

**VIA Idridgehay & Alton and Ashleyhay Neighbourhood Development Plan
2014-2028
Statement of Community Engagement and Statutory Consultation**

In compliance with Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning regulations, this statement contains details of:

- a) the process of engagement with the residents, land and business owners within the neighbourhood area;
- b) Summary of Community Engagement;
- c) the persons and bodies that were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood plan and methods used for this; and
- d) Summary of Public Consultation - the main responses and concerns raised by the persons and bodies consulted.

The processes of Community Engagement and Public Consultation are viewed as two separate issues:

1a) and 1b) Community Engagement are concerned with the process by which the residents and those owning land or businesses within the Neighbourhood Area were informed about, consulted and involved in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

2a) and 2b) Statutory Consultation are concerned with the statutory process of consultation with all interested bodies once the Draft Neighbourhood Plan had been produced.

1a) Community Engagement

With the support of the Parish Council an open social evening was held in January 2013 to publicise the intention to develop a Neighbourhood Plan and to encourage people to become involved. Over fifty people attended despite severe weather. Those people who expressed interest were invited to attend a subsequent meeting either to join the Steering Committee, volunteer to help in any way, or simply to learn more about Neighbourhood Plans.

The Steering Committee, subsequently named VIA (Vision Idridgehay & Alton and Ashleyhay), comprising representatives from both parishes, has met monthly since February 2013. These meetings have been open for the public to attend and advertised on the parish notice boards and website.

From the outset it was agreed it was essential that the creation of the Plan should be inclusive and systematic and that a variety of methods and formats would be used to achieve this. The Steering Committee worked closely with the Parish Council and has referred to the Local Authority planning department throughout the process of the development of the Plan.

An extensive consultation process was undertaken to ensure that everybody living, working or owning land within the two parishes had the opportunity to express their views and opinions. This included open meetings, a stall at the Village Fete, a comprehensive household questionnaire survey and subsidiary 'hard to reach' group surveys (businesses and young people). At all stages views of residents were welcomed and collected both verbally and in writing, e.g by

post-it notes. Active members of the Steering Committee volunteered to take on a group of houses or businesses in a small area to hand deliver and collect information. These local neighbour contacts were identified to make it easier for residents to come forward with any queries.

Information about the process was made available to all residents. A poster was delivered by hand to every household or business premises to let everyone know that a Neighbourhood Plan was being developed and that they would be receiving a questionnaire in due course seeking their views. They were also given the dates of future meetings which they were welcome to attend, the name and phone number of their local contact and a link to the parish web site which held more detailed information. Articles were published periodically in local newspapers to keep people informed.

In June 2013 a second open social evening was held to update residents on the progress made by the steering committee and working groups as well as to seek their views on a range of issues to help inform the questions to include in the questionnaire. A second poster had been delivered to every household to publicise this meeting giving a brief update on work undertaken since the previous open meeting and stressing the importance of their views.

Based on the views expressed at the meetings and the outcomes of the working groups, a questionnaire was produced in July 2013. A separate survey was devised for people running businesses within the parishes and, in order to obtain the views of young people living with their parents, a short question sheet was prepared.

The main questionnaire was delivered to every occupied household within the two parishes early in August 2013. Of the 178 delivered, 125 were returned which is an exceptionally high response rate, 70% of all households. A further eight questionnaires were sent to the small number of people who have some involvement in the community but do not live in the area (e.g. non-resident land owners and church officials) and four of these were returned.

Questionnaires were returned from all parts of the parishes in proportion to the number of households within each part and by people who had lived within the area for all of their lives as well as those who had more recently moved to the area. Seventeen young people, ages ranging from six to twenty-one completed the short question sheet and five businesses responded to the local business telephone survey.

When the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was completed a Christmas Social was held at the church to report on the Questionnaire results and to publicise the Draft Plan. Fifty-five residents and a number of neighbouring parish councillors attended this event. Members of the community were then fully involved in the consultation process (see 2a below).

It is the view of the Steering Committee that the use of **local contacts** during the process of community engagement has had a beneficial effect in linking the community and was, quite probably, instrumental in bringing about the very high response to the Questionnaire.

