

ANNEX 2

Vision statements from Made NPs

1. Stratford Districts

Alcester

In 2031 Alcester will be an attractive, thriving rural town with a valued historic character located in a beautiful natural environment offering a wide range of high quality housing, good opportunities for business and local employment, a learning environment for all ages and excellent community and recreational facilities

Shipston on Stour

By 2031 Shipston on Stour will have become a sustainable and distinctive market town which will have retained its rural setting and historical character. It will have realised its full potential for the benefit of the community and visitors with supporting infrastructure and community facilities especially schools, services and healthcare. Flooding will have been contained and risks minimised. Housing growth will have primarily, but not exclusively, met the local needs of the community”

Stratford upon Avon

1. Stratford-upon-Avon is a very special place. People chose to settle here and every year the town welcomes millions of visitors.
2. 4.1 This vision for the Neighbourhood Area in 2031 is based on extensive consultation and feedback from residents:
 - Stratford-upon-Avon will still be instantly recognisable as an historic market town in a beautiful riverside setting. It will have absorbed the additional housing required by Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC) but retained its charm and individuality; the historic core will have been sympathetically enhanced and run down areas redeveloped;
 - For residents the town will be liveable: compact, walkable, attractive with good public spaces, culture, a strong local economy and housing choice;
 - Stratford-upon-Avon will also continue to act as a centre for the surrounding area for shops, services and jobs;
 - The town will be much better at accommodating and managing visitors;
 - There will have been an integrated approach to investment in infrastructure and transport, traffic will be less intrusive, and congestion will have been reduced and managed effectively;

- Tiddington and Alveston will have retained their separate identities; and
- The Neighbourhood Area will be greener with the addition of appropriate landscaping; green corridors linking the built-up areas to the adjacent countryside, and appropriate blue infrastructure which can restore and enhance waterways and sustainably manage water.

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Wellesbourne

Our overall vision is to create a place where people are proud to live and work.

Based on feedback received from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire survey, the wishes of residents are that by 2031 the Parish of Wellesbourne and Walton will be:

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- a vibrant and safe place to live that has a strong sense of community where amenities exist which allow clubs and societies to thrive.
- an inclusive society in which the needs and aspirations of people of all ages, genders and abilities are met.
- a Parish where the character, history and heritage of our villages is celebrated and sustained and where the individual identities of Wellesbourne and Walton are preserved.

2.FURTHER AFIELD

Waltham on the Wolds

Waltham and Thorpe Arnold will be thriving, vibrant communities with a strong sense of place and individuality. We will have grown to meet social needs whilst retaining a strong community spirit, fine historic buildings, and un-spoilt rural surroundings.

Tur Langton

The vision for Tur Langton is that by 2031 the Parish remains a high-quality and sought-after rural location set within attractive open countryside and continues to be a place that people want to live and work in and to visit, with a range of services and facilities that meet people's needs within a vibrant and thriving community.

Burton Overy

A simple and clear vision for the future development of the Parish based on local consultation.

This is to “maintain and enhance the good quality of life, community spirit and attractive natural and built environment in the Burton Overy Parish now and for future generations”.

Hallaton

The Neighbourhood Plan for Hallaton seeks to ensure that in 2031 the village maintains its significant and unique historical heritage and character while providing a safe, vibrant and diverse rural community for all of its residents and many visitors to enjoy for generations to come.

Hallaton is recognised for its thriving village school, church with Norman origins, two pubs, recreation ground, village hall, museum and expansive green spaces - all of which are used extensively by residents and visitors from the local area. Its annual bottle kicking event held on Easter Monday attracts thousands of visitors from across the country. From the quintessential village green with historic Butter Cross, extending to the church, this street scene is a defining feature of its historical integrity and serves to attract many visitors to the village. The historic importance of the village also includes the early Norman Motte and Bailey castle, St Morrell's chapel remains and of course the Hallaton hoard which was the largest collection of 1st century AD coins together with the Roman helmet.

As such, development will have provided appropriate new housing while enriching the people-focused community.

Clawson, Hose and Harby

The Parish of Clawson, Hose & Harby lies within the Vale of Belvoir and nestles at the base of the escarpment of the southern edge of Leicestershire Wolds. It is a remote rural area with a strong and robust sense of identity, being famous for its history of dairying and its character as a grazing belt, that has resulted in it being the home to Stilton Cheese. The Parish comprises three nucleated villages that each have a unique and distinct character, separated by hedged pasture land and interlinked by narrow country lanes with dykes and wide green verges; the Grantham Canal; and bridleways. There is both a sense of place and of tranquility to the Parish.

