1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2)\(^1\) which defines a “consultation statement” as a document which –

\( (a) \) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;

\( (b) \) explains how they were consulted;

\( (c) \) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and

\( (d) \) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

1.2 Wennington Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been prepared in response to the Localism Act 2011, which gives parish councils and other relevant bodies, new powers to prepare statutory Neighbourhood Plans to help guide development in their local areas. These powers give local people the opportunity to shape new development, as planning applications are determined in accordance with national planning policy and the local development plan, and neighbourhood plans form part of this Framework. (Other new

\(^1\) http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/contents/made
powers include Community Right to Build Orders whereby local communities have the ability to grant planning permission for new buildings).

1.3 Work began on the NDP for Wennington in June 2016 when the Parish Council made the decision to prepare a Plan. The Parish Council submitted an application to Lancaster City Council on 13th September 2016 to designate the neighbourhood plan area covering the whole of the Parish (see Map 1). Following consultation on the application for 4 weeks from 26th September 2016 to 24th October 2016, the City Council approved the designation on 24th November 2016.

1.4 The Neighbourhood Plan Sub Group (NPSG) of local residents and parish councillors was set up and met for the first time in August 2016. The Sub Group meets approximately every month to two months to oversee the preparation of the NDP on behalf of the Parish Council. NDP progress is a standing agenda item at all Parish Council meetings and all Parish Council meetings are open to the public. Members of the Sub Group have worked at all stages to involve and engage the wider Wennington community by hand delivering letters, leaflets and consultation information at all stages of the NDP’s preparation to all local households.

1.5 A dedicated web page for the NDP is available on the Parish Council website – see https://wenningtonparishcouncil.wordpress.com/planning/ . The website includes minutes of the NPSG meetings, background documents and evidence for the NDP, and links to other useful sites.

1.6 Wennington enjoys a particularly strong sense of community as it was one of the first villages to become involved with the ‘Broadband for the Rural North’ (B4RN) project. Due to the isolated nature (relative to the nearest BT telephone exchange) of Wennington, the village suffered from very poor broadband connectivity. A small group of volunteer Parishioners decided to take matters into their own hands and, as a result, spent most of their spare time, over many months, digging trenches and installing fibre optic ducting to every household (who wanted it) in the village. The end result is that Wennington now enjoys the fastest broadband speeds (i.e. 1 gigabit symmetrical) in the whole country. Interestingly, what started off a small group of volunteers quickly developed into a whole community/village effort. This strong sense of community has provided an excellent foundation upon which to start developing our Neighbourhood Plan.

2.0 Informal Public Consultation to Identify Key Planning Issues

Community Engagement Event

2.1 An initial Community Engagement Event was held on Saturday 18th February 2017. Around 30 people came along to express their thoughts and suggestions regarding the future development of Wennington. All the information gathered during the engagement event is published on the website and is provided in Appendix I.

Housing Needs Survey

2.2 As a first step in preparing local evidence to support the NDP, a local Housing Needs Survey was undertaken of all 54 Wennington households in June 2017. 37 questionnaires were returned (and a further one came in after the closing date) and these provided information about the age range of residents, occupations, types of development that would be
supported and future housing needs. A summary of the Key Findings is provided in Appendix II and the full data set and analysis can be accessed via the Parish Council website: [https://wenningtonparishcouncil.files.wordpress.com/2015/07/hns-analysis.pdf](https://wenningtonparishcouncil.files.wordpress.com/2015/07/hns-analysis.pdf). There was support for conversions and limited development on brownfield sites and concerns that development should not take place in areas at risk of flooding. Overall the responses to the survey demonstrated that there is no immediate requirement for the NDP to identify a site for local needs or affordable housing. Further detail is provided in Appendix II.

**Issues and Options**

2.3 The NPSG published the Issues and Options document from October to November 2017. A public event was held on 28th October 2017 at the Melling Institute and comments forms were distributed to all households. The Issues and Options document and comments form were available on the NDP website to download. Completed comments forms could be returned at the public event or to a steering group member by 30th November 2017. Hard copies of the Issues and Options document were available to borrow on request from a NPSG member. There were 25 completed comment forms returned and these have been considered carefully and used to inform the First Draft Plan. The letter, questionnaire form and a summary of responses are provided in Appendix III.

