

Dinnington Parish

Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2036

CONSULTATION STATEMENT



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In accordance with Regulation 15(1)(b) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, this Statement has been prepared to accompany the Submission Draft of the Dinnington Parish Neighbourhood Plan (hereinafter also referred to as the 'NP', 'Neighbourhood Plan' or 'Plan').
- 1.2 15(2) of the Regulations sets out that a Consultation Statement must –
- 1) Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - 2) Explain how they were consulted;
 - 3) Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
 - 4) Describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.
- 1.3 In order to meet these requirements, this Statement is set out as follows –
- Background to the Neighbourhood Plan;
 - Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, with chronological account of the key stages of public consultation from commencement up to the Pre-Submission stage, including who was consulted, what measures and methods were used (with examples/screenshots to help illustrate), the outcomes of consultation and how they were addressed in the development and drafting of the NP;
 - Conclusion and appendices.

2.0 BACKGROUND TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 2.1 Prior to embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan, Dinnington Parish Council has had a long history working with and for the local community to maintain the character of the village and surrounding areas. Its established aims are to improve village facilities, encourage and support community events and activities, to improve the environment of the village and generally represent its interests¹.
- 2.2 Against this background, the Parish Council expressed a very early interest in developing a Neighbourhood Plan *'to ensure that due provision is made for the environment in which the village is situated. It will also enable all the residents who live, work and play here to be fully involved in consideration of future development projects which can impact on their lives'*².
- 2.3 From the outset, this signalled the Parish Council's clear desire for the community to be empowered and engaged in the future of their local area, in turn setting a strong and positive springboard for the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. This was enshrined in early publicity about the Plan in the chosen strapline *'Your Village. Its Future. In Your Hands'* (see Figure 1 overleaf).

¹ Paraphrased from the Parish Council website at <http://www.spanglefish.com/dinnington/>

² Quote taken from the Parish Council's application to designate the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area

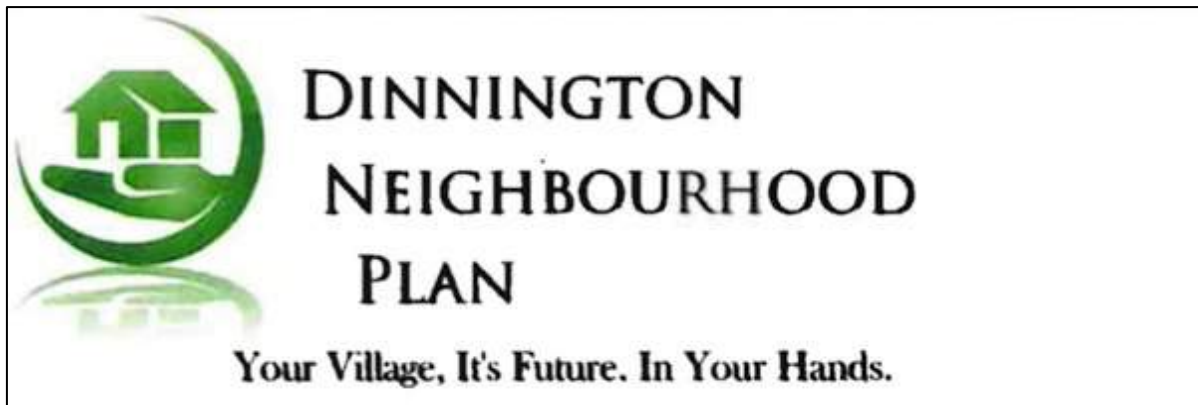


Figure 1 – Strapline motto for the Neighbourhood Plan

Designation of Dinnington Parish as a Neighbourhood Area

- 2.4 This proactive approach led to the Parish having the distinction of being the first within Newcastle City Council’s administrative area to apply for Neighbourhood Area status back in July 2013. The application was published within Dinnington Parish and via Newcastle City Council’s website and letters were sent to local residents and statutory bodies. The consultation period ran from 1st August to 13th September 2013.
- 2.5 In total, six representations were made to the application, none of which raised any substantive or material objections. The representations were summarised as follows³ -

Consultation Responses	Summary of comments
Northumberland County Council	No comments. Would be please to receive information about the neighbourhood plan as it progresses
Brunswick Parish Council	Object if boundary encroached on the Brunswick Parish Council boundary. The designated Dinnington Neighbourhood Plan area follows the Dinnington Parish Boundary does not encroach on the Brunswick Parish Boundary
Homes & Community Agency	Support the proposal but have no specific comments to make at this stage of the consultation process.
Northumbrian Water	No issues to raise with the designation of a Neighbourhood Area. But encourage engagement with NWL throughout the plan making process
The Coal Authority	No comments to make on the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area. Have provided comments to consider within the preparation of a neighbourhood plan
Newcastle International Airport	Requested the removal of the airports operational land. Discussions have been held between the Parish Council and the Airport. It was agreed between both parties that the proposed Neighbourhood Area boundary would remain the same as the Parish. However, the 'Airport Operational Area' should be clearly labelled to make people aware of this. I have attached the agreed plan.

³ As taken from the City Council’s report on the designation of Dinnington Parish Neighbourhood Area, dated 18/12/2013

- 2.6 Following the application and consultation period, Dinnington Parish was formally designated a Neighbourhood Area in December 2013.
- 2.7 The Neighbourhood Plan explains in more detail about development pressures which were emerging at this early stage, which served as a major impetus not only to the development of the Plan, but also to its ultimate focus and scope (see NP paragraphs 1.11-1.13).
- 2.8 In tandem with securing the Neighbourhood Area designation, a small Steering Group was formed to manage the work of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan. This was made up of Parish Councillors and members of the local community, reporting back to the formal Parish Council meetings.

3.0 PREPARATION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Stage 1 'broad-brush' consultation (2014)

- 3.1 Having got the essentials in place in 2013, the Steering Group began preparations for a first round of community consultation in 2014.
- 3.2 Advance publicity for this took place via the 'Dinnington Parish Newsletter', issued in Spring of 2014 (see extract at Figure 2 below). This is a biannual newsletter, distributed to all addresses in the Parish and containing news about the activities of the Parish Council as well as local community news. From the Spring 2014 edition (Issue 19) onwards, it included a regular feature to update progress on the Neighbourhood Plan. Copies of newsletters were also available to view on the Parish Council's website. They can be accessed via the website's Document Library⁴ page at - <http://www.spanglefish.com/dinnington/library.asp>
- 3.3 Around about this time, a dedicated 'Neighbourhood Plan' page was also added to the Parish Council's website⁵ which contained information and regular updates about the Plan.

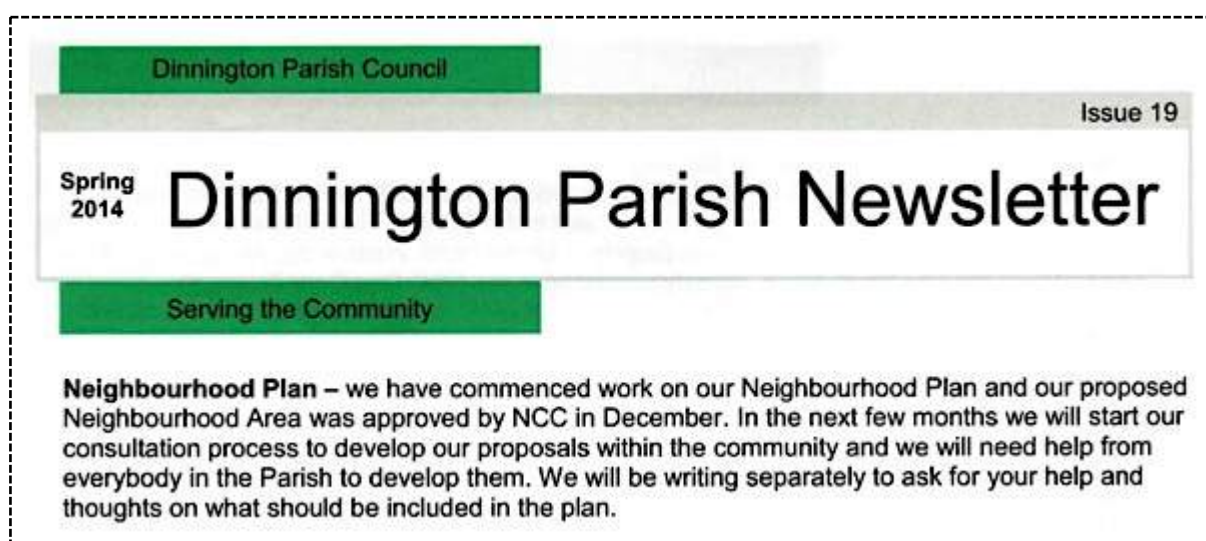


Figure 2 – Extract from the Spring 2014 Parish Newsletter about the Neighbourhood Plan

⁴ At the time of writing copies are available as far back as the Spring/Summer edition of 2016

⁵ See - <http://www.spanglefish.com/dinnington/index.asp?pageid=657380>

3.4 This early consultation stage was designed to be a broad-brush initial information gathering exercise. Rather than seeking detailed answers to specific questions, it sought to understand people's likes and dislikes and their views and comments on basic themes.

