

**Stone Neighbourhood Development Plan
Consultation Statement
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Stone
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Introduction

This Consultation Statement summarises the community engagement programme and the Regulation 14 consultation that were undertaken for the Stone Neighbourhood Development Plan 2016 to 2031. It shows how the requirements of Regulations 14 and 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 have been satisfied.

Summary of Community Engagement

In May 2015 Stone Town Council agreed to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the town of Stone. An application was made to Stafford Borough Council to designate the Town Council area as the Neighbourhood Area, which is the area that the Neighbourhood Plan will cover, and on 8th December 2015 Stafford Borough Council approved and designated the Stone Neighbourhood Area. This enables the Town Council to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Stone.

The Town Council set up a Steering Group comprising town councillors and local residents to take the process forward. Neighbourhood planning specialists, Urban Vision Enterprise CIC, were appointed to provide professional advice and guidance, beginning with training on Neighbourhood Planning and the preparation of a project plan and a programme for community consultation.

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

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

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

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

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

Each of these stages is considered below:

Stage 1 – Open Consultation

The purpose of the Stage 1 consultation was to find out what local people think about Stone, before any plans or proposals are produced. The results of this consultation enable the main issues to be identified, and the strategic aims and vision of the Neighbourhood Plan to be produced in draft form. This approach is widely regarded as good practice, because it enables the Neighbourhood Plan to be produced from the very start in the light of the local community's knowledge of, and aspirations for, their town.

The application for the designation of the Stone Neighbourhood Area involved a six-week period of formal consultation by Stafford Borough Council to allow people to comment on the proposed Neighbourhood Area boundary. This provided an opportunity for the Town Council to bring the Neighbourhood Plan into the public domain and make local people aware that a plan for the town is going to be prepared. The period of consultation on the Neighbourhood Area ran from 27 October to 8 December 2015.

In parallel with this the Town Council organised and publicised a series of drop-in events at four venues in different parts of the town. The drop-in events were publicised in advance via local media including local publications the Stone Gazette, Little Bit of Stone, and the Newsletter. Local and regional news outlets, Radio Stoke and BBC Midlands Today, were also informed of the coming events. A dedicated section of the Town Council's website was created to provide information about the neighbourhood plan.

Leaflets informing people about the Town Council's intention to produce a neighbourhood plan and how to make comments were printed and delivered to some 7,100 households in the town council area during the week leading up to the drop-in events. A feedback questionnaire was prepared for use at the drop-in sessions and was also made available online via the Town Council website. Copies of the leaflets and the feedback form are shown in Appendices A and B to this report.

The drop-in events were supported by Steering Group members and Urban Vision Enterprise CIC. An exhibition comprising six poster boards was produced to explain what Neighbourhood Plans are, to illustrate the Neighbourhood Area, to ask three open questions about the town, and to find out how proud people are to live in Stone.



People were given copies of the explanatory leaflet and were asked to put a coloured sticky dot on the Neighbourhood Area map to show where they lived. This enabled the Steering Group to get a sense of the geographical spread of the responses which were received at the drop-in events.

People were also asked to place a coloured sticky dot on the "Thermometer of Pride" to indicate how proud they were to live in Stone. This enabled the Steering Group to judge the level of regard that the local community has of the town.

The three questions were each printed at the top of an exhibition board with a large space beneath. The questions asked were:

- Q1. What do you like about Stone and what do you think should be preserved and retained?
- Q2. What do you dislike about Stone and what are the problems that need to be dealt with?
- Q3. What do you think should be changed in Stone and what improvements need to be made?

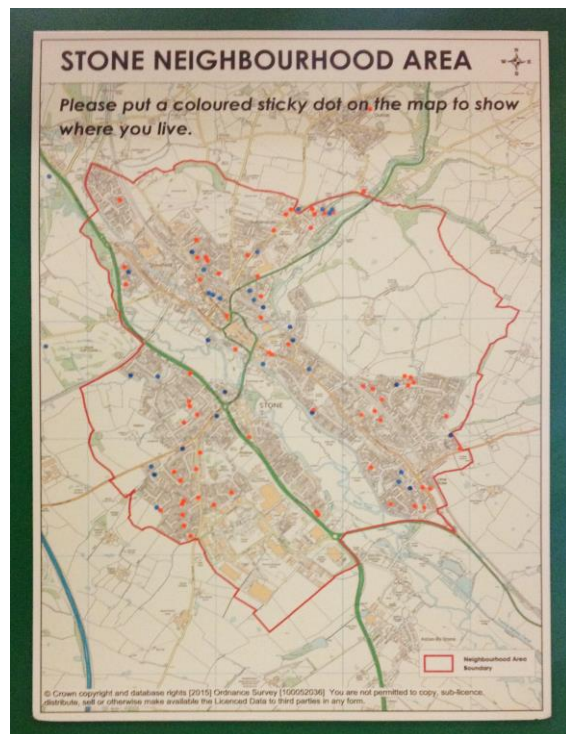


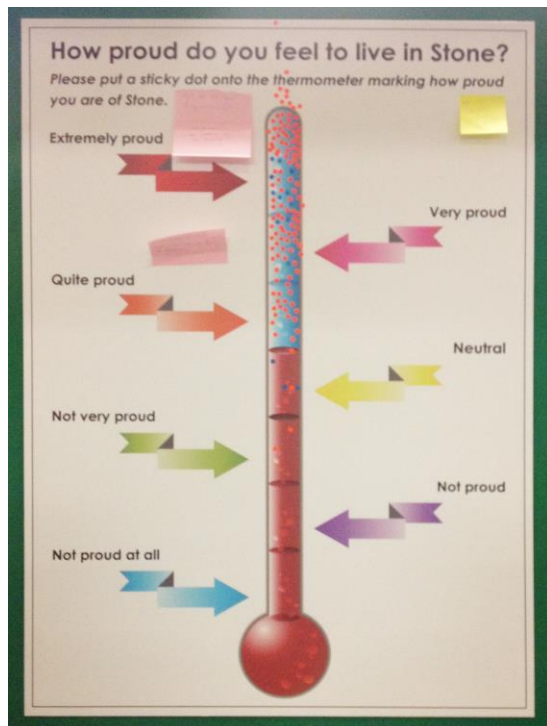
People were asked to write their responses to each question on post-it notes and to stick them on the board underneath that question.

Feedback questionnaires were also available with the same questions, and also asking if the respondent is a resident of the town. Contact details were also requested so interested individuals could be kept informed of progress on the Neighbourhood Plan. People had the option of completing the feedback form at the drop-in event,

or completing it at home and posting it or delivering it to the Town Council's offices. The questionnaire was also available for downloading from the Town Council's web site for completing on a computer and returning via email.

At the drop-in events a map of the Stone Neighbourhood Area was used to record where people who made comments on post-it notes or left feedback questionnaires lived. The Neighbourhood Area map opposite shows that persons representing some 97 households within the town council boundary visited one of the 4 drop-in events. These were distributed reasonably evenly around the town, with 33 from the area north and east of the town centre, 37 from the area to the south east of the town centre, and 27 from the area on the west side of the river valley. In addition persons from 5 households outside the town council boundary visited the drop-in events, making a total of 104 households. Where two or more people from the same household were present only one coloured dot was used. Bright red and blue dots were used for this purpose without distinction.





The “Thermometer of Pride” recorded how proud people felt about living in Stone. People placed bright red and blue coloured dots to indicate the point on the “thermometer” which best represented their feelings about the town. The overall result was very positive. 72 persons said they felt extremely proud to live in Stone, 34 persons said they were very proud, and 19 persons said they were quite proud. 4 persons felt neutral about the town, and only 2 persons said they did not feel very proud to live in Stone. Overall 125 people felt proud to live in Stone to some degree, and only 2 persons felt not very proud. Out of a total of 131 persons expressing a view 125 (95.4%) were positive, 4 (3.1%) were neutral, and 2 (1.5%) were negative. This suggests that most residents value and appreciate Stone very highly.

A full analysis of the results was undertaken by Urban Vision, who provided a detailed report to the Steering Group. A full transcript of the responses received from people who completed feedback forms or made comments on post-it notes at the drop-in events was included within the detailed report. These comments are summarised below, grouped under the relevant heading and arranged in order of frequency of mention, beginning with the most frequently mentioned and ending with the least mentioned. The number of persons endorsing each comment is given.

Subjects which were mentioned by less than 5% of respondents to a question are not included in the lists.