We seek to ensure that the three villages in the Parish of Clawson, Hose and Harby, continue to develop in a way that:

conserves and enhances the inherent character and diversity of the landscape, preserves the sense of tranquility and open-space, and preserves the distinct areas of separation between the villages;

supports development that is in keeping with the architecture and vernacular of the villages (iron stone and red brick farmsteads) and which is proportionate to the demographics of each village and the capacity of its infrastructure to support;

maintains the strong community spirit and social cohesion that each village enjoys, and the feeling that 'this is a wonderful place to live';

protects the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders, as well as motorists; enhances and supports the rural economy and access to high speed technology.

Saddington

Saddington is a small and peaceful rural village whose character is founded on its agricultural heritage, location, community identity and activities. It is surrounded by hedged agricultural land and views of unspoilt natural beauty that are enjoyed by both residents and visitors. Our vision for the next 15-20 years is for new development proposals to be shaped in such a way as for Saddington to retain its independent rural identity and locality, distinct from adjoining urban areas.

Essential parts of this vision are that:

- Land use and development activity are consistent with and reflect the essential character of the village, with its conservation area, and in accordance with local authority guidance
- Traffic and parking issues are managed to ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, walkers as well as motorists
- Local employment within existing businesses and working farms is encouraged
- The sense of tranquillity and open space is preserved, with protection of green areas and separation from surrounding villages
- The strong sense of community spirit and cohesion is strengthened further.

Medbourne

Our plan for Medbourne is that it continues to be an attractive, thriving and sustainable place for people to live and work, while keeping its character as a beautiful rural village of historic significance.

We will protect the open spaces and heritage assets of our parish. Housing developments will be in accordance with local need, and design will be sympathetic to the character of the village and will have minimal environmental impact.

Existing and new small businesses will be supported and local employment encouraged. Community amenities will be preserved and recreational activities promoted to enhance the well-being of Medbourne residents.

Alrewas

Alrewas will continue to be a thriving and vibrant community which protects and enhances its distinctive character, rich heritage and natural assets such as the canal, river and its rural setting and will grow to be an even better place in which to live and to visit.

The aim of the Plan is to provide policies which will encourage development to be incremental, spread around the village and in smaller schemes which differentiate themselves from each other in terms of design whilst providing good quality design sympathetic to the nature of the village, its vernacular style and housing mix

Services and infrastructure will be developed to meet the requirements of the residents. The built and natural heritage of the Parish will be retained and protected. The most highly valued countryside areas in the Parish will be recognised and conserved. Views and access to the surrounding countryside will be retained.

Quorn

Our vision for Quorn is that it continues to be an attractive, thriving and sustainable place for people to live and work, while keeping its character as a beautiful rural village of historic significance, with a strong sense of community spirit and cohesion, making the most of its special qualities to attract visitors from further afield.

It will have a balanced and diverse community, to provide wellbeing through a healthy, creative, equitable and sustainable life for all, regardless of age, lifestyle or status. Attractive streets, green spaces and thriving natural environment will provide safe and enjoyable movement on foot and bicycle. It will be socially inclusive with shops, pubs and restaurants as well as the facility for lifelong learning, sports and recreation.

Growth will be managed, sustainable and in keeping with the village character, retaining its independent rural identity, distinct from adjoining urban areas. New development will be located on sites which minimise negative impacts on traffic, parking or community resources, and enable new arrivals to contribute positively to the social and commercial life of the village. It will also provide opportunities for existing residents to find accommodation suitable to their circumstances with easy access to community resources including health care, schools and youth organisations.

Great Easton

The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to ensure that Great Easton is a tranquil and safe place to live. That it continues to thrive as a vibrant and distinct village with a balanced and diverse community, to evolve and expand whilst retaining its unique and distinctive character and to provide wellbeing through a healthy, creative, equitable and sustainable life. Great Easton will be known for its strong community, its school, attractive streets and green spaces and thriving

natural environment. It will be safe and enjoyable to move around on foot and bike, thus promoting a safe, family focused and invigorating environment for future growth.