**First Draft Plan**

2.4 The First Draft Plan was published for further informal public consultation from 13th December 2017 until Friday 12th January 2018. A covering letter was sent to all parishioners and Lancaster City Council on the 13th December 2017. Detailed comments were received from Lancaster City Council and these were considered and addressed in the finalised version of the Draft NDP. There were also a few comments from residents. One resident was concerned that local occupancy conditions on local needs housing may be too restrictive and make development unviable, along with additional build costs associated with high quality design criteria. Another provided some detailed wording changes to the Airey houses. Both broadly supported the policies. The covering letter and responses are provided in Appendix IV.
3.0 Regulation 14 Public Consultation on Wennington Draft NDP

3.1 The public consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was carried out in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Pre-submission consultation and publicity, paragraph 14. This states that:

3.2 Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—

(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area

(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii) details of how to make representations; and

(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

3.3 The Draft NDP was published for 8 weeks from 2nd April 2018 until 25th May 2018. The statutory minimum period of 6 weeks was extended by a couple of weeks to allow for the Easter break and Spring Bank Holiday which both fell during the consultation period. A copy of the covering email is provided in Appendix V.

3.4 The Wennington Draft NDP and accompanying Representation/Response Form (Appendix VI) were available online at www.wenningtonparishcouncil.wordpress.com/planning/. Screenshots of Wennington Parish Council’s NDP web pages are provided in Appendix VII.

3.5 Hard copies of the NDP and Representation Form were available on request from the Chair of the Parish Council.

3.6 Representations were invited in writing / email or using the Representation/Comments form to: Mrs G Mason, Parish Clerk, 23 Maplewood Avenue, Preesall, Poulton le Fylde FY6 0PU Email: Wenningtonpc@gmail.com.

3.7 The consultation process was publicised to consultation bodies and stakeholder groups, local businesses, and residents by email from the Chair of the Parish Council, by notices on the Parish Council’s website and notice boards, and on Lancaster City Council’s website.

3.8 The Steering Group took the decision that a further public drop in event was not required at this stage, as the Draft NDP was very similar to the First Draft Plan which had been published for extensive community consultation, including several events only a few months before. The Chairman of Wennington Parish Council also offered to go along and present the Draft NDP to each of its 3 neighbouring Parish Council (i.e. Tatham, Melling-with-Wrayton and Wray-with-Botton).
3.9 A complete list of consultation bodies and other groups contacted directly by email is provided in Appendix VIII.
4.0 **Formal Consultation Responses to the Wennington Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan**

4.1 Representations were submitted by 20 individuals and organisations including 12 residents who broadly supported the policies in the NDP.

4.2 Detailed comments suggesting changes or additions to wording of the policies and supporting text were provided by the Environment Agency and Lancaster City Council and the vast majority of these have been taken on board in the revised Submission Plan. Historic England provided some general advice about the preparation of NDPs suggesting the Plan should identify heritage assets and referring to various policy and advice documents for further information. Natural England also provided general advice in the response to the SEA Screening Opinion, including that the Parish Council could consider commissioning a more detailed survey of local biodiversity assets. This was taken on board and the a Biodiversity Audit was undertaken by GMEU in May 2018.

4.3 The Environment Agency supported the policies in the NDP but suggested some amendments to the supporting text including on flood risk and roles and responsibilities, and including different flood maps.

4.4 Lancaster City Council suggested some changes to the supporting text including further detail about open spaces and biodiversity. Policy WEN1 was amended in response to suggestions for minor wording changes to improve clarity. It was suggested that the NDP should include text referring to protecting views of Wennington from outside the NDP area (form the AONB) but this has not been taken on board in the submission plan as NDPs cannot include policies for areas outside the designated area. Other changes to policy wording and background text included minor changes to Policy WEN3 referring to built heritage assets and to WEN4 Housing to align it more closely with Lancaster City Council's strategic policies. There were also concerns about proposals for live / work units being used to provide residential units in the countryside and the policy wording of WEN5 has therefore been tightened. There were also some minor wording changes to Policies WEN6 and WEN7.

4.5 A table setting out the complete list of responses, together with the Parish Council’s consideration of these and any resulting changes to the NDP is provided as an accompanying document to the Consultation Statement (Table 1).
Appendices

Appendix I

Community Engagement Event, 18th February 2017

Copy of Invitation Letter to all Parishioners

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Email: Carl@mill-croft.net

1st February 2017

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
Have your say - We need your views...

Dear Parishioner

As you may be aware, the Parish Council has committed to developing a ’Neighbourhood Plan’ for Wennington. A sub-group of the council (comprising approximately 12 Wennington Residents) has been established and is leading this important work.

An absolutely critical part of the process, for developing our plan, is to engage with everybody who lives in, alongside, or has an interest in our community.

To this end, the Parish Council have organised a ’Community Engagement Event’, details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 18th February 2017

Time: 10am until 3pm

Venue: Melling Institute, Melling (free parking is available)

The purpose of this event is two-fold:

1. To raise awareness and explain why Wennington needs a Neighbourhood Plan and how the process works
2. To gather your views about the things that you think are important, from a community/village perspective, and need to be included an our future plans
Please come along and hear what’s happening and, more importantly, express your views about how you would like to see Wennington develop over the next 5-10 years.