A total of 260 responses were received to Question 1, of which 153 were from residents of the town, 9 were from people living outside the town, 93 were from people not stating their place of residence, 4 were from local business owners, and 1 was from a firm of planning consultants representing a local landowner. In response to the question “What do you like about Stone and what do you think should be preserved and retained?” people mentioned:

- Green open spaces, including Westbridge Park, Common Plot, Stonefield Park, Walton Common, River walks, allotments, Crown Meadow, Trent Meadow, Nicholl’s Lane field – 93 persons
- Town centre and High Street, especially the independent shops, the market, and the Farmers’ Market – 90 persons
- The Canal and towpath walks – 77 persons
- Strong sense of community, the town’s friendly atmosphere where people still know each other – 65 persons
- History, heritage and character of the town, its historic market town ambience – 62 persons
- Events, including Stone festival, Food festival, Bonfire night, Christmas light switch on, Stone in Bloom – 56 persons
- Rural nature and character of Stone - a traditional market town set in attractive countryside – 44 persons
- Restaurants and cafes – good range and good quality – 32 persons

- Good transport links, by road, rail and canal – 24 persons
- Town Library – 18 persons
- Public houses – 16 persons
- River, river valley and river walks – 14 persons
- Wide range of activities for residents, including scouts and guides, community and social centres, leisure centre – 13 persons
- Convenient size and accessibility to services and facilities – 11 persons
- Clean and safe – 8 persons
- Good schools – 7 persons

A total of 224 responses were received to Question 2, of which 153 were from residents of the town, 9 were from people living outside the town, 56 were from people not stating their place of residence, 5 were from local business owners, and 1 was from a firm of planning consultants representing a local landowner. In response to the question “What do you dislike about Stone and what are the problems that need to be dealt with?” people said:

- Too many charity shops in the High Street – 68 persons
- The level of house building in Stone is excessive; too much housing development without corresponding improvements in services and facilities, including road infrastructure – 49 persons
- The High Street is failing and looks run down; has declined in recent years; more investment is needed; need to improve appearance, close to all traffic, encourage new businesses and quality retailers, and rejuvenate the market; Crown Hotel and Adies Alley in particular need of attention – 47 persons
- Too many vacant and boarded-up shops in the High Street; loss of independent shops – 44 persons
- Too much traffic goes through the town centre; rush hour congestion round the ring road and the town more widely; too much heavy traffic passing through the town – 39 persons
- Not enough free, convenient or reasonably priced parking; insufficient parking, particularly at the railway station – 22 persons
- Medical facilities are inadequate; need for another doctor’s surgery; existing doctors’ surgeries can’t cope with increasing population – 20 persons
- Inadequate leisure facilities especially for children and young people, e.g. playground, park, cinema, youth centre – 18 persons
- Greater variety of shops needed in the town centre, e.g. destination shops, “pop-up” shops; too many national chain shops; need more clothes shops, shoe shops and restaurants; more independent shops – 17 persons
- Litter blackspots, e.g. Morrisons, Christ Church, Mill Street, Church Street, town centre, takeaways – 14 persons
- Commercial development on Westbridge Park land or river flood plain should not go ahead; M&S / supermarket developments outside the town centre should be stopped – 12 persons

A total of 350 responses were received to Question 3, of which 165 were from residents of the town, 7 were from people living outside the town, 170 were from people not stating their place of residence, 7 were from local business owners, and 1 was from a firm of planning consultants representing a local landowner. In response to the question “What do you think should be changed in Stone and what improvements should be made?” people said:

- Encourage more shops and more diverse shops in the High Street and town centre to replace charity shops and vacant shops; introduce incentives for existing and potential shopkeepers, e.g. reduce business rates, reduce rents; actively seek to re-use empty shops

for social enterprises or independent shops; promote local businesses (Totally Locally); hold regular town centre events – 113 persons

- Provide new improved leisure centre with sports facilities, swimming pool, fitness and play facilities at Westbridge Park – 43 persons
- Improve traffic flows; review traffic needs; assess future road traffic requirements; make serious plans for a bypass; ease congestion; improve traffic flows on one way system – 32 persons
- Put a limit on further housing growth and expansion of the town; no more building on floodplain; any growth should have corresponding improvements to infrastructure and services - 29 persons
- Protect and enhance green spaces, especially Westbridge Park, Nicholls Lane field, Tilling Drive green space, areas by the canal and river; designate areas of Local Green Space – 28 persons
- Improve medical services, provide a large health centre, more dentists – 23 persons
- Promote and improve the connection between the town and the canal and river with environmental enhancements; provide better signage, publicity, information boards, lighting and footways; increase the number of moorings; create a marina close to the town centre; improve canal towpath from Aston to Meaford – 21 persons
- Improve road safety and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists, introduce traffic calming measures, e.g. junction of Old Road and Newcastle Road, A51 bypass; Lichfield Road; across one-way system; to canal and Westbridge; encourage more sustainable modes of transport, cycle ways and footpaths; improve connectivity with green spaces; improve links between town and Walton; better pedestrian links to business park – 20 persons
- Improve facilities for teenagers, including scout huts, adventure playground, cinema, 10 pin bowling, football, bike a skate park, youth club – 19 persons
- Provide a performing arts centre, e.g. a large community hall for theatre groups, music (orchestra and bands), choirs, dance, classes, hobbies, community-run cinema; assess need to support an action plan – 18 persons

The report produced by Urban Vision was considered by the Steering Group, and resulted in the determination of the strategic aims which underpinned the rest of the Plan preparation process. These initial aims were:

SA1: Improve the economic viability of the High Street and the town centre by encouraging and incentivising new businesses, enabling local businesses to thrive and providing a diverse range of shopping and other services.

SA2: Preserve and enhance the special historic character of the town centre by supporting initiatives to repair, refurbish and re-use historic buildings and to improve the quality of the environment.

SA3: Identify and designate important areas of local green space and develop a green infrastructure strategy to protect and improve those areas.

SA4: Support initiatives for the review of the town's transport and traffic needs, and support relevant actions to address those needs.

SA5: Improve pedestrian and cycle links and accessibility within Stone and to surrounding destinations, particularly the canal and river meadows.

SA6: Protect and improve leisure, cultural and sports facilities and improve community access to those facilities.

SA7: Support initiatives for the enhancement of essential local community facilities, including medical and educational facilities as appropriate.

SA8: Ensure that new developments in Stone preserve and enhance the historic character and improve the quality of the built environment.

Stage 2 – Targeted Consultation

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

Three individual consultation exercises were carried out within this stage of the process – two related to green spaces and one related to character areas. Details of these are set out below.

Local Green Spaces Consultation – October 2016

The draft Neighbourhood Plan identified a number of areas of green space which were identified for designation as Local Green Space. Where they could be identified, the Town Council contacted site owners or organisations with an interest in sites that were included within the plan as well as undertaking wider community engagement. They were referred to the Council's website, where they could view a copy of the Council's green space audit, the final version of which eventually became Appendix F of the submitted draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The results were collated by Urban Vision and reported to the Steering Group. 46 sites were included in the green space audit for potential inclusion within the Neighbourhood Plan. 27 comments were received during the consultation period, of which 19 were positive, 6 negative, and 2 general. A summary of responses is included at Appendix 1.

The green space audit was updated in a number of areas as a result of the consultation, and written responses sent to those who had raised negative comments.

Special Character Area Consultation – April 2017

The draft Neighbourhood Plan identified two potential Special Character Areas. Residents living within those identified areas were individually written to and asked to comment on the following policy, which was included in the draft plan:

“Development of infill housing within large existing plots (‘garden grabbing’) will be resisted where such plots have been identified as playing an important role in the character of a particular area (e.g. within the identified Special Character Areas). These areas are identified in: Appendix B Plan of Character Area North and Appendix C Plan of Character Area South.”

Relevant extracts from the draft Plan were included with the letters, together with maps of the areas covered.

The consultation resulted in eight representations being received in total in respect of the two proposed Special Character Areas (North and South). These were analysed by Urban Vision, who made recommendations to the Steering Group as follows:

North Special Character Area

For the North Special Character Area, five responses in total were received. Three of the representations were broadly supportive. The others questioned the policy and suggested an alternative approach based on distances between properties.

The proposed North SCA does have a clear, established character, based on individual properties standing in extensive garden space. Furthermore, the rear gardens do provide a useful transitional zone between the built-up area of Stone and the adjacent wood and urban fringe, which leads to the Moddershall Valley.

Recommendation: That the North Special Character Area be included in the Stone Neighbourhood Plan.

South Special Character Area

For the South Special Character Area, two of the representations are broadly against the SCA. The remaining representation asks questions, but does comment on the suitability of the proposal.

The proposed South SCA does have some character, based on individual properties standing in extensive gardens. However, some of these plots already have development within the garden space. Furthermore, the area is flanked by the railway embankment and surrounded on all sides by built-up housing areas.

Recommendation: That the South Special Character Area not be included in the Stone Neighbourhood Plan.

The Steering Group accepted Urban Vision's recommendations, and updated the draft Plan accordingly.

Local Green Spaces Consultation – August 2017

The second "Green Spaces" consultation in August 2017 again targeted the owners of land identified within the green spaces audit and interested parties alongside a wider consultation with the community.

The consultation was conducted via the Council's website and a public presence in Stone High Street. These were advertised locally, and a press release was issued providing the following details:

"Local Green Spaces contribute to the quality and distinctiveness of Stone. These spaces create opportunities for walking, cycling and other physical activity, adding to the rural character of the area and providing open space. The diverse character of our Local Green Spaces includes parks, sports pitches, towpaths, allotments, green buffers and much more. As part of the ongoing community engagement of the Stone Neighbourhood Development

Plan, Stone Town Council is undertaking further community consultation on the proposed Local Green Spaces between 14 August 2017 and 4 September 2017 (closing at noon).

Further information about this consultation and how to respond can be found on the Stone Town Council website. Town Council representatives will also be available to discuss the proposals at a stall in Stone High Street on Friday 1st September 2017."

Identified owners of land included within the plan were specifically written to in order to allow them the opportunity for (further) comment on the sites included within the draft Plan.

The results were collated by Urban Vision and reported to the Steering Group. 45 comments were received during the consultation period, of which 32 were positive, 10 negative, and 3 general. A summary of responses is included at Appendix 2.

The local green space audit was updated in a number of areas as a result of the consultation, and written responses sent where appropriate.

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

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

"Stone Town Council, supported by the Stone Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, are launching the formal pre-submission consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Stone.