VIA Steering Committee and other volunteers

Anna Bristow	Ann Gregory	Glynis Ibbett	Eric Matkin	Jane Smith (Secretary)	John Wiltshire (Chair)
Nick Bristow	Ros Hallam	Elvin Ibbotson	Jill Matthews	Michael Smith (Treasurer)	Muff Wiltshire
Elsbeth Butterworth	Hazel Haslam	Diane Kerry	Peter Matthews	Robert Tatler (Vice-Chair)	
Simon Butterworth	Dudley Ibbett	Malcolm Kerry	Martin Redman	Valerie Taylor	

1b) Summary of Community Engagement

Activity	Date	Comment
Parish Council agree to Neighbourhood Plan	14th November 2012	The PC resolved to take the necessary action to formulate a NDP and to contact AVBC in this regard forthwith.
Public meeting in church to publicise NP Posters displayed around the area	January 15th 2013	55 residents attended Contact details collected for sharing information
Steering Committee formation meeting	January 24th 2013	20 volunteers attended
Steering Committee meeting – agreed name VIA. Set up working groups: Economic, Infrastructure and Environmental Steering Committee meetings held monthly thereafter	February 26th 2013 and monthly thereafter	All Steering Group meetings open to the public
First working group meetings and monthly till August 2013	March 6th- 19th Aug. 2013	General ideas discussed
Matlock Mercury Newspaper Community Fayre Newspaper-delivered free to every household	March 14th 2013 March 19th 2013	Articles published reporting on the decision to proceed with a NP and publicising the first residents meeting in the church
Distributed publicity to every household and business premises and carried out buildings survey	April 14th – April 30th 2013	Local volunteers undertook survey of their immediate vicinity and delivered a poster to every household/business informing residents of the Neighbourhood Planning process
Distribute flyers for public meeting	May 23rd – June 8th 2013	Local volunteers personal delivery to each house in the parishes
Public meeting in church to update residents, identify key issues – what do people value, what could be improved, is there anything else we would like, publicise questionnaire	June 19th 2013	60 residents attended. Further names added to contact list. Views obtained verbally & by post-it notes
Questionnaire working group meetings	June – August 2013	Designing questionnaire taking into account views expressed at public meeting
Belper News	July 10th 2013	Article reporting on June 19th social

		event in the church
Idridgehay Church Fete	July 21st 2013	Had stall and display to further publicise the NP. Further views obtained
Distribute questionnaire	August 10th 2013	Local volunteers hand delivered questionnaires to every household.
Community Fayre Newspaper	August 27th 2013	Article reporting on second residents NDP social event on June 19th
Collect questionnaires	September 6th 2013	Collected questionnaires from every household. Village Store used as a drop-off point.
Questionnaire comments analysis meetings	October 14th & 15th 2013	Group helped by other community volunteers
Writing Group meetings	October 23rd 2013 – June 26th 2014	Prepared draft plan policies taking into account views expressed in questionnaire analysis
VIA Christmas Social To report on questionnaire results & publicise Draft Plan	December 18th 2013	55 residents and a number of neighbouring parish councillors attended. Comments on Draft Plan received and acted on
IAA Parish Council meeting	March 12th 2014	To approve draft plan for consultation
Ashbourne News Telegraph Matlock Mercury	March 19th 2014 March 20th 2014	Articles publicising consultation of pre-submission draft plan
Consultation of Draft Plan Draft Plan available on parish website and paper copies on loan from Village Store and Wirksworth & Belper libraries	March 28th – May 9th 2014	Prior to March 28th local volunteers hand delivered summary of draft plan and letter detailing arrangements and dates for consultation responses
Drop-in Sessions in Idridgehay Church	April 4th & 5th 2014	Paper copies of the Draft Plan and members of the Steering Committee available for consultation. 6 members of the public attended and views noted
Idridgehay Church Fete	July 20th 2014	Stall and further publicity
Planned Social event	December 2014	To update residents on progress of plan
Planned Social event and leaflet distribution	When appropriate	To publicise referendum

2a) Statutory Consultation: The persons and bodies that were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood plan and methods used for this

The committee considered the most effective ways by which to consult with the public on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The committee decided to use as many avenues as possible, in order to reach out to a wider public and relevant stakeholders. Examples include: writing directly to statutory bodies by email or post, letters delivered by hand to each household and business in the area, announcements on the Parish website, minutes of Parish Council meetings, drop-in sessions at the village church, paper copies of the plan left in the Village Store and at Belper and Wirksworth libraries for loan and posting information on the Parish and church notice boards.

The committee actively encouraged the public to respond to the consultation exercise and made it clear that it was keen to hear the views of the public, so that the plan could truly reflect the local needs. The committee stated that it would be prepared to receive comments by any written form e.g. letter or email.

