Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan

The Consultation Statement

July 2016
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Consultation Statement

Document One
Creation of Steering Group, stimulating local involvement, collecting community information and feedback, creating the plan, statutory consultation.

Document Two
Complete diary of contact with local community from start through to final consultation. Local events, contact with Individuals, every household, local groups and statutory bodies.

Document Three

Document Four
Draft Neighbourhood Plan shared with Consultees:
Local Councils, Coleshill Town, Borough and County Councillors.
Statutory consultees. Also Coleshill schools, churches, local organisations and groups.

Document Five
Responses received and action taken.
COLESHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

THE CONSULTATION STRATEGY

1. Establish a representative Steering Group

When Coleshill Town Council made the decision that there should be a Neighbourhood Plan for Coleshill, five Town Councillors were assigned to the task of establishing a Steering Group. It’s important to remember that at the end of 2012 there was very little public knowledge of the Localism Act 2011 - its implications and perceived benefits - and how an actual neighbourhood plan could be created.

From the outset there were several objectives which were essential to the exercise. That a Steering Group be formed which would be representative of local people across a wide range of experience and interests. The first task of the Steering Group would be to make residents, organisations and businesses in Coleshill aware of the concept of localism and the opportunities for them to be involved in the process.

In September 2012, a meeting was held in the Town Hall with representatives of all organisations in the Town. Following a presentation, and a question-and-answer session, people were invited to put themselves forward to be members of the Steering Group.

A month later, the inaugural meeting took place with representatives of local businesses, local organisations, Coleshill School and a number of interested Coleshill residents.

2. Liaison with other Authorities

Coleshill Steering Group arranged two meetings with other North Warks parishes who had decided to follow Coleshill’s NP initiative – Baddesley Ensor, Austry and Arley.

There were several meetings and regular lines of communication established with the Forward Planning Section of NWBC. This included an ‘away day’ with other parish councils.

Meetings were held with our allocated representative of DCLG – Rachel Beard. Rachel arranged for a group of her DCLG colleagues from the Midlands and the North to spend a day in Coleshill to see how we had approached the task of consultation, involvement and inclusion.

We also reported on our progress to the NWBC Area Forum on two occasions.
3. Publicity – Neighbourhood Planning – Spreading the News


- Coleshill Town Council to include NP information and regular up-dates on their websites. This soon to be complemented by a dedicated Coleshill NP website – including Facebook and Twitter.

- Leaflets and posters about Neighbourhood Planning placed in Town Hall, Library and in shops on Coleshill’s High Street.

- Coleshill School Newsletter published each term to include information about Neighbourhood Planning.

- Father Hudson’s Society - who were holding regular public meetings about planned housing developments on their site – agreed to distribute our Neighbourhood Plan leaflets.

- The Love Coleshill Marketing Group of local businesses to include the NP as a recurring item on their meeting agendas – and a member of the Steering Group invited to attend their meetings.

- Coleshill’s Youth Town Council designed a logo for the Town’s Neighbourhood Plan which would be used on stationery and special stickers to be distributed.

4. Presentations and involvement with local groups

Steering Group members gave a number of formal presentations to local organisations, which were subsequently up-dated –

Coleshill Women’s Institute members
Coleshill Civic Society
Love Coleshill Business Group
B46 Business Group
Orchard Blythe Residential Home
St. Joseph’s Residential Home (Father Hudson’s Society)
Youth Town Council
5. Other methods of attracting local interest

- Steering Group members spent a day on an open-topped bus – accompanied by musicians from Coleshill’s Town Band! The bus stopped at key points in the town – inviting local people, including supervised children, to ask questions about Neighbourhood Planning and to look at the items displayed.

- There was a public exhibition on Neighbourhood Planning for two days in the Town Hall, attended by Steering Group members to answer questions.

- Steering Group members organised NP stalls at popular local events which residents of Coleshill visited in large numbers.
  - Annual French Markets
  - Event in Memorial Park to celebrate the installation of new play equipment.
  - Annual Christmas Fairs in Town Hall.

6. The Formal Consultation Process – the Questionnaire.
Copies were hand-delivered to every household in Coleshill

- The Steering Group developed a printed questionnaire which contained key issues relating to Coleshill – containing topics which had been raised consistently in our contact with local people.