From 19th June 2018 to 31st July 2018, Stone Town Council will be formally undertaking consultation in accordance with Regulation 14, Town and Country Planning, England Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012. This is a six-week statutory consultation period and we welcome comments on the draft plan."

The press release also contained details of where hard copies of the plan could be viewed, where the plan would be consulted upon at community events and markets, and how responses could be made. Details of the targets for the press release, hard copy plan locations and the community events are listed at Appendix 3. Members of the public were also directed to the Council's website, where details of the consultation, copies of the draft plan, and blank consultation forms could be obtained.

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

A list of statutory consultees was requested from, and supplied by, Stafford Borough Council. Each of these was individually approached either by letter or email according to the preference expressed in the list supplied by the Borough Council. A full list of these statutory consultees is included at Appendix 4.

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

A summary of responses from statutory consultees have been included in Appendix 5, together with the comments of the Steering Group and the agreed modifications to the plan.

Members of the public were asked to complete a questionnaire and return it to the Council. A copy of this questionnaire is included at Appendix 6 and a summary of the responses at Appendix 7.

Conclusions

The Town Council and the Steering Group have been pleased by both the support received from residents for production of the Neighbourhood Plan and the overwhelming number of positive comments received during consultations. Even where comments have not been positive, they have generally been constructive, and have enabled the Plan to be refined to a point where the Steering Group believe that it will meet the needs of the area and its residents for many years to come.

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

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

Appendix 1 - Summary of Responses to Green Spaces Consultation - October 2016

Ref.	Description	Consultation Responses			
		Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Action to be taken
LGS 1	Amenity greenspace + Trees				
LGS 2	Local equipped area for play + Amenity greenspace			In need of better maintenance/upkeep	
LGS 2				Support its inclusion	
LGS 3	Amenity greenspace, pond and tree				
LGS 4	Natural and semi-natural greenspaces	SHER records presence of linear features (remnants of former field banks)			Acknowledge and respond, Record in LGS description
LGS 4		Would welcome documentary evidence of Duke of Cumberland's temporary camp so SHER records can be update			Acknowledge and respond
LGS 4		Site of Biological Importance			Record in LGS description
LGS 4		Great place for walking and sledging; support its inclusion			
LGS 5	Amenity greenspace				
LGS 6	Local equipped area for play + Amenity greenspace				
LGS 7	Amenity greenspace + Pond + Copse				
LGS 8	GI & LNR, natural and semi-natural greenspaces in a river and canal corridor.				
LGS 9	Amenity greenspace + Trees				
LGS 10	Amenity greenspace				
LGS 11	Amenity greenspace				

Ref.	Description	Consultation Responses			
		Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Action to be taken
LGS 12	GI & LNR, Natural and semi-natural greenspaces in a river and canal corridor.				
LGS 13	Amenity greenspace				
LGS 14	Local equipped area for play				
LGS 15	Local equipped area for play				
LGS 16	Amenity greenspace + Trees				
LGS 17	Amenity greenspace + Copse + Aston chase brook				
LGS 18	Amenity greenspace		-	-	-
LGS 19	Amenity greenspace	-			
LGS 20	~16 ha. Scotch Brook & historic wooded valley + natural grassland	Stone EUS considers southern end to have high archaeological, historical and aesthetic value, and medium communal value			
LGS 20		Coincides with Radford Wood and Coppice Wood Site of Biological Importance, and is part of a significant wildlife corridor			Record in LGS description
LGS 20			Objection: proposal should be withdrawn (believes that the site fails to meet the criteria for selection)		Respond in writing addressing the issues raised, Amend LGS description where required
LGS 20			Objection: owners of the site do not want it included		Respond in writing acknowledging their position
LGS 21	Amenity greenspace	Elements of this LGS border the Trent and Mersey Canal Conservation Area; its designation should			Record Conservation Area description in the LGS description

Ref.	Description	Consultation Responses			
		Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Action to be taken
		be recorded in its description			
LGS 22	Local equipped area for play + Amenity greenspace				
LGS 23	Amenity greenspace				
LGS 24	Semi natural greenspace next to allotments	Northern element of this LGS lies within the Trent and Mersey Canal Conservation Area; its designation should be recorded in its description			Record Conservation Area description in the LGS description
LGS 24			Objection: site is the subject of a development proposal		Respond in writing and acknowledge position; await decision on planning application
LGS 25	Part of Moddershall conservation area	Adjacent to Radford Wood and Coppice Wood Site of Biological Importance and is part of significant wildlife corridor			Record in LGS description
LGS 25		Significant petition and supporting letters and information in support of LGS designation			Record that the site has strong local support (maybe record some comments from letters) in LGS description
LGS 25			Objection: cannot be considered to be demonstrably special to the local community, should not be included as a LGS		Respond in writing addressing the issues raised
LGS 26	Local Equipped Areas for Play + Amenity greenspace				
LGS 27	Local equipped area for play + Amenity greenspace				
LGS 28	Amenity greenspace				

Ref.	Description	Consultation Responses			
		Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Action to be taken
LGS 29	Local equipped area for play				
LGS 30	Local equipped area for play				
LGS 31	Amenity greenspace				
LGS 32	Amenity greenspace + Trees				
LGS 33	Amenity greenspace + landscaped shrubs				
LGS 34	Amenity greenspace + Footpaths		Objection: believe that Town Council is attempting to use LGS designation to prevent development		Respond in writing addressing the issues raised
LGS 35	Amenity greenspace	Southern part of the site borders the Trent and Mersey Canal Conservation Area, designation should be identified in the LGS description; small contribution to the setting of the Grade II Listed Brassworks Farm			Record Conservation Area description and reference the role the site plays in the setting of Grade II Listed Brassworks Farm
LGS 36	GI & LNR, Natural and semi-natural greenspaces in a river and canal corridor with black poplar trees				
LGS 37	Local equipped area for play + Amenity greenspace				
LGS 38	GI, Neighbourhood Park - Courts, Greens, Gardens & Aviary				
LGS 39	Local equipped area for play + Amenity greenspace				
LGS 40	GI, Local equipped area for play + Pitch + Amenity greenspace	Welcome protection			
LGS 41	Natural and Semi Natural greenspace + Pond + Copse (protected)	Has great wildlife; natural start of the meadow; green lungs; trees			

Ref.	Description	Consultation Responses			
		Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Action to be taken
LGS 41			Objection: justification has not been proven, omit		Respond in writing addressing the issues raised, Amend LGS description where required
LGS 42	Amenity greenspace				
LGS 43	Amenity greenspace	Substantial part of the site lies within the Trent and Mersey Canal Conservation Area, the character of the canal contributes to the character of the area; should be identified within the LGS description			Record Conservation Area description in the LGS description
LGS 44	Amenity greenspace + Pitch	Welcome protection			
LGS 45	Destination & Festival Park	Welcome protection			
LGS 45					Record Conservation Area description in the LGS description
LGS 45					
LGS 46	GI, Local equipped area for play + Pitch + Amenity greenspace	Welcome protection			

Appendix 2 - Summary of Responses to Green Spaces Consultation – August 2017

Ref/Site	Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Actions
LGS1: Bank Side		Site does not appear to comply with para. 77 of NPPF	Stafford BC refer to the site as Bushbury	Acknowledge and respond Examine Stafford BC comments and address in response Amend LGS if necessary
LGS2: Cauldon Way			In need of better maintenance/upkeep	
			Support its inclusion	
LGS3: Common Lane	Support in principle, subject to further consultations			Acknowledge and respond
LGS4: Common Plot	SHER records presence of linear features (remnants of former field banks)			Acknowledge and respond Record in LGS description
	Would welcome documentary evidence of Duke of Cumberland's temporary camp so SHER records can be update			Acknowledge and respond
	Site of Biological Importance			Record in LGS description
	Great place for walking and sledging; support its inclusion			
LGS5: Coombe Park Road				
LGS6: Copeland Drive	Support in principle, subject to further consultations			Acknowledge and respond

Ref/Site	Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Actions
LGS7: Crestwood Close		Site does not appear to comply with para. 77 of NPPF		Acknowledge and respond Examine Stafford BC comments and address in response Amend LGS if necessary
LGS8: Crown Meadow				
LGS9: Downing Ground				
LGS10: East & West Close				
LGS11: Ernald Ground				
LGS12: Goodall Meadow		Site does not appear to comply with para. 77 of NPPF (large tract of land – 40ha)		Acknowledge and respond Examine Stafford BC comments and address in response Remove
LGS13: Green Close				
LGS14: Heathfield Avenue				
LGS15: Hill Crescent				
LGS16: Jordan Way	Support in principle, subject to further consultations			Acknowledge and respond
LGS17: Lyndhurst Grove				

Ref/Site	Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Actions
LGS18: Manor Rise				
LGS19: Meadow Way				
LGS20: Mill Race	Stone EUS considers southern end to have high archaeological, historical and aesthetic value, and medium communal value			
	Coincides with Radford Wood and Coppice Wood Site of Biological Importance, and is part of a significant wildlife corridor			Record in LGS description
		Objection: proposal should be withdrawn (believes that the site fails to meet the criteria for selection)		Respond in writing addressing the issues raised Amend LGS description where required
		Objection: owners of the site do not want it included		Respond in writing acknowledging their position
LGS21: Millenniu m Way	Elements of this LGS border the Trent and Mersey Canal Conservation Area; its designation should be recorded in its description			Record Conservation Area description in the LGS description
LGS22: Navigation Loop Play Area				
LGS23: Navigation Loop				
LGS24: Newcastle Road 2	Northern element of this LGS lies within the Trent and Mersey Canal Conservation Area; its			Record Conservation Area description in the LGS description