Initially, the public was given six weeks in which to respond to the consultation from March 28th to May 9th. As AVBC were unable to respond within the original timeframe, the deadline for their comments was extended by two weeks. Derbyshire County Council failed to receive the first letter of consultation and a period of consultation for them ran for a further six weeks from 29th May to 9th July. The responses were collated and carefully considered by the committee and where appropriate the draft plan was changed to reflect the consultees' comments.

The committee believes that it has done everything it can to involve and engage with the local community and those who might be impacted by the plan and to seek the views of relevant statutory bodies and stakeholders. The consultees' views have been taken into account when considering how to achieve the outcomes desired by the residents of the neighbourhood area.

2b) Summary of Statutory Consultation: who was consulted, the timing of the consultation, method by which the public were consulted and the results of the consultation

Who	When	How	Summary of Comments	Action
General Public	19/03/14	Ashbourne News	Article in newspaper publicising consultation of draft plan.	
	20/03/14	Telegraph Matlock Mercury	Article in newspaper publicising consultation of draft plan.	
	25/03/14	PC website	Draft plan and ancillary documents available	

Parishioners	10/03/14 to 25/03/14 25/03/14	Letter hand delivered to all households Posters on village and church notice boards, and hard copies of draft plan available in the church, village shop, and Wirksworth and Belper libraries	Two comments received 1.The quality of this plan is excellent, the content is most detailed and it represents the district accurately. 2. Agree with the findings and recommendations but had difficulty in visualising the last sentence of the mission statement on the front page, i.e. "It will have a vibrant and mixed age community." Depending on what you think is a vibrant and mixed age community, I do not see this happening without significant changes to bring our three communities together, provide amenities, employment, social activity, entertainment etc.	Comments noted and welcomed Amend the final sentence of the vision by replacing "vibrant" with "lively"
Non-resident landowners	25/03/14	Letter 1 st class post or email	The Plan is very well and clearly written along with supporting material and our compliments go to the Steering Committee and all involved. The planning background, information and analysis of the area at present are clear and invaluable as a splendid baseline record of the area at this point in time. The key issues are agreed and the vision for the future is spot on for this wonderful rural area in Amber valley. Suggest amendments to objectives at 4.3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve the safety, <i>health</i> and well being of the residents by introducing highway modifications 	Comments noted and welcomed Amend objective, "To improve the safety, health and well being of residents by introducing highway modifications"

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A separate objective: To improve the safety, health and well being of residents and visitors by identifying, promoting and developing additional walking <i>and horse riding routes and links</i> • To develop <i>and sustain</i> community facilities. <p>On policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B1 - The recent approval of the pig farm development seems to run contrary to what the plan was seeking and we guess probably encountered significant local opposition. Will the wording of B1 need revising in the light of this, or can it still be put forward to Amber Valley as the preferred policy? • C1 – suggest b) might read “provision of walking and cycling routes through the villages and hamlets with links to the surrounding countryside and features such as the railway and Ecclesbourne Valley”. 	<p>Amend objective, “To improve the safety, health and well being of residents and visitors by promoting and developing highway modifications and walking, cycling & horse riding routes.”</p> <p>Amend objective as suggested</p> <p>Comments noted and B1 will be put forward as the appropriate policy for business development</p> <p>Community policies revised</p>
English Heritage East Midlands Region	25/03/14	Email	The area covered by your Neighbourhood Plan encompasses the Idridgehay Conservation Area and includes a number of designated heritage assets including South Sitch, which is listed at grade11*. In line with national planning policy, it will be important that the strategy for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets so that they can be enjoyed by future generations of the area.	Comments are already incorporated in the draft plan. No action necessary

			<p>We consider that the planning and conservation team at AVBC are best placed to assist you in the development of you Neighbourhood Plan and, in particular, how the strategy might address the area’s heritage assets. Consequently, we do not consider that there is a need for English Heritage to be involved in the development strategy for your area.</p> <p>Other suggested contacts and guidance:</p> <p>DCC and Historic Environment Record (HER) Heritage Gateway website Local voluntary groups e.g. Civic Society English Heritage publication - HELM</p>	<p>Comments noted</p> <p>HER already included in appendix 3 Noted Not applicable HELM referred to in the Plan</p>
Highways Agency Birmingham	25/03/14	Email	<p>The Highways Agency is responsible for maintaining and operating the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The nearest part of the SRN to your locality is the A38 between Derby and M1 junction 28. The Agency has previously commented on the Amber Valley Draft Core Strategy as regards development that is likely to impact on the SRN. In view of this we have no comment to make on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, which is not envisaged to have an impact on the SRN.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