3.5 The consultation ran over the summer (June/July) of 2014 and consisted of the following 4 elements –

a) **Information/publicity leaflet, including box for making comments** – this was mailed out to all addresses in the Parish. It set out introductory information about the NP and advance publicity about the public drop-in session explained further in b) below. The leaflet also included provision to make comments, together with details of where to post them, plus contact details for the NP Steering Group members. The opportunity to make comments was to cater for those who may have been unable to attend the drop-in session, but wanted to make their views known.

b) **Drop-in Session** – this was held in the Village Hall from 10am till 6pm on Saturday 14th June 2014. The Chairman and members of the Steering Group were on hand to talk to attendees and listen to their comments and help gauge what issues they would like to see tackled in the NP. Feedback and survey forms were made available to gather written comments (see c and d), along with display boards explaining all about the NP and the consultation process (see para 3.8). Finally, attendance sheets were also kept so that there was a clear record of how many came along to the session and from which parts of the village (see mapped results of this at Figure 3 overleaf).

c) **Feedback form** – this asked for respondents to jot down what they considered to be the main issues facing the Parish, split into 3 parts –

- Issues which affect the respondent
- Issues which affect where the respondent lives
- Issues which affect the wider community

d) **Theme-based survey form** – this asked for respondents to identify what they considered to be the key issues in Dinnington Parish under 5 broad subjects –

- Transport
- Housing
- Education
- Health
- Environment

Finally, the survey form also asked respondents to identify the most favourite and least favourite things about living or working in the Parish.

3.6 Copies of the publicity/comments leaflet, the feedback form and the theme based survey form are included in Appendix 1a, 1b and 1c respectively at the end of this Statement.

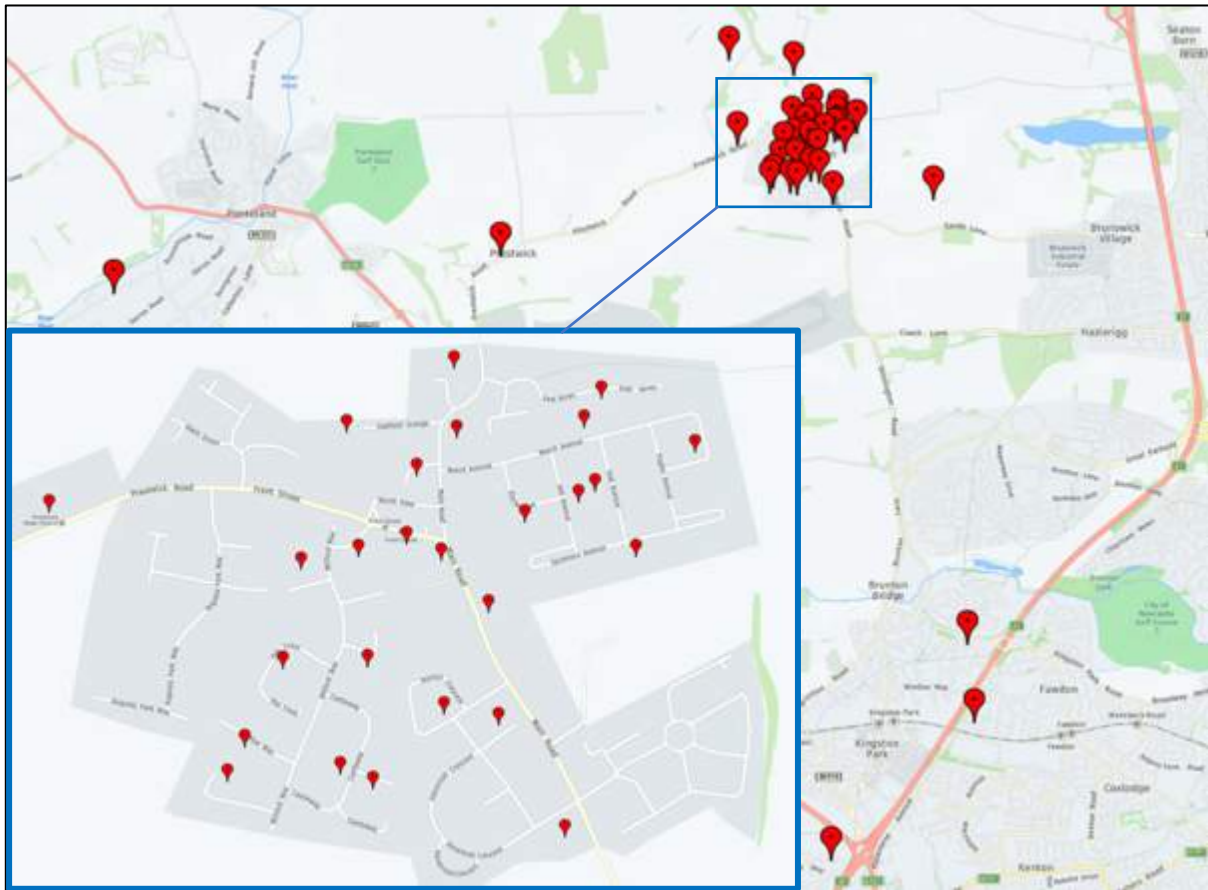


Figure 3 – Geographical distribution of attendees of Stage 1 Drop-In Session from across the Parish and beyond (main map) and within the village itself (inset map)⁶

3.7 Of the 4 options for providing feedback at Stage 1, the table below provides a snapshot of the number of responses and attendees.

Feedback Options	Number responding (a, c & d) Number attending (b)
a) Leaflet with comments box	11
b) Drop-in session	100
c) Feedback form	24
d) Theme based survey form	24

3.8 As part of the Stage 1 consultation exercise, the Steering Group also provided explanatory and supporting information to let people know –

- What an NP is and what it can do (in broad terms and in terms of Dinnington Parish)
- What the consultation involves and why it is being undertaken - see Figure 4 overleaf, which helps highlight the Parish Council’s commitment from the earliest stages to engaging widely and effectively with the community

⁶ NB - map is produced from postcode records of attendees, therefore it illustrates distribution not precise numbers. There were more attendees than markers because of addresses sharing postcodes and instances of more than one attendee being from the same address

- How to find out more, including contact details of Steering Group members and a contact email address
- How the Parish Council will keep people informed and involved as the NP progresses
- What happens next



Figure 4 – Highlighting the Parish Council's commitment to effective community engagement in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan

3.9 As well as the completion of feedback and survey forms, other techniques for collecting feedback at the drop-in event were used. These included allowing people to record comments on post-it notes and using coloured sticky dots to identify the potential topics the NP could cover (see Figure 5 overleaf).

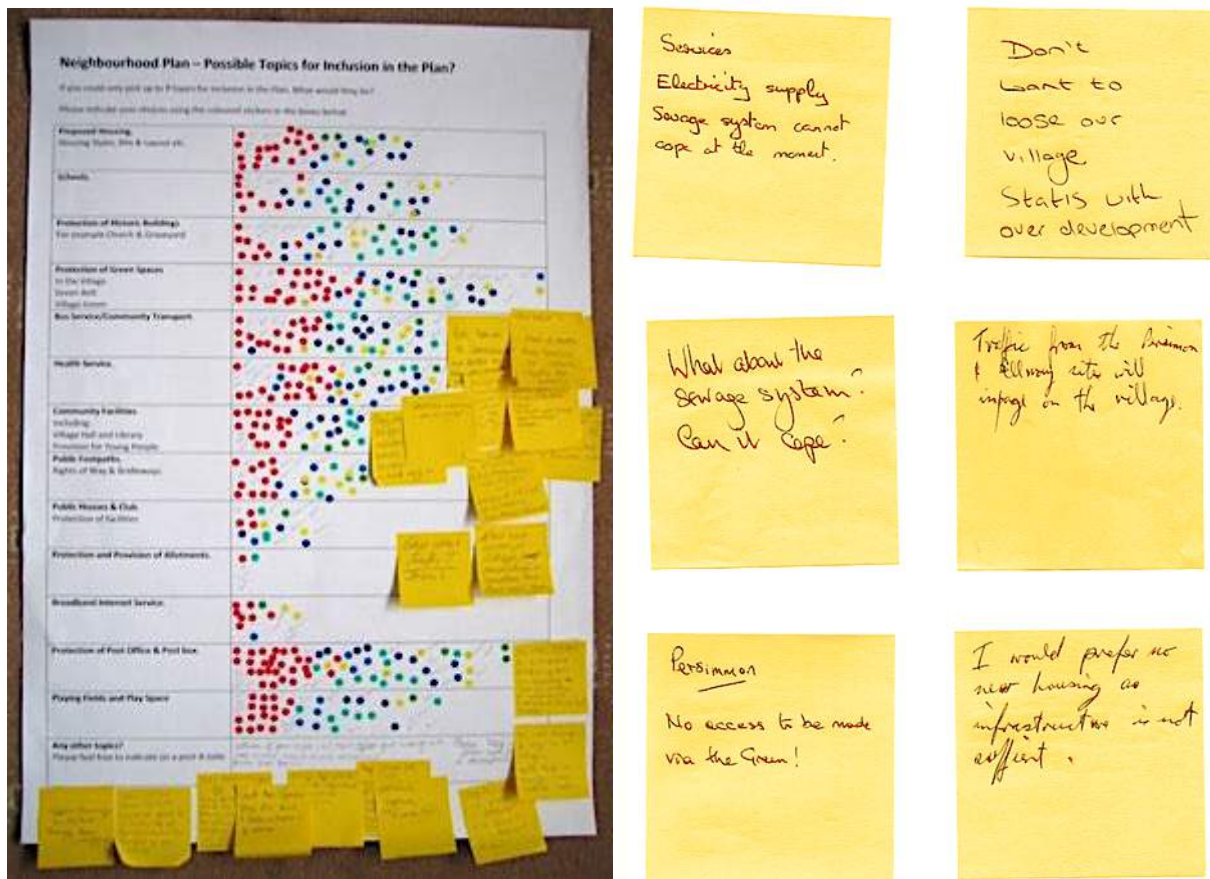


Figure 5 – Examples of post-it notes and sticky dots used to record comments and views during the Stage 1 Consultation Drop-in Session

- 3.10 Whilst the Parish Council were very thorough to carefully record all the feedback from the Stage 1 consultation, a detailed analysis of it did not take place until 2016, coinciding with preparations for a second, more focused round of community consultation.
- 3.11 The main reason for this hiatus was the level of local controversy at the time upon proposals in the City Council’s Core Strategy to release two large areas of Green Belt at the edges of the village for housing⁷. This naturally took centre stage of the Parish Council’s time, effort and attention. Also, as explained in the NP (para 1.17), the decision to put the Plan on hold ‘sought to avoid the possibility of carrying out abortive work before the Core Strategy had been completed and a final decision on the housing proposals had been reached’.
- 3.12 Following the Examination of the Core Strategy, the Inspector’s Report was published in February 2015, which found the proposed Green Belt land releases to be sound. The housing allocations in Dinnington were therefore retained and the Core Strategy was adopted the following month.

