

Basic Conditions Statement

Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Development Plan 2022 – 2031

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Introduction

1. This Statement has been prepared by Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council (the Parish Council) to accompany its submission to the local planning authority, Cheltenham Borough Council, of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Development Plan 2022 - 2031 (the Neighbourhood Plan) under Regulation 15 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
2. The Neighbourhood Plan must meet the following requirements:

Legal matters

(1) The examiner must consider the following: -

- (a) whether the draft neighbourhood development plan meets the basic conditions (see sub-paragraph (2)),
- (b) whether the draft neighbourhood development plan complies with the provision made by or under sections 61E(2), 61J and 61L,
- (c) whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the neighbourhood area to which the draft neighbourhood development plan relates, and
- (d) such other matters as may be prescribed.

The Basic Conditions

(2) A draft neighbourhood development plan meets the basic conditions if: -

- (a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan,
- (b) the making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
- (c) the making of the neighbourhood development plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area),
- (d) the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and

(e) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood development plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood development plan.

(f) The examiner is not to consider any matter that does not fall within subparagraph (1) (apart from considering whether the draft neighbourhood development plan is compatible with the Convention rights).

Legal Requirements

3. The Plan is submitted by Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council, which, as a qualifying body, is entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for its own parish. The Plan has been prepared by Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group, which is overseen by the Parish Council.
4. The southern part of the parish of Leckhampton with Warden Hill has been formally designated as a Neighbourhood Area under the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 and was formally approved by Cheltenham Borough Council on 15th September 2015. The decision notice is attached as **Appendix 1**. The map showing the extent of the designated Neighbourhood Area is attached as **Appendix 2**.
5. The Plan contains policies relating to the development and use of land within the neighbourhood area. Proposals relating to planning matters (the use and development of land) have been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and processes set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.
6. The Plan identifies the period to which it relates as 2022 to 2031. This relates to the remaining plan period of the Adopted Cheltenham Borough Local Plan which also has a plan period ending 2031 and the adopted Joint Core Strategy 2031.
7. The Plan does not deal with County Matters (mineral extraction and waste development), nationally significant infrastructure or any other matters set out in Section 61K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
8. The Plan relates only to the Neighbourhood Area within Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish though it makes reference to land outside the parish boundary. It does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. There are no other neighbourhood development plans in place within the neighbourhood area.

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Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State

9. The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared having regard to national policies, in particular those set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2023) and the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) suite. It is contended that the neighbourhood plan accords with the core Planning Principles at the heart of the NPPF. The NPPF was updated in December 2023 and this version will be utilised in this Basic Conditions Statement.
10. **Table 1** provides a summary of how policies in the neighbourhood plan conform to the NPPF 2023. The NPPF paragraphs set out are those considered most relevant. The table is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all NPPF policies.

Table 1 – Meeting Basic Conditions (NPPF)

LWWH Neighbourhood Plan Policy	NPPF (Dec 2023) Reference	Commentary
LWH1 - Local Commercial and Community Facilities	97, 108, 109, 110, 127	<p>Paragraph 97 (a) of the NPPF says that planning policies and decisions should plan positively for the provision of community facilities to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments. LWH1 identifies community facilities and seeks to establish their use and importance, to provide appropriate policy support in accordance with Paragraph 97 (c).</p> <p>Paragraph 97 (d) of the NPPF says that planning policies and decisions should ensure that established shops, facilities and services are retained for the benefit of the community. LWH1 seeks to fulfil this purpose in accordance with this and with Paragraph 97 (c) whilst recognising the limitations on this imposed by permitted development rights.</p> <p>Paragraph 127 of the NPPF says that Local Planning Authorities should take a positive approach to applications for alternative uses of land which is currently developed but not allocated for a specific purpose in plans where this would help to meet identified development needs.</p> <p>127 (a) says that they should support proposals to use retail and employment land for homes in areas of housing demand provided this would not undermine key economic sectors or sites or the vitality and viability of town centres, and would be compatible with other policies in the NPPF.</p> <p>The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development etc.) (England) (Amendment) Order 2021 introduced a new Class MA Permitted Development subject to prior approval. Under this new provision local shops in</p>

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		<p>the area have changed use from retail to housing with requirement for a planning application.</p> <p>This creates a risk to the maintenance of the vitality and viability of neighbourhood centres in the area, which the Neighbourhood Plan identifies and seeks to address.</p> <p>The closure of local shops also runs the risk of occurring without due regard to the limits of permitted development rights. These limits include that a shop selling essential goods including food that is 1km from the next nearest shop, and contains less than 280 square metres of floorspace is classed as a local community use, Class F2 and so not subject to the permitted change. The Neighbourhood Plan maps the location of current retail premises to show where the loss of shops would be subject to F2 designation.</p> <p>The loss of local convenience shops within the Neighbourhood Area risks creating large areas of residential uses without any local provision for daily essentials. Distances would be such that the only recourse would be to get in a car to travel to a supermarket. This places at risk delivery of sustainable transport policies in the NPPF, set out in para 108 where opportunities to walk and cycle would be reduced (c), and in para 109 where development should seek to limit the need to travel.</p> <p>Paragraph 110 (a) of the NPPF says that planning policies should support an appropriate mix of uses across an area to minimise the number and length of journeys needed for shopping. Within large areas of residential development in the Neighbourhood Area, removing local shops so that people must drive to shops, runs directly counter to this requirement.</p> <p>This also applies to new developments which would result in lack of local provision that can be accessible in accordance with the NPPF. Paragraph 97 (e) says that planning policies and decisions should ensure an integrated approach to considering the location of housing, economic uses and community facilities and services. LWH1 seeks to ensure this is done when new housing developments come forward in the context of local community facilities within the Neighbourhood Area.</p>
LWH2 - walking and cycling links	108, 110 (d)	Paragraph 108 of the NPPF sets out a broad requirement for

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		<p>plans to considered opportunities to promote walking and cycling, to support public transport and to reduce the impacts of car use on the environment. Community response to the Neighbourhood Plan gave particular focus to the need to address sustainable transport requirements in plans and in new developments. This cannot be ignored, but equally it is recognised that the Neighbourhood Plan has limited scope in these matters. LWH2 simply commits the parish council to engage and work with others to deliver on broad objectives. No specific requirements arise from this.</p> <p>Paragraph 108 (c) of the NPPF says that plans should identify opportunities to promote walking and cycling. Through engagement and consultation with the local community, LWH2 does this and indicates support for any proposals that would deliver on community priorities which supports the local community contribution to the delivery of NPPF paragraph 110 (d).</p> <p>Recognising the lack of work on viability on this matter, no requirements are set on developments as a result of the policy.</p>
LWH3 Local Green Space	105-107	<p>The site which is the subject of this policy has already been designated as a Local Green Space by Adopted Cheltenham Plan policy GI1.</p> <p>GI1 says that development will not be permitted within the Local Green Space, unless there are ‘Very Special Circumstances which outweigh the harm’. This goes further than NPPF para 107 in that it assumes all development will harm the Local Green Space and omits mention of ‘appropriate’ development in such locations. It also says that ‘particular attention will be paid to the views of the local community in assessing any development proposals that affect a designated Local Green Space’.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan discusses the reality of Local Green Space and Green Belt as having different purposes. The absence of development is not the only measure of policy success in maintaining Local Green Space. The Neighbourhood Plan considers the requirements of NPPF paragraph 107 in justification of a local policy approach to the management of the Local Green Space.</p> <p>In this context, LWH3 provides some local flexibility to allow</p>

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		<p>minor open space infrastructure that would assist the Local Green Space to function effectively and be enhanced. It also provides a policy framework within the Neighbourhood Plan for positive engagement on developments that could affect the Local Green Space as required by policy GI1 of the Cheltenham Plan.</p> <p>A similar requirement is placed on development of allocation site MD4 to provide ‘a layout and form which respects the existing urban and rural characteristics of the vicinity’ (the Local Green Space lies adjacent). LWH3 assists with this in setting out principles for this consideration.</p> <p>The Local Green Space forms part of the Valued Landscape which has been identified and recognised in the development of local plans and in decision making on planning applications. Key elements of the Valued Landscape in this area include rural characteristics, areas of tranquillity, wider landscape views of the escarpment Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.</p> <p>LWH3 seeks to influence only those elements of development proposals which would interact (affect positively or negatively) with the Local Green Space, which are identified in the policy. Given the requirement of Cheltenham Policy MD4 for a sensitive approach in relation to adjacent areas and in GI1 for the views of the local community to be particularly considered in relation to development affecting the Local Green Space, this will not create additional local burdens on the development of this site.</p>
LWH4 green infrastructure	102, 104, 107, 185	<p>Paragraph 102 of the NPPF says that access to a network of high-quality open spaces is important for the health and well-being of communities and can deliver wider benefits for nature and support efforts to address climate change.</p> <p>Paragraph 104 of the NPPF says that planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks.</p> <p>Paragraph 107 of the NPPF identifies the richness of its wildlife as one of the criteria for the designation of Local Green Space.</p>

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		<p>The Environment Act 2021 introduces requirements for the delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain from new development to support repair, restoration and enhancement of wildlife and habitats. Paragraph 185 of the NPPF says that plans should identify, map and safeguard components of local wildlife-rich habitats and wider ecological networks, including wildlife corridors and stepping stones that connect them, and areas identified for habitat management, enhancement, restoration or creation.</p> <p>Nature Recovery Network and Local Nature Recovery Strategies will focus on the interconnection between habitats and the value to nature of linking them to create larger networks instead of isolated pockets of nature.</p> <p>Within this context, LWH4 and supporting information in Appendix 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan, identify the components of Green Infrastructure that currently exist within the Neighbourhood Area as viewed by the local community and seeks to ensure that <u>positive consideration</u> is given to these in new proposals for development, whether this is through site design or through measures proposed to address requirements for biodiversity net gain, or to deliver on complementary Neighbourhood Plan Objectives to create attractive walking and cycling routes and attractive places that promote a health community.</p>
LWH5 Valued Landscape	180	<p>Paragraph 180 (a) of the NPPF says planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes in a manner commensurate with their statutory status or identified quality in the development plan.</p> <p>Objector comments to LWH5 referred to a legal ruling in the case of Stroud District Council vs SSCLG [2015] EWHC 488. This established that Valued Landscape should have identifiable physical attributes and should not be solely based on the sentiment of the local community.</p> <p>Appendix 4 to the Neighbourhood Plan also establishes the provenance of the Valued Landscape identified within the Neighbourhood Area in the context of local plan development.</p> <p>A 'Landscape Character Assessment Update with an evaluation of Landscape Value' has been prepared by Lepus</p>

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		<p>Consulting (September 2022) in support of policy LWH5 included in Annex 4 of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Chapter 6 of the Landscape Character Assessment evaluates landscape value within the Neighbourhood Area and establishes the acceptance of the existence of ‘Valued Landscape’ within it, as determined by the key characteristics of the area and of specific land parcels within it, which have been the subject of extensive consideration by local plan inspectors.</p> <p>Recommendations were reproduced in Table 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan. Contrary to objector comments, the evaluation of landscape value within the study area is based on fieldwork surveys undertaken in 2017 and in 2022 (see para 3.3.4 and 6.5.2 of the report). Comments on the attributes of specific land parcels within the Valued Landscape is based on fieldwork observations.</p> <p>Consultation Report Appendix G provides a response from Lepus Consulting to address the comments from Miller Homes and Counsel, specifically in relation to the validity of the assessment approach and to the established acceptance of the existence and physical attributes of the Valued Landscape in Leckhampton.</p> <p>The concept and existence of Valued Landscape on the basis of identified physical characteristics is therefore accepted and established.</p> <p>Drawing on the Landscape and Visual Appraisal, LWH5 sets out principles that should be satisfied in appropriate circumstances in order to conserve and enhance the Valued Landscape. Under this policy, applications for development would be able to set out whether the principles should apply in a specific circumstance and, if they do, demonstrate how they are being satisfied in development proposals.</p> <p>This policy assists in providing a local understanding of the Valued Landscape useful for applicants in meeting the requirements of Cheltenham Plan policies G11 and MD4.</p>
LWH6 local heritage	208-210	Planning Practice Guidance Paragraph: 039 Reference ID: 18a-039-20190723 provides the context for the identification of non-designated heritage assets.