This will be achieved by:

1. Supporting measured, proportionate, timely and sustainable development, in a gradually phased manner. These developments will be eco-friendly in both design and operation. They will also recognise the village character, being built in keeping with the predominant Iron Stone and red brick, be well spaced and conform to local need both from an employment and demographic perspective.
2. Maintaining the high quality natural environment with protected wildlife interests, recognising the local agricultural predominance.
3. Retaining and enhancing the character and appeal of the existing conservation area and unique assets of the parish, including footpaths, jitties, open green spaces and community and recreational facilities.
4. Endorsing and/or developing policies and developments that have a positive effect on the sustainability and environment of the village, including those that remove or minimise flood risk, mitigate climate change and reduce the village carbon foot-print.
5. Enhancing and supporting our rural economy through ensuring efficient and timely public transport to neighbouring centres and providing an environment for local businesses and home working to flourish in a modern digital age.
6. Endorsing policies that ensure any potential increase in traffic volume is kept within safe and efficient parameters and concurrently does not compromise the safety or alter the feel of the village.

Shearsby

To improve the sustainability of Shearsby as a demographically mixed and balanced community, whilst seeking opportunities for landscape, recreational and ecological gain and minimising the environmental impact on new development.

Ashby

Ashby de la Zouch is a prosperous attractive and historic market town at the heart of the National Forest. Our vision is to build on that uniqueness and create a town that meets the needs of local people in terms of their enjoyment, health and wellbeing whilst making the most of its special qualities to attract visitors and shoppers from further afield.

This will be achieved by the Plan's vision and objectives providing an aspirational and positive planning framework to deliver housing and economic development to meet local and district-wide needs and thereby creating a safe, clean, accessible and attractive town and countryside in which people can shop, work, live and pursue their leisure activities.

The town and surrounding countryside should offer something for everyone regardless of their age, lifestyle or status.

Great Bowden

Our vision for Great Bowden is that in 20 years' time it will be a pleasant and thriving place to live and an enjoyable place to visit, offering a high-quality mix of housing and a range of local activities to a diverse, multi-generational population.

It will have grown in size, but the growth will be managed, sustainable and in keeping with Great Bowden's village character. New development will be located on sites which avoid negative impacts on traffic, parking or community resources, and enable new arrivals to contribute positively to the social and commercial life of the village. It will also provide opportunities for existing residents to find accommodation suitable to their circumstances.

Traffic and parking issues will have been managed in order to mitigate safety concerns arising from new development, especially at each of the entrances to the village. Great Bowden will remain a safe place in which to live and move around, whether by car or on foot, offering easy and continuing access to a range of countryside activities such as walking, cycling, horse-riding and exercising dogs.

Because of its setting, there is a continuing risk that the village will be pulled into the wider urban development of Market Harborough. Our vision sees a Great Bowden remaining a clearly independent and separate settlement. Transport connections and other community resources appropriate to a village population will continue to be available and it will be socially inclusive with its own school, shops and pubs which will help to integrate the community. We will all feel pleased and proud to live in Great Bowden.

Arnesby

The vision for Arnesby is to maintain and enhance the good quality of life, community spirit and attractive natural and built environment in Arnesby Parish now and through to 2031, the whole Plan period.

Woodhouse

The parish of Woodhouse is set in the heart of the beautiful Charnwood Forest and includes two distinct villages, Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves, surrounded on all sides by open

countryside, all of which is officially designated as distinctive and/or significant. The landscape is characterised by ancient rocks, and wooded hills, rare heathland, to the west, and farmland.

There is a strong sense of a community that wishes to thrive, be inclusive and welcoming.

The natural and historic heritage of the area is valued by residents and visitors alike and will be protected and enhanced.

Housing developments will be primarily to meet local need, be small scale and within the Limits to Development for Woodhouse Eaves, and the built-up area of Woodhouse.

Design will be sympathetic to the character of the area. Construction will have minimal environmental impact.

Scalford

The vision for our neighbourhood plan to 2036 is to assure by suitable management that the existing village charm and character of Scalford Parish is preserved or enhanced by:

- i. Maintaining the existing Conservation status and protecting the listed buildings and other important buildings and features for future generations.
- ii. Ensuring that any new property development is planned to be beneficial to the sustainable population growth of the Parish, matching it to support current amenities, e.g. the village school. These dwellings must be of eco-friendly design using sources of renewable energy where possible and meet the conservation area visual appearance requirements and provide a mix of housing to meet the needs of the community.
- iii. Preserving the natural environment and rural assets of the Parish including, footpaths, bridleways, wildlife areas and greenbelt areas.
- iv. Promoting the existing local economy including small businesses and farming. Encouraging new small businesses to the area to benefit the people of the Parish and to provide employment opportunities.
- v. Endorsing highways policies that ensure any potential increase in traffic volume is controlled in order to maintain the character of the Parish and the safety and health of the residents and visitors by limiting an increase in vehicle emissions. Protecting public transportation services to surrounding areas.