⁷ The two sites, on the western side of the village, have since been developed as Augusta Drive (Bellway Homes - completed) and Augusta Park (Persimmon Homes – almost completed). A third non-Green Belt site on the south east side of the village also received planning permission for housing and is now also completed (Sheraton Park).

3.13 Upon this outcome, the Steering Group were keen to get the NP back on track from a fresh base against the backdrop of the Core Strategy. Grant-aided professional support was obtained which led to a stock-take of work already undertaken, the delivery of dedicated workshop sessions⁸, a comprehensive review and analysis of Stage 1 consultation feedback and a focused action plan of further work to be done. The most pressing task moving forward was to re-launch the Neighbourhood Plan by re-engaging afresh with the community. Details of this are set out under 'Stage 2 consultation' from paragraph 3.19 below.

Outcomes from Stage 1 consultation

3.14 From the miscellany of feedback sought at Stage 1, a very broad and diverse set of issues emerged. This was a reflection of the consultation being characterised by 'big picture' open questions and free text, allowing a wide scope of potential comments. A key task was therefore to sift through, group and rank the feedback in order to identify the most common themes and issues. This also included filtering out a large contingent of non-planning issues which lay outside the legitimate scope of the NP.

3.15 Following this exercise, the following key issues emerged as consistent and strong themes for the community of Dinnington -

- 1) Safeguard essential village character, scale and attractiveness
- 2) Protect rural setting of village and access to it (walking/cycling)
- 3) Protect open spaces, green environment and wildlife
- 4) Maintain village as a safe environment
- 5) Maintain/enhance local and accessible facilities and services
- 6) Ensure infrastructure caters for new development
- 7) Ensure housing meets local needs and is well designed

3.16 In respect of the last of these (Issue 7), it should be noted that this was raised as an issue before the planning applications had been made (which were subsequently granted) for the new housing sites at the edges of the village (see footnote 7). By the time of the second stage of consultation, this had rendered the issue overtaken by events, especially given Dinnington's Green Belt setting and the lack of scope for further new housing in the village beyond these new sites. Similarly, issue 4 was raised primarily in the context of new development leading to increasing traffic, together with increased noise and pollution. Again, this was nullified in the light of the housing permissions which were subsequently granted.

3.17 From the remaining list of five key issues (1, 2, 3, 5 and 6), three broad topic headings naturally emerged into which the issues could be placed. These in turn provided definitive building blocks for the content of the NP, as set out in the table overleaf.

⁸ These covered key aspects for successful NP preparation, including project planning, evidence gathering and community engagement and developing a vision and objectives

Key NP Issues	NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TOPIC HEADINGS		
	TOPIC 1:	TOPIC 2:	TOPIC 3:
	Village character & rural setting	Green Environment	Community Infrastructure
Village character, scale & attractiveness	√	√	
Rural setting & access to it (walking/cycling)	√	√	
Open Spaces, green environment & wildlife	√	√	
Local and accessible facilities & services	√		√
Infrastructure to cater for new development			√

3.18 It was abundantly clear from the various comments made at Stage 1 what the community's aspirations were for each of the 3 broad topic headings. Common to all of them was a strong desire to 'protect' and 'enhance' each of the identified issues. This then provided the context for arriving at a draft objective for each broad heading, together with an overarching Vision for the NP as a whole, which could be fed back to the community as part of the Stage 2 Consultation (details below).

Stage 2 'focussed questionnaire' consultation (late 2017/early 2018)

3.19 The overriding priorities for the Stage 2 consultation were –

- a) To re-engage with the community to re-launch the NP after the hiatus since Stage 1 and against the backdrop of the new housing proposals which had been approved at the edges of the village
- b) To share and seek feedback/endorsement of the draft Vision and Topic Objectives which had captured the broad key messages from the Stage 1 consultation
- c) To gather more targeted, higher resolution feedback, focussed around options for implementation of the Topic Objectives
- d) To draft a questionnaire to facilitate b) and c) in such a way as to ensure results were able to be collated and analysed efficiently and effectively

3.20 In addition, the consultation sought to implement best practice in terms of the methodology of the consultation exercise, reflecting training on the subject which had earlier been delivered to the Steering Group as part of professional support on the NP (see footnote 8). This included ensuring the City Council were actively involved and on board with the consultation process and broad direction of travel of the NP.

3.21 The following bullet points summarise the key features of the Stage 2 consultation –

- The engagement and consultation took place over the period from 27th November 2017 to 20th January 2018

- It centred around an 8 page topic-focused questionnaire, consisting of a total of 22 questions, split into the following sections –
 - A) A Shared Vision for the Future of Dinnington
 - B) Topic 1 – Village Character & Rural Setting
 - C) Topic 2 – Green Environment
 - D) Topic 3 Community Infrastructure
 - E) Further Comments
 - F) Demographic Details

Section A) and sections B) to D) included the NP’s draft vision and draft topic objectives respectively.

- A paper copy of the questionnaire was delivered to every address in the Parish as an enclosure with the Autumn/Winter 2017 edition of the Parish Council’s newsletter. As well as this, the questionnaire was made available to complete online via ‘SurveyMonkey’ software from a link on the Parish Council’s website. This made it subsequently easier to collate, sort and analyse the responses. A full copy of the questionnaire is included at Appendix 2 at the end of this Statement
- A public drop-in event was held in the Village Hall from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 9th December 2017. Members of the NP Steering Group were on hand to answer questions about the NP and help with the questionnaire, copies of which were available at the event.
- The consultation exercise was widely promoted via the Parish Council’s Newsletter, the Parish Council website and by posters. A dedicated NP email address was also set up for any enquiries (in addition to the contact details of the Parish Clerk). Examples of the publicity are at Figure 6 below.
- Additionally, a further targeted publicity ‘push’ took place during the consultation period, consisting of Steering Group members visiting the church, the church coffee morning, the pantomime and the Women’s Institute and drawing attention to the questionnaire.

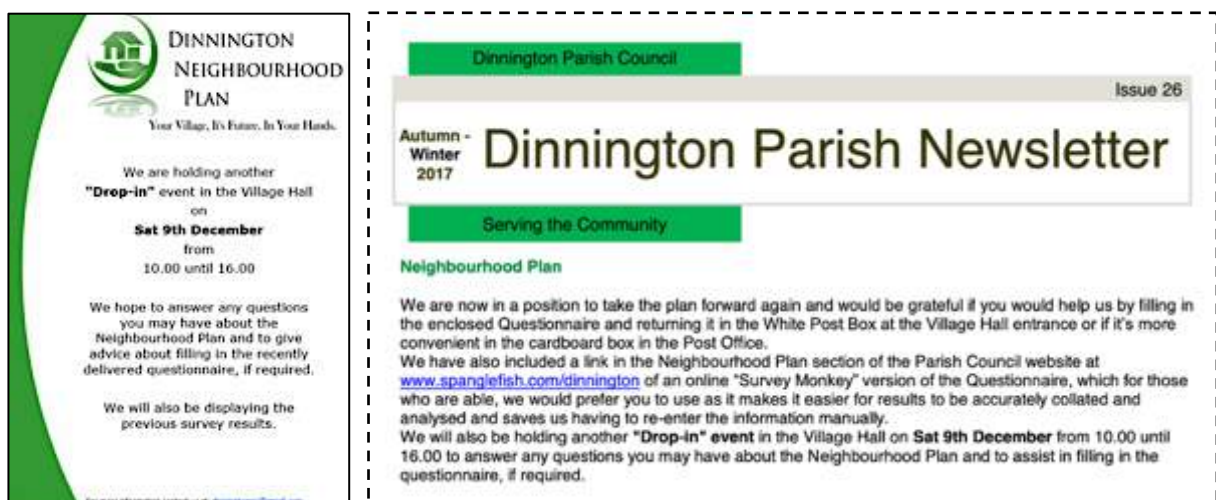


Figure 6 – Examples of publicity for the Stage 2 Consultation – poster (left) and newsletter (right)

Outcomes from Stage 2 consultation

3.22 Following the consultation exercise, a total of 127 completed questionnaires had been received from across the Parish (see Figure 7 below), as reported in the Parish newsletter for Spring/Summer 2018 (see Figure 8 below). A further 18 people attended the drop-in event held as part of the consultation on 9th December 2017.



Figure 7 – Geographical distribution of questionnaire respondents at Stage 2⁹



Figure 8 – initial reporting back to the community following the Stage 2 consultation exercise

3.23 The use of the SurveyMonkey system allowed for the questionnaire results to be systematically collated and analysed and also allowed statistical outputs to be quickly and accurately produced and presented in bar charts and pie charts. ‘Free text’ comments however needed to be manually grouped, quantified and ranked.

3.24 Statistically, the headline outputs from the questionnaire were that the overwhelming majority of respondents supported the draft Vision and 3 Topic Objectives, as indicated in the table overleaf. This provided a very clear mandate for the intended subject matter of the NP, as neatly summed up in one of the comments received: *‘I think that the neighbourhood plan accurately corresponds with my own view of the future of Dinnington’*.

