

Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan



CONSULTATION STATEMENT

Part 5, Section 15
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal requirements of Part 5, Section 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 by:

- (a) *Detailing the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan;*
- (b) *Outlining how these persons and bodies were consulted;*
- (c) *Providing a summary of the main issues and concerns raised;*
- (d) *Reviewing how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.*

1.2 Throughout the process of producing the Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan a more in-depth consultation process has been undertaken than required within the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The aims of the consultation process were:

- *To ensure that the Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan was fully informed by the views and priorities of local residents, businesses, and key local stakeholders.*
- *To ensure that detailed consultation took place at all stages of the process, especially where key priorities needed to be set.*
- *To engage with as broad a cross section of the community as possible, using a variety of consultation and communication techniques.*
- *To ensure all consultation results were made publicly available and utilised to inform subsequent stages of the Neighbourhood Planning process.*

1.3 Consultation was undertaken by the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on behalf of Markfield Parish Council with support from the RCC (Leicestershire & Rutland), Plan-it X (Town and Country Planning Services Ltd) and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.

1.4 The programme of consultation completed is detailed below.

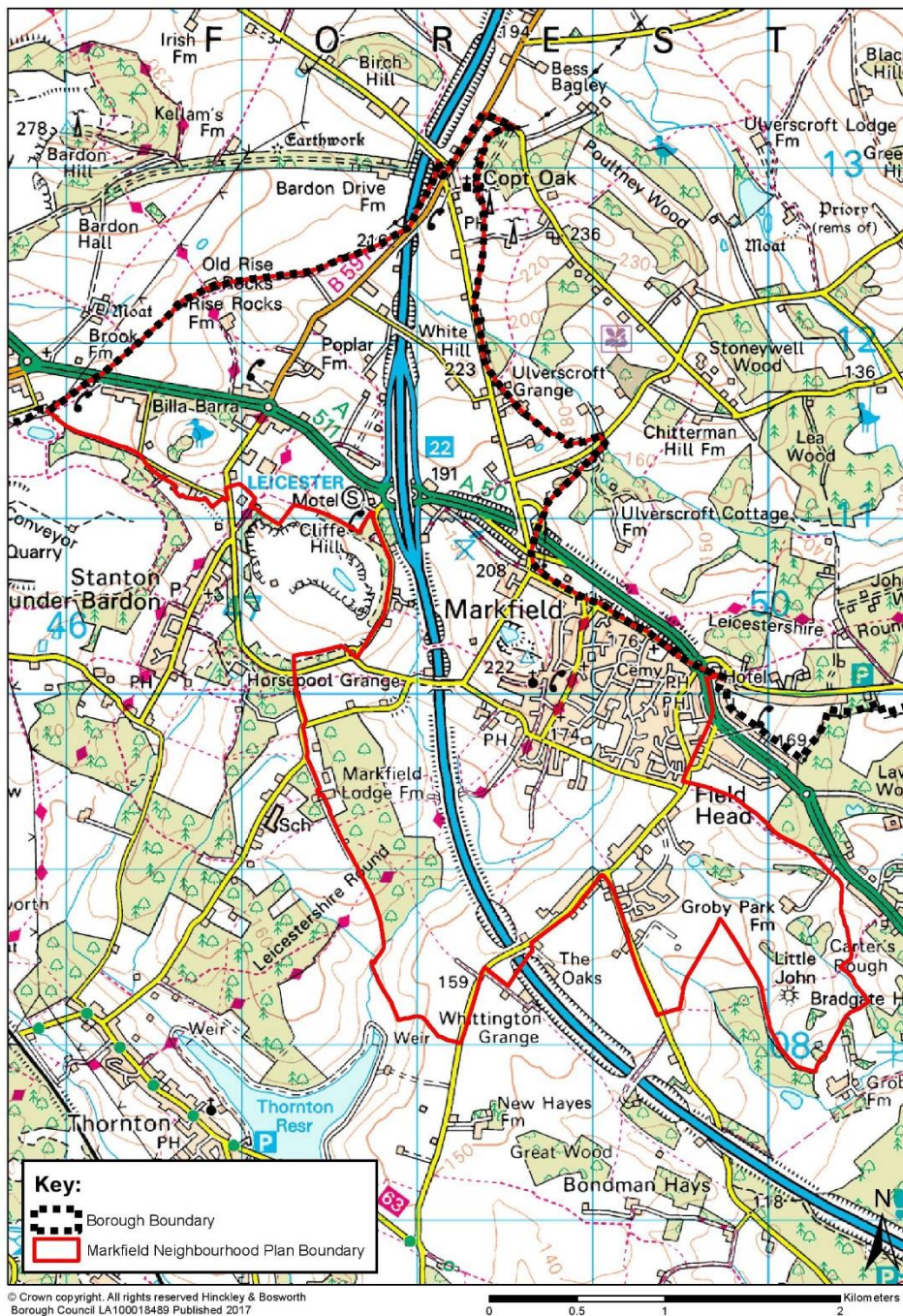
Table 1 - Programme of consultation completed:

Date	Activity
17 th , 24 th & 29 th November 2018	Public Community Drop-in Events
Tuesday 19th March 2019	Stakeholder Consultation
Summer Term 2019	Neighbourhood Plan Primary School Logo Competition & Pupil Survey
9 th November to 2 nd December 2019 with an extension until Monday 9th December.	Household & Youth Questionnaire
Monday 7 th September until 13 th November 2020	Pre-submission Consultation

- 1.5 This Consultation Statement provides an overview of each of the above stages of consultation in accordance with Section 15 (2) of Part 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

SECTION 2: NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

- 2.1 The whole Parish of Markfield has been formally designated as a Neighbourhood Area through an application made by Markfield Parish Council in March 2017 under Part 2, Section 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 2.2 The Neighbourhood Plan area was officially approved by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on 14th April 2017, following a 6-week period of public consultation as required within Part 2, Section 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 2.3 The designated 'Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Area' is illustrated below.



SECTION 3: Public Community Drop-in Events

3.1 An overview of the events is provided below.

Table 2 - Overview of the Community Engagement Drop-in Events

Date/Time	17 th , 24 th & 29 th November 2018
Venue	-Shaw Lane Working Men's Club, Billa Barra Lane -Markfield Community Centre, Mayflower Close -Markfield Court, Hall, Pinewood Drive
Format	Informal Drop-in
Publicity	Articles in the Magazine (The Herald) & Parish Council website
Attendance	35 members of the community

3.2 The Community Drop-in Events were used as an opportunity to:

- *Inform the community about neighbourhood planning and consult on the future of the Neighbourhood Plan for Markfield Parish.*
- *Enable residents to tell us their initial thoughts.*
- *Enable residents to become involved in the production of the plan or to give their contact details to receive regular updates on the neighbourhood plans progress.*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

3.3 The aim was to actively engage residents living in Markfield Parish. These events were supported by Markfield Parish Council.

3.4 A total of 35 people attended the events.

HOW PEOPLE WERE CONSULTED

3.5 Attendees were provided with "post-it notes to record their comments.

3.6 Those residents unable to attend the event were able to submit any written comments by posting them at the advertised collection point in the parish

ISSUES RAISED

3.7 The following key issues (in order of popularity) were highlighted by residents:

Traffic & Transport:

- *Parking/ Enforcement*
- *Field Head*
- *Speed Restrictions/ reductions*
- *Traffic Calming*
- *Double Yellow Lines*
- *Public Transport*
- *Speeding/ Speed Calming*
- *Noise*
- *Puddles*
- *Driveways*

- *Flying Horse Island*
- *Footpaths*
- *HGV's*
- *Infrastructure*
- *One-Way System*

Facilities & Services:

- *Dental Practice*
- *GP Services*
- *Cemetery*
- *Chemist*
- *Leisure/ Recreation*
- *Traffic Calming*
- *Allotments*
- *Café*
- *Education*
- *Infrastructure*
- *Library*
- *Newbuilds*
- *Noise*
- *Notice board*
- *Parking*
- *Post Office*

Renewable Energy:

- *Solar Panels*
- *Wind Turbines*
- *Encourage renewable energy*
- *Quality Monitoring*
- *Carbon Neutral*
- *Recycling*

Housing:

- *Affordable Housing*
- *Big Houses/ Large estates/ Exec homes*
- *Infrastructure*
- *Character of Village*
- *Greenfield Sites*
- *New builds*
- *Parking*
- *Young families*

Footpaths & Bridleways:

- *Signage/ Maintained*
- *Billa Barra*
- *Farmers*
- *Guide*
- *Path*
- *Responsibility*
- *Valuable*
- *Construction of a crossing*

History & Heritage:

- *Miners Welfare*
- *Signage*
- *Conservation Area*
- *Important*
- *Preserved*

Employment & Business:

- *School*
- *Brown Field Sites*
- *Farming*
- *Industrial units*
- *M1 service area*
- *Shops*

Open Green Spaces:

- *Maintained/ Protected*
- *Hill Hole*
- *Trees/ Hedges*
- *Vital*

Environment:

- *Hill Hole*
- *Protect*
- *Allotments*
- *Dog Mess*

Flooding:

- *Heavy rain*
- *Paving*

Vision:

- *Cycle Paths*
- *Infrastructure*
- *Traffic Lights*
- *Carbon Neutral Village*
- *Housing*
- *Parking*
- *Reduction in air pollution*
- *Speeding signs*
- *Walking*

HOW THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 3.8 All issues and comments raised at the community engagement drop-in events were collated and presented in report format (see Appendix 1) and used by the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to:
- Further define the key issues and priorities for consideration and further exploration throughout the plan process.*
 - Help to define the contents and guide the development of the core evidence base required to back up and inform the Neighbourhood Plan*

SECTION 4: Stakeholder Consultation Event

4.1 Overview of the event is provided below.

Table 3 - Overview of the Stakeholder Consultation Event

Date/time	Tuesday 19th March 2019, 6-8pm
Venue	Copt Oak Memorial Hall
Format	Presentations and group discussion
Publicity	Letter of invitation
Attendance	15 stakeholders plus 9 NP Steering Group members

4.2 The meeting was held in order to:

- *Raise awareness of the Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan among key local stakeholders, give an update on activity undertaken and key areas of focus.*
- *Identify opportunities and constraints related to the future development and delivery of services, facilities and infrastructure within the designated area.*
- *Contribute to the core evidence base for the Neighbourhood Plan.*
- *Identify and explore key issues that the Neighbourhood Plan will need to consider*
- *Help to inform the ongoing consultation and engagement process required to produce the plan.*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

4.3 The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with all key stakeholders relevant to producing the Neighbourhood Plan.

4.4 Working in liaison with Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, the RCC developed a list of stakeholder contacts for consultation and engagement throughout the neighbourhood planning process. All identified stakeholders were invited to this meeting.

4.5 A total of 24 people attended the event including representatives from organisations listed in table 4.

Table 4:

Organisations
Leicestershire County Council
Landowners
Markfield Colts Junior FC
GP Surgery
Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council
Markfield Parish Council
Shaw Lane Community Action Group
Newtown Linford Parish Council
Markfield Local History Group

HOW PEOPLE WERE CONSULTED

- 4.6 A short presentation was given by the RCC, explaining what neighbourhood planning was about, the process to be followed and issues and opportunities to consider.
- 4.7 A facilitated discussion was held on the key issues and priorities for consideration within the Neighbourhood Plan with all comments being recorded.

ISSUES RAISED

- 4.8 The following key issues arose from the discussion among key stakeholders:

Traffic & Transport:

- *Field Head Roundabout*
- *Flying Horse Island*
- *Highways*
- *Parking*
- *Pollution*
- *Speed Limit*
- *Traffic*
- *Transport*
- *Access*
- *Crossing the road*
- *Electric Vehicles Charging Points*
- *Hill Lane*
- *Mini Island*

Open Green Spaces & Environment & Public Rights of Way:

- *Footpaths/ signage*
- *Separation/ Wildlife*
- *Signage*
- *Woodland*
- *Accessibility*
- *Air Pollution*
- *Allotments*
- *Dogs*
- *National and Charnwood Forest*
- *Ridge & Furrow*
- *Tree Planting*

Facilities & Services:

- *GP Surgery*
- *School Facilities*
- *Sports Facilities*
- *Exercise Facilities*
- *Dentist*
- *Infrastructure*
- *Library*
- *Preservation of Facilities*

Housing:

- *Affordable Starter Homes*
- *Parking*

- *Bungalows*
- *Brownfield Development*
- *Family Homes*
- *Housing Need*
- *In-fill Housing*
- *Infrastructure*
- *No large developments*
- *Sympathetic to area*
- *Type & Design*
- *106 Contribution*

Employment & Business:

- *Agriculture*
- *Local Jobs/ Local Community*
- *Air Pollution*
- *Café*
- *Grants*
- *Industrial Units*
- *M1*
- *Old Services*
- *Small Businesses*
- *Tourism*
- *Travel*

History & Heritage:

- *Billa Bara Lane*
- *Hill Hole*
- *Landscape*
- *Nature Reserve*
- *Retain*
- *Village History/ History Group*
- *Village Walk*

Communications:

- *No Issue*
- *Broadband*
- *Networking*
- *Notice Boards*
- *Post Office*
- *Social Media*

Renewable Energy:

- *Windmills*
- *Solar Panels*
- *Design*

Vision:

- *Infrastructure*
- *Local People*
- *No Big Developments*
- *Preserve Identities*
- *Sports Facilities*
- *Sustainable Development*

HOW THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 4.9 All the issues, priorities, concerns and comments raised within each workshop group were collated and presented in report format (see Appendix 1) and were used by the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to:
- Build on information collected through previous consultation work to further inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the plan.*
 - Further define the key issues and priorities for consideration and further exploration throughout the plan process.*
 - Help to define the contents and guide the development of the core evidence base required to back up and inform the Neighbourhood Plan*

SECTION 5: Neighbourhood Plan School Logo Competition & Pupil Survey

- 5.1 An overview of the logo competition and survey is provided below.