Clipston

The vision is for the village to continue to evolve in such a way so that by 2029:

- it recognises the importance of climate change and has done what it can to mitigate its impact;
- it has retained its rural nature, open spaces and 'green' character;
- any new development has been consistent with the rural nature, open spaces and green character of the village and has avoided any urbanisation, thereby having maintained the absence of densely packed housing;
- traffic and parking issues have been managed to ensure the safety of pedestrians (particularly schoolchildren) cyclists and walkers, as well as motorists, whilst limiting noise and vibration pollution, and pollution from vehicle emissions;
- local employment with existing businesses and working farms have been encouraged;
- the sense of tranquillity, open spaces and attractive views have been preserved;
- there has been maintained and encouraged the sense of community as illustrated by the existing Bulls Head public house, Recreation Fields, clubs and other social organisations; and
- boundary vegetation and landscaping has been maintained to preserve the character and rural values of the village, with species selected to support local flora and fauna.

Cossington

The parish of Cossington is located within the Soar valley. It lies between Rothley, Sileby, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Seagrave, Mountsorrel, Quorn and Syston. The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to ensure Cossington remains a peaceful and safe place to live. The Plan will inform and shape new and future development proposals in such a way that by the end of the Plan period, 2037, Cossington will have retained its independent identity and locality, distinct from adjoining towns and villages. Cossington will continue to thrive as a vibrant and distinct village with a balanced and diverse community.

Essential to the plan is the proposition that by supporting measured, proportionate, timely and sustainable development in a gradual phased manner, the character of the village and parish can be retained for future generations. In order to achieve this, Cossington Parish Council expects development to take account of:

Local need.

Preserving the distinct areas of separation between the villages.

Being sympathetic to the history and heritage of the village, retaining and enhancing the character and appeal of the existing conservation area.

Protecting the open spaces, the high-quality natural environment and wildlife, community and recreational facilities.

Containing environmental and sustainability policies that contribute positively to flood risk, mitigate climate change and minimise traffic volumes by encouraging home working to flourish in the modern digital age.

Ryton on Dunsmore

The policies in this Plan aim to ensure that Ryton-on-Dunsmore will retain its distinct 'village' feel and identity as it grows and evolves up to 2031. It will be a thriving, attractive and safe place to live, work, visit and move around. Its countryside setting, green spaces, flora and fauna and other community assets will have been preserved and enhanced as far as possible. The redevelopment of disused commercial sites and other sites with buildings that are derelict will be local priorities as will improvements to the communications infrastructure.

New housing developments will be sustainable with a balanced mix in the sizes of homes reflecting the local need for affordable starter homes, small to medium family homes and housing for older people. The number of dwellings on any development will be appropriate to a rural village.

Any new building in the Parish will be high quality, environmentally friendly, have exterior building styles that are sympathetic to the village character and have thoughtful and imaginative approaches to street scenes, parking, landscaping and boundary structures.

Appropriate new business developments and land use which encourage local employment will be supported subject to due consideration of any potential negative impacts of increased commercial activity on neighbouring residents in general and existing traffic issues in particular.

- a place in which new housing has been built to high standards of sustainability and energy efficiency within attractive developments where adequate capacity has been provided in services and amenities infrastructure.
- an area where there is access to open land for recreation purposes and picturesque views can be appreciated along the river corridor, the surrounding countryside and within the villages.
- a location with a strong business community, both in terms of retail provision and commercial enterprise, which protects existing and supports new opportunities to establish high employment in the area.
- a recognised destination for tourism which attracts visitors to our Parish.

Bidford on Avon

This NDP is structured around a number of strategic objectives, which will be achieved through the implementation of a series of land use based policies contained within the NDP.

Housing

To provide a sufficient supply and mix of dwellings to meet the needs of the community during the Plan period

Economy

To protect and promote jobs for local people in order to advance economic development in the Neighbourhood Area

Environment

To safeguard our natural environment and built heritage and enhance biodiversity whilst providing access for all, improving the well-being of the community, recognizing the importance of mitigating climate change and working towards a more sustainable future

Amenities

To ensure that valued community assets, local shops and services are maintained and where possible enhanced in order to promote sustainable living