Community. Tradition and historical. Value i.e. well-dressing which need protecting.		Green space opposite school lane, used to display school well dressing bibelots.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS
49	Village Green			small public area about 30 yds by 10 yds that has a grassed area/notice board/old telephone kiosk housing defibrillator/flower beds/ village green sign and carved rock	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	HR	Used for Village Christmas Tree and Well Dressing Celebrations. Designated centre of village	Centre of village and focus of two main events of year. Needs protecting. Used for community events/festivals. Retain green space to retain village green centre and amenity space	It is the only green area in the centre of Biddulph Moor and is well used by many residents for functions throughout the year. Specifically at Easter week/Well Dressing ceremony/Date for Christmas tree and Christmas decorations. The notice board is a central point to keep local information of events and occurrences in BM. Advertising boards can easily be erected when local events are occurring such as Bonfire/5th Nov. The floral decorations enhance the area when visitors drive through or visit and the area is one of the recognised sites for the Biddulph in Bloom event	19-Jan-19	C	LGS	
Additional sites included at the start of Consultation One/Jan 2019																					
70	North- Fields Behind Talbot car park		53°08'06.8"N 2°09'27.5"W	Open space with hens roaming free, the historic leaf runs along the periphery of the site.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BTW		The site has particular local significance because of its historic significance, in that it is the setting of the leaf, which begins within the Biddulph Grange Country Park. Evidence of wildlife on the site and good visual attractiveness.		The site has particular local significance because of its historic significance, in that it is the setting of the leaf, which begins within the Biddulph Grange Country Park.	19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
71	North- Bridgestones Neolithic chambered tomb (c.3800-3600 BC)		53°07'23.4"N 2°08'35.9"W	The Bridgestones is a ruined Neolithic long cairn reported to have been 110m long.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BHT		The site is of national as well as local importance and illustrates part of the lives and deaths of a community living in our area 6000 years ago. Its topography illustrates the local significance of this site over the more modern era: a 18th Century the Turnpike Road was built (Dial Lane) and the Cairn was robbed to lay under the road. Also, it was reported that James Brindley's men blew up one of the megaliths in order to show the power of the explosives being used to build the Trent and Mersey canal. A 19th Century law locals using the site for recreation and damaging the stones with picnic fires it is also reported that the courtyard was robbed for Tunstall Park. A 20th Century saw the site Scheduled and excavated (1966). A 21st Century sees the site often overlooked by most but still attracts 'New Age' attention.	Evidence of wildlife on the site and good visual attractiveness. Scheduled ancient monument, accessed by foot.	19-Jan-19	C	Site itself is not within NP area. Has other protection as scheduled ancient monument.	
72	North- Land behind bungalow opposite Toll Gate House		53.133629, 2.161464	Connects from Grange Road to Ford Lane, visible from both roads. Biddulph Brook flows through it. Ancient woodland with Tree Protection Orders (TPOs).	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BHW		Site makes a positive contribution to the setting of a Bateman bridge, which is open to the public. Good visual attractiveness, variety of natural features of a good quality.			19-Jan-19	CL	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
73	North- Grange Country Park- Grazing Area		53°07'45.5"N 2°09'26.1"W	Grazing field with public footpath running through it.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BHRW				Accessed by public via public footpath. Local farmers have retained the right to graze cattle. Good level of wildlife observed and good visual attractiveness. Evidence of good informal use by dog-walkers, local joggers, etc.	19-Jan-19	CU	LGS, merge with sites 15 and 3 to make one designation covering areas of Biddulph Grange Country Park. Put 'new' area out for consultation.
74	East- Pine Trees- Clegeston Road		53°07'13.4"N 2°10'12.5"W	Area providing visual attractiveness and transition area between settlements. Provides residents with pleasant open outlook.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BRO	Important planting/ memorials on site.	This site was renovated and planted by Biddulph Lions. Seat donated by Sowton Family. Most trees in Memoriam		SMDC amenity green space. Evidence of wildlife and good visual attractiveness.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS
75	East- Coracle Grove		53°06'27.0"N 2°09'45.9"W	Area providing visual attractiveness and transition area between settlements. Provides residents with pleasant outlook.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	R		Evidence of wildlife and good visual attractiveness. Evidence of good range of informal			19-Jan-19	C	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
76	West- Brown Lees Village Green		53°06'11.3"N 2°11'14.4"W	Historic 'drying green' for centre of the village- terraced miners' houses. Used over the years for tea parties, recreational uses especially when the chapel was in use.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RW		Commemorative tree in the middle with seat at the side, by the village sign. Flower containers by the seat, maintained by the local Residents Association. No boundary restriction to access.	local resident complained about operation process and name of site. Area known as 'the field' to residents.	Historically significant as well as recreational use. Small areas of tranquillity in the middle of the terraced houses.	19-Jan-19	C	LGS
77	West- Brook Street Green Space		53°06'10.2"N 2°11'12.4"W	Small green spaces off brook street; one site with raised beds and a long flower bed, looked after and planted by local residents with help from Biddulph in Bloom.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RW				SMDC amenity green space. Small 'breathing space' in a largely terraced community. A small Birch tree was recently planted by residents to support a 'pospy net' as part of anniversary remembrance. The raised beds are planted by the residents' association, with support from Biddulph in Bloom. Evidence of wildlife and good visual attractiveness.	19-Jan-19	CL	LGS
78	West- James Bateman Nature Reserve		53°06'39.0"N 2°10'48.1"W	At the junction of Meadows Way and Tunstall Road, given in a 'wap' when the Meadows Way was developed and left to naturalise.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	RW			Part of Wharf Road Strategic Development Area in the Local Plan	Hedges and trees, and native undergrowth providing good habitat for wildlife. Visual attractiveness provides good contribution to the setting of the local area.	19-Jan-19	CL	Remove. Part of Strategic Development Area in the Local Plan.