Table 5 - Overview of the Neighbourhood Plan Logo Competition and survey

Date	Summer Term 2019
Venue	Mercenfeld Primary School Markfield
Format	Design a logo competition, for the Steering Group to use for the Neighbourhood Plan and completion of a survey
Response	Six logo entries presented, and 204 surveys completed from pupils aged 5-11 years

- 5.2 The Neighbourhood Plan Logo Competition and survey was held in order:
- To inform the School staff and pupils about the Neighbourhood Plan*
 - To engage pupils in thinking about where they live, what is important including their likes and dislikes, and what they would like to see in the future.*
 - To enable pupils to create a logo design representing where they live to be considered for use within the Neighbourhood Plan*

WHO WAS ENGAGED

- 5.3 Mercenfeld Primary School pupils in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, ages 5-11 years

HOW PUPILS WERE ENGAGED

- 5.4 A member of the Steering Group, went into the school, first to talk to the school council about how best to collect this information, and then to make a presentation about the Neighbourhood Plan to the children in an assembly.

- 5.5 The children filled in a short survey resulting in 204 responses.
- 5.6 The School Council ran a competition in school and judged the entries, choosing the winning top six logo entries from each Key Stage for the Steering Group to consider.

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED THROUGH THE SURVEYS

- 5.7 The comments raised within the surveys were collated into a short report (see Appendix 1) a summary of which is shown below. These results were then used by the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to identify preferences and priorities in helping to create a first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

5.8 **WHAT I LIKE:**

The children highlighted that they liked the park, the play equipment, including the MUGA the skatepark, the open spaces, fields, and the new path around the field where people can walk and exercise as well as the shops in the village.

5.9 **WHAT I DISLIKE:**

The children dislike the rubbish and litter they see, particularly the dog mess of which half the responses came from children in Key stage 2. Plus, a lack of bins for putting rubbish and dog mess into.

Speeding traffic through the village and bad parking across driveways and on yellow lines was also identified as a dislike, along with old/historic buildings being knocked down, not having much to do and anti-social behaviour by 'older kids'

5.10 **SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE THE PARISH:**

Having more traffic lights and more zebra crossings were suggested along with having more trees, more bins for rubbish and dog mess including dog poo bags for people to pick dog poo up, having an area for dogs on the park and more litter picking and less graffiti.

They would also like to see a swimming pool in the village as well as having more things to do on the park/outdoor gym, to fix the roundabout etc on the play equipment and have more shops – pizza shop, pet shop, dentists, a bigger co-op, and more clubs at the community Centre and finally, less lorries.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LOGO COMPETITION

- 5.11 The Steering Group wanted to have a logo which would give it an identity and so the school and the school council were asked if they could help. The School Council ran a competition in school and judged the entries, choosing the winning designs from each Key Stage. The Steering Group have been able to combine the Key Stage 2 designs into one logo and have also decided to use the Key Stage 1 design as it showed so many aspects of the Parish in one picture. The Parish Council kindly gave book tokens to give to the winning artists to thank them for their efforts.

The staff and pupils at Mercenfeld School were thanked for their help.

SECTION 6: Household & Youth Questionnaire

6.1 An overview of the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaires is provided below.

Table 6

Date/time	9 th November to 2 nd December 2019 with an extension until Monday 9 th December.
Publicity	Printed surveys delivered to all households in the Parish and promoted via Parish Council website and Social Media.
Format	Complete hard copy and return, or complete Questionnaire online. Collection boxes available at: community centre; community library and the coffee bar at Markfield Court along with spare copies. Drop-in session held at the library, on 16 th November between 10 a.m. and 2pm to help anybody who had questions about the questionnaire or the Neighbourhood Planning process. Youth Questionnaires were distributed to interested groups like the Scouts; Queen Bees Youth Group and via the local school.
Response	The total number of completed household questionnaires submitted onto the online questionnaire software system was 372. There were 39 Youth questionnaires submitted.