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		<p>Paragraph: 040 Reference ID: 18a-040-20190723 identifies Neighbourhood Plans as an appropriate mechanism for the identification on non-designated heritage assets.</p> <p>Historic England Guidance and Criteria set out in its publication 'Local Heritage Listing' was followed. Cheltenham Plan Policy HE1 provided policy framework to guide the identification and consideration of potential non-designated heritage assets.</p> <p>Owners of affected land and property were consulted on the proposed policy.</p> <p>The policy seeks appropriate weight to be given to respecting the asset's character and interest in accordance with the NPPF.</p>
LWH7 flood risk	165-175	Flood risk policies are strategic policies and there is no role for Neighbourhood Plan policies in the <u>determination</u> of planning applications relating to flood risk matters. That said, the Neighbourhood Plan only seeks to provide helpful information based on storm events recorded in the area. It simply requires developers to <u>have regard</u> to this information and to <u>consider</u> the adoption of measures that would mitigate the potential impacts of extremely localised effects.

Contributes to the achievement of sustainable development

11. The following sustainability assessment has been carried out to assess how the policies in the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan contribute positively to delivering sustainable development. The NDP will serve an economic, social and environmental objective and seeks to balance them. **Table 2** summarises the various sustainability outcomes of each policy in the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan.

Table 2 – Contribution to Sustainable Development

LWWH Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Economic objective	Social Objective	Environmental Objective
LWH1 - Local Commercial and Community Facilities	Promotes more economic activity locally	Seeks to retain facilities providing valuable social function	Encourages local facilities so that car use can be reduced.

LWWH Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Economic objective	Social Objective	Environmental Objective
LWH2 - walking and cycling links	Promotes home-working and locally based employment opportunities accessible on foot and by bike	Promotes good quality and safe links to facilitate wider use of walking and cycling routes	Encourages more walking and cycling in order to reduce the need to use the car for local journeys
LWH3 Local Green Space		Promotes access for the community and social benefits from better use of Local Green Space	Seeks to promote biodiversity in management of Local Green Space and complement provision on adjacent sites.
LWH4 green infrastructure	Seeks to establish better quality environment in key economic locations	Better quality green infrastructure promotes more use by all sections of the community	Connected habitats and green management practices will improve the area for wildlife
LWH5 Valued Landscape		Maintenance of the role of Valued Landscape will deliver social benefits arising from a stronger sense of place, mental and physical health, and a socially-valued setting.	Complementary measures to provide green infrastructure will generate environmental benefits
LWH6 local heritage	Retaining and improving local heritage assets can provide economic benefits by improving the quality of the built environment	Generating a better understanding and appreciation of local heritage assets generates important social benefits	
LWH7 flood risk			Improvements in local flood avoidance and resilience measures will contribute to environmental benefits through avoidance of flooding.

General conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan

12. The Development Plan for the NDP is:

- a. The Cheltenham Plan 2020 to 2031
- b. Joint Core Strategy 2017 (JCS)
- c. Saved policies from the Cheltenham Local Plan, 2006
- d. Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire 2018-2032
- e. Gloucestershire Waste Core Strategy 2012-2027
- f. Saved policies of the adopted Gloucestershire Waste Local Plan
- g. Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan, 2018-2023 (relating to the Cotswold National Landscape).

13. The Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan does not contain any policies relating to minerals and waste planning. Where policies from the Joint Core Strategy and the Cheltenham Plan are relevant to the policies in the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan, these are specifically referenced within the supporting text of the document. The Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan adds local detail in support of the higher tier policies and does not conflict with or undermine them. Table 3 demonstrates conformity with adopted local plan policies in the Cheltenham Plan and the Joint Core Strategy.

Table 3 – Meeting Basic Conditions (Local Plans)

LWWH Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Cheltenham Borough Local Plan (CBLP) 2006 Saved Policies, Cheltenham Plan (CP) 2020 and Joint Core Strategy (JCS) References	Commentary
LWH1 - Local Commercial and Community Facilities	CBLP 2006 - RT8 Individual Shops, CP 2020 - CI1 and MD4 JCS - INF4	Paragraph 11.60 of the CBLP 2006 highlighted the usefulness and social value of individual shops in helping to maintain sustainable communities. Policy RT8 from the 2006 CBLP has been saved beyond the adoption CP 2020 and the JCS. The policy resists the loss of existing shops outside defined shopping areas subject to viability criteria and the availability of other shops within a walking distance of 500m. Changes to national permitted development rights have indicated that changes of use from hopes under commercial class E can take place to class MA Housing. Exceptions are for shops which are at least 1,000m from the next shop and where floorspace is below 280 square metres. Within a nationally changed policy context there remains clear support for the retention of local shops where policy RT8 can be brought to bear in the determination of applications. Policy

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		<p>LWH1 and supporting information identify potential premises and seek to strengthen consideration of their role before changes of use are allowed.</p> <p>Policy CI1 of the CP 2020 seeks the provision of new community infrastructure through new development and paragraphs 17.11 to 17.15 speak to the importance of protecting existing facilities to ensure basic provision is maintained for all sections of the community. In this context Table 2 supporting policy LWH1 identifies the community facilities in the Neighbourhood Area, their current use, capacity and future requirements.</p> <p>Policy MD4 of the CP 2020 addresses site requirement for a mixed-use housing development at Leckhampton, to include a secondary school which has been developed. Other community facilities to support the additional population are not mentioned in MD4. Emphasis is placed on walking and cycling links to key centres. Figures 4, 5 and 6 of the neighbourhood plan demonstrate the proximity of shops to MD4 and Table 1 indicates the location of relevant community facilities which could be drawn on to serve the needs of people who will live at this site.</p> <p>JCS Policy INF4 sets a number of requirements which policy LWH1 of the draft neighbourhood plan supports through provision of more detailed local information and strategy. Table 1 of the neighbourhood plan provides information to demonstrate use and capacity of community facilities. Figures 4, 5 and 6 highlights the location of local shops in the context of strategic development sites to indicate availability of facilities within reasonable walking distances.</p> <p>Policy LWH1 and supporting information provides detailed local evidence of community infrastructure and local shopping facilities which provide valuable local community resources which can be accessed on foot and which should be protected as far as possible, and improved, in as much as national planning policies will allow.</p>
LWH2 - walking and cycling links	CP 2020 - policy MD4 JCS - Strategic Objective 7, INF1	Policy MD4 of the CP 2020 sets a site-specific requirement for the development of the allocation site at Leckhampton in the form of safe, easy and convenient pedestrian and cycle links within the site and to key centres. Policy LWH2 provides a community view expressed through the policy and supporting information about what key destinations and links are from the local community's perspective.

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		<p>It is a strategic objective of the JCS to promote sustainable transport and key part of this to improving existing walking and cycling routes. This is mentioned in the context of new strategic development sites. At its level of the local community area, policy LWH2 of the neighbourhood plan identifies the key routes and destinations which are important to promoting more walking and cycling in the neighbourhood area. If successful, this could make a contribution to lessening the impacts of increased traffic brought about through planned and speculative housing development in the area.</p> <p>Paragraph 15.3 of the CP 2020 identifies connectivity to infrastructure (to schools, shops and community facilities within neighbourhoods) as a key barrier to walking and cycling. Policy LWH2 and supporting information seeks to identify key destinations and routes that need to be improved in the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>JCS policy INF1 says that all development proposals should ensure that connections are provided to existing walking, cycling and passenger transport networks and to extend or modify existing walking, cycling and public transport networks and links to ensure credible travel choices are provided by sustainable modes. In this context, policy LWH2 and supporting information provide a detailed local community view of important routes and destinations which could be a focus for the delivery of developer and other programmed investment to increase walking and cycling within the area.</p>
LWH3 Local Green Space	CP 2020 - GI1 JCS - INF3	<p>Policy GI1 of the CP2020 sets policy to control development within Local Green Spaces and refers to Table 8 [sic – should be table 7] which identifies a 26.4 hectares parcel of land in Leckhampton as a designated Local Green Space. The CP 2020 is silent on how Local Green Spaces should be managed. Clearly there are potentially important green infrastructure, landscape, biodiversity and leisure considerations.</p> <p>Policy LWH3 sets out management principles governing appropriate development within the local green space which might be required to facilitate a better managed space which delivers across a range of policy objectives.</p> <p>See JCS INF3 relevance discussed in relation to policy LWH4 with which there is considerable cross-over. Part 4 of the policy refers to the need to make provisions for the maintenance of green infrastructure, which is provided in terms of development</p>

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		principles in Policy LWH3.
LWH4 Green Infrastructure	CBLP2006 – GE2 CP2020 - D1 Design, D3 Private Green Space, Para 16.3 incidental green space, CI1 b) developer contributions, CI2 Sports and Open Spaces provision in new residential development JCS - INF3	<p>JCS policy INF3 seeks the conservation and enhancement of a green infrastructure network of local and strategic importance in multifunctional linked green corridors through improvements in the quantity and quality of green infrastructure assets, improvement in linkages between different sites and improvements in design so that green infrastructure networks are cohesive.</p> <p>Policy LWH4 provides a detailed local consideration of how these objectives and principles can be executed within the neighbourhood area based on the management of major green infrastructure assets, linking different assets and designing new green infrastructure so that it is cohesive with adjacent sites and the wider area.</p> <p>CP 2020 policies have a less distinct focus on co-ordinated delivery of green infrastructure network but policies GE2 in saved policies from the 2006 plan, and CP2020 policies D1 Design, D3 Private Green Space, Para 16.3 incidental green space, CI1 b) developer contributions, CI2 Sports and Open Spaces provision in new residential development support elements of green infrastructure provision through new development.</p>
LWH5 Valued Landscape	JCS - SD4, SD6, SD7, INF3 CP2020 - D1, D3, L1, MD4, GI1	<p>JCS policy SD4 sets design principles that should be demonstrated in proposals for new developments. This recognises that new developments should respect their surroundings and the wider setting in which sites are located.</p> <p>SD6 requires development to seek to protect landscape character and to have regard to the distinctiveness and historic character of different landscapes. Paragraph 4.6.3 explains the importance of landscape protection at national and local levels and with reference to the NPPF through which government sets requirements for the planning system to protection and enhance ‘valued landscapes’ within the local environment.</p> <p>SD7 requires all development proposals within the setting of the Cotswold AONB to conserve and where appropriate enhance its landscape, scenic beauty, wildlife, cultural and other special qualities, and for proposals to be consistent with the Cotswold AONB Management Plan.</p> <p>JCS policy INF3 seeks the conservation and enhancement of a green infrastructure network of local and strategic importance in</p>

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		<p>multifunctional linked green corridors through improvements in the quantity and quality of green infrastructure assets, improvement in linkages between different sites and improvements in design so that green infrastructure networks are cohesive. The policy seeks to reinforce positive townscape, landscape and historic environment characteristics.</p> <p>CP 2020 Policy D1 requires new development to complement and respect neighbouring development and the character of the locality and/or landscape.</p> <p>D3 recognises the importance that private green areas, private open spaces and private gardens in contributing to townscape and environmental quality.</p> <p>L1 requires development to avoid harm to the setting of Cheltenham including views in and views out of areas of acknowledged importance.</p> <p>MD4 requires development of this site to take into account landscape impacts and to produce a layout and form of development that respects the visual sensitivity and landscape character of the site as part of the setting for the AONB.</p> <p>GI1 sets policy to control development within Local Green Spaces and refers to Table 8 [sic – should be table 7] which identifies a 26.4 hectares parcel of land in Leckhampton as a designated Local Green Space.</p> <p>Policy LWH5 reflects the established recognition of the Valued Landscape within Leckhampton. A Landscape and Visual Appraisal has been prepared to provide assessment as to how Value Landscape should be addressed in Neighbourhood Plan policies. The main objective is to ensure that the management of Local Green Space (Policy LWH3) the enhancement of Green Infrastructure (Policy LWH4) and the maintenance of Valued Landscape in its two key functions – as a valued area in its own right and as an important the setting for the Cotswold AONB. This has implications for management of the environment through maintenance of green infrastructure as well as ensuring that new development meets the requirements set out in policies of the JCS and CP 2020.</p>
LWH6 local heritage	CP 2020 - HE1 JCS - SD8	Cheltenham Plan Policy HE1 provides policy for the consideration of development proposals relating to Buildings of Local Important and Non-Designated Heritage Assets. This requires a demonstration that:

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		<p>all reasonable steps have been taken to retain the building, including examination of alternative uses compatible with its local importance; and</p> <p>retention of the building, even with alterations, would be demonstrably impracticable; and</p> <p>the public benefits of the redevelopment scheme outweigh the retention of the building.</p> <p>Development proposals that would affect a locally important or non-designated heritage asset, including its setting, will be required to have regard to the scale of any harm or loss to the significance of the heritage asset.</p> <p>Policy LWH6 identifies local non-designated heritage assets within the neighbourhood area in accordance with guidance from Historic England. This sits entirely within the framework provided by CP 2020 policy HE1.</p> <p>Policy LWH6 is in conformity with JCS policy SD8 through its identification of local non-designated heritage assets that contributes to the distinctive local character of the neighbourhood area, the importance of which should be considered when development proposals come forward.</p>
LWH7 flood risk	CP 2020 - MD4, CI1(j) JCS - INF2	<p>CP 2020 policy MD4 sets a number of requirements for new development at Leckhampton to mitigate flood risk.</p> <p>Policy CI1 (j) says that planning obligations from new development can include flood risk management measures.</p> <p>JCS policy INF2 says that minimising the risk of flooding and providing resilience to flooding will be achieved by working with key partners to ensure that such risks are appropriately mitigated.</p> <p>Policy LWH6 and the supporting chapter illustrate that this should include dialogue with local communities. Increasingly with extreme weather events, sudden and heavy rainfall overwhelms drainage channels and urban drainage infrastructure outside of flood risk models. The people living in the neighbourhood area have firsthand experience of flood risk events in this way. Policy LWH6 presents community information based in experience to raise awareness of the propensity for certain effects to occur in extreme weather events and provides policy for consideration as planning applications are brought forward.</p>

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA Directive 2001/42/EC)

Habitats Regulations Assessment (Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC)

14. The Working Group requested a screening opinion for SEA and HRA from Cheltenham Borough Council. In November 2022, a response was issued in the form of a Determination Statement and a formal Screening Opinion. The Screening Opinion is attached as **Appendix 3**. The concluding section of the Determination Statement stated that:

5.1 The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate any development sites.

5.2 With regard to SEA, the Council has had due regard to the statutory consultee responses from the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England and the criteria within Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations in coming to a view on whether the proposed Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects. Having taken all of the relevant policies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan into account, it is the Council's opinion that a full SEA is not required for the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan.

5.3 With regard to the Habitats Regulations and whether an Appropriate Assessment is required, the site is located within 15km of Cotswolds Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The SAC consists of ancient beech woodland, some secondary woodland and a small area of unimproved grassland. The woods represent one of the most westerly extensive blocks of beech forests in Europe and are floristically rich compared to other similar sites.

5.4 Assessment of the plan by statutory consultees including Natural England together with Cheltenham Borough Council has not led to the identification of any matters that would either alone or in combination have a significant impact on any European Site.

5.5 Cheltenham Borough Council considers that the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan will not have a significant effect on any identified European site including the Cotswolds Beechwoods SAC and that therefore further assessment under the Habitats Regulations is not required. This is supported by the response from Natural England.

Human Rights Legislation

15. The Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan has regard to and is compatible with the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights. The main issues for planning in the context of human rights are: protection of property, right to respect for private and family life and prohibition of discrimination. The NDP complies with the requirements of the Human Rights Act 1998. All reasonable attempts were made to ensure that all Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish residents, including those living outside the Neighbourhood Area but within the Parish, and all relevant stakeholders, were given the opportunity to contribute to and comment upon the NDP.

Appendix 1 – Designation Decision for Neighbourhood Area

This Appendix contains Cheltenham Borough Council's Cabinet Report (Cabinet held on 15th September 2015) to support determination of a request for designation of the Neighbourhood Area by Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council. The Parish Council's written request for designation is appended to the Cabinet Report.

The appendix also contains the minutes of the meeting relating to the approval of the designation of the Neighbourhood Area as requested.

Cheltenham Borough Council

Cabinet 15th September 2015

Leckhampton and Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan Area Application

Accountable member	Councillor Jordan – Leader
Accountable officer	Tracey Crews – Head of Planning
Ward(s) affected	Potentially several
Executive summary	<p>Cheltenham Borough Council has a statutory duty to advise or assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP). The Localism Act 2011 set out the Local Planning Authority's (LPA) responsibilities including designating Neighbourhood Plan Areas by inserting provisions into the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).</p> <p>An application to designate a Neighbourhood Plan Area has been received from Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council. This application has been assessed against the requirements set out in the legislation and is considered to meet the requirements to enable designation of the Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>Approval of this application enables Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the area covered by the designation.</p>
Recommendations	<p>1. To APPROVE the designation of a Neighbourhood Area covering Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish.</p>

<p>Financial implications</p>	<p>Additional financial contributions are available from DCLG to support Neighbourhood Planning. This is in recognition of the legal obligations placed upon the Council to provide advice and support to those seeking to introduce an N.D.P. This advice and support also includes arranging for the examination of the N.D.P. and the referendum on the N.D.P. The Council may submit claims to the D.C.L.G.to cover the expenditure within the set limits. At present a local authority may submit claims of up to £30,000 for each completed N.D.P. for consideration by the D.C.L.G. It should be noted that those promoting the N.D.P. may also apply for funding of up to £7,000 for the costs of preparing an N.D.P. The financial support is subject to general limits whereby a Council may only claim up to £100,000 per annum for up to 20 area designations and up to £25,000 per annum for up to 5 forum designations.</p> <p>There will be resource implications for Officers due to the requirement to provide some assistance and advise communities in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan; checking a submitted Plan meets legal requirements, arranging for the independent examination of the Plan; determining whether the Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements, arranging a referendum, and, subject to the results of the referendum, bringing the Plan into force.</p> <p>The resource implications are corporate-wide including Environment and Regulatory Services, Commissioning, Financial Services, Democratic Services and One Legal.</p> <p>Appropriate claims to the DCLG will need to be made to ensure the additional cost burden to the Council is mitigated.</p> <p>Contact officer: Nina Philippidis, Business Partner Accountant nina.philippidis@cheltenham.gov.uk, 01242 264121</p>
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Legal implications	<p>This work is pursuant to Sections 61G and 61H of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as inserted by the Localism Act 2011 and applied by Section 38C of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.</p> <p>A Parish Council is authorised to act in relation to a Neighbourhood Area if that area consists of or includes the whole or any part of the area of the Parish Council. If that Neighbourhood Area also includes the whole or any part of the area of another Parish Council, the Parish Council is authorised to act in relation to that Neighbourhood Area only if the other Parish Council has given their consent.</p> <p>A Neighbourhood Area means an area that has been designated by a Local Planning Authority as a Neighbourhood Area, but the power to designate a Neighbourhood Area is exercisable only where a Parish Council has applied for the designation of an area that consists of or includes the whole or any part of the area of the Council.</p> <p>In determining an application the Local Planning Authority must have regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the desirability of designating the whole of the area of a Parish Council as a Neighbourhood Area; and b) the desirability of maintaining the existing boundaries of areas already designated as Neighbourhood Areas. <p>Contact officer: Michael Jones, Michael.jones@tewkesbury.gov.uk, 01684 272013</p>
HR implications (including learning and organisational development)	<p>There are no staffing or Trade Union implications.</p> <p>Contact officer: Julie McCarthy, julie.mccarthy@cheltenham.gov.uk, 01242 777249</p>
Key risks	<p>As a statutory process failure to determine a neighbourhood plan area application runs the risk of the parish councils being unable to proceed with the neighbourhood plans. It is possible for a local authority not to approve the neighbourhood area, but it must show why the proposed area does not support the aim and objectives of the any eventual neighbourhood plan.</p>
Environmental/Social/Equality Implications	<p>There are no known implications at this stage; however a neighbourhood development plan may require a strategic environmental assessment (SEA) under the EU Regulations and/or a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA). This will depend on the content of the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans could have implications for biodiversity, habitats, energy usage, waste and recycling and/or protected species. These would need to be considered by the body preparing the Plan as appropriate.</p> <p>The responsibility resides with the Parish Council however the Council may wish to support the Parish Council to undertake a SEA/HRA screening of draft plans to determine whether a SEA and/or HRA will be required.</p>

1. Background

- 1.1 The planning system helps decide what gets built, where and when. It is essential for supporting economic growth, improving people's quality of life, and protecting the natural environment. The Government's intention is to give local communities a greater say in planning decisions by providing the opportunity to prepare a 'Neighbourhood Development Plan', also known as a Neighbourhood Plan (NP).
- 1.2 Neighbourhood planning was introduced through the Localism Act 2011 with specific legislation the *Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012* and subsequently amended by the *Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2015* came into force in April 2012 and February 2015 respectively. The report will refer to these as "the 2012 Regulations".
- 1.3 NPs are a statutory community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area. NPs relate to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. NPs can establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in a neighbourhood, for example where new homes and offices should be built and what they should look like. The NP can be detailed or general, depending what local people want. However, NPs still need to meet the needs of the wider area, which will be set out through the Joint Core Strategy and the Cheltenham Plan.
- 1.4 NPs will be subject to full public engagement, examination and a public referendum. Once adopted a NP will form part of the statutory development plan (along with the Joint Core Strategy and Cheltenham Plan), which is used for guiding decisions on planning applications. Cheltenham Borough is not a fully parished borough so it is not reasonable to state the qualifying body must be a Parish Council.
- 1.5 The presumption is that local authorities will designate neighbourhood areas on existing parish boundaries unless there is a valid planning reason not to do so. In non-parished areas, community and business groups can still apply but they must be able to demonstrate that they qualify as a relevant body and that its neighbourhood area/boundaries can be justified. They will be classified as a neighbourhood forum. There are specific rules associated with running a forum.
- 1.6 This is the first application the Council has received to designate Neighbourhood Area and the applicant is a Parish Council.
- 1.7 There are five key stages to neighbourhood planning.
- 1.8 **Stage 1: defining the neighbourhood (current stage).** Parish Council, community groups or business groups apply to the Local Planning Authority for their area to be designated. The Local Authority determines the application using criteria established in the Localism Act and the 2012 Regulations.
- 1.9 **Stage 2: preparing the Plan.** The Parish Council (or community group) will need to prioritise their early ideas, and draw up their Plans according to the following rules:
 - a) they must be in conformity with local and national strategic planning policies;
 - b) they must be in conformity with the law;
 - c) neighbourhood planning cannot be used to block the building of new homes and businesses identified in the Council's development plans. They can, however, use Neighbourhood Planning to influence the type, design, location and mix of new development;
 - d) NPs must contribute to achieving sustainable development; and
 - e) the NP must also be subject to public consultation.