Ref/Site	Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Actions
	designation should be recorded in its description			
		Objection: site is the subject of a development proposal		Respond in writing and acknowledge position; await decision on planning application
LGS25: Nicholls Lane	Adjacent to Radford Wood and Coppice Wood Site of Biological Importance and is part of significant wildlife corridor			Record in LGS description
	Significant petition and supporting letters and information in support of LGS designation			Record that the site has strong local support (maybe record some comments from letters) in LGS description
		Objection: cannot be considered to be demonstrably special to the local community, should not be included as a LGS		Respond in writing addressing the issues raised
LGS26: Pembroke Drive				
LGS27: Priory Road 1	Support in principle, subject to further consultations			Acknowledge and respond
LGS28: Priory Road 2				
LGS29: Heath Ground				
LGS30: Redhill Ground	Support in principle, subject to further consultations			Acknowledge and respond
LGS31: Redwood Avenue 1	Support in principle, subject to further consultations			Acknowledge and respond

Ref/Site	Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Actions
LGS32: Redwood Avenue 2	Support in principle, subject to further consultations			Acknowledge and respond
LGS33: Rendel Grove				
LGS34: Saddler Avenue		Objection: believe that Town Council is attempting to use LGS designation to prevent development		Respond in writing addressing the issues raised
LGS35: Saxifrage Drive	Southern part of the site borders the Trent and Mersey Canal Conservation Area, designation should be identified in the LGS description; small contribution to the setting of the Grade II Listed Brassworks Farm			Record Conservation Area description and reference the role the site plays in the setting of Grade II Listed Brassworks Farm
LGS36: Southern Meadow	Support in principle, subject to further consultations			Acknowledge and respond
LGS37: Spode Close				
LGS38: Stonefield Park	Support in principle, subject to further consultations			Acknowledge and respond
LGS39: The Lindens	Support in principle, subject to further consultations			Acknowledge and respond
LGS40: Tilling Drive 1	Welcome protection			
LGS41: Trent Road	Has great wildlife; natural start of the meadow; green lungs; trees			
		Objection: justification has not been proven, omit		Respond in writing addressing the issues raised

Ref/Site	Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Actions
				Amend LGS description where required
LGS42: Tyler Grove				
LGS43: Sycamore Road	Substantial part of the site lies within the Trent and Mersey Canal Conservation Area, the character of the canal contributes to the character of the area; should be identified within the LGS description			Record Conservation Area description in the LGS description
LGS44: Walton Heath	Welcome protection			
LGS45: Westbridge Park	North border of this LGS flanks the Trent and Mersey Canal Conservation Area; designation should be identified in the LGS description			Record Conservation Area description in the LGS description
	Centre of Stone's town activities			
	Welcome protection			
	Site designated as Green Infrastructure; need to demonstrate added value of LGS designation			Acknowledge and respond Examine Stafford BC comments and address in response
LGS46: Whitemill	Welcome protection			
LGS50: Stone Cemetery	Site designated as Green Infrastructure; need to demonstrate added value of LGS designation			Acknowledge and respond Examine Stafford BC comments and address in response

Ref/Site	Positive Comments	Negative Comments	General Comments	Actions
LGS51: Stone Cricket Club	Site has significant recreational value as per para. 77 NPPF			<p>Acknowledge and respond</p> <p>Address any specific comments/issues in response</p>
LGS54: Old Road Allotments		Site does not appear to comply with para. 77 of NPPF (large tract of land – 5.58 acres)		<p>Acknowledge and respond</p> <p>Examine Stafford BC comments and address in response</p> <p>Amend LGS if necessary</p>

Appendix 3 - Regulation 14 Public Consultation

Publicity/ Press Releases:

- Stone and Eccleshall Gazette
- A Little Bit of Stone
- Sentinel
- Newsletter
- Express and Star
- Radio Stations: Signal 1; BBC Radio Stoke; Stone Radio

Publicity/ Posters:

- All venues where a hard copy is available to view/comment on
- Stone Town notice boards
- Morrisons
- Fire Station
- Walton Chip Shop
- Launderette

Publicity/ Website:

- Stafford Borough Council
- Stone Town Council

Publicity/ Direct Engagement:

- 21st June 2018 – 4.00pm to 6.00pm - Stone's Summer Evening Shopping Event
- 23rd June 2018 – 10.00am to 12 noon - Pop-up at Stone Market
- Coffee Mornings at the three residential homes

Publicity/ Hard Copy Plan Locations:

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| • Alleyne's Leisure Centre | • Stone Station |
| • Christchurch | • Tennis Club |
| • Costa | • The Borehole |
| • Frank Jordan Centre | • The Crown Hotel |
| • Granvilles | • The Pheasant |
| • Library | • The Red Lion |
| • Little Stoke Cricket Club | • The Royal Exchange |
| • Stone SP Cricket Club | • The Swan |
| • Stone Town Council Ground Floor | • Walton Community Centre |

Appendix 4 - Statutory and Other Consultees

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

The Coal Authority
Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council
Stoke on Trent City Council
Staffordshire County Council
CTIL (on behalf of Vodafone and Telefónica):
MBNL (EE and Three):
Three
EE
Severn Trent Water
National Grid Plant Protection
British Pipeline Agency Limited
Western Power
Network Rail
Highways England
Stafford Borough Council
National Grid
British Gas Transco (West Midlands District)
Asset Officer Transco PLC
Amec on behalf of Transco Land & Development
Historic England
Natural England
Environment Agency
Highways England (West Midlands)
Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust
South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare
Staffordshire Public Health
University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust
Head of Public Sector Commissioning Partnership
Locality Public Health Partnerships & Commissioning Leads for Staffordshire County Council
Mid Staffordshire Health Authority
Strategic Rail Authority
Stafford and Surrounds Clinical Commissioning Group
NHS Property Services
Homes and Community Agency
Staffordshire County Council Highway Authority
Transport for West Midlands
Stone Rural Parish Council

Appendix 5 - Comments from Statutory Consultees and Modifications Made

Consultee	Comment from Consultee	Comments from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Modifications
National Grid		Note the representations with no modification required.	No Modifications Required
Severn Trent		Note the representations with no modification required.	No Modifications Required
Network Rail		Note the representations and check the local plan that this is dealt with through policy and if not make clear in the Neighbourhood Plan about the impact on railway infrastructure in the general text. No change to policy required.	Add supporting text to reflect comments in NP.
Natural England		Note the representations with no modification required.	No Modifications Required
Staffs County Council	Pg1 Para 2	All LGS have been through a rigorous consultation process and tested against the NPPF. No modification.	No Modifications Required
	Pg1 Para 3	Note the comments, discuss with Staffordshire County Council highways department to clarify the extent of the highway and if they confirm that this is in the adopted highway remove the LGS 21 from the list of designations.	Stone T.C have contacted SCC Highways and decided to leave LGS21 in the plan
	Pg 1 Para 4	All LGS have been through a rigorous consultation process and tested against the NPPF. The LGS does meet the criteria in the NPPF and development would extinguish the community use. No modification.	No Modifications Required
	Pg 2 Para 1	Check the terminology and accuracy, amend if necessary.	On pg 27 replace 'County' with 'Local'
	Pg2 Para 2	Welcome the comments. No amendments.	No Modifications Required
	Pg2 Para 3	Note the suggested amendments in para. Make amendments on pg 47	Add to the end of bullet point 2 Reverse Habitat Fragmentation: ',which could include planting of trees and hedgerows, meadow wildflower enhancement, pond and wetland creation.'
	Pg2 Para 4	Note the comments. No amendment necessary.	No Modifications Required
	Pg2 para 5	Note the typo. Make the amendments	Change para 4 to read 'Burgage'

Consultee	Comment from Consultee	Comments from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Modifications
	Pg2 para 6	Note the comment and ensure that the name and date of the document is clearly listed in the NP. Make sure the references are clear.	Amend pg 40 and 45 to read: Re-word to read: Historic Environment Character Assessment, Stone Environs, July 2009 by Staffordshire County Council.
	Pg 2 Para 7	Check local plan for archaeology policy, and ensure it is covered. If not create a new policy.	Archaeology is dealt with through the PfSB Pt1 Policy N9 Historic Environment and NPPF so not additional policy required.
	Pg 3 para 2	Note the suggested amendment and make.	Pg 10: Replace: 'Further character areas' with 'Landscape Character Types'.
	Pg3 para 3	Note the comment and include a simple sentence amendment of 'there is an extensive network of ProW in the Neighbourhood Area and these would need to be considered by developers' in the rationale of the design section.	Add to para 1 on pg 40: ', for example there is an extensive network of Public Rights of Way in the Neighbourhood area and these would need to be considered by developers.'
	Pg3 para 4 & 5	Compare the details given in the two paragraphs and compare with the existing text and up date where appropriate.	Pg 21 Insert new sentence after 2013-2014 to read: The latest set of passenger figures recorded 127,608 in 2016/17 which is up 17% on the previous year.
	Pg3	Note the update comments. No amendments required.	No Modifications Required
Strategic Property Unit SCC		All LGS have been through a rigorous consultation process and tested against the NPPF. The LGS does meet the criteria in the NPPF and development would extinguish the community use. No modification.	No Modifications Required
The Coal Authority		Note the representations with no modification required.	No Modifications Required
Historic England		Note the comments and email HE to point out that they responded to the LPA and not the QB. Note the comments about the archeology and add the sentence about the town being medieval in origin as part of the rationale. Additional policy is not required as the NPPF and the Local Plan plan positively for these.	On page 12, amend para 3 to read: 'The subsequent development of Stone as a Medieval planned town must have had its origins in the...'
Stafford Borough Council	General	Note the representations with no modification required.	No Modifications Required
	Pg 2	The format style has been chosen by Stone Town Council.	No Modifications Required
	Background	Make the amendment	Insert the word 'June' before 2014