6.2 The Household Questionnaire was distributed to all households in the designated area to:

- *Identify their vision for the future of Markfield Parish.*
- *Identify the use and protection of green spaces and value of local heritage*
- *Identify the improvements / additions to local infrastructure, services and facilities required.*
- *Identify housing need within the Parish*
- *Define the type/s of development most needed.*
- *Identify support required for the local economy*
- *Define current traffic and transport usage and identify options to address current issues*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

6.3 Hard copies of the Household Questionnaire were delivered to around 2,035 dwellings in the designated area with a total of 372 completed returns (18%).

6.4 Youth Questionnaires were distributed to interested groups like the Scouts; Queen Bees Youth Group and via the local school.



MARKFIELD PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

November 2019

Supported by Markfield Parish Council

**Your views are important, and we urge you to complete this
Questionnaire and return it by Monday 2nd December 2019**

INTRODUCTION

Neighbourhood Plans were introduced in the 2011 Localism Act as a means of giving people the opportunity to shape the development of their community. Through the plan a range of parish-wide policies, covering topics like housing, business and environment, can be developed and agreed.

Once agreed Neighbourhood Plan policies form part of the statutory planning framework, alongside those included in the Local Plan, which Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council is currently updating. As with the Local Plan, the Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan will cover the period up to 2036.

Whilst Neighbourhood Plan policies must consider national planning policy guidance too, they should, at the same time, try and reflect the needs and desires of the local community. Markfield Parish Council agreed to establish and support a parish-wide steering group, to prepare its Neighbourhood Plan. Over the past 12 months the Steering Group has held a series of consultations with the community and businesses to gather evidence for the plan. The result of this questionnaire will provide further evidence, so please use this opportunity to let us know your views, ideas and priorities.

Extra printed copies of this questionnaire can also be obtained from the locations below:-

- Markfield Community Centre office,
- Markfield Community Library or
- Markfield Court coffee bar

An online version is also available. You may find it easier and faster than using the paper version. If you wish to download a copy of the questionnaire or complete it online, please go to the Neighbourhood Plan Website below:

<https://npsg.markfieldpc.org.uk/our-neighbourhood-plan/>

A separate online & paper questionnaire is also available for young people aged between 11-17 and can also be found on the Neighbourhood Plan web page.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

- 6.5 Working with RCC, the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group used the issues, priorities and data already obtained to design and produce a Household Questionnaire.
- 6.6 The questionnaires were available to complete in a hard copy or online for a period of one month which included a short extension.

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED THROUGH THE QUESTIONNAIRES

6.7 All the issues, preferences, priorities, concerns and comments raised within the questionnaires were collated into a report (see Appendix 1). A summary of which is shown below.

These results were then used by the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to help concentrate on the key themes, issues, preferences and priorities identified in helping to create a first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

6.8 VISION FOR MARKFIELD PARISH:

The majority of respondents agreed with the drafted statements about what the people of Markfield want to see by 2036. Those not in agreement with the statements made specific reference to Traffic & Transport, Facilities & Services, Environment & Heritage and Housing with some suggested amendments.

6.9 ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE:

The majority of respondents identified Hill Hole' as being a particularly important Green Space in Markfield Parish, closely followed by the 'Community Park', 'The Green' and Altarstones. The majority didn't consider there were other Green Spaces that needed to be created within the Parish. From those that did, Nature Trails & Wildlife Areas, a Community Wood / Orchard and Footpaths/ Bridle Paths and Cycle Paths and dog areas were suggested. In addition, land at top of Hill Lane, the Allotment area, Fields behind the new estate on London Road and the area off Forest Road leading onto the Leicestershire Round were identified as specific areas to consider.

The most popular use of the countryside in the Parish is walking/rambling, with the majority of respondents indicating that they walked or rode along the public footpaths and/or bridleways on a daily basis or at least on a weekly basis and only a small minority indicated that they never use the public footpaths at all. The majority were not aware of any particular footpaths or bridleways around the Parish causing a problem, but of those that did identify certain areas or particular issues which have been causing problems, a total of 26 examples were recorded, with dog fouling being the most popular.

The majority of respondents do not want to see any new footpaths/bridleways or cycle paths to be created within the Parish, although a small number did feel there was a need, with 8 suggestions put forward in relation to footpaths/bridleways or cycle paths. Traffic noise is what the majority of respondents indicated they are affected by, with the least being Quarry dust. Although some indicated being affected by Quarry blasting and Air pollution caused by traffic, the majority indicated that they had not been or are not currently affected. From those who provided details of their experiences, Traffic noise, Quarry blasting and Air pollution were the top three.