<p>Clinical Commissioner Group for Amber Valley and South Dales</p>	<p>25/03/14</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p>I work with the GP practices in the area and so am concerned with the implications for health services. I have had a look at the document and it appears to mainly focus on the community element of the neighbourhood.</p> <p>My impression is that, other than a response from practices in the area about the general development of the community there isn't anything specific you need from us. Can you confirm whether you are expecting a certain level of "health" input?</p> <p>We have fed into the overall Amber Valley and South Dales growth strategies about the housing developments.</p>	<p>Comments noted</p> <p>The scope of our objectives has been broadened to include the health of residents. Confirmation given that we have no specific health issues</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>Natural England</p>	<p>25/03/14</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p>Natural England welcomes the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and considers that it provides a sustainable framework for the future of the community.</p> <p>In particular we welcome the inclusion of policy L1 which will protect and enhance the valuable landscape of this area: policy EN1 which will protect and enhance biodiversity and landscape features: and E2 which will protect the tranquillity of the area.</p> <p>We note that the Neighbourhood Plan is not allocating any development sites and therefore does not pose any likely significant risk to internationally or nationally designated conservation sites.</p> <p>However, we would advise the VIA Committee to consider:</p>	<p>Comments noted and welcomed</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication setting out joint advice on neighbourhood planning from Natural England, Environment Agency, English Heritage and the Forestry Commission, which sets out sources of environmental information and ideas on incorporating the environment into plans. • Information on the natural environment at Local Environmental record centres. • Whether the Plan has any impacts on legally protected species. Look up Natural England Standing Advice. • Making reference to National Character Areas (NCAs) in the Plan. • Incorporate in the Plan enhancing the character and local distinctiveness of the natural and built environment: use natural resources more sustainably and bring benefits for the local community e.g. through green space provision and access to and contact with nature. • The opportunity to incorporate features beneficial to wildlife into new build or retro fitted buildings e.g. bird nest boxes and bat roosts. • Consulting Natural England again if, as the Plan develops, it is considered it will significantly impact on the natural environment. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Local environment designations already referred to in NP</p> <p>The Plan has no site allocations. AVBC are the competent authority to deal with Habitats Regulations Assessment NCAs discussed in the Plan</p> <p>Policy EN1 aims to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the area</p> <p>Housing Policy H1 revised</p> <p>There are abundant green spaces and very close proximity to nature for most of the area</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>The Plan does not propose anything which might impact significantly on the natural environment.</p>
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AVBC	25/03/14	Email	<p>Generally a Neighbourhood Plan should plan positively to support local development in the Plan area that is outside the strategic elements of the Local Plan. It is considered that some of the Plan could be construed as being unnecessarily negative towards development. Further consideration should to be given to this to ensure that the Plan meets the Basic Conditions.</p> <p>3.2 Community Involvement We would anticipate that this section forms an appendix to the Plan rather than it being in the body of it. The background text should be a justification of the policy rather than the detailed outcome of a specific question from the householder questionnaire – maybe an idea to look at what others have done.</p> <p>4.2 Vision for the future The fifth paragraph states “Measures will have been taken to reduce the adverse impact of fast and heavy traffic travelling along the B5023 and Hillcliff Lane and to restrict the speed of vehicles on single- track lanes and their use by HGVs”, the National Planning Practice Guidance states that Neighbourhood Plans must address the development and use of land. We consider this paragraph to be a non-land use issue as there is no delivery mechanism, so how will this be achieved? It is more likely to be a Derbyshire County Council matter as they are the Local Highway Authority.</p>	<p>Para.1.2. of the plan revised.</p> <p>It is considered this section is important and will remain in the body of the document.</p> <p>We have looked at other plans and feel the content of the VIA Plan is appropriate.</p> <p>Amended to more appropriate wording.</p>