New sites identified at the close of the initial consultation- Jan 2019													
79	South- Orme Road Grass verge	578 78T	53.103412 - 2.170349	This is a wide grassed verge, which fronts on to properties in Orme Road. There are several attractive semi mature, deciduous trees along its length.	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	BTW	Looking very positive, makes nice edge to school playing field must be kept clean.	Well used by dog walkers; recreational value.	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
80	North- Grange Road Corner	578 75B	53.130428 - 2.165904	The corner of the road where Biddulph Grange Gardens is situated. Maintained by Biddulph in Bloom; by the people of the town, for the people of the town. This is a spectacular 'welcome' to visitors to the town.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BTW		Beautiful display of seasonal shrubs and bulbs; well maintained.	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
81	West- Fields on Tower Hill Road from Newport Road junction to 22 Tower Hill Road												Extensive tract of land- land in the Green Belt.
82	North- Congleton Edge												Extensive tract of land- land in the Green Belt.
83	Entrance to Essex Drive and York Close												Considered by NP Working Group- Not demonstrably special
84	West- Wedge of land from Thames Drive roundabout to the South and East, between Chells and the by-pass												Previously removed as visual open space.
85	West- Gas works site	578 68X	53.120497 - 2.174423	Land adjacent to Brocksroft Gardens with mature trees.	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	BTW		Important green space in densely populated area. Heavily wooded with a richness of wildlife.	Not clear if 'demonstrably special' following first consultation. Included in second consultation.
New site identified prior to 5 April consultation													
86	Moor- Cherry Tree Lane Green Space	578 7PA	53.119401L - 2.143335	Accessible open space providing an important transition area between settlements.	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	BR		Recreational value. Provides visual break and transition space in a busy settlement area. Good visual attractiveness contributing to the setting of the local area.	First consultation in April 2019
87	Moor- Hazel Grove Green Space	578 7NY	53.119660 - 2.142214	Pleasant green area which provides well-used footpath in a residential area.	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	BR		Area that promotes social well-being within the community. Vital amenity for the village.	First consultation in April 2019
88	Moor- Stoneyfields Green Space	578 7NB	53.119384 - 2.140956	Grassed area in the centre of a housing estate, providing important green buffer between housing developments.	✓	✓	✓	✓	?	BR		Area that promotes social well-being within the community. Vital amenity for the village.	First consultation in April 2019

Appendix 2 - Regulation 14 Public Consultation

Publicity/ Press Releases:

- Biddulph Chronicle
- Biddulph Times
- Leek Post and Times
- Radio Stations: Signal 1; BBC radio stoke; Moorlands Radio
- Sentinel

Publicity/ Posters:

- All Biddulph Town notice boards and those in the villages
- All School Newsletters
- All venues where a hard copy is available to view/comment on
- Biddulph Bowling Club
- Biddulph Grange Country Park
- Biddulph Moor Post Office
- Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre
- Biddulph Valley Surgery
- Biddulph Doctors
- Chemists
- Churches
- Library
- Mailing list to Groups and Organisations (WI, U3A, Youth Centre)
- Sainsburys

Publicity/ Website:

- Biddulph Town Council
- Social Media
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Publicity/ Direct Engagement:

- Pop-up at Biddulph Markets
- Pop-up at other Biddulph events

Statutory Consultees:

- List provided by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Publicity/ Hard Copy Plan & NDO Locations:

- Biddulph Moor Post Office
- Biddulph Town Hall
- Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre
- Biddulph Doctors
- Biddulph Valley Doctors
- Brown Lees Post Office
- Flavours, Smithy Lane
- Biddulph Library

Appendix 3 Statutory and Other Consultees

As part of the pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation, the following bodies were individually contacted and asked for their comments:

The Coal Authority
Sport England
Natural England
Highways England
Network Rail
Historic England
National Grid
Seven Trent
United Utilities
Environment Agency
Homes England
Marine Management
Canal and River Trust
Western Power
Office of Rail and Road
Amec FW
Staffordshire County Council
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
Town and Parish Councils
East Staffs Borough Council
Peak District
Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Newcastle Borough Council
Stafford Borough Council
Cheshire East Council
Derbyshire Dales

Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire LEP
Local Nature Partnership
North Staffs CCG
Healthwatch
Support Staffordshire

Residents/ Community Associations and local voluntary sector organisations.

Appendix 4 Comments from Statutory Consultees and Modifications Made

National and Statutory Bodies

Coal Authority Letter 23rd September 2019

Comments and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>As you will be aware the Neighbourhood Plan area lies within the current defined coalfield.</p> <p>According to the Coal Authority Development High Risk Area Plans, there are recorded risks from past coal mining activity in the area including; mine entries, recorded and likely unrecorded coal workings at shallow depth and surface mining activity.</p> <p>However, the Neighbourhood Plan does not appear to allocate any sites for future development and on this basis, we have no specific comments to make.</p>	General comments noted.	No action required.