The majority of respondents did not consider there are any other buildings, structures or sites outside of the Conservation Area of historic, archaeological or design value or that represent/preserve the heritage of the village. Of those that did, suggestions included, Hill

Hole, the Altar Stones, 9 specific buildings, Churches/ Chapels, and the Cemetery, 6 specific Green Space areas, the TB Hospital, Field Head, and a tree on Ashby Road.

When respondents were asked to describe up to THREE particular aspects of Markfield which they especially valued, a total of 23 aspects were identified, with Hill Hole Old Quarry, The Green, Green Spaces and Churches and Chapels being the top four.

The majority of respondents indicated that they would like to make Markfield Parish as carbon neutral as possible by 2036, with 11 key suggestions on how this could be achieved being put forward. These included, reducing traffic/speed, planting trees/Green Spaces, home insulation & renewables, better Public Transport, community Solar/ Windfarm/Turbines, electric Car/Charging Points, cycle and walkways developing Community Initiatives, having better recycling facilities and not having Fires.

6.10 FACILITIES & SERVICES:

The Community Centre was rated the highest in terms of meeting the needs of Markfield Parish, followed by outdoor sports facilities. The Doctors & HealthCare Services were rated as needing the biggest improvement, followed by shops and youth facilities. Only the Copt Oak Memorial Hall recorded the highest number of No opinions, possibly a reflection of how the facility is used amongst the Parish.

The majority of respondents agreed they would like to see a 'Dental Practice', followed by 'Somewhere for teenagers to hang out' and a 'Larger Chemist'. Other suggestions recorded included Shops, Sports Facilities, Doctors, Youth Facilities/Activities, Cycle Paths, Café/Restaurant, Police, more allotments and Senior Social Activities.

In relation to the type of communication facility currently used, the majority of respondents use the 'Landline', closely followed by 'Mobile Phone (Smart 4G)'. The least popular communication facility used in the Parish is the use of 'Public free high-speed Wi-Fi/ 5G' and 'Mobile Phone (Smart 5G)'. In addition, the Mobile smart 3G communication facility was also mentioned.

6.11 ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RENEWABLE ENERGY:

Small-scale renewable energy technologies integrated with new buildings or fitted to existing buildings was given the highest level of priority from respondents, followed by 'Publicly accessible charging points for electric vehicles'. Local Solar Energy Farms was also popular, with the least popular being 'Local Wind Farms'.

6.12 HOUSING:

The majority of respondents to the questionnaire indicated that they currently occupy a 'House' in the Parish, closely followed by a 'Bungalow' with only 3 occupying a Flat or Sheltered Housing. The majority indicated that these were a 'Detached' property, followed by 'Semidetached'. The least occupied property amongst respondents was a 'Link-detached'.

The majority of respondents indicated that they have a 3-bedroom property, with 44% of respondents indicating that they have 2 cars. The majority of respondents also have 2

parking spaces per property and only 1 respondent indicated having a charging point for electric cars.

The majority of respondents identified a need for 1- or 2-bedroom Bungalows, closely followed by a need for 'Family homes of 2 or more bedrooms. The least needed amongst respondents was a 'Self-build and custom house'.

Although the majority of respondents indicated that they or a member of their household would not be looking for another property in Markfield Parish in the next 10 years, 40% of respondents identified that they would. Of those respondents who selected they would be looking for another property in Markfield Parish in the next 10 years, the majority identified that their property was too large. This was closely followed by the house being 'Unsuitable for physical needs' or 'Too small'.

Of those respondents who indicated that they would be looking for another property in Markfield Parish in the next 10 years, the majority identified that their property was too large. This was closely followed by the house being 'Unsuitable for physical needs' or 'Too small'.

The most popular type of property respondents identified that they would be looking for is a 'Bungalow (1 or 2 bedrooms). The least popular type of property respondents would be looking for are 'Homes for people with local connections'. The majority of those respondents wanting to move identified that an existing dwelling would be freed up as a result of this move.

The majority of the respondents indicated that they do not have a special housing need and only 7 respondents did indicate that they would require housing on the ground floor.

The majority of the respondents would consider paying for their house by the means of 'buy on the open market', with only 1 respondent stating they would pay using a 'leasehold'.

Respondents indicated that the most popular site for additional houses from those suggested is 'South of London Road, adjacent to the new Jelson development', closely followed by 'Off Hill Lane (behind Ashby Road)'. The least popular site is 'South of Forest Road'. A total of 69 comments were received from respondents suggesting alternative sites.

In relation to the views respondents had to a list of proposed statements regarding traffic and transport and new housing, Landscape and Character and new housing, particular features new housing should have and type of facilities & services and new housing, the majority of respondents were in agreement with all the statements.