Members of the sub-group will be there, throughout the day, to explain what’s happening and answer your questions. There will be information displays, maps and videos showcasing the diversity and unique nature of our small but beautiful village. There will also be, of course, tea, coffee, biscuits and a very warm welcome available at all time during the day.

So, please make a note in your diary, come along and ‘have your say…’

Yours Sincerely

Carl Hunter
Chairman - Wennington Parish Council

Photographs from the 18th February 2017 Community Engagement Event
Summary of the 18th February 2017 Community Engagement Event Feedback

What are our Difficulties or Frustrations?

- Traffic Issues (16 comments) including:
  - Speed (12) - Condition of highways (2) - Parking (1) - Access to Railway Station (1)
  - Roads Infrastructure (8 Comment) including: Footpaths (4) – Cycle paths (2) – Running paths (2) Public transport (4 comments)
- Need for Affordable housing for local people (5 comments)
- Development/Improve existing buildings (4 comments)
- Building within Flood Zones (3 comments)
- Protection of Public Spaces/Greens to prevent loss/abuse (2 comments)
- Need for Retirement Property (1 comment)

What do you value and Appreciate?

- Wildlife – Nature – Birds (15)
- Green Spaces (7)
- Rural environment (5)
- Traditional stone building/design (8)
- Community (10)
- B4RN (5)
- Remain unchanged (2)
- Rail Access (4)
- Absence of commercial/industrial enterprise (1)

What do we need to address or change?

- Traffic Management/Speed control (12)
- Flooding includes surface and river (12)
- Improve footpaths and cycle facilities for access to local amenities (7)
- Public Transport (3)
- Dog litter (2)
- Roadside Litter/fly tipping (1)
- Local amenities (1)

What do we need to protect or preserve?

- Fauna and Flora (8)
- Rural environment (7)
- Traditional stone buildings (5)
- Flood plain and zones (3)
- Access to footpaths (2)
- Village Greens (2)
- Community cohesion/spirit (2)
- Railway Station (2)
- Our identity (1)

What is our Vision?

- No new build on/within flood zones (3)
- Improved traffic management including strategically placed passing places on single track roads (3)
- No Wind turbines or Solar Farms
- Managed tourist development
- Affordable housing meeting local housing need including first time buyers
- Organic growth of community with sympathetic building design to protect character of Parish
- No large development
- Maintain rural aspect (Green Belt and Public Greens)
- Maintain and improve community cohesion/spirit/relations Improved amenities including village focal point, shop, play/activity area for children (skate board park)
- Small village shop
- Improved footpath network.
Appendix II

Wennington Parish - Housing Needs Survey

Copy of Housing Needs Survey Letter to all Parishioners

Mill Croft
Spout Lane
Wennington
Lancaster
LA2 8NX

Email: chairman.wenningtonpc@gmail.com

19th June 2017

Wennington Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Parishioner

RE: Housing Needs Survey

We continue to make good progress in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan for Wennington and thank all the parishioners who were able to come along to our Open Day in February. The information you provided gave us an early and useful indication of the issues and scope of the plan.

As you may be aware, one of the key elements of the Neighbourhood Plan is the identification of predicted housing needs over the next few years and, in order to achieve this, we seek your assistance. Please find attached/enclosed the Wennington Housing Needs Survey which seeks information on your particular needs, both now and in the future. Any information you provide will be treated in strict confidence and will be used solely for the purpose of predicting in overall terms the likely housing needs of our community over the next few years.

Development of the Neighbourhood Plan is being coordinated by a sub group of the Parish Council. If you need any assistance in completing the questionnaire we can arrange for one of the sub-group members to visit you at a mutually convenient time and answer any queries you might have. In any event it would be appreciated if you could please complete and return the survey by Monday 26th June 2017.

I should also mention that Lancaster City Council is currently preparing a household survey which will shortly be issued to all households in the City Council district. This is in connection with the preparation of a district wide plan, for the whole of the Lancaster District, and compliments the Wennington Neighbourhood Plan which relates specifically to Wennington Parish.
If you have any queries or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact me, I’ll be more than happy to explain or discuss further.

Thank you for your help in this matter and we look forward to receiving your completed survey.

Yours faithfully

Carl Hunter
Chairman – Wennington Parish Council
On behalf of the Wennington Neighbourhood Planning Sub Group

**NB:** Can you please return your completed survey to:

*Richard Gargini – Project Manager*
*The Old Smithy, Wennington, LA2 8NU*
Wennington Parish - Housing Needs Survey - Summary of Key Findings

54 households were surveyed during June 2017. Two households were identified as 'unoccupied' and 38 questionnaires were returned (one received after the initial analysis) resulting in a return of 73%.