- 1.10 Stage 3: independent check.** Once a NP has been prepared, an independent examiner will check that it meets the right basic standards. If the Plan does not meet the right standards the examiner will recommend changes. The Local Planning Authority will then need to consider the examiner's views and decide whether to make those changes. If the examiner recommends significant changes, then the Parish Council or neighbourhood forum may decide to consult the local community again before proceeding.
- 1.11 Stage 4: community referendum.** The Council will organise a referendum on any Plan that meets the basic standards. This ensures that the community has the final say on whether a NP comes into force. People living in the neighbourhood who are registered to vote in local elections will be entitled to vote in the referendum. If more than 50% of people voting in the referendum support the plan, then the Local Planning Authority must bring it into force.
- 1.12 Stage 5: legal force.** Once a NP is 'made' (i.e. it is in force), it carries real legal weight. Decision makers are obliged to consider proposals for development in the neighbourhood against the NP.
- 1.13** Local Planning Authorities have a statutory duty to advise or assist communities in the preparation of NPs and to take Plans through a process of independent examination. The Council's responsibilities include:
- Designating the area of the NP;
 - Advising or assisting communities in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan;
 - Checking a submitted Plan meets legal requirements;
 - Arranging for the independent examination of the Plan;
 - Determining whether the NP meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements;
 - Arranging a referendum to ensure that the local community has the final say on whether a NP comes into force in their area; and
 - Subject to the results of the referendum, bringing the Plan into force.

2. Process for designation of a Neighbourhood Area

- 2.1** The 2012 Regulations specify that the following must be submitted by the relevant body:
- A map identifying the proposed Neighbourhood Area (Regulation 5(1)(a));
 - A statement explaining why the area is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area (Regulation 5(1)(b)); and
 - A statement explaining that the body making the area application is capable of being a relevant body (Regulation 5(1)(c)).
- 2.2** Prior to the Council determining the application the Council is required to publicise the application for a period of not less than four weeks to invite representations on the proposal. The application is required to be publicised on the Borough Council's website and in any other such manner as is considered likely to bring the application to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the area to which the application relates.
- 2.3** The Local Authority is required to determine the application within eight weeks of first being publicised having regard to the following matters set out in Sections 61G and 61H of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the 2012 Regulations:

- 1) Is the organisation making the application a relevant body?
- 2) Is the area identified for designation as a Neighbourhood Area considered appropriate?
- 3) Would the area more appropriately be designated as a business area i.e. the area is wholly or predominantly in business use?
- 4) Does the area overlap with another designated area?
- 5) Any comments received during the public consultation.

3. Leckhampton with Warden Hill Application

3.1 An application to designate Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Area was approved by Council on 20 July 2015 to begin a four week consultation period. The consultation ran from 11th August and closed 2nd September 2015. The application was published on the Council's website (www.cheltenham.gov.uk/info/1004/planning_policy/1155/neighbourhood_plans) and was made available in the following locations:

- On all notice boards managed by the parish council across Leckhampton and Warden Hill area; Municipal Offices; Charlton Kings Library; Cheltenham Library; Hesters Way Library and Community Resource Centre; Prestbury Library, Up Hatherley Library; Bishop's Cleeve Library; Springbank Community Resource Centre, Cheltenham West End Partnership Community Resource Centre; and Oakley Community Resource Centre.

3.2 The application has been considered and assessed against the matters set out in section two:

- 1) Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council qualifies as a relevant body to make an application;
- 2) The area proposed to be designated consists of a 'Parished' area, the whole of the Parish is covered, which is recognised as a distinct area and understood locally;
- 3) The area proposed for designation cannot be described as being wholly or predominantly in business use and, therefore, it would be inappropriate to designate the area as a business area;
- 4) There are no other designated areas that overlap with the proposed area; and
- 5) Over 350 representations have been received in respect of this designation; Approximately 350 in support and 1 left no comment (see appendix 4).

3.3 The large number of responses received demonstrates a good level of public support for the designation. On the basis of these points raised above and public support, officers can see no planning reason to object to this application. Officers recommend the designation should be approved and the parish council should be enabled to continue to produce their neighbourhood plan.

4. Relevant Council Policies and Strategies

4.1 The following plans are considered relevant:

- Cheltenham Borough Council Local Plan, Second Review (adopted July 2006)
- Joint Core Strategy: Submission version (November 2014).

- Emerging Cheltenham Plan (part one). Issues and Options consultation: June to August 2015.

5. Alternative options Considered

- 5.1** The neighbourhood area application process is a statutory requirement, so for this reason there is no suitable alternative to its production. Sign off has been delegated to Cabinet as per the Council's recommendation on 20th July 2015.

6. Consultation and feedback

- 6.1** The prescribed date for determining an area application is '*eight weeks from the date immediately following that on which the application is first publicised*'.

7. Performance management –monitoring and review

- 7.1** The main consideration for the Council is to ensure it carries out its duty to determine the application within eight weeks of the application first being publicised. This has been achieved.

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Appendices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Risk Assessment 2. Application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area 3. National Planning Practice Guidance: Neighbourhood Planning 4. Consultation Representations
Background information	All background information regarding the application will be made available on the Council's website.

Risk Assessment

Appendix 1

The risk				Original risk score (Impact x Likelihood)			Managing risk				
Risk ref.	Risk description	Risk Owner	Date raised	Impact 1-5	Likelihood 1-5	Score	Control	Action	Deadline	Responsible officer	Transferred to risk register
	There are no equality impact risks related to the document										
	There are no environmental risks related to the document										
	There is a legal issue in that if the Neighbourhood area application is not published and publicised by the Council now that it has been received, the Council could be acting unlawfully There are potential legal risks including a possible legal challenge.	Tracey Crews	14.7.15	2	2	4	Accept	None	N/A	Tracey Crews	N/A
Explanatory notes											
Impact – an assessment of the impact if the risk occurs on a scale of 1-5 (1 being least impact and 5 being major or critical)											
Likelihood – how likely is it that the risk will occur on a scale of 1-6 (1 being almost impossible, 2 is very low, 3 is low, 4 significant, 5 high and 6 a very high probability)											
Control - Either: Reduce / Accept / Transfer to 3rd party / Close											

The Parish Council of Leckhampton with Warden Hill

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

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Ms Tracey Crews
Planning Manager
Cheltenham Borough Council
Municipal Offices
Promenade
Cheltenham
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11th June 2015

Dear Tracey,

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

Please find enclosed, as previously mentioned, the Council's application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area, which you will see covers the entire parish area of Leckhampton with Warden Hill.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Winstone
Clerk to the Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012
DESIGNATION OF **LECKHAMPTON WITH WARDEN HILL** AS A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

Application

This Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area is made under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 5 (1), Part 2 SI. 2012 No. 637

Purpose

The purpose of the application is to enable Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council to undertake neighbourhood planning, and in particular to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan further to the Local Green Space Application and Neighbourhood Plan Concept submitted to Cheltenham Borough Council in August 2013.

Area

The Neighbourhood Area defined by the Parish Council for the purposes of neighbourhood planning is the whole of the parish of Leckhampton with Warden Hill. The Neighbourhood Area will sit comfortably with the electorate

Shown on the **Designation Map** (NP1) - attached.

Statement of suitability of defined area

The entirety of the parish of Leckhampton with Warden Hill is the area most appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area for planning purposes, as it is a recognised and clearly defined area. The parish area has clear physical and social identity as well as community focus. It has residential areas, community facilities, open spaces, and abuts the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The parish area includes, and is surrounded by, semi-rural countryside areas of open spaces and other areas including areas of special landscape value.

The area is consistent with the concept of a neighbourhood area as intended by the Act and all of the area can be included in the Neighbourhood Plan despite the inclusion of part of the area as a strategic allocation in the Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Gloucester Joint Core Strategy Submission Document.

Statement of suitability of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council

Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council is a 'relevant body' for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act, and is therefore qualified to undertake neighbourhood planning. It is a democratically elected body incorporated under statute and representing the whole community within Leckhampton with Warden Hill.

Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council has long standing experience in working with and representing the local community including dealing with planning matters under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and has a well established relationship with the Local Planning Authority and indeed submitted a Local Green Space Application and Neighbourhood Plan Concept Plan to Cheltenham Borough Council in August 2013.

Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council is committed to ensuring that future planning within this area reflects the community's wishes and as such wants to work co-operatively with Cheltenham Borough Council and other statutory bodies and to fully engage with other organisations and interests.

Annex. SI. 2012 No. 637 in force 6th April 2012. & Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012
Extract. PART 2 Neighbourhood Areas

Application for designation of a neighbourhood area

5.(1) Where a relevant body(12) submits an area application to the local planning authority it must include—

- (a) a map which identifies the area to which the area application relates;
- (b) a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and
- (c) a statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

(2) A local planning authority may decline to consider an area application if the relevant body has already made an area application and a decision has not yet been made on that application.

Publicising an area application

6. As soon as possible after receiving an area application from a relevant body, a local planning authority must publicise the following on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the area application to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the area to which the area application relates—

- (a) a copy of the area application;
- (b) details of how to make representations; and
- (c) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised.

Publicising a designation of a neighbourhood area etc

7.—(1) As soon as possible after designating a neighbourhood area, a local planning authority must publish the following on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the designation to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—

- (a) the name of the neighbourhood area;
- (b) a map which identifies the area; and
- (c) the name of the relevant body who applied for the designation.

(2) As soon as possible after deciding to refuse to designate a neighbourhood area, a local planning authority must publish the following on their website and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the refusal to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area —

- (a) a document setting out the decision and a statement of their reasons for making that decision (“the decision document”); and
- (b) details of where and when the decision document may be inspected.

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Memorandum

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 No. 637

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Communities and Local Government and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1 The Regulations set out the procedure for the designation of neighbourhood areas and neighbourhood forums and for the preparation of neighbourhood development plans and neighbourhood development orders (including community right to build orders). A separate instrument will be brought forward in relation to neighbourhood planning referendums.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 The Regulations are the first exercise of the powers in sections 61E to G, 61L and 61M of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("the 1990 Act") and sections 38A and B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ("the 2004 Act").

3.2 As the Regulations make amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011, we have taken this opportunity to correct a number of typographical errors in that instrument, including four points which the JCSI reported on in its 30th Report (2010-12 session).

4. Legislative Context

4.1 Chapter 3 of Part 6 of the Localism Act 2011 creates a new neighbourhood planning regime in England mainly by inserting new provisions into the 1990 Act and the 2004 Act (see Part 1 of Schedule 9, and Schedules 10 and 11, for the provisions inserted into the 1990 Act, and Part 2 of Schedule 9 for the provisions inserted into the 2004 Act).