6.13 BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT:

Only 13 of the respondents indicated that they have a business in Markfield.

Although the majority of respondents indicated 'Not applicable or retired', to the question of how far do you travel to work, the majority of those travelling to a place of work indicated that they had a less than one journey, with only 5% of the respondents travelling more than an hour to work.

The majority of respondents indicated that the Neighbourhood Plan should encourage employment relating to 'Shops' followed by 'Restaurants and cafes' and 'Agriculture'. Support for 'Business' and 'Homeworking' were also equal popular choices. The majority of respondents also identified 'Faster broadband' to support local businesses, followed by 'Small retail units'. 'Office accommodation' and 'Small industrial units' were also equal popular choices.

Although 29% of respondents answered yes to more land being allocated to encourage employment or business and a near equal number having no opinion, 43% of the respondents do not agree with this proposal.

6.14 **TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT:**

The majority of respondents indicated that they mainly walk when going to the shops and for leisure within the Parish. The car is the second most popular form of transport for shopping and leisure. Use of the bus and cycling for leisure purposes are almost equal as the third most popular form of transport.

The majority of respondents indicated using the car for shopping and leisure activities outside of the Parish, including using the car for going to work.

The majority of respondents use the bus services serving the Parish, however 42% of respondents indicated that they do not use the available bus services. Of those who selected 'Yes' a total of 199 comments were received with information on where they travel, with Leicester, Coalville and Loughborough being the most popular. Of those who selected 'No' a total of 142 comments were received mentioning why they do not use the bus service, with the top five reasons being disability issues, destinations, use of car being cheaper, easier and more convenient, the expense and the regularity of timings.

Bus timetables were rated good by 34% of the respondents, with 33% of the respondents rating the bus routes as good. 40% of the respondents had no opinion on the costs for using the bus services., while 51% of the respondents had no opinion on accessing the bus services for those with disabilities. Overall, a medium priority has been placed on a more frequent 29/ 29A bus service (37% of respondents) and on a more frequent 120 service (39% of respondents). A low priority has been placed on a more frequent 120X service.

In relation to what changes could be made in Markfield Parish to encourage walking or cycling A total of 184 comments were received with having cycle Lanes, dealing with highways issues and having improved footpaths and pavements being the most popular suggestions.

Respondents placed the highest priority on a '30mph speed limit within Markfield village' with 27% of respondents having placed a medium priority on 'electronic speed warning signs on Ratby Lane/ Thornton Lane/ Launde Road and Ashby Road/ Leicester Road. 40% of respondents placed a low priority on 'Speed reduction to 40 mph on the A511 between M1 roundabout and the Bardon roundabout'.

Respondents placed a high priority on 'Traffic lights at Field Head Roundabout' while 36% of respondents placed a medium priority on 'Improved signage for the sharp bend at the junction of Copt Oak Road and Ashby Road'. 47% of respondents placed a low priority on 'Traffic calming on village roads'.

A high priority was placed on an 'Improved footpath from the M1 Bridge on Forest Road to South Charnwood School' while a medium priority was been placed on a 'New footpath alongside Hill Lane from the Ashby Road junction down to Forest Road & Wider footpath on London Road from Chitterman Way to Launde Road/Ratby Lane'. 33% of respondents placed a low priority on 'Wider footpath on London Road from Chitterman Way to Launde Road/Ratby Lane'.

ISSUES & PRIORITIES RAISED THROUGH THE YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE

6.15 LIKE OR DISLIKE ABOUT THE PARISH:

The majority of respondents like that it is peaceful and quiet living in Markfield Parish however the lack of facilities and services with not much to do is what they dislike. Respondents recognised that they would like the facilities and services to be improved in the area.

6.16 TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT:

The majority indicated that they travel to school/ college/ work within 15 minutes on a normal day and are given a lift. A few of the respondents use a bus. A suggestion on better pavements/ footpaths and safer crossing points would persuade them to walk or cycle more. The majority of respondents use the bus service for school and travelling to Leicester. Those that do not use the bus service indicated that it was either expensive or that they have a car or are given a lift.

6.17 FACILITIES & SERVICES:

The use of Cafe's and take away' s were the most popular facilities used by the respondents. The Community Park was also a popular option. Respondents suggested they would like to see more sporting activities in the Parish and more Cafe's/ Restaurants.

6.18 HOUSING:

The majority of respondents suggested that new housing built in the Parish should have a garden, adequate off-street parking and trees and wildlife planting. Further comments were made about new housing to have driveways.

6.19 ENVIRONMENT:

The majority of respondents would like more individual tree planting and more woodland planting to help combat climate change.