- The questionnaire was designed to encourage people to comment – briefly by multiple choice or with written comments.

- Assistance with design, and with the actual printing of the finished item, came from the Reprographics Section of Coleshill School.

- The full questionnaire could also be accessed, and responded to on-line.

- All 6th Formers at Coleshill School were given the opportunity to respond on-line by their senior tutor. As far as we can tell, we had 100% response.

- Companies on the Industrial estate were sent an amended version of the questionnaire on line and invited to respond electronically.
• The Coleshill Post included a comprehensive four-page, NP pull-out supplement which also invited readers to respond to the questionnaire. The Coleshill Post is delivered to every household in the Coleshill area.

7. The Response

The next task for the Steering Group was to collate the information it had received from the consultation process. This was going to be a considerable task in view of the amount of feedback from all the exercise. We tried but were unable to recruit professional guidance from local universities, but in April 2014 we did manage to engage the services of an experienced Town Planner.

8. The Final Draft

It took eighteen months of monthly meetings to achieve a final draft plan, which the Steering Group believed did include all of the major recommendations contained in the consultation exercise – and which satisfied the conditions of the NWBC Core Strategy and the NPPF.

9. The Statutory 6 week Consultation Period

There were many episodes of fine-tuning, of re-editing and design, until the final draft was agreed. The statutory period of public consultation ended on 23 January 2016 with a public exhibition at the Town Hall.

An individual letter was sent to all agencies and organisations in the Town, thanking them for their support and asking them to consider the final draft of neighbourhood plan and to forward any comments to the Town Hall by 23 January.

The Coleshill Post printed another four-page, pull-out supplement – again delivered to all homes in Coleshill. Requests were made for comment and reminded people of the process which would culminate in a referendum.

The Steering Group now feel that this Neighbourhood Plan is a true reflection of the wishes of the people of the Town in relation to planning issues in the Parish of Coleshill over the next fifteen years.
COLESHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

CONSULTATION STATEMENT – Diary of contact with the Coleshill community.

2012

10 July
Coleshill Town Council Planning Committee Sub-Group – five Town Councillors – first meeting.

18 September
Presentation to members of local organisations in Town Hall inviting them to put forward representatives to be involved on the Steering Group. List of invitees attached.

13 November
Coleshill Herald and Coleshill Gazette to carry introductory articles on NP.
Coleshill School to include information in their next newsletter to students and families.
Father Hudson’s Society to include in their two-day presentation on site development.
Love Coleshill Group to include on agenda of their next meeting.
Coleshill Youth Town Council to design a Coleshill NP logo.

11 December
NP leaflet produced for distribution at Father Hudson’s Society’s two-day presentation.
NP details included on Town Council’s website.

2013

29 January
Leaflets and posters produced promoting NP placed in library and shops along High Street.

26 March
Details of NP placed on Facebook and twitter as well as Town Council website.
NP logo from Youth Town Council adopted.

9 April
Presentation to Coleshill WI members.

30 April
More posters and stickers produced displaying new NP logo.
NP stall booked for French Market on the Croft.
4 June
Interview with Bobby Bridge from Coleshill Herald – article to update on NP progress.

20 June am & 21 June pm
NP EXHIBITION - public drop-in sessions in Town Hall.

**JUNE & JULY**
**QUESTIONNAIRES DELIVERED TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN COLESHELL.**
Questionnaires printed by Coleshill School Reprographics.
On-line version also available (Survey Monkey).

**14 July**
NP stand at public opening of new play equipment in Memorial Park.

**17 August (whole day)**
OPEN-TOPPED BUS – toured the town with Members of COLESHELL TOWN BAND – Steering Group members encouraging residents to complete their questionnaires. Posters and stickers for children.

**September & October**
Presentations to residents and staff at Orchard Blythe and St. Joseph’s residential homes – collect feedback and later by e-mail.
Local businesses up-dated by e-mail.
COLESHELL POST – FOUR PAGE CENTRE PULL-OUT.