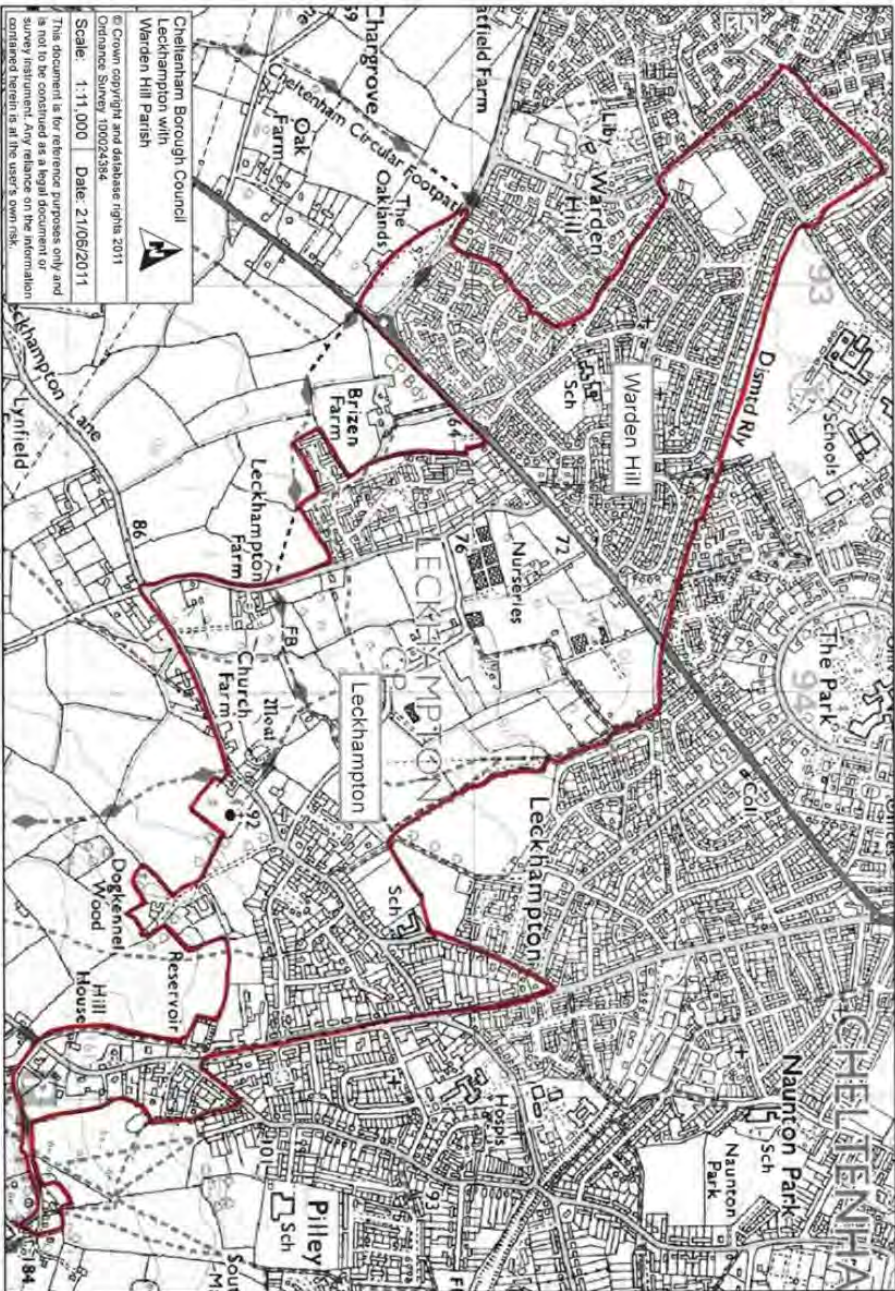
4.2 The 1990 Act provides that within a designated neighbourhood area a parish council or a designated neighbourhood forum may propose a neighbourhood development order and Schedule 4B (as read with the modifications in Schedule 4C for community right to build orders) sets out the framework for making such orders.

4.3 The 2004 Act provides that within a designated neighbourhood area a parish council or a designated neighbourhood forum may propose a neighbourhood development plan and Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act (as applied, with modifications, by section 38A of the 2004 Act) sets out the framework for making such plans.

4.4 The Regulations build on the statutory frameworks in the 1990 Act and the 2004 Act in relation to the process for designating neighbourhood areas and neighbourhood forums and the preparation of neighbourhood development plans and neighbourhood development orders.

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**LECKHAMPTON WITH WARDEN HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA
APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION PLAN NP1 - JUNE 2015**



<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/?print=true>

Consultation Representations

Appendix 4

Name	Comment
Julian Cox	we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Shelagh Cox	we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Nicola dyer	we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden hill parish as a neighbourhood plan area.
Tim Bradshaw	we strongly support the proposal for the designation of leckhampton with Warden hill parish as a neighbourhood plan area.
Elizabeth Dalglish	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jo Stock	<i>I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.</i>
Gareth Parry	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Lucy Parry	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Gillian Kelly	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Richard Kelly	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Mark Stewart	<i>We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.</i>
Alexa Stewart	<i>We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.</i>
Martin Horwood	For the record, I strongly support the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish as a neighbourhood plan area. It is a shame that awareness of this consultation has been pretty low and that the consultation has taken place over the summer holidays. I am confident that local people would have expressed overwhelming support for the parish's neighbourhood planning approach if they had been more widely aware of the implications.
Vivienne Matthews	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Margaret White.	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Klara Sudbury	We are writing to express our strong support for the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We also support the application to protect part of land in Leckhampton through the Local Green Space allocation. The plans have had a great deal of work put into them & reflect the value local residents as well as the wider Leckhampton community place on the fields in Leckhampton.
Dave Sudbury	We are writing to express our strong support for the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We also support the application to protect part of land in Leckhampton through the Local Green Space allocation. The plans have had a great deal of work put into them & reflect the value local residents as well as the wider Leckhampton community place on the fields in Leckhampton.
Graham Holder	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Caroline Holder	This area needs to be protected from development as it is so important to protect the marvellous view of the Cotswold escarpment on the entry into Cheltenham, plus it's use for recreation by so many people in the area without using a car.

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Name	Comment
Chris Bird	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan
Sue Bird	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan
Valerie Beddow	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Mark McCarthy	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Andrea McCarthy	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Pearl Smith	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area
Heather Smith	Regarding the consultation about the proposal for designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal.
Timothy A H Smith	Regarding the consultation about the proposal for designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area, I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal.
Jo Teakle	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mike Teakle	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Christina Turner	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Mike Turner	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
G Ratcliffe	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
A Ratcliffe	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Peter Sands	I am emailing to express support for the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
C J Agombar	We are writing to inform you that we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
S S Anderson	We are writing to inform you that we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Michael J Robins	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a neighbourhood plan area
Margaret A Robins	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a neighbourhood plan area
Mark Hopper	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Nicola Hopper	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Alison Harris	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Dave Harris	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Margaret Crompton	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Neville Crompton	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Alan Brown	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

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Ann Brown	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Simon Brown	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Laila Lewis	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Rajive Sharma	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Iain Stewart	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Amanda Stewart	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Donald Biddle	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs Biddle	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Tony Croucher	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
	Is it any wonder there have been no responses to the so called Neighbourhood Plan? I am fairly in touch with what is going on locally but had no idea this existed and that I needed to respond to it. Having responded several times to the JCS, and more recently the Local Plan, which I only found out about by chance, you are expecting people to respond to yet another document which 99% of the population have no idea exists! I guess this is a way of wearing us all down and making the whole process so complicated that you can state that no one cares about it because of the lack of responses! I believe the Leckhampton Neighbourhood Plan supports the Local Green Space application for Leckhampton which had over 1500 resident responses in support of. Is this not enough to convince the council that this is a much loved area which people do not want to see under concrete. I repeat why do we have to keep responding to different documents all about the same thing. We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jo Furley	
	Is it any wonder there have been no responses to the so called Neighbourhood Plan? I am fairly in touch with what is going on locally but had no idea this existed and that I needed to respond to it. Having responded several times to the JCS, and more recently the Local Plan, which I only found out about by chance, you are expecting people to respond to yet another document which 99% of the population have no idea exists! I guess this is a way of wearing us all down and making the whole process so complicated that you can state that no one cares about it because of the lack of responses! I believe the Leckhampton Neighbourhood Plan supports the Local Green Space application for Leckhampton which had over 1500 resident responses in support of. Is this not enough to convince the council that this is a much loved area which people do not want to see under concrete. I repeat why do we have to keep responding to different documents all about the same thing. We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Chris Furley	
Sonia Esplen	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. I find it hard to understand why Leglag are being told " that not one single person has responded to the Consultation for the Leckhampton Neighbourhood Plan, which strongly supports the Local Green Spaces in Leckhampton" so below is a copy of the response I sent for the previous consultation.
Wendy Woodward	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Steve Woodward	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Aaron Woodward	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

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Anne McIntosh	We are extremely angry that this appears to have been poorly organised. Just a few weeks ago we filled in and returned to the LWWHPC a lengthy questionnaire sent out by them, included in which was questions about Local Green Spaces. Further to that on 3rd Aug I responded to the Cheltenham Plan Consultation, in which I focused on Leckhampton. And now we have this, which I am told is in addition to the JCS. This is our response: We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Ian White	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Sarah Shaw	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Tim Bradshaw	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. Our family regularly uses the field to the south of farm land which is currently threatened with housing development and would welcome any addition green space.
Nicola Dyer	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. Our family regularly uses the field to the south of farm land which is currently threatened with housing development and would welcome any addition green space.
Maise Dyer Bradshaw	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. Our family regularly uses the field to the south of farm land which is currently threatened with housing development and would welcome any addition green space.
Jacob Dyer Bradshaw	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. Our family regularly uses the field to the south of farm land which is currently threatened with housing development and would welcome any addition green space.
<i>Mr Menzies</i>	<i>We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.</i>
<i>Mrs Menzies</i>	<i>We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.</i>
Michael J. Mackenzie	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Gillian Barrett	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
David Phillips	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Diane Phillips	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
J C Hedworth	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Philip Lee	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jennifer Lee	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
David Catlow	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Sandra Catlow	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Elizabeth Yearsley	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Roger Yearsley	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.

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Martin Howman	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We must preserve as much of our precious green fields as we can for current and future generations.
Rosemary Howman	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We must preserve as much of our precious green fields as we can for current and future generations.
Mark Savage	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Margaret Martin	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton and Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Colin Martin	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton and Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Elwyn Rosser-Smith	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Helen Rosser-Smith	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Louise Gilchrist	We are writing to register our support for the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Boyd Gilchrist	We are writing to register our support for the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Clr Duncan Smith	We write in support of the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs Helen Smith	We write in support of the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs Y Jowett	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mr C Jowett	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Anna Okbury	I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to designate Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Phillip Winch	We strongly support the proposal of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Ann Winch	We strongly support the proposal of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jenny Hopkins	We strongly support the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Graham Hopkins	We strongly support the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
David Miles	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jill Miles	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mary Lewis	As a local resident of Leckhampton I would like to have my view taken into account and therefore please note that I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton and Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Mr J Millson	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Mrs C Millson	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Brian Tarling	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jenny Tarling	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

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Peter Crabtree	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area
Susan Crabtree	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area
James Parker	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Frank Barnfather	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area
Andrew Thompson	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Carol Thompson	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Imogen Thompson	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Louise Parker	<p>I'm writing in response to the Consultation to the Leckhampton Neighbourhood Plan and to support the Local Green Spaces in Leckhampton. I live off the Shurdington Road and I know the area very well. I know that in all the consultations they have done when looking at building on their green fields they have missed a number of points. They have missed the fact that Shurdington Road flash floods when we have a downpour, at the point where the stream crosses under the road near Kenelm Gardens and Highwood Avenue. More than twenty thousand cars use that road every day, the smallest disruption can cause very long tail backs, even in quiet traffic hours. They also wouldn't know that during periods of heavy rain that water rises through a storm drain very near where Woodlands Road joins Shurdington Road and runs down the slope. The water board assures me that it's not a burst pipe, it's ground water. I know those things because I live here. I didn't walk around on a sunny day and think that it looks like it'll be fine. Any building on those fields will lead to flooding in the area if we lose that soak away space. Something else I know because I live here is that the traffic at where Church Road meets Leckhampton Road and around around Moorend Road where Leckhampton Junior School is found, is at critical mass between 3 and 4pm when the school turns out. This is dangerous. I was told when I enquired at the last meeting that any traffic surveys are carried out between 5 and 6pm and any other results will be ignored. It's very difficult to ignore hundreds more cars travelling down a road that is parked up on both sides so cars have to wait and dart into any spaces, which is dangerous when little children are crossing the road. Lots of people are going to tell you about traffic on Shurdington road, pollution at above EU maximum recommended levels as a result, and ridiculous pressure on secondary school places on the south side of Cheltenham where there is only room for 93% of the 11-16 year olds we already have living here. All of those are important points. But perhaps the major point to make is that once lost, these fields, ancient hedgerows, trees and spaces will never be replaced, or repaired. They are a precious natural resource for all of us, not just those who live in Leckhampton. They are part of the glorious view from the hill top over the town and they are a resource for all sorts of activities and wildlife. Please please, leave these spaces alone</p>
Dr DJ Smith	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mr A Reynolds	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Deborah J Hicks	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs D James	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a neighbourhood plan. Any building in these area are NOT properly thought out.
Peter Cox	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area

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Janet Loftus	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Clare Earl	I would like to express my support for the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood plan. Anything that helps protect the beautiful open countryside in our area is a step forward.
Helen Smith	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Christina Henry	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Leckhampton Neighbourhood Plan, especially as I did not get the opportunity to respond to the Local Green Space application because of the short consultation time available given the Cheltenham Borough Council deadline of 26th January 2015. I have lived on Church Road, Leckhampton for over 23 years. We regularly walk in the beautiful countryside all weathers and feel lucky to be able to use the green, open space nearby. However, in that time the traffic volume has increased and become noisy, dangerous and aggressive. I am too scared to cycle on the road and getting out of the car or crossing the road is hazardous when drivers travelling in either direction are so belligerent. Drivers using Church Road have also damaged my car numerous times and each time they have failed to stop. I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area and I would be grateful if you would please take my view into account. Thank you again.
Eleanor R Will	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Tabitha Gilchrist	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
James Gilchrist	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Ken Flemmons	This is to let you know that we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Pauline Flemmons	This is to let you know that we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
James Hawkins	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Emma Hawkins	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs V Ashton	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton Hill with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Shirley Wood	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Debbie Kersley	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Robert Smart	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Nettie Edwards	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mary Nortcliffe	We would like to write in support of the application named above. Having lived and worked within the boundary of the Neighbourhood Area defined by this application we recognise its cohesiveness as an area and assert that it has a genuine identity of its own.
John Nortcliffe	We would like to write in support of the application named above. Having lived and worked within the boundary of the Neighbourhood Area defined by this application we recognise its cohesiveness as an area and assert that it has a genuine identity of its own.