Sport England Email 30th September 2019

Comments and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p><i>NB: This was an extensive representation which included general commentary about the role of Sports England, provision of and design of new facilities and reference to their guidance. There were no specific comments or amendments suggested to the NP. Please refer to the consultation response for details.</i></p>	General comments noted.	No action required.

Natural England Letter 14th October 2019

Comments and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
Natural England does not have any specific comments on the draft Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan, or the draft Biddulph Neighbourhood Development Order. However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.	General comments noted.	No action required.

Highways England Letter 15th October 2019

Comments and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
We support the commitments of the Parish to sustainable development principles contained within the Plan but have no further comments to make on its contents at this time.	General comments noted.	No action required.

Network Rail Email 30th October 2019

Comments and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
Network Rail has no comments to make on the NP.	General comments noted.	No action required.

Historic England Letter 31st October 2019

Comments and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>Historic England has no adverse comments to make upon the draft plan which we feel takes a suitably proportionate approach to the main historic environment issues pertaining to Biddulph.</p> <p>We commend the commitment in the Plans Vision, objectives and policies to support well designed locally distinctive development that is sympathetic to the character of the area including its rural landscape character, views and green spaces. The Neighbourhood Development Order also promises to make a positive contribution to the future viability and vibrancy of the High Street.</p> <p>Beyond those observations we have no further substantive comments to make. I hope you find this advice helpful.</p>	<p>General comments noted.</p>	<p>No action required.</p>

National Grid Letter 1st November 2019

Comments and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>Specific Comments</p> <p>An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid’s electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high-pressure</p>	<p>General comments noted.</p>	<p>Check the comments made about provision and ensure these are</p>

<p>gas pipelines.</p> <p>National Grid has identified that it has no record of such apparatus within the Neighbourhood Plan area.</p> <p>Electricity Distribution</p> <p>The electricity distribution operator in Staffordshire Moorlands Council is Western Power Distribution. Information regarding the transmission and distribution network can be found at: www.energynetworks.org.uk</p>		<p>correctly reflected in the NP text.</p>
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Severn Trent Letter 1st November 2019

Comments and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>Waste Water Service Area</p> <p>Firstly, we would like to highlight that due to the geography of the parish its waste water services are provided by both ourselves and United Utilities. Severn Trent have ownership and liability for performance of sewers across several areas (Knypersley and Brown Lees) towards the south of the town whereas United Utilities services the remaining area including sewerage treatment provision.</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>There is no detail around specific housing development sites within the draft NDP although we acknowledge the references back to the emerging Staffordshire Moorlands</p>	<p>General comments noted.</p>	<p>Consider adding to the section on drainage that Severn Trent encourage that “all new development recognise a drainage hierarchy whereby disposal of surface water to the public foul or combined sewerage systems is avoided. Where possible a sustainable discharge should be made to either the ground,</p>

<p>Local Plan of which we will comment on separately.</p> <p>We note the recognised constraints of the green belt, landscape designations and topography to housing development within the Parish. We support the desire to uphold Biddulph as a ‘Garden Town’ and recognise the benefits of aligning to this status.</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>We are supportive of policy INF2 which requests that SUDS must be utilised and integrated within new developments. We recognise the efforts of pushing SUDS as a key feature for design rather than an afterthought. We would ask that all new development recognise a drainage hierarchy whereby disposal of surface water to the public foul or combined sewerage systems is avoided. Where possible a sustainable discharge should be made to either the ground, watercourse/ditch- course or a surface water sewerage system.</p> <p>Environmental</p> <p>It is refreshing to see a Parish’s neighbourhood plan go as far as to encourage tree planting. We align with your views that effective tree planting can be used as a means of natural flood management whilst also enhancing amenity value and biodiversity of an area.</p>		<p>watercourse/ditch-course or a surface water sewerage system.”</p>
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United Utilities Email 1st November 2019

