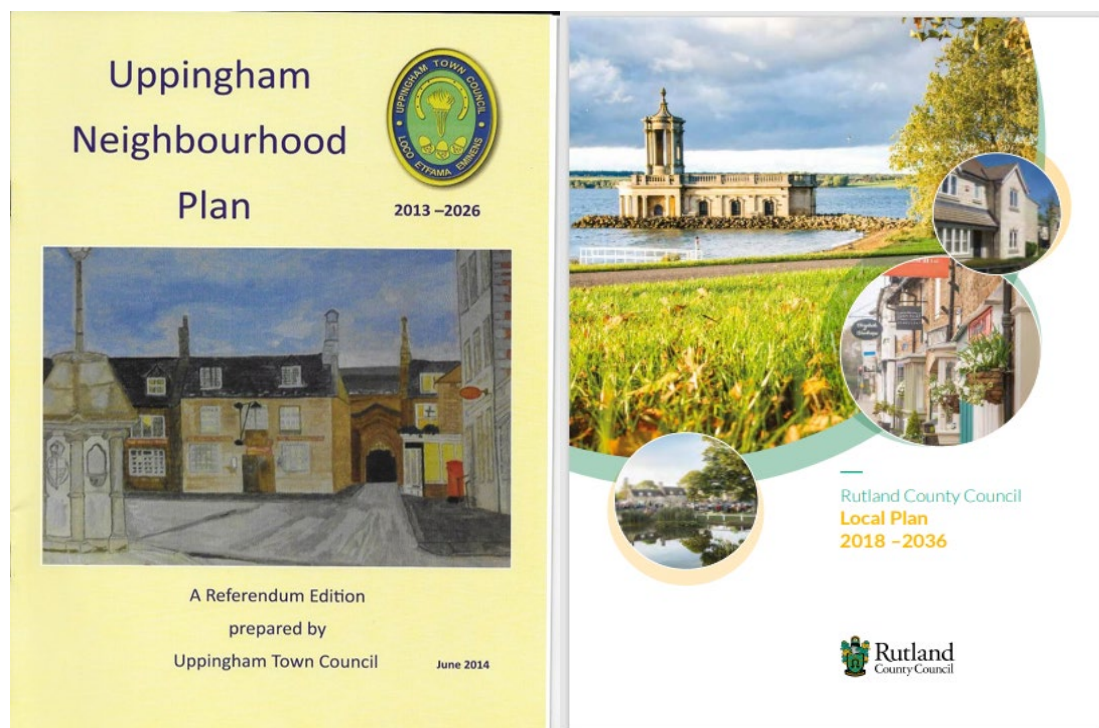


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## Support for Uppingham Town Council on the review of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan



## Paper 6: Proposed approach to external consultation

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## **1. Introduction**

1.1 Local consultation and engagement, including working with businesses and developers, has been a trademark of past work on the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which is, in many ways, exemplary. Sometimes, however in the NP as currently drafted, there is not an explicit link between NP Objectives and Policies and the specific outcomes of consultation.

## **2. The need for effective consultation and engagement**

2.1 In addition, there is also a need to ensure that those outside agencies who need to be involved in the NP review are invited to comment from an early stage. In terms of the statutory requirements it is not essential to engage outside agencies until the formal (six week) consultation on a full draft version of the NP (under Section 14 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012). The Government guidance on Neighbourhood Plans explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced by the Localism Act, including the key stages and considerations required. In terms of external consultation, it states that: *“A qualifying body must consult any of the consultation bodies whose interest it considers may be affected by the draft neighbourhood plan or Order proposal. The consultation bodies are set out in Schedule 1 to the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Other public bodies, landowners and the development industry should, as necessary and appropriate be involved in preparing a draft neighbourhood plan or Order. By doing this qualifying bodies will be better placed to produce plans that provide for sustainable development which benefits the local community whilst avoiding placing unrealistic pressures on the cost and deliverability of that development.”*

2.2 For the review of the Uppingham NP, it is legally possible for external consultation to be deferred until the Draft Plan stage. However, in Paper 1 of this report (Principles underlying the review of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan), earlier engagement is recommended and the need for specific consultation on the selection of sites for new housing is noted.

## **3. Early consultation/notification on Issues and Options**

3.1 The decision on whether to undertake early consultation on the principles of, and the approach, to the NP review and consultation on the selection of housing sites will need to be made by the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group and agreed with the Town Council. The following sections summarise which organisations would need to be involved in consultation. The lists are based on good practice and the specific character of Uppingham.

## **4. Housing site assessment and selection**

4.1 Consultation on the proposed methodology for housing site selection:

- Respondents to the Call for Sites;
- Other landowners and developers involved in the “Developers Forum”?;
- Rutland County Council (Planning, Highways, Archaeology, other departments by request);
- Environment Agency, Natural England, Historic England, Anglian Water, National Grid , Sport England, Leicester & Rutland Wildlife Trust and NHS organisations.

## **5. External consultation the Draft Plan**

5.1 Optional Consultation on “Issues & Options” and mandatory consultation on Draft Plan:

## **Local Authorities**

Rutland County Council (e.g. Planning, Highways, Heritage, Countryside, Minerals, Education, Social Services)

Leicester County Council (Planning)

Harborough District Council (Planning)

Adjoining Town/Parish Councils/Parish Meetings

## **Politicians**

MP Alicia Kearns

County Councillor (Uppingham – Miranda Jones)

## **Government Departments and Agencies**

Coal Authority [thecoalauthority@coal.gov.uk](mailto:thecoalauthority@coal.gov.uk)

The Homes and Communities Agency [enquiries@homesengland.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@homesengland.gov.uk)

Natural England [Consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Consultations@naturalengland.org.uk)

Environment Agency [planningkettering@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:planningkettering@environment-agency.gov.uk) a

Historic England [e-midlands@historicengland.org.uk](mailto:e-midlands@historicengland.org.uk) and

The Highways Agency [ha\\_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk)

The Marine Management Organisation [info@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:info@marinemanagement.org.uk)

Sport England - [planning.eastmidlands@sportengland.org](mailto:planning.eastmidlands@sportengland.org)

## **Services**

National Grid - [nationalgrid.uk@avisonyoung.com](mailto:nationalgrid.uk@avisonyoung.com)

Sewerage Severn Trent Water [chris.bramley@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:chris.bramley@severntrent.co.uk)

Anglian Water [planningliaison@anglianwater.co.uk](mailto:planningliaison@anglianwater.co.uk) & [sPatience@anglianwater.co.uk](mailto:sPatience@anglianwater.co.uk)

Police

NHS Foundation Trust

## **Landowners & developers**

### **Others**

Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust

Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership - [greaterlincslep@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:greaterlincslep@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Primary & Secondary School

Uppingham School

Mobile Operators Association - [info@ukmoa.org](mailto:info@ukmoa.org)

Businesses

Community/Voluntary Organisations