Consultee	Comment from Consultee	Comments from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Modifications
	The Neighbourhood Area	Note the representations with no modification required, it is inaccurate to refer to as Neighbourhood Plan Area.	No Modifications Required
	Page 5	Note the comment and amend to read 'Neighbourhood Plan must be subject to a vote by residents of the Neighbourhood Area'	Re-word sentence to: 'Neighbourhood Plan must be subject to a vote by residents of the Neighbourhood Area'
	Page 9	Note the representations the text is considered clear with no modification required.	No Modifications Required
	Pages 10 to 35	Note the representations with no modification required. It is best to include the evidence to make sure the plan is supported appropriately.	No Modifications Required
	Page 22	Contributions should be dealt with through the Local Plan. No amendments required.	No Modifications Required
	Page 36	Note the comment all of the aims are dealt with through policies. In the basic conditions map the aims of the plan to the policies. These have all been met and checked. No amendment necessary.	No Modifications Required
	Pages 38 to 40	Note the comment and cross reference to the Housing rationale section to ensure we make clear how growth is planned for. No change to make site allocations the Neighbourhood Plan does not need to make these. Considered the other comments and no amendments necessary D&A statements are referred to in Policy H2. The Housing Need is based on the evidence from Stafford Borough, the policy does not seek to set a proportion. Amend the policy to remove final sentence 'House types should include semi-detached and terraced housing'.	Amend policy H1 to remove final sentence: House types should include semi-detached and terraced housing.
	Policy H2	Check the points and amend if necessary.	Check the policy against N1 of the PfSB Pt1 and amend if necessary.

Consultee	Comment from Consultee	Comments from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Modifications
	Pages 41 to 42	<p>Policy BE1: Note the comments and in the wording of the policy emphasise small scale and add a sentence on significant adverse impact on residential amenity in the second bullet point of the policy. Policy BE2 Note the comments and add into the second bullet point of the policy that this includes food and drink; cultural and community facilities. Add into the rationale and evidence about the NPPF test. Check there is no duplication with Local Plan Policy and amend accordingly.</p>	<p>Replace first sentence of BE1 to read: 'Neighbourhood Plan must be subject to a vote by residents of the Neighbourhood Area'. BE2: Replace policy with re-worded version: New development within the town centre must maintain or enhance its vitality and viability. This includes retail uses and other uses suitable to the town centre, including food and drink and cultural, leisure and community facilities.</p> <p>Proposals for residential use will be considered for approval for upper floors, but not at ground floor level within retail frontages on High Street.</p> <p>All ground uses must retain a shop frontage to the High Street.</p>
	Comments on Policy CAF1	<p>Note the comments, re-draft the policy to ensure the green space masterplan is made, which makes clear the range of provision. Re-wording could include 'housing development over 10 new units, must include a greenspace masterplan...' also include that the contributions must be made within the neighbourhood area, or within the site.</p>	<p>Replace entire policy (excluding the title) with:</p> <p>New residential development of over 10 units must be supported through either direct provision or contributions towards play, sports and recreational facilities.</p> <p>To avoid fragmented provision, where facilities are being provided directly, they must be in accordance with a wider masterplan for play, sports and recreational facilities and this must be submitted with any planning application. Such facilities must be provided within the neighbourhood area.</p>

Consultee	Comment from Consultee	Comments from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Modifications
	Comments on Policy CAF2	Note the comments. Re-word policy to reflect the comments.	Re-word policy to: Development proposals must preserve or enhance Stone's green spaces and environmental assets, including trees and hedgerows. Where appropriate, Section 106 or CIL contributions may be used to improve access to green spaces and infrastructure, to enable development.
	Comments on Policy CAF3	Note the comments, add the map; make amendment to read 'local green spaces' not open in the 4th para last sentence.	Reword first sentence to: New development must preserve or enhance significant local views within the built and natural environment of Stone, as shown on Map (insert ref). These are: Also change to Local Green Spaces in para 4.
	Comments on Policy CAF4	Note the comments, edit the policy to delete part of the second sentence to make clearer. Delete the last sentence on the bottom of page 45. Rename the heading on page 26 to 'Green Space' and The section called 'Local Green Space Designation' should be moved to immediately before the vision and aims and ensure it has a big title and ensure that it makes ref to appendix E and F. Changes to Appendices: A Remain; B remain; C remain; D will become 'Community facilities which inc bottom section of pg 53 and table 4; E is all of the top section of page 53 and the 3 LGS tables in E; Appendix F remains; Appendix G remains. Make sure that you inc the correct references to the new structure throughout the document.	In policy CAF4 Delete 'allocated in this plan'. And make the amendments listed.
	Appendix D	Dealt with through amendments above.	No Modifications Required
	Appendix D	The Local Plan Policies are generalised and do not specifically address the community value of these sites. Furthermore the local plan stated that LGS designations	No Modifications Required

Consultee	Comment from Consultee	Comments from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Modifications
		should be made through Neighbourhood Plans.	

Appendix 6 - General Public Questionnaire

Stone Neighbourhood Plan

Public Consultation on the Draft Plan

12:00 noon 19th June 2018
to 12:00 noon 31st July 2018



Response Form

This pre-submission consultation is a continuation of the consultation to date, which has led to the current draft Neighbourhood Plan. We want to hear from you, please give your views on any of the policies in the draft Plan and any other comments you would like to make.

It is very important to the process that you (*and any other members of your household or community aged 16 years or over*) indicate acceptance or otherwise of the Plan and if you wish changes to be made, to make those known to inform the final Plan to be sent for Examination.

The closing date for submissions is 12:00 noon on 31st July 2018

Name		Signature (paper copies) I confirm I am aged 16 years or over <input type="checkbox"/> (please tick box)
Address		
Organisation (where appropriate)		

Please note that without your contact details your views cannot be considered.

How the Information in this form will be used:

Information given on this form will be used to help prepare the final Stone Neighbourhood Development Plan for Examination. Please be aware that the forms will be shared with the Council's planning consultants and your comments, including personal details, may be made publicly available, for example, if a challenge is made regarding the validity of responses. The Council's privacy notice can be viewed on its website.

Further copies of this form and a 'Word' version for those preferring to type their response can be downloaded from the Stone Town Council website at www.stonetowncouncil.gov.uk. Please use this form for your comments as it will make the task of collating views so much easier. Please submit your response in one of the following ways:

- Email as an attachment to clerk@stonetowncouncil.gov.uk
- Post to 'Stone Neighbourhood Plan', Stone Town Council, 15 Station Road, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 8JP
- Hand deliver as a paper copy (*addressed to Stone Neighbourhood Plan*) to: Stone Town Council, 15 Station Road, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 8JP

Stone Neighbourhood Development Plan Regulation 14 Consultation

General Comments:

<p>I am generally in favour of the Plan</p> <p>Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I would like to see changes to the Plan</p> <p>Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Comments on the Plan overall:</p> 	

Specific Comments:

Policy Number		Do you agree? (delete as appropriate)	Comments/suggested changes – please be as clear and concise as possible
Housing	H1 Housing Tenures and Types	YES/NO	
	H2 Housing Design	YES/NO	
Business and Employment	BE1 Small Home Based Business	YES/NO	
	BE2 Stone Town Centre and Local Retailing	YES/NO	
Community Assets and Facilities	CAF1 Local Play, Sports and Recreational Facilities	YES/NO	
	CAF2 Green Infrastructure	YES/NO	
	CAF3 Protected Views and Vistas	YES/NO	
	CAF4 Local Green Space	YES/NO	

Appendix 7 - Comments from Public Consultees and Modifications Made

Note: ✓ = Agree ✗ = Disagree - = Not Entered

General Comments			Housing		Business & Employment		Community Assets & Facilities				Steering Group Comments	Agreed Action								
In Favour	Like Changes	Overall Comments	H1 Housing	H2 Housing Design	BE1 Small Home Based Businesses	BE2 Stone Town Centre & Local Retailing	CAF1 Local Play, Sports, and Recreational Facilities	CAF2 Green Infrastructure	CAF3 Protected Views and Vistas	CAF4 Local Green Spaces										
			Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments										
✓	✓	I would like to see an amendment to the plan to prevent any and all development in green belt areas and areas outside of the town boundary as defined in the Stone Neighbourhood Plan	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		Comments noted, national policy on green belt provides protection. Local Plan policy protects rural stone.	No Action						
✓	✗	I agree with the Plan. It is essential also to protect and not sell off any green spaces in and around the town	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		LGS will provide protection	No Action						
✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	At present no changing rooms for football teams. Green space should be kept big enough for decent size football pitches	✓		✓	Tilling Drive, Westbridge Park and Common Lane must be kept for sports	Comments noted, including a suggested community project of provision of new changing facilities.	No Action						
✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		No Comment	No Action						
✓	✓	Good	✓	More social housing	✓	In keeping with surroundings	✓	Encourage it	✓	What's happening with Co-op	✓	More for the young to do	✓	Look after green areas and retain	✓	All in favour with it being protected	✓	In favour	Comments noted	No Action
✓	✗		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓				✓				No Comment	No Action
✓	✗		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓				✓				No Comment	No Action
✓	✗	I agree with the plan. It is essential also to protect and not sell off any green spaces in and around the town	✓		✓		✓		✓	No green spaces whatsoever should be sold off to provide for this	✓	No green spaces whatsoever should be sold off to provide for this	✓		✓	No green spaces should be sold off	Comments Noted	No Action		
✗		See comments on response form															Comments Noted, this included non-planning matters and issues raised that policies such as the LGS seek to address. Tilling Drive is a LGS.	No Action		
✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓				✓				No Comment	No Action
✓		See letter on file															Comments Noted, ensure the LGS designation for Tilling drive includes the comments in the description included.	Check description for LGS to ensure covers points raised as further evidence of community value and use.		
✓	✗	I agree with the information overall. If the plan is in place before the proposed sale of Tilling Drive field so much the better	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		Comments Noted	No Action		