Comments and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p><i>NB: This was an extensive representation, which included general commentary about the provision of utilities and the planning process. The specific comments or amendments suggested to the NP are listed below. Please refer to the consultation response for details.</i></p> <p><u>Specific Comments</u></p> <p>INF 2: Sustainable Drainage</p> <p>United Utilities recommends the following amendments [identified in red] to Draft Policy INF2 (Sustainable Drainage):</p> <p><i>Development proposals must be designed to include sustainable drainage water management measures as part of the design. New development should be designed to maximise the retention of surface water on the development site and to minimise runoff.</i></p> <p><i>The approach to surface water drainage should be considered in liaison with the LLFA, the public sewerage undertaker and where appropriate the Environment Agency. Sustainable drainage or water management measures must form an integral part of the design and layout, including utilising balancing ponds and water channels as an open part of the landscape.</i></p> <p><i>Surface water should be discharged in the following order of priority:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• An adequate soakaway or some other form of infiltration system.</i> <i>• An attenuated discharge to watercourse or other water body.</i> 	<p>General comments noted. Specific policy comments to be used to inform an amended INF2. Policy and interpretation to be updated.</p>	<p>Policy INF2 Amendments to now read:</p> <p><i>“Development must have no significant adverse impact in terms of surface water runoff and disposal, including impacts on surrounding sites and environment.</i></p> <p><i>Surface water discharge should not exceed the Greenfield runoff rates.</i></p> <p><i>This includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• ensuring hard surfaces are water permeable;</i> <i>• use of sustainable urban drainage systems, where applicable;</i> <i>• ensuring that there is sufficient</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>An attenuated discharge to public surface water sewer, highway drain or another drainage system.</i> • <i>An attenuated discharge to public combined sewer.</i> <p><i>Applicants wishing to discharge to public sewer will need to submit clear evidence demonstrating why alternative options are not available as part of the determination of their application.</i></p> <p>Development next to sensitive uses</p> <p>Planning should ensure that new development can be integrated effectively with existing businesses and facilities. Where development is proposed next to sensitive uses, applicants may need to provide evidence outlining any mitigating measures to ensure that the occupiers of new developments will enjoy an appropriate standard of amenity and will not be adversely affected by neighbouring uses and vice versa. It is considered best practice for future proposals that are within close proximity of sensitive uses to submit sufficient assessments to mitigate the issues of odour and noise, which is in line with Paragraph 182 of the NPPF that highlights that new development should be integrated effectively when in an area of existing, sensitive uses. We believe this is the most effective way to ensure new development is resilient when it will be affected by the operational functions of our assets within the plan boundary. When development is proposed next to sensitive United Utilities assets, we recommend applicants contact us via the details provided as early as possible.</p>		<p><i>capacity of wastewater infrastructure, or that the development includes other measures for surface water and waste-water disposal.”</i></p> <p>Update the Interpretation to include:</p> <p><i>“The approach to surface water drainage should be considered in liaison with the LLFA, the public sewerage undertaker and where appropriate the Environment Agency. Sustainable drainage or water management measures must form an integral part of the design and layout, including utilising balancing ponds and water channels as an open part of the landscape.</i></p>
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		<p><i>evidence demonstrating why alternative options are not available as part of the determination of their application</i></p> <p><i>Information is available at:</i> <i>https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/Flood-Risk-Management/Information-for-Planners-and-Developers.aspx</i></p> <p><i>See also Defra 2015 non-technical standards and Staffordshire Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) SuDS handbook requirements.”</i></p>
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Environment Agency October 2019

Comments and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>However, we recommend the following amendments in the Biddulph Neighbourhood Development Plan Draft Policies, dated April 2019:</p> <p>Natural Environment The NDP does not include any policies which refer to fluvial flood risk and we would strongly recommend including a policy for flood risk, which includes climate change and surface water drainage.</p> <p>All proposals for new development must demonstrate that existing flood risk will not be increased elsewhere (downstream), ideally by managing surface water on site and limiting runoff to the greenfield rate or better. We recommend Policy NE1 to include “watercourses and its floodplains” (bullet point 2).</p> <p>Please note, the maps shown on Page 25 are not the "Extent of flooding", but the "Areas at risk from"... (1. surface water flooding, 2. river flooding).</p> <p>Infrastructure New developments should seek to control and discharge all surface water runoff generated on site during the 1 in 100 year plus climate change rainfall event. For Greenfield development sites, the surface water runoff generated as a result of the development should not exceed the Greenfield runoff rate. For Brownfield development sites, developers are expected to deliver a substantial reduction in the existing runoff rate, and where possible, reduce the runoff to the equivalent Greenfield rate. We recommend Policy INF2 or INF3 is amended to include the following wording: surface water discharge should not exceed the Greenfield runoff rate (as described</p>	<p>Comments noted from screening and confirmed by phone make suggested modifications.</p>	<p>Make changes to INF2 as per comments to deal with surface run off and permeable surface.</p> <p>Make the corrections suggested</p>

<p>above).</p> <p>"In accordance with the Defra 2015 non-technical standards and/or Staffordshire Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) SuDS handbook requirements, and/or Local Plan policy surface water 'Greenfield' run-off rate requirements whichever is in force and more onerous at the time of the development."</p> <p>See the following link for more information on the Staffordshire Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) SuDS handbook and other matters the LLFA has Authority over https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/Flood-Risk-Management/Information-for-Planners-and-Developers.aspx</p> <p>Additional Comments</p> <p>In addition to the comments above, we note the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and objectives from the Humber and North West River Basin Management Plan have not been included.</p>		
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Local Authorities and Parish Councils

Staffordshire County Council Letter 25th October 2019

Representations and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p><i>NB: This was an extensive representation which included general commentary and more detailed comments on policies. Please refer to the consultation response for details.</i></p>	<p>Transport: Consider if any of the factual information needs to be added to the evidence section.</p> <p>Demonstrate more clearly the evidence base in the rationale for the critical road junctions policy (highways report) this should also be available on the website.</p> <p>Regarding the assessments of the road junctions make clear where the evidence has been collated.</p> <p>Ecology and Landscape: Comments noted. Check the headings to deal with habitats and landscaping.</p> <p>Make clear the evidence base for the views.</p> <p>Consider mapping the HER assets and including in the NP or link to SMDC where this information is available.</p>	<p>Transport: Demonstrate more clearly the evidence base in the rationale for the critical road junctions policy (highways report) this should also be available on the website.</p> <p>SMDC Integrated Transport Policy, review the document and if appropriate include reference to it in the NP.</p> <p>Look at the information on cycle routes and if there is relevant information to include do so.</p> <p>Ecology and Landscape: Pgs 10 and 11 update information on key habitats</p> <p>Check the headings to deal with habitats and landscaping.</p> <p>Policy NE1 include ‘complement landscape character’ to the policy list and include the map that makes reference to them.</p> <p>Consider using their wording on policy NE3 Local Green Space.</p>