⁹ NB - map is produced from postcodes of questionnaire respondents, therefore it illustrates distribution not precise numbers of respondents. There were more respondents than those mapped because of respondents sharing the same postcode or respondents not providing postcodes

	% of respondents supporting
DRAFT VISION	98%
Topic Objective 1: VILLAGE CHARACTER & RURAL SETTING	99%
Topic Objective 2: GREEN ENVIRONMENT	100%
Topic Objective 3: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE	100%

(Note that minor wording changes subsequently took place to the draft Vision and Topic Objectives in order to ensure that they were up to date and reflective of the final content and nomenclature used in the Pre-Submission NP)

- 3.25 In terms of comments and suggestions received in response to ‘free text’ questions in the Stage 2 questionnaire, these were initially collated by the Steering Group and quantified by frequency of comments made. As a large number of the comments still included non-planning issues, a further filtering out/consolidating exercise was necessary. A copy of the output from this is included at Appendix 3 of this Statement.
- 3.26 The main messages to emerge from the filtered comments were clearly evidenced in the frequency they were raised and the fact that they were repeated across the subject matter covered in the questionnaire. At the simplest level, the core messages boiled down to two tangible foci for the NP – firstly the valued rural setting of Dinnington village and, secondly, the valued attributes of Dinnington village.
- 3.27 These in turn became the two substantive subject chapters of the Pre-Submission Plan. For the reasons explained in paragraph 1.24 and 1.25 of the Pre-Submission Plan, the first of these chapters took the form of a ‘narrative’ (ie – not including a policy). However the second chapter includes two policies – one dealing with the village’s Local Green Spaces and the other dealing with the village’s valued assets. The candidates for these were each identified via a combination of suggestions nominated in community feedback and the input of the NP Steering Group.
- 3.28 The approach to both chapters was developed in close liaison with the City Council in order to ensure it was endorsed and supported and in conformity with strategic local policy. The Basic Conditions Statement, prepared alongside this Consultation Statement, sets out how the NP fulfils this, and each of the other Basic Conditions.
- 3.29 Finally, the community were kept informed as the NP was developing, and up until it was finally drafted, via regular updates in the Dinnington Parish newsletter (see examples in Figure 9 overleaf). Regular updates were similarly made to the Parish Council’s ‘Neighbourhood Plan’ webpage.

ISSUE NO	EXTRACT CONTAINING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE
Issue 30: Dec 2019	Neighbourhood Plan The consultant is continuing to progress our draft plan. He has completed the draft of the Green Spaces information we forwarded to him and has the Policy documents drafted for Green Spaces and Community Facilities.
Issue 31: Dec 2020	Neighbourhood Plan We are continuing to work with our consultant to finalise our draft plan. We completed Chapter 5, with Policies DNP1 - Local Green Spaces and DNP2 - Valued Village Assets in August, which completes the bulk of the Draft information for the plan. These are currently with Newcastle City Council for initial review and producing the required maps for the final document.
Issue 32: Apr 2021	Neighbourhood Plan We are pleased to report that our Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been completed and is now with Newcastle City Council for them to undertake the appropriate health-checking of the document, along with a screening assessment. Once this is done and covid restrictions allow we will be coming back to the community, probably in the summer to carry out the final Pre-Submission consultation, before returning it to the council for them to arrange the final planning inspector review before hopefully adopting the plan.
Issue 33: Dec 2021	Neighbourhood Plan We are pleased to report that Newcastle City Council have completed the appropriate health-checking of our Draft Neighbourhood Plan, along with a screening assessment. They have also sent us their Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report August 2021 for information and we expect to receive the final version shortly. Following this and when covid restrictions allow we will be coming back to the community, probably in the New Year to carry out the Pre-Submission consultation, before returning it to the council for them to arrange the final planning inspector review before hopefully adopting the plan.
Issue 34: Apr 2022	Neighbourhood Plan During the year we finalised our Draft Neighbourhood Plan and Newcastle City Council completed the appropriate health-checking of the document, along with their own screening assessment. This has allowed us to embark on an 8 week formal public consultation to invite comments and feedback upon it from local residents, statutory bodies and other stakeholders in the community, which will end on Friday 10th June 2022. All feedback will be considered by the Parish Council's Steering Group and used to produce a 'Submission' version of the Neighbourhood Plan. Once this is completed, it will be subject to a final round of consultation led this time by Newcastle City Council, followed by an independent Examination to ensure the Plan meets Statutory requirements. The final step of the Neighbourhood Plan process is for the Plan to proceed to a referendum open to all residents of Dinnington Parish. If this results in a majority support for the Plan, it will then be adopted and be used by Newcastle City Council as a statutory document in the determination of planning applications in the Parish.

Figure 9: Extracts from successive Parish Newsletters providing updates on progress developing the NP

4.0 PRE-SUBMISSION (REGULATION 14) CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Following completion of the Pre-Submission NP in February 2022, the statutory (Regulation 14) consultation exercise took place over an 8 week period from Monday 18th April 2022 to Friday 10th June 2022.
- 4.2 The consultation was publicised via a leaflet, circulated to all addresses in the Parish in the week prior to commencement of the consultation. The leaflet included a link to view the Pre-Submission Plan on the Parish Council's website (see Figure 10 overleaf), as well as information on where to view paper copies of the Plan for those without internet access. The leaflet also contained –
 - A summary of the main provisions of the Plan (ie - its Vision, Objectives and Policies)

- An explanation of the background to the Plan, including a link to the City Council’s webpage on neighbourhood planning
- Information about the consultation itself, including how to respond (electronically and by post) and what will happen after the consultation is complete
- Notice of a consultation event, planned as part of the Pre-Submission consultation, which would be taking place in the Village Hall between 10am and 2pm on Saturday 23rd April 2022. This was the first weekend of the consultation period.

4.3 A full copy of the publicity leaflet is provided at Appendix 4 of this Statement. A publicity poster was also produced, copies of which were put up at various prominent locations in the village including the Post Office, Village Hall and Memorial Institute, the local pub, the village shop and Dinnington Social Club (see Figure 11 below).

4.4 A list of the statutory consultees notified about the Pre-Submission NP¹⁰ is included in Appendix 5, and a copy of the notification email/letter itself is at Appendix 6. In addition to the statutory consultees, notification letters and leaflets were also posted to all non-residents with business interests in the Parish (see Appendix 7 for copy of notification email/letter).

Figure 10: Screenshot from Parish Council’s website to access the Pre-Submission NP. Note the page also provided a link to view an electronic version of the consultation publicity leaflet, as well as a copy of the NP Screening Report

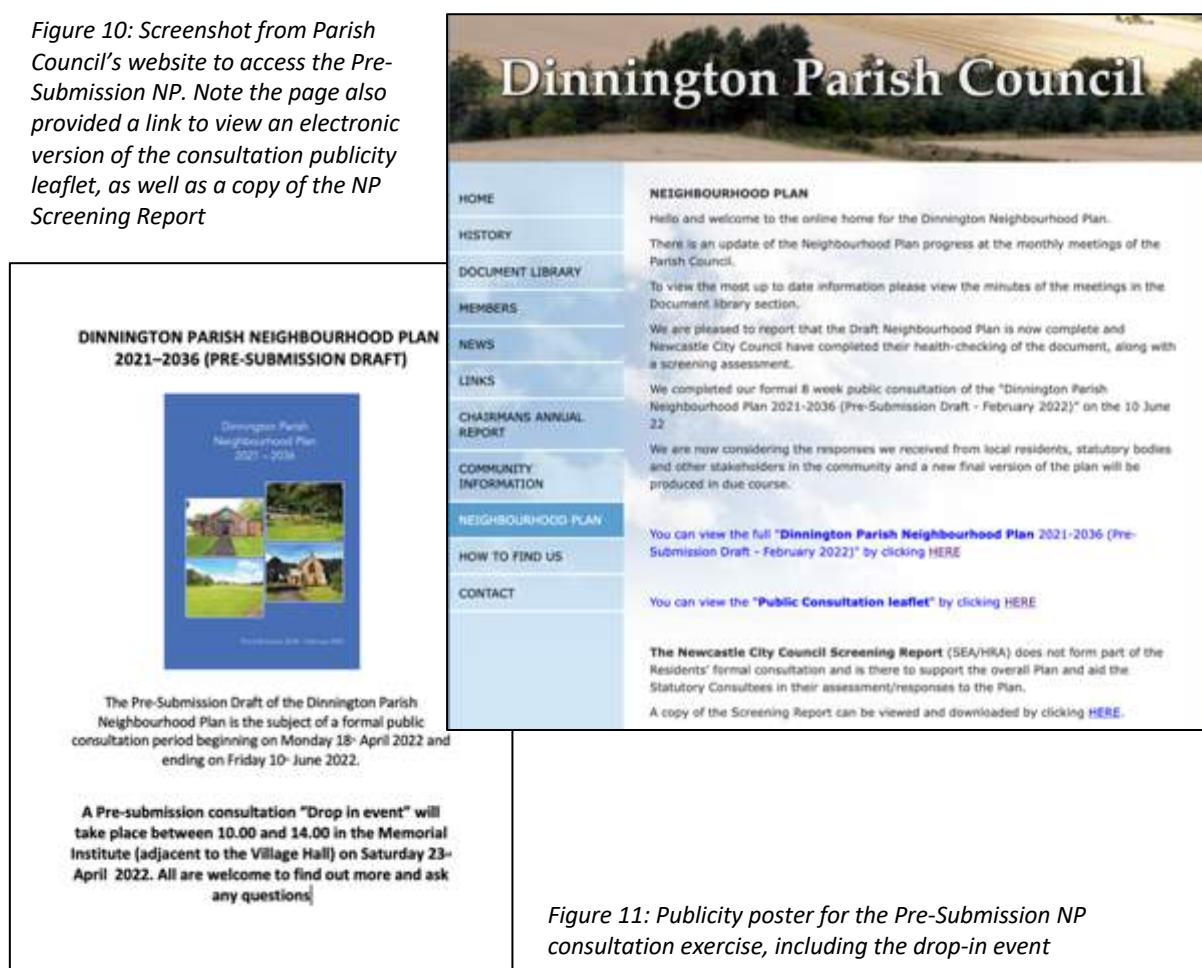


Figure 11: Publicity poster for the Pre-Submission NP consultation exercise, including the drop-in event

¹⁰ In accordance with sub-section b) of Regulation 14, being ‘any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan’

Outcomes from Pre-Submission (Regulation 14) consultation

- 4.5 At the close of the consultation, a total of 8 submissions had been received, whilst the public event on 23rd April 2022 was attended by 26 people. Appendix 8 contains a table setting out details of the submissions, the responses to them and how (where relevant) they led to changes to the NP¹¹.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 In light of the evidence provided in this Statement, it is concluded that the process and techniques involved in community engagement were thorough and robust and the results of it have been properly considered and reflected both in the development and final content of the Dinnington Parish Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5.2 Accordingly, it is the conclusion of this Statement that the requirements of the relevant Regulations have been fully met.