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			<p>4.3 Objectives for the Neighbourhood Area -The objectives would read easier if they were perhaps bulleted.</p> <p>Via Policy L1 The last statement in the policy states “Anyone undertaking work under Prior Approval should also have regard to, or ideally, comply with these requirements” this cannot be included in the policy because legislation sets out what a Prior Approval can be assessed against. We consider that this should not be in the policy but could be put in the background text.</p> <p>Via Policy H1 We consider that this policy is not based on future need and is ambiguous. We are concerned that it would not as currently drafted meet the Basic Conditions. Point C of the policy refers to Supplementary Planning Documents. As part of the examination into the Local Plan Part 1 Core Strategy the Inspector issued his initial soundness concerns and questions. This highlighted the fact that it is legally inappropriate for development plan policies to require compliance with non-statutory SPDs or any other documents outside of the Plan. However, it may be acceptable for the Plan to identify any documents prepared in accordance with the procedures for SPDs are being ‘material considerations’ to be taken account of in determining of any relevant applications. This should be stated in the text accompanying any particular policy.</p>	<p>Amend by bulleting objectives</p> <p>Move last statement of L1 to background text</p> <p>H1 revised. As explained in the preamble to this policy we cannot prove future needs without a housing needs survey, and this was not considered as part of this neighbourhood plan</p> <p>Amend c) by deleting the reference to the SPD and insert “good design”. Include a reference to the SPD in the text</p>
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			<p>Point D references Code for Sustainable Homes. During the Local Plan Part 1 Core Strategy hearing session it was agreed that Policy R1 (Reducing the use of Non Renewable Energy Resources) would be re-worded in line with the new Government Guidance. Reference to the Code for Sustainable Homes may be removed, therefore it is advised that you do the same and leave it as “comply with the principles of good design”.</p> <p>The last paragraph within this policy states “Developments including smaller homes”, we would advise that smaller homes is defined with supporting evidence.</p> <p>Via Policy H2 Reference to English Heritage’s Conversion of Traditional Farm Building’s in point should be included within the background text rather than the policy itself. This will then be consistent with the advice above in relation to Supplementary Planning Documents.</p> <p>We are concerned that this policy conflicts with the Council’s adopted Supplementary Planning Documents that aim to retain the character of farm buildings by ensuring that associated amenity spaces are provided within the complex rather than on more public aspects of the sites.</p> <p>Via Policy C1 There is concern that C1 is not backed up by any evidence and that some of the policy relates to non-land use issues, which are beyond the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan. It is recommended that such non land-use issues be put into an annex or</p>	<p>Move the reference to the Code for Sustainable Homes into the preamble</p> <p>Amend “smaller homes” to “small-scale housing”</p> <p>Remove HELM reference from policy and move to text</p> <p>Noted. However, it is considered that H2 c) is appropriate for the neighbourhood area and accords with HELM guidance</p> <p>Policy C1 revised</p>
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			<p>companion document. Additionally proposals should be deliverable and it is not clear how the proposals contained in this policy would be delivered.</p> <p>Strategic Environmental Assessment</p> <p>Informally at this stage it is unlikely that the Plan will require the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment. The Plan does not propose any land allocations and the policies are unlikely to have any environmental impact. However we are in the process of establishing this formally and will get back to you in due course.</p>	<p>Noted and formal confirmation received August 27th 2014</p>
Derbyshire County Council	25/03/14 29/05/14	Email Email	<p>General Comments</p> <p>Overall, the NP raises few issues of strategic planning policy and infrastructure planning and service delivery for DCC, given the very limited scale of housing, transport and other forms of development proposed in the plan. Nevertheless, the NP appears to provide comprehensive background information and an appropriate level of evidence to inform the Vision, Objectives and Policies in the Plan. Given the largely rural nature of the NP area, its small-scale settlements and landscape quality, the broad strategy of the NP for limited development growth, protection of the landscape, landscape character and open countryside is broadly consistent with national policy for sustainable development in the NPPF. However, some concerns are expressed below about the NP's policy approach to housing development and its consistency with housing policies in the NPPF.</p> <p>Housing Comments</p>	<p>Noted</p>