General Comments			Housing		Business & Employment		Community Assets & Facilities				Steering Group Comments	Agreed Action	
In Favour	Like Changes	Overall Comments	H1 Housing	H2 Housing Design	BE1 Small Home Based Businesses	BE2 Stone Town Centre & Local Retailing	CAF1 Local Play, Sports, and Recreational Facilities	CAF2 Green Infrastructure	CAF3 Protected Views and Vistas	CAF4 Local Green Spaces			
			Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments			
✓	✓	It is a very comprehensive plan but very difficult (especially when viewed on screen) to distinguish between statements of fact or observations and actual strategies and policies. I would like to see policies that priorities green spaces and protect them	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments Noted, Plan has to cater for growth.	Ensure all policies are clearly marked in green boxes.
✓	X	A coherent document describing the present day town and guiding future development	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments noted	No Action
✓	X		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments noted	No Action
✓	X		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments noted	No Action
—	✓	The plan does not make any reference to the proposed building of the HS2 railhead and the tremendous implications this will have on the area in respect of transport, housing, environment etc. HS2 will impact on the area both during construction and far into the future, how can the plan not reference your idea to mitigate its impact on the area	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Comments Noted about no mention of HS2.	Make reference in the evidence section about HS2. into infrastructure and Environment section.
		See letter in file										Comments noted	No Action
✓	X	Good workable document; looking to the future whilst respecting past heritage. Excellent emphasis on the value of the environment and wildlife - I think one of Stone's best assets! NB Map 23 - Walton - new development (housing) still show as E employment . Page 19 - Westbridge Park - now (run) by Freedom Leisure. Page 20 - Groups - many groups pick litter and keep areas clean. Addition of 'Positive Plan for environment'; climate change, air pollution, plastic pollution	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments noted, see actions.	Check pg 19 Westbridge Park Leisure Centre is now run by a not for profit organisation. Pg 20 decide on adding 'many community groups pick litter'. Add in policy H2 next too innovative design solutions would be welcomed, especially where incorporating higher environmental performance designs.
✓	X		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments noted	No Action
✓	✓	See letter in file	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	Comments Noted: LGS has been through a rigorous consultation process and tested against the NPPF. The NP caters adequately for housing supply.	Check that Nichols Lane is not in the Green Belt, Checked at meeting.

General Comments			Housing		Business & Employment		Community Assets & Facilities				Steering Group Comments	Agreed Action								
In Favour	Like Changes	Overall Comments	H1 Housing	H2 Housing Design	BE1 Small Home Based Businesses	BE2 Stone Town Centre & Local Retailing	CAF1 Local Play, Sports, and Recreational Facilities	CAF2 Green Infrastructure	CAF3 Protected Views and Vistas	CAF4 Local Green Spaces										
			Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments										
—	—	Thank you to all who are continuing to put effort into this plan which will be to the benefit of Stone residents in years to come. There appears to be a future looming problem with increased traffic approaching the Walton roundabout from new build developments which needs urgent attention. The traffic arriving into Stone on the A520 stretches into the Moddershall Valley at peak morning time. Traffic congestion greatly contributes to the inefficiency of business and damage to the environment	✓	I agree for social housing ideally built on Council owned land as a possibility of minimising build cost. Also housing allowing for the aging 4 bed detached house owners to relocate	✓	Design and quality of build and space layout are important aspects for the occupiers, for the future years and changing circumstance of health and climate	✓		✓	I should like to see greater control from the Planning Committee in the regulation of facades and signage. Also compulsory purchase of empty units and the re-development of the High Street front and rear	✓	The new swimming pool at Westbridge Park is a missed opportunity for the population. I understand it offers no larger capacity than Alleyne's and has no small pool for infants. Alleyne's pool and playing fields should be secured for ongoing use	✓	I should like the Council to have a strategy for Stone to be a 'green' town, favouring electric vehicles by installing many charging points in car parks that will encourage visitors to visit and shop	✓	Views from housing estates to areas of open space outside of the town boundary are equally important, as the views within Stone listed in this policy and should also be protected	✓	As a keen walker and lover of the countryside I am strongly in favour of the protection of the town perimeter with respect to the Moddershall Valley, Coppice Wood and protection of the natural green space of the Nicholls Lane Field as part of the setting of the Moddershall Valley	Comments noted	Add a point into policy H2 on electrical car charging points.
		See email in file																	Comments noted	No Action
		See email in file																	Comments noted	No Action
		See email in file																	Comments noted	No Action
✓	—	Broadly in favour of the plan	✓		✓		✓	Concerns that out of town centre retail/commercial development has gone ahead in the past, even when there were suitable sites in the town centre (such as the Marks and Spencer on Westbridge Park when there was an empty site in the old Cop building) and hope that the Neighbourhood Plan could prevent this in the future	✓		✓	The proposed residential development on Blackie's Lane, which is shortly to go to appeal, seems to contravene this policy as it is taking away valuable green space in this locality without providing any alternatives	✓	Views from housing estates to areas of open space outside of the town boundary are equally important, as the views within Stone listed in this policy and should also be protected	✓	We are concerned about the appeal regarding proposed development on LGS34 Saddlet Avenue, as this clearly goes against policy CA4 which states that such Local Green Spaces must not be developed, except in exceptional circumstances. We do not believe there to be any exceptional circumstances here and that the development will compromise (totally destroy) the open quality and community value of this space and hope that the Town Council continue to strongly oppose this application	Comments noted, the plan has to be really selective on views.	No Action		
		See email in file																	Comments noted	No Action
✓	X	A very thorough document	—		—		—		—		—		—		—		✓	With regard to Nicholls Lane field. The decision by the planning inspector was very clear and should be the end of the matter	Comments noted	No Action
✓	X	There appears to be a future looming problem with increased traffic approaching the Walton roundabout from new build developments which needs attention. The traffic arriving into Stone on the A520 stretches into the Moddershall Valley at peak morning time. Traffic congestion greatly contributes to the inefficiency of business and damage to the environment	✓	I agree for social housing ideally built on Council owned land as a possibility of minimising build cost. Also retirement housing/apartments allowing the aging detached house owners to relocate	✓	Design and quality of build and space layout are important aspects for the occupiers, for the future years and changing circumstance of health and climate	—		✓	I should like to see greater control from the Planning Committee in the regulation of facades and signage. Also compulsory purchase of empty units and the re-development of the High Street front and rear	✓	Alleyne's pool and playing fields and Westbridge Park playing field should be secured for ongoing use	✓	I should like the Council to have a strategy for Stone that will encourage visitors to visit and shop	✓	I am strongly in favour of the protection of the town perimeter with respect to the Moddershall Valley, Coppice Wood and protection of the natural green space of the Nicholls Lane field as part of the setting of the Moddershall Valley	Comments noted	No Action		
		See email in file																	Comments noted	No Action

General Comments			Housing		Business & Employment		Community Assets & Facilities				Steering Group Comments	Agreed Action						
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			Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments	Agree?/Comments			Agree?/Comments					
✓	X	I am very much in favour of all the ideas in the Neighbourhood Plan. I particular like all the work done in trying to protect our ever decreasing open green spaces from development and the policies regarding the High Street	✓	✓	✓	✓	Need to develop into touristy type of place sooner than traditional retailing	✓	I object most strongly the use of designated sports fields and other spaces for development	✓	The pace of development does not match the improvements in infrastructures with doctors, schools and transport all suffering	✓	The threat to our green space currently used for recreation, sport and leisure must be prevented and I fully support all the local green spaces designated	✓	In particular what is left of Westbridge Park, all Tilling Drive and all Saddler Avenue	Comments noted	No Action	
✓	X	An excellent plan, just needs updating to better reflect current situation with some of asset descriptions. Also consider changing the boundary marking the local green space around Walton Common	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Stafford Borough acknowledges the shortage of recreational facilities in Stone and what areas remain must be fully protected from development and new spaces for play, sports and recreation be found eg expansion of Walton Common to form a sport hub	✓	The shortage of green infrastructure is due to over development and much more needs to be done to preserve these spaces and expand Stone to include new protected green spaces with easy access to the Stone public	✓	I note the destruction of heritage setting by the new Marks and Spencer building built in front of the Grade 2 listed building adjacent to the conservation zone. It is a good idea to protect others	✓	I fully support all the proposed designated local green spaces especially those currently under threat, namely Tilling Drive, Saddler Avenue space and Westbridge Park	Comments noted	No Action	
		See email in file														Comments noted	No Action	
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✓	X	It is pleasing that the Town Council have given a great deal of thought in ensuring that certain areas of the town are identified as being of benefit to the people for recreation and open space	✓	More affordable houses are required to meet the need of the young population	✓	Due to an ageing population I feel that we need more apartments/bungalows in the area where possible	✓	✓	The need to have a vibrant High Street is essential	✓	Due to the influx of people in recent years the availability of recreation facilities will be very important	✓	The retention of a green infrastructure is to the benefit of all the population of Stone	✓	✓	I am particularly concerned about the Nicholls Lane field. This field has been used for many years by local children. It would be ideal if it could be designated as LOCAL GREEN SPACE	Comments noted	No Action
✓	✓	I support the plan in every way bar one. The reference to children's play facilities 'that Westbridge Park should be the natural location for such investment' is incorrect. Tilling Drive Recreation Park is being sold to pay for these facilities. Tilling Drive Recreation Park must not be sold. What about the children from the Walton area? Where do they play once Tilling Drive is sold by Stafford Borough Council. Children's facilities are needed all through the town not just one place. The town is growing and needs more localised play areas not centralised ones. See SA3 and SA6 re; well being CAF1,2&4	X	More social housing required	X	More affordable housing required	✓	X	Marks and Spencers should not have been given permission to build. Evidence of Stafford Borough Council incompetence	X	CAF1 not complied with. See below CAF2	X	Tilling Drive is the local green space for the children of the new Millars Reach development. Stafford Borough Council are trying to sell it. Where will the children play?	✓	✓	Retain Tilling Drive as it currently is. Stafford Borough Council want to sell it during this consultation. It must not be sold. SA3	Comments noted	No Action
✓	X	Thorough	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments noted	No Action
✓	X		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments noted	No Action
		See email in file															Comments noted	No Action
✓	X		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	However, I am concerned about the demise of the High Street which requires investment to be encouraged and incentivized	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Having been a resident for 26 years and responsible dog walker, I would like to emphasize the importance of local green spaces for all to enjoy and in particular LGS34 Saddler Avenue	Comments noted	No Action
✓	X	Well thought out	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments noted	No Action