¹¹ The NP changes are shown as yellow highlighted text in the Appendix 8 table

APPENDICES

The following Table provides a summary of the Appendices which follow:

APPENDIX	PAGE	DESCRIPTION
1a	17	Stage 1 Consultation - Information/publicity leaflet with comments box
1b	18	Stage 1 Consultation – Feedback Form
1c	19	Stage 1 Consultation – Survey Form
2	20	Stage 2 Consultation – Topic focussed questionnaire NB – spreads over 2 pages
3	22	Summary of key feedback from Stage 2 consultation NB – spreads over 5 pages
4	27	Publicity leaflet for Pre-Submission NP
5	28	List of statutory consultees notified at Regulation 14 stage NB – spreads over 3 pages
6	31	Notification letter/email to statutory consultees at Regulation 14 stage
7	32	Notification letter/email to non-resident businesses at Regulation 14 stage
8	33	Summary of submissions to Regulation 14 consultation & Qualifying Body’s response to them (including consequential changes to the NP) NB – spreads over 2 pages

APPENDIX 1a: STAGE 1 CONSULTATION - INFORMATION/PUBLICITY LEAFLET WITH COMMENTS BOX

COME AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

Come and meet the team involved in the project and tell us what you think should go in the Dinnington Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

FIND OUT MORE:

If you can't attend please pop your comments into the box in the Post Office or the new Dinnington Village Hall post box.

You can contact us directly by phone or email:

- Email: dinningtonnp@gmail.com
- Raymond Thompson 0191 2363379
- Mike Wood 01661 825358
- Audrey Dellow 07506556875
- Steven Phelps 07805180458

Or visit our website at :-

<http://www.dinningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Your Comments :-

Name:
House No:
Street & Post Code :
Email :
Tel No :



Dinnington Parish Council are holding a "Drop in Session" in the Village Hall from 10.00am until 6.00pm on Saturday, 14 June 2014.

We would like to get your views & ideas that we will incorporate into our Neighbourhood Plan, please come along and have your say on what contents and issues you would like to see in your Neighbourhood Plan.

If you cannot make it on the day please put your comments and views on the back of this leaflet.

We will listen and respond to comments made during this and future consultation events when preparing the Neighbourhood Plan

A report setting out issues raised will be published and used to inform the Plan.

Raymond Thompson, Chairman, Dinnington Parish Council

A NEW PLAN FOR DINNINGTON

Neighbourhood plans provide local communities with the means to make plans for their own areas. Local people can not only write their own neighbourhood plan, but they also decide whether the plan should be adopted through a local referendum vote.

The Neighbourhood Plan will set out where new development will go, what kind of development it will be, and what sort of social and leisure facilities are needed to make the Parish of Dinnington a better place to live and work in.

SO WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Before any planning proposals are made the Parish Council wants to find out what the local community thinks about the Parish of Dinnington. To do this the Parish council wants to hear from as wide a range of local people as possible - residents, businesses, shoppers, young people, older people, community groups, service providers, and other stakeholders.

Newcastle City Council is working closely with us and will help with all the practical and technical tasks we need to do.

The most important part is for us to hear your views about the things that matter to you : Green Belt, Housing, Local Services, Highways & Rights of Way, Environment & Ecology, Post Office & Post box.

Neighbourhood Plans

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area. It may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development.



Neighbourhood plans relate to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. It may deal with a wide range of issues (like housing, employment, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues that are of particular importance in a local area.

Neighbourhood planning cannot be used to block the building of the homes and businesses considered to be necessary to meet the City's current and future needs. However, you can use it to influence the type, design, location and mix of new development.


A Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to examination and referendum and then form part of the Local Development Plan. This statutory status gives Neighbourhood Plans far more weight than some other local planning documents, such as parish plans, community plans and village design statements.

APPENDIX 1c: STAGE 1 CONSULTATION - SURVEY FORM


<p style="text-align: center;">Transport</p> <p>I think the key issues for Transport in Dinnington Parish are...</p> <p>Signature: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HOUSING</p> <p>I think the key issues for HOUSING in Dinnington Parish are...</p> <p>Signature: _____</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Education</p> <p>I think the key issues for Education in Dinnington Parish are...</p> <p>Signature: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Health</p> <p>I think the key issues for Health in Dinnington Parish are...</p> <p>Signature: _____</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Environment</p> <p>I think the key issues for the environment in Dinnington Parish are...</p> <p>Signature: _____</p>	<p>My FAVOURITE thing about living or working in Dinnington Parish is.....</p> <p>Signature: _____</p>
<p>My LEAST FAVOURITE thing about living or working in Dinnington Parish is.....</p> <p>Signature: _____</p>	

APPENDIX 2: STAGE 2 CONSULTATION – TOPIC-FOCUSSED QUESTIONNAIRE (CONDENSED INTO 4 PAGES PER PAGE FOR BREVITY)



DINNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
Your Village, It's Future, In Your Hands.



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Moving forward – we need your views!

You may have read in the last Parish Newsletter that we have been continuing with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish and would be consulting again with the local community about it in 2017. We are now ready to share with you what we have done so far and ask you some further questions which will help ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is focussed, relevant and up to date.

This is important as a lot has happened since we first asked for your views for the Neighbourhood Plan back in 2014. In particular, planning permissions have been granted for new housing development on three large sites at the edges of the village. This has changed the focus of the Neighbourhood Plan away from tackling future housing in the Parish and more towards what should be protected and improved as our area moves forward over the next 10 to 15 years.

This questionnaire therefore seeks to find out your ideas and suggestions for this, and what the priorities should be.


We have also looked carefully at the issues you raised during the previous 2014 consultation. We have used these to help prepare a draft Vision for the Neighbourhood Plan, along with some suggested Objectives for three main topic areas. We think that these capture the key messages from the 2014 consultation, but would like to hear what you think before moving further forward.

Completing and returning the questionnaire

Questions are mostly of the simple tick-box variety and there are plenty of opportunities for you to add comments, plus an open question at the end if there is anything else you'd like to tell us.

All questions relate to land within the Neighbourhood Area of Dinnington (see Map adjacent). Further information about the Neighbourhood Plan is on our website www.spanglefish.com/dinnington, where there is also an online version of this questionnaire. Use of the online questionnaire is encouraged as it makes it easier for results to be accurately collated and analysed.

However, paper questionnaires are also welcome and can be returned by using the white Post Box at the Village Hall or the cardboard box in the Post Office. If you would like further questionnaires, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details at the top of this page). The closing date for completed questionnaires is 20 Jan 2018.



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DINNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TOPIC-FOCUSSED QUESTIONNAIRE

A) A SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF DINNINGTON

The preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Dinnington gives everyone the opportunity to have a say in what our Parish should be like in the future (the next 10 to 15 years). Your responses to the earlier consultation back in 2014 revealed some clear and recurring messages and we have drawn these together to set out an overall vision for the Neighbourhood Plan.

We would like to begin this questionnaire by seeking your views on this draft vision to make sure that it properly captures the aspirations of the community and is broadly supported:

DRAFT VISION:

"To ensure, acknowledging housing development already committed at 2017, that Dinnington retains its essential character as a village settlement in an open rural setting. The valued features, attractive green spaces and community facilities of the village and wider Parish will be protected and where possible enhanced for the benefit of those who live and work here, now and in the future".

1) Please tick the box which best describes your view about this draft vision for the Dinnington Neighbourhood Plan:

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

2) If you wish to make any comments or suggest improvements to the draft Vision, please do so below:

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B) TOPIC 1 - VILLAGE CHARACTER & RURAL SETTING

The first element of the Draft Vision above refers to safeguarding the essential village character and rural setting of Dinnington. This remains an important objective notwithstanding that the village is set to expand with planning permissions now in place for 3 large sites at the village edge (2 of which were the result of revisions to the Green Belt boundary in the City Council's Core Strategy).

It is however important to note that the Green Belt boundary which is now in place around Dinnington represents the strongest form of planning protection from further expansion of the village. It is not possible for the Neighbourhood Plan to put forward any greater form of protection than the Green Belt.

Nevertheless, there are steps which the Neighbourhood Plan could take to help maintain and, where possible, reinforce the village character of Dinnington. This section of the questionnaire seeks your views on possible ways of doing this.