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Donald Mackenzie	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We have lived in this area for 40 years and are keen walkers making full use of the existing green spaces.
Ann Mackenzie	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We have lived in this area for 40 years and are keen walkers making full use of the existing green spaces.
David Tilley	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mike Vonk	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area
Jan Vonk	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area
Mr J D Stewart	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Sally Hemming	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Tim Hemming	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Rosemary Neal	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. I have already written an full explanatory email, but apparently you have not received it. Please acknowledge receipt of this email.
Paul Hayward	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Nicola Hayward	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Kevin Day	I am writing on behalf of my wife and I who strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Suzy Day	I am writing on behalf of my wife and I who strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Barbara Carter	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mr A T Hills	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs C M Hills	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Khrisa Moxey	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Nicholas Mann	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Cornelia Mann	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Fred Ashmore	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Anne Ashmore	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
David Charles Long	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area
Valerie S M Hopkins	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton and Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Michael J Hopkins	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton and Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.

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Anne Wilson	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Peter Wilson	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jonathan Stott	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Helen Stott	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs K Kromm	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
T J Wilding	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mr Limbrick	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs Limbrick	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Hilary Saxby	I understand from LEGLAG that there is a neighbourhood plan which supports the Local Green Space application. I have consulted the document online and fully support its aims, particularly as it is based on the NPPF. I did not know that there was a public consultation on this plan before but I would strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. Our main concern should be to protect our countryside and all its wildlife for our children and future generations to appreciate so that they in turn can appreciate the need for conservation and protection of our environment which is essential for our future survival. Alongside the well documented existing problems with traffic on our local roads and resulting air pollution I don't think the increased flood risk with major developments is being taken seriously enough. Thank you for all you are doing. It is much appreciated.
Mark Beard	We as a family of five strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Wardenhill parish as a neighbourhood plan area.
Rebecca Beard	We as a family of five strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Wardenhill parish as a neighbourhood plan area.
Matthew Beard	We as a family of five strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Wardenhill parish as a neighbourhood plan area.
Jack Beard	We as a family of five strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Wardenhill parish as a neighbourhood plan area.
Katy Beard	We as a family of five strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Wardenhill parish as a neighbourhood plan area.
Kathryne Gray	We strongly support the proposal of Leckhampton with Wardenhill parish as a neighbourhood plan area.
Peter Gray	We strongly support the proposal of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
SM Wilding	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Martin Williams	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jan Williams	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Eric Miller	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Robin Brooks	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Julie Brooks	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Duncan Brooks	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

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Peter Daniels	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We very much value a green space area to walk and exercise dogs etc. being very valuable for our health. We appear to be getting built around with far less recreational area than the centre of London and need a corridor of green space up to Leckhampton hill, where I regularly walk and enables me to enjoy the Cotswold Way walking from home and coming back on the bus fro Painswick or Winchcombe or making a circular walk and back through the Leckhampton Fields.
Dorothy Daniels	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We very much value a green space area to walk and exercise dogs etc. being very valuable for our health. We appear to be getting built around with far less recreational area than the centre of London and need a corridor of green space up to Leckhampton hill, where I regularly walk and enables me to enjoy the Cotswold Way walking from home and coming back on the bus fro Painswick or Winchcombe or making a circular walk and back through the Leckhampton Fields.
Gill Nutz	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
John millington	I strongly support the local plan for Leckhampton and Warden Hill. We need to make sure that adequate green spaces are kept for health, recreation and for landscape.
Steve Kelly	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We particularly wish to support Local Green Spaces in Leckhampton.
Barbara Kelly	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We particularly wish to support Local Green Spaces in Leckhampton.
Shona Sutcliffe	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Terry Mullins	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Dave Mullins	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Vic Ellis	This is to confirm that we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Stella Ellis	This is to confirm that we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jane Hawley	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Paul Byrne	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Chris Tett	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Megan Tett	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Christine Harrod	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Robin Harrod	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

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Alister Marshall	Please could you register my support for the proposal to designate 'Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish' as a Neighbourhood Plan area? I think that this is an excellent idea, as it places control over where building work may proceed in the hands of those people who will be most affected by that work.
Mr Carol Bennett	We, Carol and Maureen Bennett strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. This support follows the support we have expressed for Local Green Spaces.
Mrs Maureen Bennett	We, Carol and Maureen Bennett strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. This support follows the support we have expressed for Local Green Spaces.
Rachel Abbott	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill as a neighbourhood plan area.
Mr WT Boothroyd	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area
Mrs AHW Boothroyd	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area
Gareth Evans	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Bridget Farrer	My partner and I strongly support Leckhampton's Local Green Space application. Leckhampton is a beautiful village and such an area will enhance its beauty and give the local people a permanent space for leisure activities and the appreciation of the landscape .
Malcolm Reid	My partner and I strongly support Leckhampton's Local Green Space application. Leckhampton is a beautiful village and such an area will enhance its beauty and give the local people a permanent space for leisure activities and the appreciation of the landscape .
Derek Sobey	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We live in Shurdington which is adjacent to Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish and are likely to be impacted by such a plan
Jo Sobey	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We live in Shurdington which is adjacent to Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish and are likely to be impacted by such a plan
Richard Fenley	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Denise Fenley	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Collin Scaife	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Valerie Scaife	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Dr WM Oxbury	I wanted to email to express my strong support for the proposal to designate Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. This area has outstanding value as a green space and many of us have been increasingly concerned at the recent pressure for inappropriate development. I firmly back LEGLAG in its attempts, on our behalf, to defend these green spaces.
Dr IMRoberts	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs EAH Roberts	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
John Parfitt	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area and request that this is acknowledged as the proposal is processed.

Name	Comment
Victoria Parfitt	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area and request that this is acknowledged as the proposal is processed.
John Rood	
Andrew Chard	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs Waterhouse	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan.
Mr Waterhouse	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan.
Anthony Langford	As a former County, and District Councillor and former Leckhampton Parish Council Chair, I wish to stress my support for the Plan as it reflects my continuing interest in the locality'
Paul Gardner	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We fully agree with the support given to Local Green Spaces within Leckhampton.
Ann Gardner	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. We fully agree with the support given to Local Green Spaces within Leckhampton.
Phil James	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jane Few	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Kath Boothman	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mr Pearce	I/We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs Pearce	I/We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mr Cook	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish and the Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs Cook	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish and the Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mr G. Pierce	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish and the Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs G. Pierce	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish and the Neighbourhood Plan area.
David Broadbent	I/We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Rob Burns	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Suzie Burns	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Charlie Burns	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Tim Sugrue	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Bob Bickerdike	My wife and I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Kathy Bickerdike	My wife and I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

Name	Comment
D W Hoskins	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area
L Jones	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area
Claire Hawes	I strongly support the proposal to designate Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Wendy Peek	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Russell Peek	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Michael Cox	We support the Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish to be designated as a neighbourhood plan area.
Pauline Cox	We support the Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish to be designated as a neighbourhood plan area.
Tim Baker	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a neighbourhood Plan area.
Avril Baker	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a neighbourhood Plan area.
Lee Taylor	<p>The proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area is one that, I'm sure, will be supported by many in this area. I certainly do - as it seeks to give some protection to the many attributes of this area which drew people here in the first place. With two small children, I'm concerned about school places and the environment they'll grow up in. As a daily commuter to Gloucester via the Shurdington Road, I already experience some of the challenges on the local infrastructure. I am increasingly concerned, however, that local people are beginning to suffer "planning fatigue". We have received many requests for views, opinions, support to consultation processes etc. relating to the various schemes for this area. In talking to people there is a sense that this is all part of the strategy i.e. to make the process so complex to ordinary folk that they ultimately disengage. I sense that people are beginning to give up hope that their voice will be listened to. Those people who do engage are not the only people who care. As with any democratic process, not everyone votes. But that doesn't mean those who don't are immune from being concerned or caring. People are elected and appointed to protect people's interests. Is that proving the case in relation to these various planning applications? Or will disengagement of local people be cited as tacit permission to proceed regardless? I fear the latter.</p>
Barry Davies	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood plan area
Christine Davies	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood plan area
Elizabeth Pimley	I strongly support the Leckhampton and Warden Hill parish council's neighbourhood plan, in conjunction with this Parish Council's local greenspace application, which leaves sufficient areas of Leckhampton as public open green space eg Lott meadow, Burrows field and allotments as well as some surrounding fields.
S K Kark	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood plan area
I F K Kark	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood plan area
Anne Isaac	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Lisa Brown	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
John Lawrence	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

Name	Comment
Sally Ward	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Anne Gimingham	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish as a Neighbourhood plan area.
Jacky Potter	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Gerry Potter	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Violet Millar	This the second time that we have sent our email of support for the Leckhampton/Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan area, which in turn means that we fully support the 'Leckhampton Local Green spacesand our desire that these Local green spaces be secured for future generations within the Leckhampton area.
James Millar	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area
Robert Miller	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Joshua Jacob	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Michael Cairns Smith	I/We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Paula Cairns Smith	I/We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Chris Agombar	After viewing the proposal documentation, we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Sallie Anderson	After viewing the proposal documentation, we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs M B Mears	I strongly support designating Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a neighbourhood planning area.
Lynda Dineen	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill as a neighbourhood plan area
Nigel Dineen	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill as a neighbourhood plan area
Ann Tulacz	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Margaret White	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Cliff Yates	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Gillian Yates	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs C Keen	Dear Cheltenham Borough Council Planners I would like to let you know that I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Sue Watson	I would like to express my strong support for the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill as a Neighbourhood Plan. Most residents use the Leckhampton fields for recreation, exercise, nature watching, Dog walking, playing with children, and socialising, cultivating and animals grazing. The nature of this semi rural area would be totally lost if it was built on. Not to mention the fact that roads and other facilities would be overwhelmed.
Caroline Pigott	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

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Jessica Cornes	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jonathan Cornes	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Nina Barnes	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Chris Barnes	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Derek Gott	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jean Gott	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Ellen Jacob	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Joshua Jacob	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs E Miller	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Ian Miller	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Caroline Hanagan	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Paul Hanagan	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Caroline Mobley	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood plan.
Helen Frankland	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Timothy Frankland	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Ian Statham	Please be advised that I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Michael Neal	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
MartinHewett	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jacky Hewett	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mr C Ringrose	I am responding to the Consultation for the Leckhampton Neighbourhood Plan. I strongly support the Local Green Space application for Leckhampton, and I also strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Paul Sutcliffe	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
John Hawes	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. Until made aware by legal. I have heard nothing about this consultation and find it odd you are running this duplicating the Cheltenham consultation where I

Name	Comment
	responded making this point.
Ruth Fitzjohn	I would be grateful if you would record my strong support for the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Sarah Baker	we are writing to say we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Craig Baker	we are writing to say we strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Edward Turner	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Kate Turner	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Nick Turner	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Ian Edwards	We very strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Linda Edwards	We very strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
W H Matthews	I/We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jane Matthews	I/We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mr D Baume	I/We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs D Baume	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
D. J. Eustace	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mr Connole	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mrs Connole	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Alan Thompson	Please note that I support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Justin Daghish	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Elizabeth Daghish	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Wyn. H. Jones	We strongly support the Parish Council neighbourhood plan application. Such a plan is essential in order to safeguard the network of public footpaths in open green land adjacent to the densely populated parishes.
Mary. E. Jones	We strongly support the Parish Council neighbourhood plan application. Such a plan is essential in order to safeguard the network of public footpaths in open green land adjacent to the densely populated parishes.