	<p>Various policies deal with heritage no changed required.</p> <p>Public Rights of Way: Comments noted no change required.</p> <p>Houses for older people: Look at the link to homes for older people and add relevant information into the rationale.</p>	<p>Pg's 39 and 41 take the 's' off records to read Historic Environment Record.</p> <p>In the rationale to the heritage reference chapter 16 of the NPPF.</p> <p>Consider adding a point into the rational for HOU1 on that homes for older people should be in proximity to a bus stop.</p> <p>Policies that address pedestrian routes should make clear they are suitable for a range of people (disabled, elderly those with prams etc..)</p>
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Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Letter 4th November 2019

Representations and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p><i>NB: This was an extensive representation which included general commentary and more detailed comments on policies. Please refer to the consultation response for details.</i></p>	<p>Look at the Biddulph Valley Way LGS spaces; does this cover the entire route? If not make clear this is a partial selective application and strengthen the NE4 policy.</p> <p>Comments noted on Policy HTC1.</p> <p>Policy LE1 suggest using the boundary in the emerging Local Plan or agree a boundary with LPA.</p> <p>CAF1: Comments noted no changes.</p> <p>CAF2: Comments noted.</p> <p>NE1: Comments noted amendments suggested to clarify policy.</p> <p>Chat about the mapping for NE1 and how best to show priority areas combined. Show the most important. Make clear the application.</p> <p>NE3: Comments noted amendments suggested to clarify policy.</p>	<p>Suggest adding to NE4 a bullet point to say there must be no adverse impact on the way or access or accessibility to the way.</p> <p>Suggest re-wording policy HCT1 to now read:</p> <p><i>“Within the rural area of the parish, business, enterprise and tourism uses to diversify the rural economy will be supported subject to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>there being no significant adverse impact on the amenities of</i> • <i>nearby residential properties;</i> ^[L]_[SEP] • <i>the rural landscape; and</i> ^[L]_[SEP] • <i>surrounding businesses and uses, including agriculture.</i> ^[L]_[SEP] <p>Add into the interpretation that this policy enables suitable business and enterprise development in the rural area.</p> <p>Policy LE1: suggest using the boundary in the emerging Local Plan or agree a boundary with LPA.</p>

	<p>NE4: Comments noted amendments suggested to clarify policy.</p> <p>NE5: Comments noted, consider the evidence and ensure that it is robust for the views identified.</p> <p>HOU1: Comments noted amendments suggested to clarify policy.</p> <p>HOU2: Comments noted and make suggested change to wording.</p> <p>INF1: Comments noted and make modifications to address these.</p> <p>INF2: Comments noted matter dealt with in united utilities amendment.</p> <p>INF3: Comments Noted, make amendments.</p> <p>DES1: Comments Noted, make amendments. Listing authentic materials has been removed from previous policy in other neighbourhood plans. The AECOM report is available online as part of the wider evidence base and mentioned within the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>DES2: Comments noted. Make amendments.</p>	<p>Policy LE2: Either include an 'area' plan of the mills together or change the title of the policy to Albion Mill Conversion and show on a plan and remove first bullet point in the policy 'subject to' section.</p> <p>CAF2: Remove Appendix B not to confuse with list in policy. Consider placing plan with policy (Appendix k)</p> <p>Also add a new sentence into policy CF2: <i>'An exception to this is if a similar quality or better facility is provided nearby'</i>.</p> <p>Consider adding into the policy to say these are the facilities or particular importance at the time of preparing the NP.</p> <p>Policy NE1: Move the plans to the rationale section and make sure high quality resolution. In the interpretation make clear that in applying the policy reference should be made to the maps listed.</p> <p>Policy NE3: Suggest re-wording to include 'Built development must not encroach onto Local Green Spaces. An exception to this may be for small-scale built development, subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is directly related to the community use and/or management of the space; • it does not compromise the open character of the space; <p>Policy NE4: Re-word to: 'Development proposals must have no significant adverse impact on the Biddulph Valley Way and its environs and must take opportunities to enhance the route. This includes:</p>
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	<p>Local Green Space: Comments noted, amendments to be made.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not encroaching into the route; • providing a positive setting in terms of boundary treatments and allowing natural surveillance.' <p>HOU1: Change title to 'Housing'</p> <p>Amend 1st bullet point in HOU1 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Affordable provision must be provided within the development. If this is not possible, affordable provision should be provided within the neighbourhood area;</i> • <i>Also amend the last section of policy to read: The following types of housing are particularly welcomed:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Self-build housing;</i> ○ <i>Innovative design; and</i> ○ <i>high environmental performance.</i> <p><i>NB the blue text should also be checked with the design policy.</i></p> <p>HOU2: Change policy to read:</p> <p><i>Delete to the size of the site and the and as per comment.</i></p> <p>INF1: Amend the list of junctions to the evidenced list and re-word to say:</p>
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		<p><i>“In considering whether development would have and severe adverse impact on road capacity or safety, particular regard should be made to the following congestion pressure points:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1</i><i>2</i><i>3</i><i>4”</i> <p>INF2 amendments as per earlier.</p> <p>INF3 Amend to read <i>“Cil or section 106”</i>.</p> <p>DES1: Make the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bullet point 3 make ‘use’ from ‘uses’• After the bullet point list in the policy write: <i>“authentic,..”</i>• Make the changes as per the Housing policy <p><i>Also amend the last section of policy to read: The following types of housing are particularly welcomed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Self-build housing;</i>○ <i>Innovative design; and</i>○ <i>high environmental performance.</i> <p>DES2: Make the following amendments:</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First bullet point re word to read: <i>“pedestrian routes and footpaths, including links to local services.”</i> • Second bullet point to read <i>“In residential areas by ensuring flanking buildings have active frontages to provide natural surveillance.”</i> • Third bullet point. After the coma insert <i>“including garages, covered spaces and driveways, ...”</i> • Point four: Replace <i>‘parking space’</i> with <i>‘the number of parking spaces’</i>. • Remove bullet point 5 as dealt with in other policy (critical road junctions). • Last bullet point: Amend to add after the list of types <i>“and their setting.”</i> <p>Local Green Spaces: Remove any spaces that don’t have SPECIAL community value. LGS designations should not be used as a method to restrict or prevent growth. Review the LPA comments on the value of spaces and remove any that do not clearly meet the criteria and evidenced accordingly.</p> <p>Where an LGS are in the Green Belt particular attention should be taken to the evidence. While LGS and Green Belt enjoy similar protection the purpose of designation is quite different. LGS focuses on special community value rather than aims of Green Belt. This statement should also be made clear in the Consultation Statement.</p> <p>Consider site 25 and 57 carefully as these are raised specifically.</p>
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Appendix 5 Residents and Consultants Correspondence