Firstly, an overall Objective has been drafted to capture what the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to achieve in respect of the village character and rural setting of Dinnington:

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DRAFT TOPIC OBJECTIVE 1 (VILLAGE CHARACTER & RURAL SETTING):

"To protect and enhance the essential village character of Dinnington, its valued features and the relationship it has with its rural countryside setting"

3) Please tick the box which best describes your view about this draft objective for the Dinnington Neighbourhood Plan:

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

4) If you wish to make any comments or suggest improvements to the draft objective, please do so below:

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Possible options to implement Draft Topic Objective 1 in the Neighbourhood Plan:

Option a) – Identifying and protecting valued buildings or features

The preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan offers an opportunity for people to put forward any particular building or feature which they think deserves recognition and protection for the contribution it makes to the character and identity of the village or wider area.

Historic buildings or features are a common example. There are only a handful of Listed Buildings in our Parish (which are already protected). However, there may be other buildings or features which are considered by local people to be important and valuable to the character and identity of the village or wider area, but have never been specifically identified before.

These need not necessarily be historic, but could include anything from a characterful building or structure down to smaller features such as an old wall, post box or sign etc. The next question asks you to identify any examples of these which you believe should merit protection.

5) Are there any buildings or features you think may be suitable for identification and protection in the area covered by our Parish? If so, please describe them below as accurately as you can and briefly explain your reasons why:

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Option b) – Identifying and protecting the relationship of the village to the rural countryside

An essential part of the identity of Dinnington is the close relationship the village has to the rural countryside immediately surrounding it. The Neighbourhood Plan can help identify and protect the aspects of this relationship that are particularly important. Examples could include the physical routes connecting the village to the countryside (eg – footpaths/cycleways), attractive views and vantage points of the countryside from the village or other valued landscape features at the edges of the village.

The next question asks if you can suggest any specific examples of these that the Neighbourhood Plan could consider for identification and protection.

6) Are there any aspects you think may be suitable for identification and protection in terms of the relationship between the village and the countryside immediately surrounding it? If so, please describe them below as accurately as you can and briefly explain your reasons why:

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Option c) – Managing the design of new development

The Government attaches great importance to the design of the built environment, especially design that helps establish a strong sense of place and creates attractive and comfortable places to live and work. Good design can help improve people's quality of life and sense of pride in where they live. It can also benefit health and wellbeing, increase property values and cut crime.

A Neighbourhood Plan can play a role in helping to promote good standards of design, layout and appearance for all forms of development through guidance and policies.

7) How important do you think it is that the Neighbourhood Plan includes measures to promote good quality design for all new development in our Parish? Please tick and add a comment or further explanation below, especially if there are any particular aspects of design that you would like to see better controlled:

Very important	Quite important	Not important

Comment:

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APPENDIX 2: STAGE 2 CONSULTATION – TOPIC-FOCUSSED QUESTIONNAIRE (CONTINUED)

DINNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TOPIC-FOCUSSED QUESTIONNAIRE

C) TOPIC 2 – GREEN ENVIRONMENT

Neighbourhood Plans provide an excellent opportunity for communities to identify 'local green spaces' of particular importance to them which should be protected and improved.

To be identified, such areas must hold a particular local significance, for example because of their visual, historic, recreational or wildlife value. They must also generally be within or immediately adjacent to the settlement rather than out in the open countryside. Examples can range from recreation grounds and playing fields to allotments, informal areas of open space and patches of woodland and trees.

A further discrete element of the Draft Vision refers to protecting, and where possible enhancing, these green spaces and environmental assets of the village and wider Parish. This has been captured in a second topic objective for the Neighbourhood Plan as follows:

DRAFT TOPIC OBJECTIVE 2 (GREEN ENVIRONMENT):

'To protect and enhance the green spaces and environmental assets which contribute to the attractiveness of Dinnington and the wider Parish as a place to live and work'

8) Please tick the box which best describes your view about this draft objective for the Dinnington Neighbourhood Plan:

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9) If you wish to make any comments or suggest improvements to the draft objective, please do so below:

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The following 3 questions ask for your views on the protection and possible enhancement of these local green spaces and environmental assets.

10) Are there any local green spaces you think should be identified for protection within or on the edges of Dinnington? It would be particularly useful to hear about smaller, more informal spaces. Please describe the site(s) below as accurately as you can and briefly explain your reasons why they should be protected:

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11) Do you think there are any neglected areas of local green space which need improvement? Please describe the site(s) below as accurately as you can and briefly explain how they could be improved:

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12) Are there any other environmental assets in the village or wider Parish that you think should be identified for protection? Please describe these below as accurately as you can and briefly explain your reasons why they should be protected:

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D) TOPIC 3 – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Finally, many people who responded to the earlier consultation said they valued the community assets of the village – things like the shops, pub, post office and health centre – and would like to see them protected and improved. This has been captured in the third draft objective for the Neighbourhood Plan as follows:

DRAFT TOPIC OBJECTIVE 3 (COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE):

'To protect and enhance the amenities, facilities and opportunities that exist within the village and wider Parish which help support a thriving, cohesive and sustainable community'

13) Please tick the box which best describes your view about this draft objective for the Dinnington Neighbourhood Plan:

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14) If you wish to make any comments or suggest improvements to the draft objective, please do so below:

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15) What amenities, facilities or opportunities do you think we especially need to protect and enhance in the Parish to fulfil the above Topic Objective? Please identify these below and state how they could be enhanced:

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E) FURTHER COMMENTS

16) If you have anything further you wish to add to your responses in this questionnaire, or anything which hasn't already been covered, please do so in the box below:

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F) DEMOGRAPHIC DETAILS

This last section helps us find out if we have gained the views of a cross section of the population. It will not be used to identify respondents. Responses will be held securely and in accordance with the Data Protection Act. You may skip any questions if you'd prefer not to provide a response.

17) Please enter your postcode

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18) How old are you?

Under 18		36-45		66-75	
18-25		46-55		76-85	
26-35		56-65		Over 85	

19) Are you...?

MALE		FEMALE	
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20) What is your connection with the Parish? Please tick all that apply:

	YES	NO
a) Do you live in the Parish?		
b) If working, do you work in the Parish?		
c) Do you have a business based in the Parish?		

21) If you live in the area, how many years have you lived here? Please tick:

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Finally, we welcome anyone who is interested in being kept informed about the Neighbourhood Plan and possibly helping in its preparation. Please indicate your interest by ticking the relevant box(es) and registering your details below.

Would like to be kept informed		Would like to offer assistance	
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please return your completed questionnaires by 20 January 2018, in the white Post Box at the Village Hall or the cardboard box in the Post Office.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE!

Please return your completed questionnaire by 20 January 2018

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APPENDIX 3: SUMMARY OF KEY FEEDBACK FROM STAGE 2 CONSULTATION

Dinnington Neighbourhood Plan: Stage 2 Consultation (Late 2017/early 2018)

Topic-Focussed Questionnaire: consolidated summary of comments and suggestions received to free-text questions (filtered to planning-related issues only¹ and ranked by frequency)

Q2 *[Draft Vision] If you wish to make any comments or suggest improvements to the draft Vision, please do so below:*

Valued attributes or issues mentioned in comments	Frequency of comment
Village character	6
Green spaces/footpaths/bridleways	6
Doctors surgery	5
Other community facilities (shops/dentist/chemist)	4
Allow infill/low-cost housing where possible	1

Q4 *[Draft Topic Objective 1 – Village Character & Rural Setting] If you wish to make any comments or suggest improvements to the draft objective, please do so below:*

Valued attributes or issues mentioned in comments	Frequency of comment
Maintain/enhance village character, green belt setting & accessibility (footpaths, bridleways)	10
Doctors surgery	3
Allow infill of large gardens/plots in moderation	1

Q5 *Are there any buildings or features you think may be suitable for identification and protection in the area covered by our Parish? If so, please describe them below as accurately as you can and briefly explain your reasons why:*

Valued buildings/features mentioned in comments	Frequency of comment
Village Green/other green spaces/footpaths	13
St Matthew's Church	11
Village Hall, Men's Institute/Library & Scout Hut	8
Post Office/Post Boxes	8
The Old School Building	7
Village Pubs	6
Stone Bus Shelter	3

¹ A large number of issues were raised that were either non-planning matters, or were impractical to tackle via the NP

APPENDIX 3: SUMMARY OF KEY FEEDBACK FROM STAGE 2 CONSULTATION (CONTINUED)

Valued buildings/features mentioned in comments	Frequency of comment
Doctors' Surgery	2
All old/stone buildings in the village	2
Old Chapel/Private Dwelling (March Terrace)	1

Q6. *Are there any aspects you think may be suitable for identification and protection in terms of the relationship between the village and the countryside immediately surrounding it? If so, please describe them below as accurately as you can and briefly explain your reasons why:*

Valued aspects mentioned in comments	Frequency of comment
Accessibility (footpaths/lonnens, cycle paths & bridleways)	37
Wildlife value of countryside/nature reserve/green space	5
Playing fields connecting to countryside	3
Protection of Green Belt	1

Q7 *How important do you think it is that the Neighbourhood Plan includes measures to promote good quality design for all new development in our Parish? Please tick and add a comment or further explanation below, especially if there are any particular aspects of design that you would like to see better controlled:*

(Note – In answer to the first part of Q7, 100% of respondents agreed that it was important to promote good quality design)

Aspects of design mentioned in comments	Frequency of comment
New builds should reflect the current architecture in the village, be attractive but conservative & sympathetic to existing styles & designs	13
Building scale - new houses should be restricted to no more than 2 storey / no blocks of flats / more bungalows	12
More managed green space on new developments / retain existing green space, including children's play areas & wildlife corridors	7
Ensure development is spacious / not overcrowded & overdeveloped	2
Ensure better integration of development with networks of paths	1
Require hedges around new development rather than cheap fences	1
Require development to be properly lit to deter vandalism	1