**26 November**
Representatives from Youth Town Council attended Steering Group meeting.

**3 December**
NP presentation at Love Coleshill Group meeting.

**7 December**
NP stall at CTC Christmas Fair in Town Hall.

**2014**

**23 January**
Updated WI Group on NP progression.
30 January
Meeting with Stuart Tait, Coleshill School to promote 6th Form involvement on line.

18 March
60 Coleshill school 6th Form students have responded to on-line questionnaire.

9 April
Presentation to B46 Business Group.

14 September
NP stall at French market on the Croft.

24 September
NP presentation to Youth Town Council

2015

26 February
Coleshill NP presentation to NWBC Area Forum.

11 March
DCLG STAFF GROUP visited Coleshill for NP whole day presentation and observation exercise.

14 May
NP presentation to Coleshill Civic Society

December
COLESHELL POST – FOUR PAGE INSERT.
Details of statutory consultation period with pull-out response page.
Copies of draft plan for perusal at Town hall and Library – also copies of summary to take.

2016

December
COLESHELL POST
Further details of consultation period and invitation to public drop-in exhibition at Town Hall on Saturday 23rd January – members of Steering group in attendance.
The Consultation Process
25 November 2015 to 23 January 2016

In the weeks leading up to this phase, information on the draft Neighbourhood Plan was publicised in a number of ways.

- This included information about the reason for and importance of the Consultation Phase.

- Opportunities on how to find further information and advice.

- To facilitate feedback, responses could be made on printed forms or electronically.

Methods by which local residents were informed about the Consultation Process

1. Information was placed on the Town Council’s website.

2. Information was included on the Neighbourhood Plan Facebook Page.


5. A Neighbourhood Plan table display placed in the Town Hall and the Town Library throughout this period.


7. A half-page update on the Neighbourhood Plan appeared in the early January edition of the Coleshill Post. This included an invitation to a public exhibition in the Town Hall on 23 January 2016. Again, delivered to every household in Coleshill.
Coleshill's Neighbourhood Plan
The Consultation Phase
25 November 2015-6 January 2016

COLESHILL'S first ever Neighbourhood Plan has now reached the consultation phase. It's important that you read the summary of the Plan on pages two and three.

Please make comments on the pro-forma on page 4 and return to Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Coleshill Town Hall, High Street Coleshill. The plan is relevant until 2030 – although it is subject to local review.

In recent months, members of the Steering Group have been looking at document design issues and refining the large amount of evidence which we received from the Coleshill community. This includes questionnaires and on-line surveys. The Neighbourhood Plan is a reflection of these responses from people who live and work in Coleshill - both individuals and groups and also from students who attended the Sixth Form at the Coleshill School.

The Neighbourhood Plan is primarily a planning document which gives local communities more influence over the type of development which takes place in their town. It's about achieving sustainable planning and desirable growth for present and future generations. This doesn't just apply to plans for new building but to our whole historic and natural environment - from the protection of Green Belt land, to buildings and town features that we cherish.

Our Neighbourhood Plan still has to work within national and local planning frameworks, but regional planning committees have been dismantled. As a consequence, the focus should no longer be on targets set by specialists and groups remote from the communities they affect. It's the Localism Act 2011 that has made this happen - 'Localism' being the key word.
This is your opportunity to HAVE YOUR SAY!

The following brief summaries outline the core issues and areas of focus that are discussed in greater depth in the Neighbourhood Plan document. If you would like to read the document in its entirety please visit Coleshill Town Hall, Coleshill Library or look on line www.coleshilltowncouncil.gov.uk or visit us on Facebook/Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan.

**Housing (proposals HNP1-3)**

NWBC is the Planning Authority which has responsibility for Coleshill. It is set a target of new homes to achieve over a fifteen year period by the Government. The Borough Council then has to break down this total figure and set targets for individual Town and Parish Councils in their area. These targets can be subject to Government review.

Planning Authority targets are not always straightforward and they can be required to negotiate with adjoining Authorities who may be seen as having greater needs. This has been the case with NWBC and Tamworth.

NWBC have categorised Coleshill as a Market Town in the Green Belt and the target for new dwellings within the fifteen year time frame is set for 27%.

Of this total, approx. 130 have already been built or planning permission has been given.