Residents Email 4th October 2019

Representations and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>please see attached three photographs showing views to the east of the Biddulph valley.</p>	<p>General comments noted. The views are to inform the Town Centre, key views and vistas.</p>	<p>If these images are for the views identified these could be used for additional evidence. If these are not and additional views make clear in the rationale how these views were selected.</p>

Residents Email 8th October 2019

Representations and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>We would just like to say the Neighbourhood Plan document that you presented at our meeting last week (BVNCA Wednesday 2nd. October 2019) has been extremely well researched and created and the whole team responsible for this should be very pleased with themselves and their hard work and the results.</p> <p>Could we just ask, is it possible that the photograph on page 32 'Incident in Biddulph' could be more specific as it is the collecting point for all the main Biddulph sewers entering the sewage plant (or not) – as this photo shows! We feel it should say what it is and where it is.</p>	<p>General comments noted.</p>	<p>Make clear in the narrative for the image on Pg32 where this is.</p>

Please pass on our thanks to the team for producing this important document.		
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Gladman Developments Limited Letter 22nd October 2019

Representations and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p><i>NB: This was an extensive representation which included general commentary and more detailed comments on policies. Please refer to the consultation response for details.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General comments noted. No amendments to be made. <p>Specific comments that are made include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGS Spaces 54, 55, 70, 85. Are identified in response as being considered extensive tracts of land. • Protection of views. Comments noted, suggested actions. • Design. Comments noted, there are no elements of aesthetics in the policy. Comments on clarity of design policy have been addressed through previous amendments listed in SMDC comments and actions section. Ensure that the design codes is available online when the plan is Made to help inform and evidence the specific design elements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGS: Consider the sites listed and check these are not an extensive tract of land. • Views Policy. Ensure a clear and robust evidence base to support town centre views policy. • Design policy, amendments being made as per SMDC comments section.

Residents Email 25th October 2019

Representations and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>As discussed yesterday here are my thoughts on the plan and I do emphasise they come from me not the Church. I am a resident in Congleton but have been attending Biddulph Methodist Church for 16 years so consider myself to be part of the community.</p> <p>Re the Policy on Community facilities – there is reference to local churches providing facilities page 59. At the Methodist Church we consider ourselves to be resource for the community and try to be an active catalyst into the regeneration of the town centre. As you know we provide spaces for community groups to meet, as well as hosting our own activities some of which are faith based and some are for the benefit of the community as well as acting as a concert venue for the Youth Orchestra and various choirs etc. These concerts are usually for the benefit of local charities not the church. We also host groups that are specifically to address loneliness and wellbeing such as the film club, lunch clubs in partnership with Methodist Homes and host day care facilities with Daybreak Daycare providing the service. When local groups have lost funding such as the gentle exercise group we have taken over as sponsors. We work in partnership with others whenever we can. We use the title Victoria Centre so that people who wouldn't come into a church feel more comfortable even though they are in effect the same thing because the church room is used as much as any other part of the building for community activities.</p>	<p>General comments noted. The design policies encourage energy efficient and sustainable designs as suggested.</p> <p>Update list of community facilities to include the Biddulph Methodist Church as suggested.</p>	<p>Update the community facilities list on pg 59 to ensure the Biddulph Methodist Church is listed.</p>

What would be really helpful from my point of view would be a number of elements:

- Access to grants to help maintain the property infrastructure of the church keeping it a pleasant place to be. As you will know we have struggled with a leaky roof for a long time and heating will need upgrading at some point and who knows what else is around the corner. These grants might come from the funds that are made available as a result of local development. I note that you talk in the plan about Church Halls but in our premises the difference between the church and Church hall is limited. Does the spiritual welfare of the residents not also have a part to play in the health of the community. If the church has no people, then the church hall ceases to be maintained and is lost to the community as happened in Brown Lees. BTW most of the people left now come to worship with us.
- We hold a lot of funerals which I see as a high-risk point around isolation, we are interested in improving how we provide support but have limited resources that we can access to provide this.
- Promotion of volunteering opportunities within the town. There is a smaller and smaller base of people who run the church and other voluntary organisations. The community needs to get more people involved it is good for them as well as the community as a whole. Is there a central register of volunteering opportunities. Could the hub be used to share volunteering opportunities. Or perhaps the prescribing practitioner at the Doctors could be involved in this opportunity.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing the Networking meetings between community groups – I think that these are a significant step forward for the town – Thank you!! • As a church we have just been awarded a Bronze Eco Church Award we are on a journey to improve our carbon footprint - perhaps the town also needs to go on that journey - you might want to consider using some of the money that comes from Urban development to help people who are on low income to benefit from the savings that can be made by going green. If the town could engage with a company to provide retrofits of Air-Source Heat pumps and solar panels across the town in a structured way the cost for each installation would come down significantly. This would add significantly to the towns action on the climate change emergency. It will also potentially help people move out of fuel poverty The grants that the government make cover most of the cost but over 7 years. If the cost is reduced, then finance companies who consider this a low risk loan because the repayments come from the grants The grants would cover the whole payment. • On the planning front I would like to see all new developments required to move away from Carbon fuel for central heating - Air source heat pumps are a very established heating technology Germany has just crossed over they now have more homes heated by Heat pumps than Gas boilers and solar panels should be part of the standard for all new builds. <p>If you want to talk about any of these suggestions very happy to do so.</p>		
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Advance Land and Planning Limited Letter 29th October 2019

Representations and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p><i>NB: This was an extensive representation which included general commentary and more detailed comments on policies. Please refer to the consultation response for details.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Comments noted. No amendments • Vision and aims comments noted. Check these are pro-growth. • LGS 57 comment noted. To be considered carefully as part of the revisions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at vision and aims and ensure development and growth are addressed. Ensure that the aims are planning focused and relate to the later policies. <p>Ensure that the vision is a positive statement for sustainable development of the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGS 57 comment noted. To be considered carefully as part of the revisions previously discussed.

Residents Email 31st October 2019

Representations and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>I would like to register my objection to any development of the green belt land adjacent to Victoria Row, Tunstall Road and Mill Hayes Farm in Knypersley, Stoke-on-Trent.</p>	<p>Comments noted. It would appear that this is a Local Plan consultee response. However, the useful</p>	<p>Where there is supporting evidence in the statement on wildlife that could be added to proposed LGS descriptions this should be included.</p>

<p>It is a well-known fact that this area is rife with various wildlife, some of which are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside act 1981. There have been regular and recent sittings of foxes playing in the field bordering Victoria Row. Other recent sightings include Greater Spotted Woodpeckers and the more rare and protected Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers including juvenile birds which highlights that they are breeding in this vicinity. Song Thrushes have also been seen recently, another protected species on the red list of protected species. As well as these there are many bats which are seen regularly in and around the trees in Victoria Row and also flying in and out of the Mill Hayes Farm buildings. These are also a protected species. Along with these, there are many other birds seen daily including various breeds of tits, sparrows, thrushes and blackbirds. There has also been an albino starling observed and recorded on film on this land. Great Crested Newts have also been seen on the site. This is their natural environment and any development will have a devastating effect on their wellbeing.</p> <p>Another reason why this land is not suitable for development is due to the effect on an already very busy road and junction on the A527 where Brown Lees Road and Victoria Row join it. This is a recognised accident black spot which already has a Gatso camera in place due to this. Any access into more development at this site will have a significant effect and heighten the risk of accidents even further. Any access into this land will be creating a risk and there are other sites which would be more suitable including expanding Victoria Business Park into Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme. In fact, Newcastle-under-Lyme council were willing to pursue this. If this site were to be used there would be no need for an additional site entrance as there is good access to this site already off Tunstall Road</p>	<p>information that can be drawn from it could be used to support proposed LGS.</p>	
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and Brown Lees Road.

Another point I would like to make is regarding the misleading information which has been given out previously relating to another development close by. Prior to the building of industrial units on Victoria Business Park, we were told that the units on that site would only be single storey units. The reality is that these are now massive units and nothing like the original plans. we are sure that if the current plans for industrial units on this site get passed then the same will happen outside our front windows.

We feel that the wool has been pulled over our eyes so to speak from the beginning regarding the plans to develop this site. Any development on this land will have the most effect on the residents of Victoria Row. When the plan was initially put forward there was a meeting at Knypersley Cricket Club regarding the proposals. The council issued a letter which should have been sent to every household within a certain radius of the land to invite them to the meeting and to inspect the plan. **NO-ONE IN VICTORIA ROW RECEIVED ONE OF THESE LETTERS!** The very people who would be mostly affected due to the proximity to their properties by the development were not invited. This is very underhanded, and I request that this fact is recorded on file.

I would like this email to be accepted as my formal and strong objection on all the above grounds to any form of development on the green belt land bordering Victoria Row, Tunstall Road, Mill Hayes Road and Mill Hayes Farm.

Residents Email 1st November 2019

Representations and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>I, as a resident and a homeowner of XXX would like to register my disapproval of the development of the greenbelt land bordering Victoria Row, Tunstall Road and Mill Hayes Farm. This land is a valuable site for wildlife as well as serving as a natural boundary between Staffordshire Moorlands and Stoke-on-Trent districts. There have been many observations of various species of wildlife including bats which reside in trees on the edge of this land. All species of bats in the UK are protected, as well as their breeding and resting places. There are also Song Thrushes which have regularly been seen. These birds are on the 'red' list and are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside act 1981. These acts are passed for a reason, not to be ignored for the sake of 'development'. Among other birds observed on this land are Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers which are also on the red list. The trees themselves are also very established and are essential to the wildlife should also be preserved.</p> <p>If this land were to be developed, apart from the damage caused to flora and fauna, the properties in Victoria Row would literally be surrounded by industry on all sides. There are much more suitable areas of land which would have far less impact and with better access than this site.</p> <p>The nearest junction to the site entrance is well known for being an accident blackspot. The density of traffic passing through the A527 where Brown Lees Road and Victoria Row join it make this stretch of road to be constantly busy. There is a Gatso camera in place very</p>	<p>Comments noted. It would appear that this is a Local Plan consultee response. However, the useful information that can be drawn from it could be used to support proposed LGS.</p>	<p>Where there is supporting evidence in the statement on wildlife that could be added to proposed LGS descriptions this should be included.</p>