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✓	—	Generally a good idea as the development of Stone needs to be closely monitored and the small town atmosphere protected	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	Space adjacent to Newcastle Road allotments should be maintained as the last green link between the canal and thus an extension of the allotments	Comments noted, LGS was removed because it has an active planning permission.	
		See email in file											Comments noted	No Action

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✓	X	Appears to take into consider the needs of the town population, particularly in favour of the consideration of local green spaces which must be protected given the rapidly increasing population of the town and the ever increasing housing developments, shops, industrial infrastructure such as Jaguar Land Rover which are being built	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>✓ I refer below but I am pleased to note the designation of LGS34 Saddler Avenue as a designated local green space. The view when entering and leaving Aston Lodge Park estate across this piece of land, by virtue of this local green space being designated would also be protected as a side effect of this. This view, as referenced below, is a most pleasing view when entering and leaving the estate, indeed when I first drove into the estate some 10 years ago I was very surprised at how rural the estate seemed given the large size of the estate</p>	<p>✓ I am particularly pleased to note the designation of LGS34 Saddler Avenue as a local green space and the fact the Council has rightly recognised this important piece of land as a local green space. This small piece of land is of significant importance to those living on Aston Lodge and is held in high regard. It is fairly unique in Stone in that it is essentially a 'wild' green space, it looks pleasing when entering and leaving the estate given the size of what is a large housing estate in that it provides a very pleasant countryside vista. It provides a haven for wildlife, there are a wealth of butterflies and insects, I have seen tawny owls, barn owl and red kites in the vicinity of the area. Perhaps most importantly, the site is well used by those living on the estate, it is frequently used by the local dog walkers on a very regular basis, there is almost always someone walking their dog on this piece of land. It is a wonderful area for children to play as its safe and interesting, being different from a 'normal' playground eg my 3 year old daughter finds it an interesting area to play and explore, very handy when being so local to a huge housing estate. It's a good area for walking when taking on some of the footpaths around the estate which then traverse the green space. Having this area protected as a local green space can only be a positive aspect for the local community</p>	Comments noted	No Action

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✓	—	I thought the plan presented a strong, well thought out and carefully considered recommendations to enable growth whilst developing and maintaining the identify that makes Stone such a pleasant place to live	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		Comments noted	No Action				
✓	—	I thought the plan presented a strong, well thought out and carefully considered recommendations to enable growth whilst developing and maintaining the identify that makes Stone such a pleasant place to live	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		Comments noted	No Action				
✓	✓	See response form	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		Comments noted, representations could be made through the new local plan about amendments to the settlement boundary.	No Action				
✓	✓	I support the plan in every way bar one. The reference to children's play facilities 'that Westbridge Park should be the natural location for such investment' is incorrect. Tilling Drive Recreation Park is being sold to pay for these facilities. Tilling Drive Recreation Park must not be sold. What about the children from the Walton area. Where do they play once Tilling Drive is sold by Stafford Borough Council. Children's facilities are needed all through the town not just one place. The town is growing and needs more localised play areas not centralised ones. See SA3 and SA6 re; wellbeing. CAF1,2 & 4	X	More social housing required	X	More affordable housing required	✓		X	Marks and Spencers should not have been given permission to build. Evidence of Stafford Borough Council incompetence	X	CAF1 not complied with. See below CAF2	X	Tilling Drive is the local green space for the children of the new Millers Reach development. Stafford Borough Council are trying to sell it. Where will the children play?	✓		X	Retain Tilling Drive as it currently is. Stafford Borough Council want to sell it during this consultation. It must not be sold. SA3	Comments noted	No Action
✓	—	The plan shows plenty of attention to detail and attempts to find a balance between the changes needed for a small town to thrive whilst maintaining its individual character. My main concern is that this draft plan was drawn up before some alterations were imposed externally. Page 46 states that 'Commercial development on Westbridge Park land or river flood plain should not go ahead; M&S/supermarket developments outside the town centre should be stopped'. On two occasions independent government inspectors agreed with this. I appreciated that the development has gone ahead and nothing can be done about it. I hope the Neighbourhood Plan of the future would fit in more with the wishes of Stone residents.	✓	Housing should reflect changes in demographics. More first time homes and elderly accommodation at higher density to prevent sprawl.	✓	Have speed bumps as standard in residential areas. 20mph speed limits. Make sure that housing design is imaginative and eco friendly. Opportunities for self build perhaps?	✓	Fine as long as each business does not generate visitor parking problems.	✓	Active encouragement of town centre developments. Even out of centre developments will have an enormous impact on the High Street. Be pro-active in seeing future trends to avoid a hiatus in retailing. I bring to mind the loss of a Post Office and supermarket. (See Page 53 ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise in a way that is sustainable and retained for the benefit of the community). Stone has little hotel accommodation. The Crown Hotel should be seen as the cornerstone in any revival of the High Street. The branding of Stone as 'Canal Town' opens up the prospect of tourist related retailing. The Crown Wharf plan is a welcome boost to the town centre. Heritage signs are to be encouraged. Also maintain safe pedestrianisation of the High Street with fixed bollards.	✓	New facilities are welcomed but we should not use up open space for short term financial gains. Open space is very flexible fitting in with sustainability objectives. Note: Following discussion at the General Purposes Committee on 22nd May 2018, the Town Council wrote to Stafford Borough Council expressing their dissatisfaction at the proposed sale of part of Tilling Drive Playing Field, a dissatisfaction which is also clearly evident from the strong objections of the residents of that local area.	✓	Encourage cycleways. Make sure the green corridor through Stone is not weakened any further. LG45 description mentions wrought iron gates at the pedestrian entrance of Westbridge Park, they are outside of the green line on map. Although 3 tennis courts are mentioned in reality they have disappeared under the retail development in Westbridge Park.	✓	Needs plenty of vigilance here. Some have already disappeared or been diminished: Page 45 from Westbridge Park to The Moorings and tower of the Church of St. Michael's.	✓	Outdated and confusing maps: Page 86 has a map that shows Westbridge Park (including the new retail site) as being outside the settlement boundary, whereas Map 10 Page 33 includes Marks and Spencer development as an urban area (light brown shading). Rather inconsistent approach.	Comments noted, Speedbumps are a matter for Highways and can not be dealt with through Neighbourhood Plan Policy. The Maps are taken from Stafford Borough Documents.	No Action