APPENDIX 3: SUMMARY OF KEY FEEDBACK FROM STAGE 2 CONSULTATION (CONTINUED)

Q9 *[Draft Topic Objective 2 – Green Environment] If you wish to make any comments or suggest improvements to the draft objective, please do so below:*

Comments	Frequency of comment
Protect green spaces in the village / create new green spaces within new development	7
Specific green spaces highlighted for protection / enhancement (eg - village greens, playing fields, park, bmx track)	6
Protect paths / rights of way & encourage new routes where possible	3
Protect wildlife / ecosystems / nature reserves	2

Q10 *Are there any local green spaces you think should be identified for protection within or on the edges of Dinnington? It would be particularly useful to hear about smaller, more informal spaces. Please describe the site(s) below as accurately as you can and briefly explain your reasons why they should be protected:*

Suggested local green space	Frequency
Post Office Green / Village Greens (either side of Front Street)	24
Park / Play Area / Playing Fields	8
QE2 Field (Bowling Green)	6
Carr Road Area	6
Green spaces on Dinnington Green Estate	5
East/West Acres Green Space	4
Old School Field	2
Seaton Burn Lonnen Area	2

Q11 *Do you think there are any neglected areas of local green space which need improvement? Please describe the site(s) below as accurately as you can and briefly explain how they could be improved:*

Suggested neglected local green space	Frequency
Field/land adjacent to the old school	11
Park / playing fields	6
Various individually identified sites with just one nomination	5
Prestwick Carr Road / Prestwick Carr	4
Lonnen / path by East Acres	2
Village green	2

APPENDIX 3: SUMMARY OF KEY FEEDBACK FROM STAGE 2 CONSULTATION (CONTINUED)

Q12 Are there any other environmental assets in the village or wider Parish that you think should be identified for protection? Please describe these below as accurately as you can and briefly explain your reasons why they should be protected:

Suggested environmental asset	Frequency
Wildlife / ecosystems / nature reserves	7
Trees / woodland	4
Church & church yard	4
Various individually identified assets with just one nomination (eg - Old School, Doctor's Surgery, Library, Post Office, Park, Green Belt Land)	4
Village Green	2
Village allotments	2
Tracks / paths	2

Q14 [Draft Topic Objective 3 – Community Infrastructure] If you wish to make any comments or suggest improvements to the draft objective, please do so below:

Comments	Frequency
Improve doctor's surgery	17
Protect / enhance all community assets in the village (cater for growth of village)	8
Protect Post Office / Shops	5
Various individually identified assets with just one nomination (eg - enhance local pub, provide youth facilities, improve paths & cycleways)	3

Q15 What amenities, facilities or opportunities do you think we especially need to protect and enhance in the Parish to fulfil the above Topic Objective? Please identify these below and state how they could be enhanced:

Amenities / facilities / opportunities	Frequency
Retain / improve doctor's surgery/health centre/pharmacy	27
Retain / improve local shops / support further shops	14
Protect Village Hall	13
Protect Post Office	12
Improve facilities for children / young people (recreational/social)	7
Protect pubs / restaurant / social club	5

APPENDIX 3: SUMMARY OF KEY FEEDBACK FROM STAGE 2 CONSULTATION (CONTINUED)

Amenities / facilities / opportunities	Frequency
Protect / improve school provision	5
Other individually made suggestions (dentist, café, community centre, takeaway)	4
Protect Church	3
Protect Library	3
Protect existing facilities across the board & support provision of more	3

Q16 If you have anything further you wish to add to your responses in this questionnaire, or anything which hasn't already been covered, please do so in the box below:

Further comments	Frequency
Retain / improve doctor's surgery/health centre/pharmacy	8
Support increase in number of shops	5
Protect & build upon the assets we have / support new facilities & amenities	4
Support provision of facilities for children/young people	4
Scale of new residential development - must protect Green Belt/green spaces / safeguard 'village' identity	3



APPENDIX 4: PUBLICITY LEAFLET FOR PRE-SUBMISSION NP

About the Consultation

The Pre-Submission Draft of the Dinnington Parish Neighbourhood Plan is the subject of a formal public consultation period beginning on Monday 18th April 2022 and ending on Friday 10th June 2022.

The full Pre-Submission Plan can be viewed on the Parish Council's website at: <http://www.spangefish.com/dinnington/index.asp?pageid=657380>

For those without internet access, paper copies of the Plan will be available in Dinnington Community Library for perusal.

 **A Pre-submission consultation event will take place between 10.00 and 14.00 in the Memorial Hall (adjacent to the Village Hall) on Saturday 23rd April 2022. All are welcome to find out more and ask any questions** 

Written feedback on the Neighbourhood Plan, stating name/address or organisation, will be welcomed until Friday 10th June 2022.

Feedback can be submitted to the Parish Clerk –

- Via email to: dinningtonparishcouncil@hotmail.com
- Via post to: Dinnington Parish Clerk, 30, Rothbury Drive, Ashington. NE63 8TQ

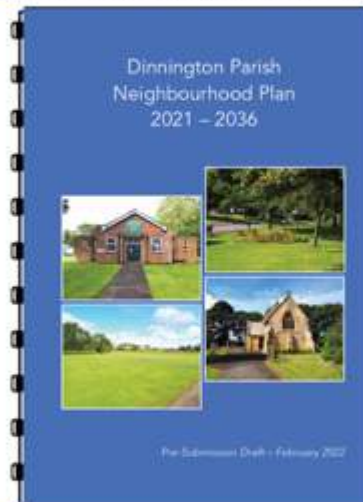
What happens next?

All feedback will be considered by the Parish Council's Steering Group and used to produce a 'Submission' version of the Neighbourhood Plan. Once this is completed, it will be subject to a final round of consultation led by Newcastle City Council, followed by an independent Examination to ensure the Plan meets statutory requirements.

The final step of the process is for the Plan to proceed to a referendum open to all residents of Dinnington Parish. If this results in a majority support for the Plan, it will then be adopted and be used by Newcastle City Council as a statutory document in the determination of planning applications in the Parish.

DINNINGTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2021–2036 (PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT)

- PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUMMARY LEAFLET -



'Our vision is that Dinnington retains its essential character as a village settlement in an open rural setting. The valued green spaces and community facilities of the village will be protected and where possible enhanced for the benefit of those who live and work here, now and in the future'

What is this about?

After a number of years of work, Dinnington Parish Council have completed a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish and are now embarking on a formal 8 week period of public consultation to invite comments and feedback upon it from local residents, statutory bodies and other stakeholders in the community.

THE 8 WEEK CONSULTATION PERIOD WILL RUN FROM 18TH APRIL TO 10TH JUNE 2022 – FURTHER DETAILS ON LAST PAGE OF THIS LEAFLET

This leaflet sets out further information about the Neighbourhood Plan, including a short summary of its content, together with details of the consultation process and how to get involved. It also explains what will happen following the consultation.

Background to the Dinnington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Dinnington Parish Council first embarked on the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish back in 2013. Since then, a Steering Group has helped develop and shape the Plan, supported by a Planning Consultant and Newcastle City Council Planning Officers.

The completed Plan gives voice and fulfilment to the community's aspirations to maintain the essential character, appeal and community vitality of Dinnington as a place to live and work. It does this by setting out a Vision (see front page), together with Objectives, Policies and an explanatory narrative.

Together, these provide a local level, community-led context for the management of development and land use in the Parish for the period 2021 to 2036.

Further information on Neighbourhood Planning is available on Newcastle City Council's webpage at: <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/planning-building-and-development/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning>

The Objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan

1) The Valued Rural Setting of Dinnington Village:

'To protect and enhance the essential village character of Dinnington provided by its rural countryside setting'

2) The Valued Attributes of Dinnington Village (Local Green Spaces):

'To protect and enhance the green spaces which contribute to the attractiveness of Dinnington and the wider Parish as a place to live and work'

3) The Valued Attributes of Dinnington Village (Valued Village Assets):

'To protect and enhance the facilities, amenities and services within Dinnington which help support a thriving, cohesive and sustainable community'

The Policies of the Neighbourhood Plan

Policy DNP1: Local Green Spaces

This Policy identifies the most valued Local Green Spaces in the village (11 in total) to ensure they are safeguarded to help maintain the character and appeal of the village and for the important open space roles they fulfil. Where opportunities arise to enhance the values and roles of Local Green Spaces, or create new ones, these will be supported, subject to other planning considerations being acceptable.

Policy DNP2: Valued Village Assets

This Policy identifies the most valued facilities, amenities and services in the village (9 in total) to ensure they are safeguarded to help maintain the character and appeal of the village and for their important role they play in social, economic and community wellbeing. Where opportunities arise to improve the identified assets or provide new community facilities, services or amenities, these will be supported subject to other planning considerations being acceptable.