A list of nominated preferred projects are within the boundaries of the Town on brownfield sites.

It is anticipated that a number of windfall sites will meet any shortfall.

Housing development must blend with immediate environment.

While a mix of housing is planned, special regard should be given to starter homes and social housing.

There should also be opportunities for down-sizing.

In the allocation of social housing, priority should be given to applicants who have grown up or work in Coleshill.

If the focus on development in the Green Belt is ever relaxed, then land to the south-east of the Town should be considered.

**Economy (proposals TCLENP1-5 / ICLENP1-3)**

A strong local economy is essential to preserve and enhance Coleshill as a focal point for business activity and employment in the area. This applies to the High Street and the Industrial Estate.

The variety of local shops and activities were consistently high on the list of why people liked living in Coleshill. However, our commercial community are having to contend with competition from the internet and large stores - in and out of town.

It is essential to maintain retail frontages on the High Street - they are traditional style and scale.

Allowing shops to change function e.g. to offices will have a catastrophic effect.

Where design allows, accommodation on upper floors of shops could become residential provision.

Efforts should be made to attract new retail outlets to Coleshill.

Encourage local organisations like 'Love Coleshill' to promote this.

Also encourage local producers to utilise market outlets.

Address shortage of parking space for High Street customers.

Promote development and diversity of the Industrial Estate.

**Transport (proposals TPMNP1-4)**

A good transport system is essential to support and encourage the sustainable economic growth of Coleshill. It will ensure that Coleshill continues to act as a business and employment hub for the surrounding area.

Strategies to improve the flow and the density of traffic in Coleshill - especially at peak times - and especially on the High Street and Green Man crossroads.

Improve pedestrian access and safety - especially around the Coleshill schools.

Set up a feasibility study for the construction of an Eastern bypass via Faraday Avenue, Hann Hall (Linked to future HS2 scheme).

More parking for Coleshill.

Better enforcement of parking in Coleshill - especially disabled user spaces.

Redirect all HGV's to avoid High Street and Cole End bridge.

Priority signs for Cole End bridge crossing.

Ensure that all HGV's on Station Road exit via Gorse Lane.
Environment
(proposals ENP1-9)
Coleshill is an historic Market Town and residents are very proud of its heritage. There is much to protect and preserve - especially with many listed buildings in the Conservation Area.

The same can be said about the Town's parks and open spaces - end with the playing fields attached to schools. There are a number of public footpaths which need to be inspected and maintained. An area around the River Cole is also subject to flood prevention measures.

Coleshill is also a burial Authority.

Update the list of all important and significant buildings - especially in the Conservation Area.

Ensure new developments match the historic nature of the Town.

Protect historic views - including approaches to Coleshill.

Protect the green open spaces in Coleshill. Develop recreational and leisure facilities in the Memorial Park in keeping with the terms of the covenant. Plans to improve Cole End Park with NWBC - who are responsible.

Protect school playing fields. Protect the integrity of the Green Belt and ensure that any legal development in the future is compatible with the green infrastructure.

Protect the system of footpaths especially those threatened by the HS2 project.

Look at ways of funding new cycle paths to allow ease of access within the town - provision of secure cycle parking facilities.

Look for more land if Coleshill is to continue as a Burial Authority.

Monitor the recommendations of the current Flood Risk Management Plan. Consider planting of natural woodland in the Coleshill corridor to reduce noise and improve visual impact between town and proposed HS2 line.

Coleshill’s Neighbourhood Plan also discusses the Community and it’s Leisure and Wellbeing

Consultation with Coleshill residents confirms the view that there is an active community life in the Town. This refers to both statutory services - education, health and leisure - but also to the activities of many interest groups and organisations. They respond to the needs and choices of many individuals and families in the town and this is often a vital ingredient to the feeling that they belong, and identify with their community.

Coleshill has two primary schools which take children to secondary school transfer age. They are church-aided - Coleshill CE School and St. Edward's RC School. Coleshill also has an infants' School, Highmeadow, which transfers children at age seven. These three schools have excellent reputations and are high achievers. Between them they are able to meet the admission needs of primary school children who live in Coleshill.