Hill Hole was a popular choice of open space that the respondents use on a regular basis. This was closely followed by the use of the Community Park.

The countryside was used mainly for playing with friends and walking. The majority of respondents walk along the footpaths and/ or bridleways on a daily basis and did not suggest any new routes for footpaths, bridleways or cycleways. Those that did suggest these were mainly from Markfield to Groby or to South Charnwood High School.

6.20 COMMUNICATION:

The majority of respondents find out about what's going on in and around Markfield Parish through friends and family and school.

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 6.21 All the issues, preferences, priorities, concerns and comments raised within the questionnaires were collated into a report (see Appendix 1). These results were then used by the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to further develop the key themes and the policy areas in helping to create a first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

SECTION 7: PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

- 7.1 As required under Part 5, Section 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Markfield Parish Council completed a 10-week Pre-Submission Consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan between Monday 7th September until 13th November 2020

Within this period Markfield Parish Council:

- a) *Publicised the draft Neighbourhood Plan to all that live, work, or do business within the Parish.*
 - b) *Outlined where and when the draft Neighbourhood Plan could be inspected.*
 - c) *Detailed how to make representations, and the date by which these should be received.*
 - d) *Consulted any statutory consultation body (referred to in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012) whose interests may be affected by the proposals within the draft Neighbourhood Plan.*
 - e) *Sent a copy of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan to the local planning authority.*
- 7.2 An overview of the Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Consultation is provided in the following table.

Table 7

Consultation Period	Monday 7th September until 13th November 2020
Format	Online/Email/Post
Publicity	Local Parish Newspaper; Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group website; Letter to every household across the Parish containing details of the consultation; Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page and various other local social media Facebook pages
Respondents	63

WHO WAS CONSULTED

- 7.3 Markfield Parish Council publicised the draft Neighbourhood Plan to all those that live, work, or do business within the parish including all statutory consultation bodies identified within Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and provided a variety of mechanisms to both view the plan and to make representations.
- 7.4 A total of 63 representations were received within the 10-week consultation period.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

- 7.5 The draft Neighbourhood Plan was published on Markfield Neighbourhood Plan website and was available to view for a 10-week period.
- 7.6 Statutory consultation bodies were contacted individually by e-mail and / or letter and invited to make representations on the draft Neighbourhood Plan by e-mail or by returning a standard written comments form.

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

- 7.7 Details of all comments / representations made in relation to the draft Neighbourhood Plan can be found in a separate document: *Markfield Neighbourhood Plan: Consideration of Representations* (see Appendix 1).

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 7.8 All representations received were collated and grouped according to which section of the draft Plan they concerned and inserted into a detailed Response Template *Markfield Neighbourhood Plan: Consideration of Representations*.
- 7.9 Members of the Markfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group with support from the RCC Associate Planner, independently reviewed the comments received to ensure that the analysis was subjective, fair, and not subject to personal perception.
- 7.10 Once reviewed the Steering Group utilised the comments received to inform and guide a series of amendments and additions to the draft Neighbourhood Plan, with justification for action taken documented in the *Markfield Neighbourhood Plan: Consideration of Representations*.

SECTION 8: CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The publicity, engagement and consultation completed throughout the production of the 'Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan' has been open and transparent, with numerous opportunities provided for those that live, work and do business within the Neighbourhood Area to feed into the process, make comment, and to raise issues, priorities and concerns.
- 8.2 This Consultation Statement and the supporting consultation reports detailed in Appendix 1 have been produced to document the consultation and engagement process undertaken and are considered to comply with Part 5, Section 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Appendix 1: Consultation Results / Reports

Full copies of all the consultation results and reports referred to within this Consultation Statement are available as follows:

- **PUBLIC COMMUNITY DROP-IN EVENTS - NOVEMBER 17th, 24th & 29th 2018**
Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group website
<https://npsg.markfieldpc.org.uk/consultation/>
- **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION - MARCH 19th, 2019**
Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group website
<https://npsg.markfieldpc.org.uk/consultation/>
- **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SCHOOL PUPIL SURVEY – JUNE 2019**
Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group website
<https://npsg.markfieldpc.org.uk/>
- **HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019**
Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group website
<https://npsg.markfieldpc.org.uk/consultation/>
- **YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019**
Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group website
<https://npsg.markfieldpc.org.uk/consultation/>
- **STEERING GROUP MEETINGS AND REPORTS TO PARISH COUNCIL**
Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group website
<https://npsg.markfieldpc.org.uk/>
- **MARKFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: CONSIDERATION OF REPRESENTATIONS**
Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group website
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