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Name	Comment
A G Watson	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area. It is extremely important that this green space is protected and preserved for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations of local residents, the people of Cheltenham and those who visit this beautiful part of the country. This land should not be sacrificed for the short term gains of developers who have little interest in the sustainable future of this lovely part of Gloucestershire.
Emily Harrison	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Roger Harrison	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jean Thomas	Both my husband and I would most strongly support the proposal that the Parish of Leckhampton with Warden Hill be designated a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
John Thomas	Both my husband and I would most strongly support the proposal that the Parish of Leckhampton with Warden Hill be designated a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Allan Knight	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Denise Knight	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Chris Barnes	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Nina Barnes	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Dr Adrian Mears	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Sally Marlow	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Peter Marlow	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Adrian Bridges	I'm writing to confirm my strong support for the proposal that Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parishes be designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area.
Natasha Swanson	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Ekuko Rees	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Alun Rees	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Sarah Mitchell	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Anthony Mitchell	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Stephen Ailey	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Anna Ailey	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
John Hayler	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Margaret Greaves	I strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Mr Wellington	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

Name	Comment
Mrs Wellington	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Martin Jones	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Jenny Jones	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Charlotte Jones	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Victoria Jones	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.
Elizabeth Jones	We strongly support the proposal for the designation of Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish as a Neighbourhood Plan area.

The following is the draft minutes from the Cabinet Meeting held on 20th September 2015, Item 8 refers to the approval of the Neighbourhood Area.

Cabinet

**Tuesday, 15th September, 2015
6.00 - 6.45 pm**

Attendees	
Councillors:	Steve Jordan (Leader of the Council), John Rawson (Cabinet Member Finance), Rowena Hay (Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles), Peter Jeffries (Cabinet Member Housing), Andrew McKinlay (Cabinet Member Development and Safety), Jon Walklett (Cabinet Member Corporate Services) and Chris Coleman (Cabinet Member Clean and Green Environment)
Also in attendance:	Andrew North, Peter Lewis, Mike Redman and Councillor Rob Reid

Minutes

8. LECKHAMPTON AND WARDEN HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA APPLICATION

The Leader, Councillor Jordan introduced the report. The report explained that an application to designate a Neighbourhood Plan Area had been received from Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council. This application had been assessed against the requirements set out in the legislation and was considered to meet the requirements to enable designation of the Neighbourhood Area.

Following the Council resolution, the Cabinet were being asked to approve the designation to ensure a response was given within the eight week timescale. This would enable Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the area covered by the designation.

Cabinet Members agreed that neighbourhood plans were something that the council was keen to encourage as it facilitated local people making local decisions about their areas. It was noted that the council may need to give some consideration to how the process might work for non-parished areas.

RESOLVED THAT

the designation of a Neighbourhood Area covering Leckhampton with Warden Hill parish be approved.

The Minutes of the following meeting held on 15th October 2015 record the approval of the minutes of the meeting of 15th September 2015, thereby confirming the designation of the Neighbourhood Area for Leckhampton with Warden Hill

Cabinet

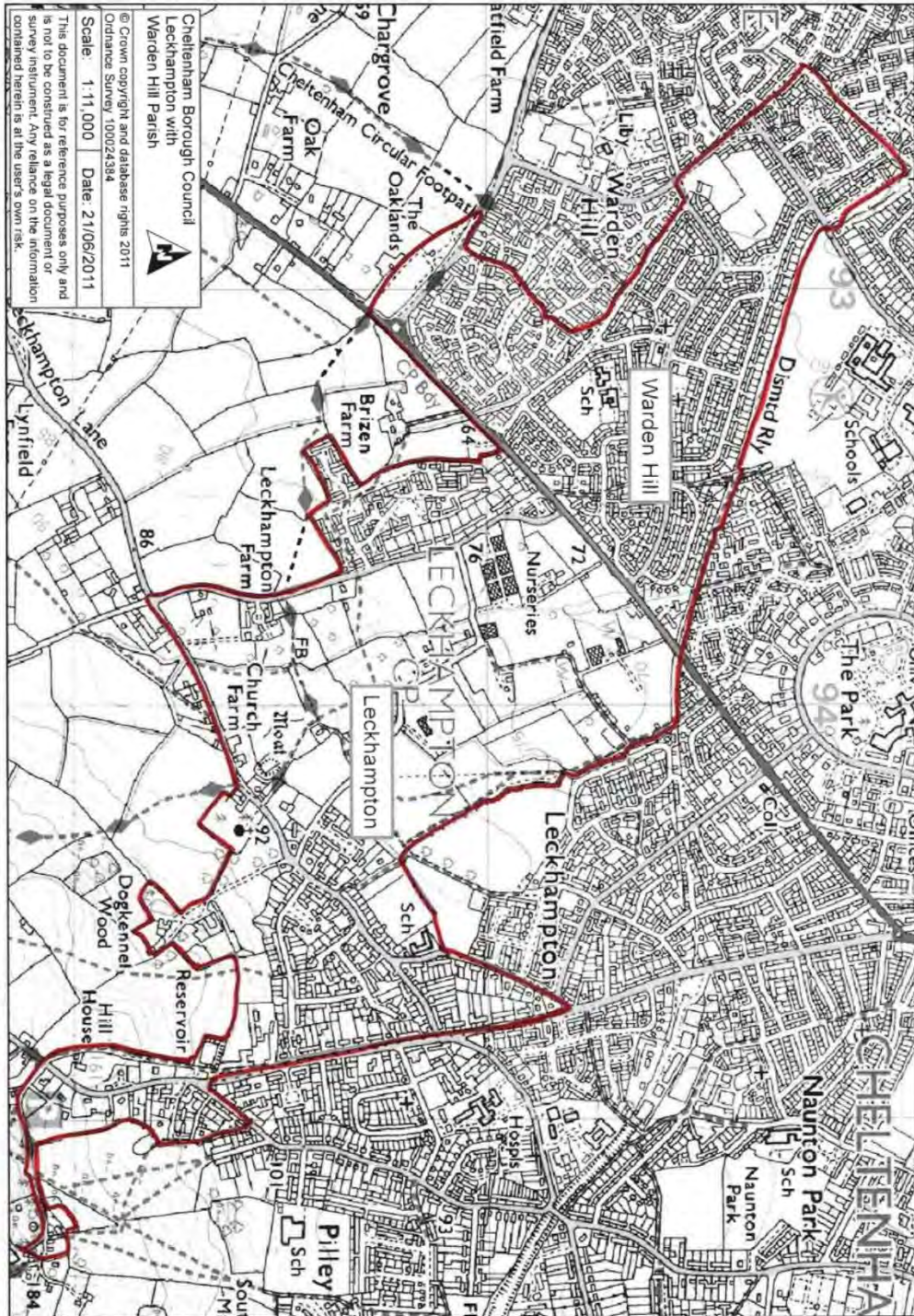
**Tuesday, 13th October, 2015
6.05 - 7.05 pm**

Attendees	
Councillors:	Steve Jordan (Leader of the Council), John Rawson (Cabinet Member Finance), Rowena Hay (Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles), Peter Jeffries (Cabinet Member Housing), Andrew McKinlay (Cabinet Member Development and Safety), Jon Walklett (Cabinet Member Corporate Services) and Chris Coleman (Cabinet Member Clean and Green Environment)
Also in attendance:	Councillor Matt Babbage and Councillor Tim Harman

Minutes

- 1. APOLOGIES**
None.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Appendix 2 – Map showing designated Neighbourhood Area



**LECKHAMPTON WITH WARDEN HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA
APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION PLAN NP1 - JUNE 2015**

**Screening Opinion on the need for
Strategic Environmental Assessment
(SEA) and Habitats Regulations
Assessment (HRA) – Statement of
Reasons**

**Leckhampton and Warden Hill Draft Neighbourhood Plan
(Pre-Regulation 14 Version, June 2022)**

November 2022

Screening Opinion on the need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) - Statement of Reasons

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This statement of reasons has been prepared by Cheltenham Borough Council to set out whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment and / or a Habitats Regulations Assessment are required for the draft Leckhampton with Warden Parish Neighbourhood Plan following the request for a screening opinion.

2. Context

- 2.1 The preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan involves a series of stages as required by legislation before it can be 'made'. To be 'made', a Neighbourhood Plan must meet certain Basic Conditions, one of which being it must not breach or otherwise be incompatible with any EU obligations.
- 2.2 One of these obligations is Directive 2001/42/EC 'on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment'. This is often referred to as the strategic environmental assessment (or SEA) Directive. The SEA Directive is transposed into UK law through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended) (the 'SEA Regulations') and it is these regulations that the neighbourhood plan will need to be compatible with. This requires those making plans that could impact on the environment to consider whether they are likely to have a significant environmental effect.
- 2.3 The legislative basis for the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) is EU Habitats Directive Article 6(3) and Regulation 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended). The 'Natura 2000 network' (more commonly referred to as 'European Sites') of sites are designated for the importance of habitats, species and birds (under the 'Habitats Directive' for Special Areas of Conservation, and the 'Birds Directive' for Special Protection Areas). The designation of European Sites was intended to provide legal protection for this flora and fauna of a European importance, requiring their maintenance or restoration in a favourable condition.
- 2.4 The process of HRA encompasses the requirements of the Habitats Directive and Habitats Regulations, and includes a decision on whether the plan (including Neighbourhood Plans) should be subject to appraisal. The 'screening' process is used

to consider whether the plan would be likely to have significant effects on a European Site, and if so whether an 'Appropriate Assessment' is necessary.