The Coleshill School is a community secondary school which has academy status. The Coleshill School has a thriving sixth form and is a member of the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership. Coleshill School can meet the admission needs of Coleshill children and has improving examination performances. The School also had a new leisure centre constructed on site - facilities are shared with the community.

The Woodlands School meets the needs of pupils from a wider catchment area. Admission is only for children referred by the local Authority's Assessment, Statements and Reviewing Service.

Coleshill's Health Services are based at the Hazelwood Camp Practice. The surgery meets the needs of patients from a wider catchment area than just Coleshill. Response strategies within the Practice have adjusted to meet the needs of the pressure on resources. Nevertheless they are confident that they can meet the needs of future referrals, as the number of households in Coleshill rise.

In November 2014 our new leisure centre opened on the Coleshill School site. The facilities are fit for the 21st century and some of the latest technology is on display. The sports hall is used by school students through part of each day, so access to members of the community has been curtailed slightly. Nevertheless it is a wonderful facility for Coleshill.

The Town Council has allotments for public hire on four sites. They continue to be popular and an allotment project on the Memorial Park site is stimulating interest.

The Town Hall and Community Centre have been modernised. The result has been positive and there is increased interest in hiring the venues, which has improved income.
Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Response Form

Please print clearly. Comments cannot be used in the consultation process unless personal details are included.

Name: __________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________

Postcode: _________________________________________

Telephone: _________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________

Q1. What do you think about the proposals for the future of Coleshill

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Q2. Are you aware of any other local environmental issues that we haven't already taken into account?

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Q3. Do you have any other comments?

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In order to formally consider your comments during the consultation your personal details are required. Your comments will be analysed by the Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. In due course, copies of this questionnaire may be made available to North Warwickshire Borough Council. However, in such circumstances we will ask that your personal details are not placed on the public record they will be used solely in connection to the Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan consultation. Other than as noted above, no personal information will be passed on to third parties.
Coleshill Councillors

During the Consultation Period (December 2015 to January 2016), local Councillors representing Coleshill each received a copy of the full draft Neighbourhood Plan and were invited to comment.

- Ten Town Councillors
- Four North Warwickshire Borough Councillors (Farrell*, Ferro, Ingram, Jones*)
  *currently also Town Councillors
- One Warwickshire County Councillor (Fowler)

Adjacent Councils

The representatives of adjacent Councils were sent summaries of the Neighbourhood Plan and were invited to comment. They were also advised that they could inspect the full Plan on the Coleshill Town Council website. As the Planning Authority, NWBC was sent a full copy of the draft plan for comment.

Warwickshire County Council
North Warwickshire Borough Council
Water Orton PC
Lea Marston PC
Shustoke PC
Curdworth PC
Maxstoke PC
Packington PC
Statutory Consultees contacted individually – comments invited.

Coal Authority
HCA
Natural England
Environment Agency
Historic England
Network Rail
Highways Agency
Severn Trent

Schools, Churches and Local Organisations and Groups were also contacted individually and invited to comment:

List attached with contact details
Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan
Steering Group

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Warwickshire, B46 3BG
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email: kate@coleshilltowncouncil.gov.uk
Chairman: Bill Richards
Administrator: Kate Shirezi

Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan
The Community Consultation Phase
25th November 2015 to 6th January 2016

You and your staff or group members may have already seen in the Coleshill Post, information relating to this latest stage in the process of establishing a neighbourhood plan for our Town. I am enclosing a paper which summarises the main points and objectives of the neighbourhood plan in a little more detail. The full draft of the neighbourhood plan can be seen online at www.coleshilltowncouncil.gov.uk or paper copies are available to view at the Town Hall or in the Coleshill Library.

The Steering Group has worked hard to ensure that this draft neighbourhood plan reflects the views of local residents. This information was taken from the questionnaires completed and returned to the Steering Group - both as paper versions and electronically, on-line. We also received written responses from local groups such as yourselves. All these responses have to be recorded in our evidence file, which will be crucial in proving the validity of the plan.

At the end of the consultation period, the Steering Group will be able to make amendments to the draft plan before it is submitted to a Government Inspector. The Inspector's job is to ensure that the Coleshill Plan does really reflect the views of the community and that it also satisfies the parameters set out in the Localism Act 2011.