		<p>The Government requires NPs to be prepared positively to plan for both growth and protection of the environment. In this respect, elements of the NP appear to adopt an unduly restrictive approach to growth, particularly housing. The NP acknowledges that there is a significant problem in the area with both the availability and affordability of housing, particularly for young people and first time buyers. Policy VIA H1 a) requires future housing development in Idridgehay and Hillcliffe Lane to be provided at the same rate of development of the past 20 years. Background evidence on page 16, indicates that in the last 20 years only 9 new houses and 3 bungalows have been built in Idridgehay Village and Hillcliffe Lane i.e. a rate of only 0.6 per year. The Government's policy approach to the future provision of housing in the NPPF, requires local planning authorities (LPAs) to make housing provision on the basis of objectively assessed housing needs, particularly based on population and household projections rather than past housing completions. This is to ensure that the future housing needs of the community are met by appropriate housing growth. The NP's approach in Policy VIA1a for future housing provision and need, therefore, is not in accordance with the requirements of the NPPF and may be difficult to defend when the Plan is subject to examination The policy approach in the Plan also appears to lack a spatial dimension for planned development. If future housing growth is to be planned on the basis of past completions then an additional 12 new dwellings will need to</p>	<p>Wording of policy revised and resubmitted to DCC for advice. Policy H1 a) removed and further explanatory text added to preamble</p>
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		<p>be provided over the next 20 years. The NP should therefore set out either policy advice on the preferred broad locations to accommodate the new dwellings and/or identify specific sites. Given the shortage of affordable housing in the NP area, consideration should also be given to the inclusion in the Plan of a 'rural exceptions' policy, which supports the development of affordable housing either within, or as an extension to, the villages in exceptional circumstances where a need has been clearly identified. Overall, the NP's restrictive approach to future housing provision does not appear to fit comfortably with the Vision for the Future in the Plan on page 25 which states that <i>'By 2028 Idridgehay & Alton and Ashleyhay will continue to be a thriving and attractive rural area....It will have a vibrant and mixed age community providing people with a high quality place to live and work'</i>. The NP acknowledges that the Plan area has an ageing population and seeks to provide for a more mixed age community in the future. The restrictive policy approach to new housing is unlikely to facilitate these aspirations. Furthermore additional housing growth can be beneficial in supporting additional community facilities in villages such as new shops, service uses and pubs, the latter for which the local community has expressed a strong desire for the re-opening of the Black Swan village pub in Idridgehay, which closed in 2012.</p> <p>Landscape Comments</p> <p>Overall the NP provides a comprehensive analysis of the landscape and landscape character of the NP area and its special qualities and provides</p>	<p>Request for further information sought from AVBC Housing Manager and reply received August 13th 2014. Incorporated on page 23 of Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan</p>
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		<p>appropriate and extensive justification for the policy approach, which seeks to protect and conserve the countryside and Special Landscape Area (SLA) status of the NP area. This is broadly supported and welcomed.</p> <p>DCC is aware that AVBC is proposing to continue to designate SLAs and policies for their protection in its LPCSS under Policy E5. The NP's policy approach appears to be consistent with that in the LPCSS. Notwithstanding the above, SLAs were first designated in the 1970s and special planning policies have been applied since 1985. The approach and methodology for the designation of SLAs, however, was not based on landscape character appraisal, which now forms the main evidence base in Local Plans underpinning the policy approach to landscape designation and protection. As you will be aware, the Examination in Public (EIP) of the LPCSS has recently been suspended for 6 months by the Inspector and so landscape issues have not yet been considered by the Inspector and whether the designation of SLAs in the LPCSS is still appropriate. DCC's approach in its responses on district and borough local plan consultations is to ensure that landscape character assessment is used as the basis for assessing and formulating environmental policies.</p> <p>Infrastructure Comments</p> <p>The NP provides a useful overview of the infrastructure and facilities that serve the local area including community facilities, schools, shops, transport links, utilities, and telecommunication services.</p>	<p>Noted and welcomed</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>AVBC Local Plan Pt 1 Core Strategy submission version Special Landscape Area Policy E5 dealt with at examination on May 2nd 2014</p> <p>Noted, no issues raised</p>
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Planning Aid England	24/03/14	Email	Informal comments received from Planning Aid England as part of the direct support package from DCLG	Comments noted and actioned where appropriate
Environment Agency	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Network Rail	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Western Power	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Severn Trent Water	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Derbyshire Dales District Council	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Wirksworth Town Council	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Kirk Ireton PC	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Callow PC	25/03/14	Letter 1 st class post	No response	None
Alderwasley PC	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Hulland Ward PC	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Turnditch and Windley PC	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Shottle PC	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Ecclesbourne Valley Railway	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
National Trust	25/03/14	Email	No response	None
Black Swan	25/03/14	Letter 1 st class post c/o Crostone Ltd	No response	None

Other changes made to the Pre- Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan following this Statutory Consultation have been only to the presentation in order to make it clearer and those resulting in further checks for accuracy.