<p>close to this junction and these are installed in notoriously accident-prone locations. Any further development in this area will only increase the risk of more accidents due to the accessibility to the site and dramatic increase in the number of vehicles at this location.</p> <p>Please accept this email as my strong objection on all the above grounds and more to any form of development to the land adjacent to Victoria Row, Tunstall Road and Mill Hayes Farm Knypersley.</p>		
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Emery Planning Email 4th November 2019

Representations and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>We write in respect of the current consultation on the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Our client is specifically promoting the land between Rudyard Road and Hot Lane, Biddulph Moor for a mix of market and affordable housing. A site location plan is attached, and further details are provided at Section 8 of the attached statement (which is our representations to the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan). The site was partially identified as a draft allocation for residential development in the Staffordshire Moorlands Preferred Options Sites and Boundaries consultation document in April 2016. However, the site was not taken forward as an allocation in the Publication Version of the Local Plan, which is currently being examined.</p>	<p>General comments noted about a suggested site allocation. The Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan is not making any site allocations nor do neighbourhood plans have to.</p>	<p>No action required.</p>

As currently drafted neither the Neighbourhood Plan does not propose any sites for allocation at Biddulph Moor and/or any Green Belt release. However, Biddulph Moor has been identified in the emerging Local Plan as a larger village, which means that it is a sustainable rural settlement that has an important role in terms of serving their rural hinterland. Whilst we recognise that no site allocations for development are being proposed through the emerging Local Plan, this does not prevent further allocations being identified through the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. In our view there are local needs within the village which cannot be met without some incremental growth of the village. Due to the site size threshold for when affordable housing will be required in the emerging Local Plan (10 dwellings), it is likely that zero affordable housing will be provided in the village during the plan period. New development can also help to support and maintain local services in the village, such as the local primary school (which we understand has been operating under capacity), post office and shop.

We therefore promote the site as an allocation for market and affordable housing in the Neighbourhood Plan to meet local needs in Biddulph Moor. A mix of housing on the site could enable the village to attract and retain people who grow up in the village, and could also provide bungalows and/or specialist accommodation for older persons. An allocation could be made across the whole, or part, of the site.

We would welcome further discussions with the Neighbourhood Plan group to discuss the prospective allocation of the site, and would be happy to make a presentation to the group should the opportunity

<p>arise. We would be open to discussing the scale, form and type of development to meet the specific needs of the village.</p>		
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Residents Email 4th November 2019

Representations and Suggested Amendments	Comments	Suggested Modification for the NDP
<p>I have read the comprehensive document that you have compiled and agree that any future development of the town needs to take in to consideration extensive development of the infrastructure supporting this community both in terms of highways and sewage and better use of the medical centre and more variety within the town centre. I feel that the document has not gone far enough in terms of the extensive flooding issues that we have across the town, which only gets worse as more development occurs.</p> <p>As I can only comment on the small area in which I live and have experience, I have added some photos of localised flooding and have video recording available of the immense amounts of water that travels off the fields. I also feel that there should be more green spaces identified and again notice that you have shown a nature corridor running through the Thames Drive estate and down in the Gillow heath area but have not protected areas where these nature corridors end within the rural fields so that building immediately by these corridors would therefore render them useless if they no longer open out on to open spaces. I think more protection is needed here.</p>	<p>General comments noted. There are proposed revisions to the sustainable drainage policy see the amendments suggested by United Utilities.</p>	<p>see the amendments suggested by United Utilities.</p>

In terms of design of new housing developments I would like the council to learn from the mistakes of the Bovis estate and its catalogue of disasters!		
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Survey Monkey Responses received during six-week consultation period

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<p>Please note, individual surveys are available to view separately. The information below identifies themes to highlight any modifications needed and does not include all comments about general improvements that individuals feel are needed within the town (e.g. lower prices for tourist attractions for locals).</p> <p>Local Green Space Designations These green spaces reinforce that Biddulph is the Garden Town of Staffordshire. These are crucially important. The appeal of Biddulph is its semi-rural location and pockets of green spaces. I am concerned about the conflict between the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan with regard to the land east and west of Dorset Drive. [Resident includes extensive information about benefits and usages].</p> <p>Local Heritage, Culture and Tourism More B&Bs We need to revitalise the High Street Biddulph requires some hotel accommodation</p> <p>Local Economy Pedestrianisation might help</p>		No additional actions required.

<p>The town centre needs some proper standards with regard to signage. Anything to lift the high street is to be appreciated.</p> <p>Community Facilities Enhance Village Halls</p> <p>Housing Need family homes We should support sustainable/ green development We should be renovating derelict buildings in the town.</p> <p>Non-Planning and General comments Very comprehensive source information, solid evidence Improve Football fields, especially the cutting of grass [NB these areas are identified as proposed Local Green Space designations]. Growth of the town centre needs to be a priority</p>		
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