We can only say again that this plan gives the people of Coleshill an opportunity to say how they want their Town to develop over the next fifteen years. In this instance, the term ‘development’ includes the quality of planning and those aspects of Coleshill which we feel merit protection from development.

Following this consultation phase, the plan will go to North Warwickshire Borough Council and on for formal Government inspection. Having successfully passed those requirements, there will be a local referendum and all people on the electoral roll in Coleshill will be invited to vote to say if they approve of the plan. It's that important!

On behalf of the Steering Group can I thank you for the help you have already given and ask that you record any comments on the page provided and return it to the Town Hall. If you do agree with the objectives set out in the draft plan, it would be helpful if you could indicate that too - in writing.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Richards
Chair of NP Steering Group
Responses to the Consultation Exercise
December 2015 – January 2016
(Correspondence attached)

The number of written responses received from this period of consultation was lower than anticipated, but they were important and resulted in significant amendments to the content and design of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Natural England**
Further Habitats Regulations Assessment not required.
Strategic Environment Assessment not required.
Ensure that the boundaries of the neighbourhood plan area are clearly delineated.
Recommend that a plan of the ‘Coleshill Corridor’ be included – recommendation accepted.

**Highways England**
Welcome that the Plan recognises the three key motorways which border the Town.
The opportunity to consider the draft Plan is regarded as appropriate consultation.

**Severn Trent Water**
No immediate objections - once detailed plans for any future developments in specific areas are available, further comments on water supplies can be provided.
North Warwickshire Borough Council

Numerous recommendations were received from Forward Planning Section of the Borough Council – the latest being in their document of May 2016.

- A significant amount of information relating to the history of Coleshill was removed from the draft Plan – some items were deleted and others transferred to the appendices.
- The whole design of the document from two columns to a swingle column was implemented.
- The quality of the maps in the Plan were revised and made much more relevant and clearer – with appropriate OS reference number.
- Each of the individual recommendations were discussed in detail with Borough Council officers and responded to. Where alterations were not followed to the letter, the Borough Council accepted some ‘editorial’ differences. There were no ‘planning issues’ which remained unresolved, in assessing the joint acceptability of the whole document.

Borough & Town Councillor Adam Farrell

Councillor Farrell submitted a very detailed response to the draft Neighbourhood Plan. He was very supportive in relation to all the recommendations and comments made in the Plan and felt they reflected many of the issues which are raised with him in his local surgeries. He did raise personal concerns about the housing development plan - referred to as COL 1 in NWBC’s Site Allocations Plan. This was raised with NWBC Future Planning Section who defended its inclusion and stated that no actual work could commence on any site until after full public consultation. For that reason COL 1 was retained.

General Comments from Coleshill residents

A summary of general comments from the local people who did respond is attached. Most of the issues raised are covered in the Plan and the majority of comments acknowledged this fact.
Many Thanks for sending us the updated version of the Neighbourhood Plan for Coleshill.

We have the following comments to make, most of which are still outstanding from our previous comments.

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Dear Ms Hillcox,

RESPONSE TO COLESHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Thank you for forwarding me details of the above referenced draft Neighbourhood Plan received on 18 December 2015.

Highways England is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in England having been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport from 1 April 2015 as the successor to the Highways Agency. The SRN includes all major motorways and key trunk roads. The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

Coleshill is bounded by the M42 and M6 Toll to the west, and the M6 Toll and M6 to the south. Junction 4 of the M6 lies 0.5km to the south of the town. In addition to these the A446 connects M6 Junction 4 with Stonebridge Roundabout which provides links to the A45 and the M42. We welcome that the Plan recognises the three key motorways (listed above) which border the Town.

The Plan recognises the need to conform to the policies set out within the North Warwickshire Local Plan (Core Strategy) adopted in 2014, which identifies the need for 275 houses in the town. The Plan advises this number could be revised.

No major new employment sites have been designated within the Plan. However, the Plan recognises that any future proposals for new sites, or to upgrade or redevelop existing sites will be supported as long as there are no adverse impacts on the amenities of surrounding areas (in line with National Planning Guidance). Impacts on the SRN should be considered where appropriate.
Whilst understanding the SRN does not have a direct impact on the town, Highways England believes consideration should be given to referencing key strategic routes within the Transport Section given their close proximity and interaction with key routes through the town and the A446 bypassing the town.