3. Statement of Reasons

Habitat Regulations Assessment

- 3.1 As required under Regulation 106 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (the 'Habitats Regulations'), information has been provided by the Parish Council to enable Cheltenham Borough Council to determine whether an appropriate assessment under Regulation 105 is required. Consideration has been given to the potential for the neighbourhood plan to result in significant effects on a European Sites, associated with the matters set out in Figure 1 below:

Figure 1: Statement of Reasons relating to Habitat Regulations Assessment

Criteria	Assessment	Are the potential effects significant?
Physical loss or damage to habitat	<p>All European Sites identified are located outside the Neighbourhood Area, with the closest (Cotswolds Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation (SAC)) approximately 4.6km broadly to the south. Dixon Woods SAC is approximately 11km and Bredon Hill SAC is approximately 18km broadly to the north of the plan area.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan addresses matters that exist within the boundary of the designated Neighbourhood Area. No proposals for development are included that would result in the physical loss or damage to habitat at European sites.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan proposals seek to establish a positive framework to enhance habitats within the Neighbourhood Area such that the area plays a positive role in supporting any mobile species from European sites that might utilise the area.</p>	No
Non-physical disturbance e.g. noise, vibration or light pollution	The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate sites for development and does not promote new development additional to that provided in adopted local plans. Instead it seeks to influence how development is carried out to secure sustainable movement, biodiversity, green infrastructure, community, landscape and resilience benefits. None of the proposals would result in operational development or construction works that would	No

	cause disturbance effects on European Sites.	
Air pollution	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan does not promote additional development that would result in traffic and does not promote development that would result in operational emissions. Development is not promoted that would result in dust/particulate impacts.</p> <p>The plan promotes the retention of local community facilities and better walking and cycling routes to promote a less car-dependent neighbourhood.</p> <p>Successful implementation of the plan would reduce the burden of air pollution from traffic within the Neighbourhood Area.</p>	No
Increased recreational pressures	A significant area of land within the Neighbourhood Area was designated as Local Green Space in the adopted local plan. The Neighbourhood Plan provides policies to enhance the Local Green Space for recreational enjoyment, nature conservation and in its role as Valued Landscape. This will provide increased local recreational opportunities in the Neighbourhood Area and reduce pressure on the closest European Sites that might otherwise result from development already promoted in adopted local plans.	No
Changes to hydrology, such as water quantity and water quality	The Neighbourhood Area sits below the Cotswolds Escarpment and has no hydrological relationship with the closest European Site at Cotswolds Beechwoods SAC. Policies within the Neighbourhood Plan seek to improve resilience of the Neighbourhood Area to the effects of climate change that currently result in increased run-off in storm events and heightened flood risk from rivers. These policies are combined with efforts to improve green infrastructure provision and biodiversity.	No

In-combination effects	The policies of the Neighbourhood Plan should interact to improve environmental conditions within the Neighbourhood Area and provide local amenities that could reduce recreational pressures on European Sites. The plan does not propose development that would result in individual physical, non-physical, hydrological, air pollution or in-combination impacts on European Sites.	No
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3.2 It is considered that the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have significant effects on European (Natura 2000) sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. Therefore, an Appropriate Assessment for the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan is not required.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 Neighbourhood Plans only require SEA where they are likely to lead to significant environmental effects. To decide whether a proposed Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects, it has been screened against the criteria set out in Annex II of the SEA Directive. A response to each of the individual criteria is set out in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Statement of Reasons relating to Strategic Environmental Assessment (individual criteria)

Criteria	Assessment	Are the potential effects significant?
The criteria relate to the characteristics of the plan, having regard to:		
(a) the degree to which the plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate sites or promote development additional to that set out in the adopted local plans for the Neighbourhood Area. Several policies refer to supporting management and implementation strategies. None of these would result in additional development likely to result in significant environmental effects on sensitive sites and key environmental assets.</p> <p>Instead, the plan policies would promote additional green infrastructure and biodiversity, greater walking and cycling, locally accessible community facilities, greater recreational opportunities on Local Green Space so reducing pressure on sensitive sites nearby outside the plan area, recognition and protection of non-designated heritage assets, flood risk mitigation and conservation of valued landscape.</p>	No
(b) the degree to which the plan influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy.	Some policies of the Neighbourhood Plan will be implemented in conjunction with strategies prepared by Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council as Qualifying Body and direct provider of local services. These do not exist in a hierarchy and will provide detail to support plan objectives and policies.	No

<p>(c) the relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations, in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.</p>	<p>Policies in the plan seek to promote provision of walking and cycling routes and for these to be developed in accordance with green infrastructure which connects and creates new habitats. It seeks integrated approaches to the management of Local Green Space in the heart of the Neighbourhood Area, with the landscaping and green infrastructure provision in adjacent developments and site allocations. It recognises the role of green infrastructure in promoting greater resilience to flood risk and overheating in the urban environment through approaches to tree planting and management of open spaces.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>(d) environmental problems relevant to the plan</p>	<p>Key environmental concerns relevant to the plan are traffic growth resulting from general urban development and specific developments in and around the area. Flood risk is a concern relating to development approaches in large developments but also in relation to householder developments. Climate change resulting in heavy downpours and rapid run-off from Leckhampton Hill are also a concern. Degradation of Valued Landscape within the Neighbourhood Area is a further environmental concern.</p> <p>Through measures to improve walking and cycling, improve resilience, and develop an integrated approach to green infrastructure provision and management of local green space, the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan would not cause significant environmental effects that would exacerbate these problems, but they would promote solutions that would lessen them.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>(e) the relevance of the plan for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).</p>	<p>The plan does not address matters relating to the implementation of Community legislation on the environment for example relating to waste management. The promotion of a more resilient neighbourhood based on sound principles of green infrastructure provision and management and a specific policy to reduce the risk of flashfloods from storms, would mitigate issues of surface water overflows into local sewers.</p>	<p>No</p>

<p>The criteria also relate to the characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:</p>		
<p>(a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects.</p>	<p>The policies of the plan would not create negative effects. Positive effects would be lasting if the policies of the plan are implemented effectively. This would be through the creation, over time, of a local walking and cycling network, a lasting approach to green infrastructure provision and management, which is integrated and meets multiple aims. These would be related to resilience to climate change, improvement in biodiversity, increased opportunities for local recreation, enhancement of valued landscape and the care of local heritage.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>(b) the cumulative nature of the effects</p>	<p>If the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are implemented as proposals for new development come forward, then there will be a cumulative benefit from a coordinated approach to green infrastructure, to building strong walking and cycling networks, to protecting local heritage, improving resilience to climate change and strengthening valued landscape.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>(c) the transboundary nature of the effects</p>	<p>Valued landscape lies within the Neighbourhood Area and policies in the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to conserve and enhance it. Valued landscape provides an important element of the setting for the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) as viewed from Leckhampton Hill, outside the Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>The policies of the plan would not harm the setting of the AONB and seek to strengthen it through the policy approach adopted.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>(d) the risks to human health or the environment.</p>	<p>There are no specific proposals for walking and cycling routes or specifications in the Neighbourhood Plan. Broad corridors and route potential is identified and the detailed design and agreement of specification of routes would be considered and determined by Gloucestershire County Council through appropriate processes connected to individual planning applications or other means.</p>	<p>No</p>

(e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected).	The focus of policies within the Neighbourhood Plan is to create positive effects from measures that can be secured from new developments that are already planned for the area in adopted plans. The plan does not propose additional development. Measures proposed would more effectively mitigate the local impacts from already planned development on the local population.	No
(f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; • exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or • intensive land-use; and • the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status 	<p>The plan policies seek to address a range of matters in an integrated way to produce positive effects for Local Green Space, green infrastructure, biodiversity, resilience to the effects of climate change and for valued landscape.</p> <p>The policies of the plan seek to enhance valued landscape within the Neighbourhood Area both through policies and strategy to manage important Local Green Space, provide green infrastructure and influence new development proposals. In so doing, this would improve the contribution of land within the Neighbourhood Area to the setting of the Cotswolds AONB.</p> <p>The plan focus on providing strong local green infrastructure and guiding principles for new development to contribute to this, and to the conservation and enhancement of valued landscape, would discourage over-intensive land use.</p> <p>Plan policy identify additional local non-designated heritage features and these would be given regard in considering new development proposals.</p> <p>Effective implementation of the plan's policy measures would reduce impacts of emissions from traffic on limit values, by encouraging greater walking and cycling, and by maintaining strong presence of local community facilities which can be accessed on foot or by cycle.</p> <p>The plan does not propose additional development and seeks to reduce the impacts from development which is already planned in adopted plans. In this way the Neighbourhood Plan would have a positive effect on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and SACs/Natural</p>	No

	<p>Nature Reserves outside the Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>Work on valued landscape in support of policies in the plan recognises the role of priority habitat traditional orchards.</p> <p>The focus of the plan policy is to create a coordinated approach to provision and management of green infrastructure to enhance and strengthen existing habitats and to create connections between them to create networks of habitats. This will benefit the existing local nature reserve at Warden Hill within the Neighbourhood Area.</p>	
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- 3.4 The screening criteria also relate to the consideration of likely significant effects, using the criteria from Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations for each of the SEA issues (taken from Schedule 2 of the SEA Regulations). This is set out in Figure 3.

Figure 3: Statement of Reasons relating to Strategic Environmental Assessment (for each SEA issue)

Criteria	Assessment (including taking account of the inter-relationship between each of the issues)	Are the potential effects significant?
Biodiversity, flora and fauna	<p>As a whole the plan policies will promote and strengthen biodiversity in the Neighbourhood Area via policies to promote an integrated approach to green infrastructure provision and management, and management of important Local Green Space and Valued Landscape. The aim is to use these measures to strengthen biodiversity across the plan area.</p> <p>The plan will not create any significant effects on sensitive ecological sites (SSSI/SAC) located outside the neighbourhood plan area or on the Warden Hill Local Nature Reserve located within it.</p>	No
Population	The plan policies should create a positive effect for the local population, by working to ensure the local community facilities are maintained, that more opportunities exist for walking and cycling on safe routes, and by improving cultural heritage, green infrastructure and flood resilience.	No

Human health	Neighbourhood Plan policies should promote healthier lifestyles and provide opportunities for improved recreation, walking and cycling. It will provide benefits from approaches to enhance valued landscape and from measures to increase resilience to climate change within the area's residential environment.	No
Soil	<p>Parts of the Neighbourhood Area are provisionally classified as Best and Most Versatile Land (Grade 2 and Grade 3a). Some parts form priority habitat and host traditional orchards. Taken as a whole these areas form a valued landscape and parts have been designated Local Green Space.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan recognises allocations that have been made in adopted local plans and planning permissions have been granted, which affect these areas. Its policies seek to establish principles for the management of Local Green Space and protection of valued landscape in a way which ensures adjacent development contributes in the same way and which conserves and enhances some of the traditional elements of this landscape.</p>	No
Water	The plan seeks to improve green infrastructure in co-ordination with measures to improve flood storage, slow-down flow and reduce run-off of surface water in storms. This would reduce the potential for the flow of storm water into sewers. It would aim to improve the status of Moorend Stream and Hatherley Brook.	No
Air	There are policies to promote more walking and cycling to local community facilities and provide more opportunities for enjoyment of local green infrastructure, which would encourage less use of cars in the local area for short trips. This would reduce impacts from traffic emissions and so improve air quality.	No
Climatic factors	The plan policies recognise and encourage green infrastructure provision and management to make a significant contribution to the mitigation of impacts of climate change within the Neighbourhood Area. This would be through the creation of flood storage areas, and by slowing down water flow through planting, shading and reducing the amount impermeable surfaces in new development. A specific policy is proposed to address run-off from Leckhampton Hill (within the Neighbourhood Area) during flash- storms.	No

Material assets	<p>The implementation of the neighbourhood plan's policies will result in improved material assets in the following ways:</p> <p>Built Assets – These will be enhanced through the provision of walking and cycling paths within new developments and via provision to connect local places via investment. Additional signage, seating and other infrastructure may be provided for interpretation, amenity and enjoyment of Local Green Space and cultural heritage, and to support local shopping parades.</p> <p>Natural Assets – These will be improved through the coordination and integration of provision that would be made through new developments already planned, with wider principles established in support of the Neighbourhood Plan. These aim to use green infrastructure to contribute to a number of complementary objectives relating to sustainability, biodiversity, resilience and valued landscape.</p>	No
Cultural heritage, including architectural and archaeological heritage	The plan has a policy which identifies non designated heritage assets and that these will be given regard when considering proposals for new development. The plan does not propose additional development.	No
Landscape	The policies of the plan seek to enhance valued landscape within the Neighbourhood Area both through policies and strategy to manage important Local Green Space, provide green infrastructure and influence new development proposals. In so doing, this would improve the contribution of land within the Neighbourhood Area to the setting of the Cotswolds AONB.	No

3.5 Having taken all of the relevant policies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan into account, it is Cheltenham Borough Council's opinion that a full SEA is not required for the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Neighbourhood Plan.