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✓	X	I feel that the plan is an excellent document and is essential to the prevention of unwelcome developments in Stone.	✓	There is clearly a requirement for smaller more affordable houses, while developers prefer building larger more profitable houses.	✓	Not sure how important this really is.	✓		✓	Very important as at the moment there seem to be a lot of youngsters wandering aimlessly about.	✓		✓	The views of the town are one of the main things that attracted me some 20 years ago when I moved here.	✓	I feel that this is one of the most important policies to ensure the maintenance of the character of the town.	Comments noted	No Action		
✓	✓	See response form & email															Comments noted, the neighbourhood plan has to plan for growth, make amendments to Policy BE1. Noted about the suggested LGS this space was not identified in the audit as it did not fit the NPPF criteria, but consultee could make as a potential LGS through the Stafford Borough Council call for LGS.	BE1, bring out further the impact on neighbour amenity.		
✓	✓	I feel that it is most important that all areas of Stone are maintained to the highest possible standards. Any future developments should be considered carefully for their affordability, practicality, aesthetic appeal and for the health and well-being of the entire community.	✓		✓	Where high concentration of properties, adequate provision for parking and vehicle access should be made.	✓	Ditto - parking and access.	✓	Provision for residents only parking if upper floors of shops be used for residential and cheaper parking options for short stays and incentives used.	✓	Allocating and protecting open space. Consider alternative ways of funding ie lottery, crowd funding, community ownership/support.	✓	Essential for health and well-being. Looking after our environment etc. Green space = Space to breath.	✓	Continue to maintain and enhance appeal of Stone to entice new visitors/business and give pride to residents of town.	✓	NO GREEN SPACE should be sacrificed to enable development of any kind or fund other activities either in full or in part.	Comments noted, policy H2 addresses parking design in new development.	No Action
✓	✓	As more and more land is consumed for residential and commercial purpose it is vital that all green spaces identified should be protected at all costs. It would be detrimental to the well-being of the residents of Stone if any was lost and extremely short sighted	✓	Most important to keep the next generation in Stone by providing properly affordable homes.	✓		✓	Can incentives be offered to encourage new business into High Street - insist on empty premises being put to good use.	✓	Any future play/recreational facilities provided should be safe, secure and well maintained.	✓	What is good for the environment has got to be good for us. We need to protect it.	✓		✓	Vital for our health and well-being. No mention of Brandon Walk - Why? As well as providing access to Friars Avenue from Eccleshall Road - it has many mature trees and open grass land.	Comments noted	No Action		
✓	X	Good balance - development and protection of green space.	✓		✓	Suggest that the specific focus on Character Area North/garden grabbing be de-emphasised. Appears inconsistent with the other more general policies.	✓	As noted, there appears to be potential conflict between Policy H2 and Policy BE1	✓		✓	Important to keep range of sites and facilities (Westbridge and Alleyne's Sports Centres) CAF1 needs to be background green.	✓		✓		✓	Essential that existing green space is protected by designating as local green space, both within housing developments and on edge of town (eg Nicholls Lane).	Comments noted, Residential amenity will be added to policy BE1	BE1 Make changes to residential amenity.

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—	—	I agree with the Stone Neighbourhood Plan	✓	✓ Particular attention needs to be paid to car parking on new developments as many cars are parked in the street and this makes driving through them difficult.	✓	✓	✓ Retail development outside of the town centre must be resisted.	✓	✓	✓ It is essential that the play facilities are enhanced in Westbridge Park for older children. For a relatively large town Stone does not have play facilities that keep older children engaged.	✓	✓	✓ All local green space is valuable to the local community. There is particular pressure to develop on LGS34 Saddler Avenue which must be resisted. The space is of great significance and value to the Aston Lodge residents. I am not in favour of any development on any existing green space including Tilling Drive.	Comments noted	No Action
		See email in file												Comments noted	No Action
✓	—		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ Stone town centre is improving both for shopping as well as pubs and dining. We should do more to celebrate the successful businesses and ambience. The town needs more national retailers to keep people in the area rather than losing them to Stafford or Stoke. Can the old Co-op property be taken by a value retailer such as B & M, which is part of a rounded retail landscape. Trentham Gardens is overwhelmed with visitors... we need to attract more of those people off the A34 and into Stone. Improved signage and marketing is crucial.	✓	✓	✓ Please add the view/vista from Saddlers Avenue, Aston Lodge, up towards the fields and woodlands. This is invaluable to the well-being of Aston Lodge residents who have very few open spaces and vistas to enjoy.	X	✓	✓ LGS34 off Saddler Avenue is vital to the population of Aston Lodge. We live on a densely populated estate with nearly double the recommended number of dwellings per hectare. We need every bit of open space we have and this site provides us all with a glimpse of nature. I sincerely hope this plan gets accepted.	Comments noted, the plan has to be really selective on views.	No Action
		See email in file	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Comments noted, this is an objection to a planning application. The LGS that this relates to has been removed as a planning permission has now been granted.	No Action

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✓	✓	The plan makes reference to easing traffic congestion, increased free parking, access to town centre and pedestrian safety. Getting rid of splinter island and putting crossings back as they were would help considerably. Morrisons is an ideal free town centre car park, but is cut off by fear of being 'trapped' at times for up to 30 minutes! Also, it is a lot of hassle to walk all round via crossings - much easier to jay-walk across dual carriageway! Right hand lane past Morrisons is often gridlocked with very little in left hand lane (except for 'pushers-in' who cause road rage). Traffic lights get out of sequence and often change after only 3 cars get through at splinter island! I have seen the High Street used as a 'return' after 4pm! Logically, allowing through traffic to use both lanes until after the High Street lights, then merge in turn, would increase throughput significantly. None of the problems were foreseen when island was built 'on a whim' and it will only get worse! Get rid of it!											Comments noted, some points are Highways related.	No Action			
✓	X		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments noted	No Action			
✓	X		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments noted	No Action			
✓	X		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Comments noted	No Action			
✓	X	In favour of keeping green spaces already too many houses being built in Stone. We do not have enough infrastructure to cope.	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Vital green space increases your exposure to good bacteria which will calm your immune system.	Comments noted	No Action	
✓	—	I believe Stone Neighbourhood Plan has given due consideration to what is in the best interests of Stone and it's residents. Community engagement gave local people a voice in the decision making process. I am concerned about the total disregard shown by Stafford Borough Council in relation to certain recommendations, in particular community assets and facilities.	✓	✓	✓	Concern raised; recent actions by Stafford Borough Council suggests that decisions regarding building/development have been made that are not identified on the Stone Neighbourhood Plan. I am referring specifically to recreational land on Tilling Drive.	✓	✓	✓	This part of the plan is critical in safeguarding and improving the local environmental and recreational resources of the town for the benefit of all residents across the whole of the designated area.	✓	The Natural Environment White Paper 2011 highlights the importance of green spaces to the health and well-being of local people.	✓	The Neighbourhood Plan has identified local green spaces of significant value in consultation with Stone residents. These recommendations should not be overruled by Stafford Borough Council.	✓	Comments noted	No Action
✓	—	The key word is 'neighbourhood'. Decisions made about the locality influenced by local people. Not to be overruled by Stafford Borough Council	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	This is about physical and mental health for all people, young and old.	✓	Protecting green spaces gives everyone a wealth of opportunities to pursue a variety of interests not just football. The consultation that has taken place has been a valuable process and should be respected as such, recent actions taken by Stafford Borough Council suggest otherwise.	✓		Comments noted	No Action	

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✓	✓	I am impressed with the thoroughness of the plan and the policies relating to the protection of green space and biodiversity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	I would like the view from Saddler Avenue up the hill towards the farm at the top of Blackies Lane to be added to the list of protected views. This view is very important to local residents.	✓	I strongly agree with the policy of retaining and providing local green space. LGS34 is of particular importance to the residents of Aston Lodge Park.	Comments noted, the plan has to be really selective on views.	No Action		
		See email in file													Comments noted, the suggested LGS has a planning permission which disqualifies it from a LGS designation.	No Action		
✓	X	A thorough and excellent document	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				Comments noted	No Action		
✓	✓	A lot of work has gone into preparing this document - thanks go to all those involved.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	X	Change wording - replace desirable with essential.	X	The current proposal only covers the town centre and is too narrow. The policy needs to be broadened to encompass the whole of Stone including Walton. The gateways when entering Stone from the West along the B5026 (Eccleshall Road) and from the South along the A34 should be included - both have important views of Stonepark Farm and the surrounding hills that enhance the feeling of the town of Stone being in a rural setting. These views should be recognised and protected.	X	Generally in full agreement but would like to see the roadside verge along the Eccleshall Road/Bankside included in LGS01 Bushberry - As stated in the text of LGS01 the verge is a tree lined amenity green space. It provides an attractive entrance to Stone with mature trees and needs protection. It is now even more important since the addition of nearly 600 new homes off the Eccleshall Road is extending our urban sprawl and eating into the surrounding countryside.	Comments noted, replace desirable to essential in policy CAF2, LGS suggestion of land that can not be included as it is part of the designated highway.	Re-word policy.
		See letter in file													Comments noted, the growth strategy is primarily set out in the local plan. The suggested site allocation will not be included in the neighbourhood plan as this plan does not seek to make site allocations for housing. This site could be nominated through the Local Plan process.	No Action		
✓	X	See response form													Comments noted, the broadband could be included in non-planning	Add into the non-planning section about contacting service providers to support super fast broadband connection.		

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✓	X		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	We would particularly like to re-affirm our support for the allocation of local green space designation to Nicholls Lane field, part of the historic and tranquil conservation area of the Moddershall Valley - to be enjoyed by us and generations to come.	Comments noted	No Action
✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Particularly in support of LGS34. It is a tranquil area full of wildlife where I walk and relax. It is away from houses and road traffic. Local dog walkers also use this area regularly.	Comments noted	No Action
✓	-		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	I particularly want to support LGS34 which is a tranquil area of land full of wildlife - it is where I walk and relax away from houses and road traffic.	Comments noted	No Action
✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	I particularly support LGS34. I walk here often it is full of wildlife. It is a lovely tranquil spot to relax.	Comments noted	No Action
✓	X	This is an excellent piece of work that reflects the need of our local community. I am especially impressed with the recognition of the need for local green spaces and to protect them from unsympathetic development. I think this a well structured document and I approve of the content. Having lived in this locality for the last decade, I do believe it reflects many of the sentiments of local people that have never previously been documented in such a sensible and extensive way. A brilliant proposal that will safeguard Stone and ensure it is enjoyed by many future generations.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	I am especially pleased that areas of play and recreation have been identified and prioritised. This is important for the physical and mental health of all the residents.	✓	✓	✓	I think the recognition and the detail in the appendices of each proposed site is an indication of the thought and planning that has gone into this consultation.	Comments noted	No Action
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