Policy TPMNP1 states that local policies have been discussed "with relevant Highways Agencies and North Warwickshire Borough Council". It is currently unclear whether Highways England has been part of these discussions.

Notwithstanding this, as we have now been consulted on the draft Plan we suggest that you consider replacing the term 'relevant Highways Agencies' with the term 'relevant strategic and local highway authorities'.

I trust you find these comments helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this response in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Susan and Bill

Planning consultation: Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2030, Draft document, HRA and SEA screening
Location: North Warwickshire Borough

Thank you for your consultations in respect of the above document.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening – HRA not required
Where a neighbourhood plan could potentially affect a European protected site, it will be necessary to screen the plan in relation to the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2010), as amended (the 'Habitats Regulations'). One of the basic conditions that will be tested at Examination is whether the making of the plan is compatible with European obligations and this includes requirements relating to the Habitats Directive, which is transposed into the Habitats Regulations.

In accordance with Schedule 2 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a neighbourhood plan cannot be made if the likelihood of significant effects on any European Site, either alone (or in combination with other plans and projects) cannot be ruled out. Therefore, measures may need to be incorporated into the neighbourhood plan to ensure that any likely significant effects are avoided in order to secure compliance with the Regulations. A screening exercise should be undertaken if there is any doubt about the possible effects of the plan on European protected sites. This will be particularly important if a neighbourhood plan is to progress before a local plan has been adopted and/or the neighbourhood plan proposes development which has not been assessed and/or included in the Habitats Regulations Assessment for the local plan.

Natural England welcomes the consideration given to the Habitats Regulations. We are satisfied that there are no likely significant effects on European sites, and therefore advise that further Habitats Regulations Assessment is not required.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening – SEA not required
Where Neighbourhood Plans could have significant environmental effects, they may require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) under the Environment Assessment of Plans and

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Summary 'Community Leisure and Wellbeing' section: Main Issues and Areas of Focus (Page 60) – NE advises that the provision of multi-functional green infrastructure (GI) also offers benefits to the community, leisure, health and well-being. Multi-functional GI ensures open spaces are able to provide for both people and wildlife, able to provide a wide range of functions of benefit to the development and community. Such functions include improved flood risk management, provision of accessible green spaces, climate change adaptation, biodiversity and landscape enhancement (including better functionality of local ecological networks) as well as quality of life benefits for the local community (including health and economic well-being and access to wildlife). The provision of GI is supported by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, DCLG March 2012). Advise inclusion of existing and new GI under this section.

Other Advice
The following is offered as general advice to assist the Steering Group:

Guidance
We would like to draw your attention to the joint guidance issued by Environment Agency, English Heritage, Forestry Commission and Natural England which can be found at http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140328084622/http://cdn.environment-agency.gov.uk/LIT_8524_7da381.pdf

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)
The River Blythe SSSI is located to east of Coleshill, at its nearest 350m away from the built up form of the town. Natural England has assumed this is located outside of the Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan area, however, the Neighbourhood Plan as it progresses should ensure that any proposal or activity that would be likely to damage or destroy the interest features of this nationally designated site is avoided.

Protected species
We recommend that reference is made to the Natural England Standing Advice for Protected Species which is available on the gov.uk website. It helps local planning authorities better understand the impact of development on protected or priority species should they be identified as an issue at particular developments. This also sets out when, following receipt of survey information, the authority should undertake further consultation with Natural England.

Local Sites
From our understanding of the likely Plan Area, there is one Local Site of ecological importance designated within your area (i.e. Cole End Local Nature Reserve). There are more within the locality of the town. You will be able to obtain information on non-statutory sites and species records from the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and/or the Local Biological Records Centre. Such information should be considered when assessing sites for development.