APPENDIX 5: LIST OF STATUTORY CONSULTEES NOTIFIED AT REGULATION 14 STAGE

Section	Description	Name of Organisation	Address/Contact details of Organisation
b)	A local planning authority, County Council or Parish Council any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority	Newcastle City Council	Julie Seaton Interim Assistant Director of Planning Place Directorate 9th Floor Newcastle City Council Civic Centre Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 8DP
	Ditto	Northumberland County Council	PlanningStrategy@northumberland.gov.uk
	Ditto	Brunswick Parish Council	brunswickpc@gmail.com
	Ditto	Hazlerigg Parish Council	Hazleriggparishcouncil@gmail.com
	Ditto	Woolsington Parish Council	woolsingtonpc@gmail.com
	Ditto	Ponteland Town Council	enquiries@ponteland-tc.gov.uk
	Ditto	Stannington Parish Council	Mr D Hall 2 Monmouth Court Widdrington Station Morpeth Northumberland NE61 5QS
c)	The Coal Authority		planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk
d)	The Homes and Communities Agency		enquiries@homesengland.gov.uk
e)	Natural England		consultations@naturalengland.org.uk
f)	The Environment Agency		planning.nane@environment-agency.gov.uk
g)	The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England	jules.brown@historicengland.org.uk
h)	Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd		AssetProtectionLNEEM@networkrail.co.uk
i)	A strategic highways company any part of whose area is in or adjoins the neighbourhood area	National Highways	planningYNE@highwaysengland.co.uk
k) (i)	Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies by virtue of a direction given under section 106(3)(a) of the Communications Act 2003	CTIL (Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited) Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2	EMF.Enquiries@ctil.co.uk
	Ditto	Three	Jane.evans@three.co.uk
	Ditto	Avonline	info@avonline.co.uk
	Ditto	BT Openreach	networkalts.newcastle@openreach.co.uk
	Ditto	EE	public.affairs@ee.co.uk
k) (ii)	Any person who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority	EE	public.affairs@ee.co.uk
	Ditto	Three	Jane.evans@three.co.uk
	Ditto	Vodafone and O2	EMF.Enquiries@ctil.co.uk
	Ditto	Virgin Media Limited	Sng.chin@virginmedia.com
	Ditto	Wildcard Networks	info@wildcard.net.uk

APPENDIX 5: LIST OF STATUTORY CONSULTEES NOTIFIED AT REGULATION 14 STAGE (CONTINUED)

Section	Description	Name of Organisation	Address/Contact details of Organisation
l) (i)	Where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area – an integrated care board established under section 14D of the National Health Service Act 2006	Newcastle Upon Tyne NHS Foundation trust	Rob.smith@nuth.nhs.uk
l) (ii)	Where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area – a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989	Northern PowerGrid	getconnected@northernpowergrid.com
	Ditto	National Grid	box.landandacquisitiona@nationalgrid.com
	Ditto	Gas & Electricity Transmission, National Grid Plant Protection	plantprotection@cadentgas.com
l) (iii)	Where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area – a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986	Northern Gas Networks	tbell@northerngas.co.uk
	Ditto	Gas & Electricity Transmission, National Grid Plant Protection	plantprotection@cadentgas.com
l) (iv) (v)	Where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area – a water / sewerage undertaker	Northumbrian Water Limited	carrie.taylor@nwl.co.uk laura.kennedy@nwl.co.uk
m)	Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area	Dinnington Village Social Welfare Committee	Hand delivered
	Ditto	Dinnington Scout Group	Hand delivered
	Ditto	Dinnington Bowls Club	Hand delivered
	Ditto	Handicrafts Club	Hand delivered
o)	Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area	Church Commissioners for England	Church House, Great Smith Street London SW1P 3AZ
	Ditto	St Matthew's Church	The Vicarage 2 East Acres Dinnington Newcastle upon Tyne NE13 7NA
	Ditto	Spiritual Development Group	kar904@btinternet.com
p)	Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area	Newcastle International Airport	aewart@newcastleinternational.co.uk
	Ditto	Bellway Homes	Bellway House Kings Park Kingsway North Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE11 0JH
	Ditto	Persimmon Homes	Persimmon Homes North East Rosedon Way, Newcastle upon Tyne NE13 9EA
	Ditto	White Swan Inn	Hand delivered
	Ditto	Dinnington Post Office	Hand delivered

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Section	Description	Name of Organisation	Address/Contact details of Organisation
	Ditto	Last days of the Raj	Hand delivered
	Ditto	Dinnington Social Club	Hand delivered
	Ditto	The Masons Arms	Hand delivered
	Ditto	Dinnington Convenience Store	Hand delivered
	Ditto	E Dixon & J Thompson Ltd	Hand delivered
	Ditto	Legs, Bums & Tums	jaynego4itzumba@gmail.com
	Ditto	Ballroom Dancing Class	suesmith2@talk21.com
	Ditto	Zumba Gold class	lindsey.thomson-heley@talktalk.net
	Ditto	Bloom Baby Class	jennifer@bloombabyclasses.com
Other		Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner	Enquiries@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk
		Dinnington First School	Dinnington First School Sycamore Ave, Dinnington, Newcastle upon Tyne NE13 7JY
		Dinnington Medical Practice	samantha.davidson4@nhs.net
		Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service	Mehrban.sadiq@twfire.gov.uk
		North of England Civic Trust	admin@nect.org.uk
		Sustrans	Jonah.Morris@sustrans.org.uk
		Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)	colinadsley@hotmail.co.uk
		Woodland Trust	Richard.O'Callahan@woodlandtrust.org.uk
		City Councillor	CLlr Ali Avaei
		City Councillor	CLlr Thom Campion
		City Councillor	CLlr Helen Laverick

APPENDIX 6: NOTIFICATION LETTER/EMAIL TO STATUTORY CONSULTEES AT REGULATION 14 STAGE

Subject: Dinnington Parish Neighbourhood Plan - Pre-Submission Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam

Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Section 14 & 16 - Consultation) we are writing to inform you that the Dinnington Parish Draft Neighbourhood Plan is now entering its Pre-Submission Consultation Phase, due to commence on Monday 18th April 2022 for an 8 week period, closing on Friday 10th June 2022.

As a Statutory Consultee you are invited to comment on the content of the Draft Plan. We would like to bring to your attention that the draft document and a Public Consultation leaflet about the Plan can be found at the following website address:-
<http://www.spanglefish.com/dinnington/index.asp?pageid=657380>

Details on the submission of written formal comments are explained within the Public Consultation leaflet.

Yours faithfully,

Dinnington Parish Council.

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APPENDIX 7: NOTIFICATION LETTER TO NON-RESIDENT BUSINESS OWNERS AT REGULATION 14 STAGE

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As a non-resident business with interests within the Parish of Dinnington you are invited to comment on the content of the Draft Plan.

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APPENDIX 8: SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS TO REG. 14 CONSULTATION & QUALIFYING BODY'S (QB'S) RESPONSE TO THEM

A) SUBMITTER	B) SUBMISSION SUMMARY	C) QB'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION	D) CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGE(S) TO NP
1 Coal Authority	No specific comments as NP does not allocate any new sites for development	N/A	N/A
2 Woolisington Parish Council	Woolisington Parish Council raises no objection to the content of the NP and supports its adoption. Submission includes positive comments - <i>'it is a very comprehensive and informative document'</i> and <i>'will act as a worthwhile and effective catalyst in the implementation of national and local planning policies whilst at the same time protecting the best interests of the local community'</i> .	Support and positive comments welcomed.	N/A
3 Historic England	No detailed comment to make on the NP. Submission welcomes the fact that historical values of Local Green Spaces have been taken into account as part of their designation. Submission also encourages NP to consider whether a policy relating to non-designated heritage assets is needed in the NP.	Comments noted. In respect of the comment on non-designated heritage assets, specific provision was made during consultation for potential candidates to be put forward. However, the clear feedback that emerged was that the priorities for the NP were to identify and protect a) the rural setting of the village (para 4.3); b) the valued green spaces in the village (para 5.14), and c) the valued community facilities, amenities and services in the village (para 5.24).	No changes proposed
4 Newcastle International Airport	The Airport raises no objection to the content of the NP and supports its adoption as it is not considered that the Airport Operational Area would be affected by any of its proposed policies.	Support welcomed	N/A

APPENDIX 8: SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS TO REG. 14 CONSULTATION & QUALIFYING BODY'S (QB'S) RESPONSE TO THEM (CONTINUED)

A) SUBMITTER	B) SUBMISSION SUMMARY	C) QB'S RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION	D) CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGE(S) TO NP
5 Argon Health Ltd	Submission requests that the extent of Site LGS6 is revised in the NP to enable the redevelopment of the doctor's surgery (submission includes plan to show the area and revised boundary involved)	The retention and improvement of the doctor's surgery featured very prominently in community feedback on the NP and is reflected in the identification of the existing facility as a Valued Village Asset (VVA1). In response to this submission (and Submission 6) a specific change is made to the northern boundary of LGS6, reflecting the area identified in the submitted plan from Argon Health Ltd. This will provide for the development of a brand new purpose-built doctor's surgery/health centre to replace the existing facility, whilst still retaining the majority of LGS6 as open space.	Revise boundary of LGS6 on Policies Map 1(6) to make provision for the expansion and redevelopment of VVA1. Also, undertake incidental changes to reflect the above in the entries for LGS6 and VVA1 in Appendix 1 and 2 of the NP respectively
6 Mr & Mrs Tebay	Submission includes comments highlighting the importance of enhancing local facilities (with a particular reference to facility VVA1) to help maintain a thriving community	Comments noted. In response to Submission 5 in the context of VVA1, a specific change is made to the northern boundary of LGS6. This will provide for the development of a brand new purpose-built doctor's surgery/health centre to replace the existing facility, whilst still retaining the majority of LGS6 as open space.	Revise boundary of LGS6 on Policies Map 1(6) to make provision for the expansion and redevelopment of VVA1. Also, undertake incidental changes to reflect the above in the entries for LGS6 and VVA1 in Appendix 1 and 2 of the NP respectively
7 Jayne Caldwell	Support the goals of the NP. Submission also puts forward ideas for improving existing facilities in the village and providing potential new ones	Support welcomed and further comments noted. The improvement of existing facilities, services or amenities or provision of new ones is expressly covered as part of the NP's Policy DNP2.	N/A
8 Keith Newbegin	Agree with all the aims of the Plan – it is a well put together document. Submission also makes further comments regarding stopping further expansion of the village and problems of increased traffic coming through the village	Support welcomed and further comments noted.	N/A