Other opportunities for enhancing the natural environment
Neighbourhood plans may provide opportunities to enhance the character and local distinctiveness of the surrounding natural and built environment; use natural resources more sustainably; and bring benefits for the local community, for example through green space provision and access to and contact with nature. Opportunities to incorporate features into new build or retro fitted buildings which are beneficial to wildlife, such as the incorporation of roosting opportunities for bats or the installation of bird nest boxes should also be considered as part of any new development proposal, and this could be written into policy in the neighbourhood plan.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime for any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Susan Murray on 0300 060 2867. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Natural England is accredited to the Cabinet Office Service Excellence Standard
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Dear Bill,

I wanted to write to you to say thank you for all your efforts in driving forward the neighbourhood plan process. I have no doubt that the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Zoe Hillcox and Dominic Moore will be a huge asset to our town in terms of planning and development.

I have now had the chance to read through the draft plan you presented to the Town Council on 25th November and I am fully supportive of its overall aims but do have some comments to make which I have listed in this letter.

I am not supportive of NWBC including the COL1 site in an allocation plan for housing land. I am concerned about the access to the site as well as the detrimental impact any development would have of neighbouring properties in Trajan Hill and Tiberius Close. Can the neighbourhood plan have any influence over allocated sites? I have made representations to the Planning Department setting out my concerns over this site.

I am very supportive of HNP2 to integrate new housing into Coleshill and in particular the aim of providing a much wider range of properties so that our housing market is more affordable for young people and families. I’m very pleased to see that the plan includes a reference to ensuring any s.106 agreements or CIL agreements provide sufficient finance to enable local service provision to be expanded where required.

As well as providing more affordable homes for those looking to enter the property market, I am just as supportive of HNP3 so that we have a much greater range of social and shared ownership housing. Buying a property is something that some people will never be able to afford so it is only right that Coleshill is a place where those unable to buy, have the opportunity to rent at affordable prices. I am
Finally and maybe most importantly, I am extremely supportive of the items included in the plan that relate to our environment. Our green belt and conservation area must always remain in place to protect our heritage. This however does not mean we cannot make improvements to our town and I think the environment section carefully balances the need to protect our identity with supporting improvements that enhance our town and the quality of life of local residents.

I hope that you can include this letter as my response to the official consultation on the draft plan. I apologise for such a lengthy response but I felt it only right to express my thoughts in some detail as a mark of respect for the time and effort you and the steering group have put in to this draft. I very much hope the residents of Coleshill respond positively to this draft plan and I am sure that when the referendum takes place, the final plan will become a useful tool for the future of Coleshill.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Adam Farrell
Coleshill North Borough & Town Councillor
04 January 2016

Our ref: Coleshill 1

Coleshill Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for giving Severn Trent Water the opportunity to comment on your Neighbourhood Plan.

We have no specific comments but set out some general information and advice below.

Position statement
As a water company we have an obligation to provide water supplies and sewage treatment capacity for future development. It is therefore important for us to work collaboratively with Local Planning Authorities to provide relevant assessments of the impacts of future developments. For outline proposals we are able to provide general comments. Once detailed developments and geographically site specific location are decided by local councils we are able to provide more specific comments and modelling of the network if required. For most developments we do not foresee any particular issues; however where we consider there may be an issue we would discuss in further detail with the local planning authority. We will complete any necessary improvements to provide additional capacity once we have sufficient confidence that a development will go ahead. We do this to avoid making investments on speculative developments so as to minimise customer bills.

Sewage Strategy
Once detailed plans are available and we have modelled the additional capacity, in areas where sufficient capacity is not currently available and we have sufficient confidence that developments will be built, we will complete necessary improvements to provide the capacity. We will ensure that our assets have no adverse effect on the environment and that we provide appropriate levels of treatment at each of our sewage treatment works.

Surface water and Sewer Flooding
We expect surface water to be managed in line with the Government’s Water Strategy, Future Water, which sets out a vision for more effective management of surface water to deal with the dual pressures of climate change and housing development. Surface water needs to be managed sustainably. For new developments we would not expect surface water to be conveyed to our foul or combined sewage system and, where practicable, we support the removal of surface water already connected to foul or combined sewer.

We believe that greater emphasis needs to be paid to consequences of extreme rainfall. In the past, even outside of the flood plain, some properties have been built in natural drainage paths. We would request that developers providing sewers on new developments should safely accommodate floods which exceed the design capacity of the sewers.
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