The age distribution of male and female respondents peaks between the ages of 60-69.

54% of respondents have retired or entered no occupation. Of the remaining 46% there are a wide range of occupations. 10% of respondents work from home.

Young people and small families received the most support in the category of future housing need. 30% of households have expressed the view that no further homes are needed.

Conversions, brownfield site development and new housing for local people are supported by survey respondents.

95% of households would support conversion of disused barns and/or farm buildings.

68% of households would support development of designated brownfield sites.

95% of respondents did not support the development of new housing in recognised flood zones or areas prone to surface water flooding.

65% of households would support construction of new homes for local people. 30% of households would not support new homes on the basis of inadequate infrastructure and no transport or employment.

The top four suggested sites for development are Moss House Farm (7), Old Village Hall (3), infill sites (2) and conversions (2).

84% of households do not need a separate home in the next 5 years. 16% of households have a housing need outside the Parish.

0% of the households need a separate home within the Parish in the next 5 years.

Two households (5%) have reduced in size in the last 5 years and one household will need to move within the Parish within the next 5 years.

97% of households do not have a need to leave the Parish in the next 5 years. One household (3%) left the question unanswered.
Copy of Housing Needs Survey (Supplementary) Letter to all Parishioners

Dear Parishioner

RE: Housing Needs Survey

As you will recall, we recently asked you to complete and return a Housing Needs Survey to assist us in the development of our Neighbourhood Plan. The purpose of this letter is two-fold:

Firstly, it is to thank all those people who completed and returned the survey. We received 38 completed forms out of the 52 delivered which equates to a 73% response rate. However, one of the forms was returned just outside of the specified closing date and in consequence has not been included in analysis. This is, by all measures, an excellent result and will provide a solid evidence base upon which to develop the first draft of our Neighbourhood Plan.

Secondly, to provide you with a brief summary of the key outcomes from the survey

- The age distribution of male and female respondents peaks between the ages of 60-69.
- 54% of respondents have retired or entered no occupation. Of the remaining 46% there are a wide range of occupations. 10% of respondents work from home.
- Young people and small families received the most support in the category of future housing need. 30% of households have expressed the view that no further homes are needed.
- 95% of households would support conversion of disused barns and/or farm buildings.
- 68% of households would support development of designated brownfield sites.
- 95% of respondents would not support development of new housing in recognised flood zones or areas prone to surface water flooding.
- 65% of households would support construction of new homes for local people. 30% of households would not support new homes on the basis of inadequate infrastructure and no transport or employment.
- The top four suggested sites for development are the Old Mill at Moss House Farm (7), the former Village Hall (3), infill sites (2) and old barn conversions (2).
- 84% of households do not need a separate home in the next 5 years. 16% of households have a family member(s) with a housing need outside the Parish.
- No household (0%) identified the need for a separate home within the Parish in the next 5 years.
- 97% of households do not intend to leave the Parish in the next 5 years.

If you wish to look at the full set of results you can do so by visiting our website

- [https://wenningtonparishcouncil.wordpress.com/planning/](https://wenningtonparishcouncil.wordpress.com/planning/)
If you have any queries or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact either Richard Gargini or myself. We’ll be more than happy to explain or discuss further. Once again, thank you for continued support and assistance.

Yours faithfully

Carl Hunter
Chairman – Wennington Parish Council
On behalf of the Wennington Neighbourhood Planning Sub Group
Appendix III

Wennington NDP Issues and Options
Public Consultation - October to November 2017

Copy of Issues and Options Letter to all Parishioners

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Email: chairman.wenningtonpc@gmail.com

20th October 2017

Wennington Neighbourhood Development Plan:
Issues and Options – Informal Consultation

Dear Parishioner

As you will be aware, the Parish Council has established a Neighbourhood Planning Sub Group (NPSG) to coordinate and develop our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The Housing Needs Survey, undertaken during the summer, was an important part of the development process and provided crucial evidence of the local housing needs from within the parish.

The NPSG has combined the information from the housing needs survey, along with a wealth of additional locally gathered evidence and aligned this information with both district and national planning policies. The outcome of this important and significant piece of work is an ‘Issues and options’ document. As the name suggests, this document outlines the ‘issues’ which the NPSG feel should be included in our NDP along with a number of policy ‘options’ for how the NDP might respond to each of the identified issues.

We now need your thoughts
The NPSG wishes to informally consult with you on the issues we have identified and the policy options available. This 3 week informal consultation will run from Monday 23rd October to Monday 13th November 2017. This is a really important opportunity for you, as a parishioner, to have your say in how you think Wennington should develop over the next 20 years.

The outcome (probably just before Christmas) of this informal consultation will be our draft ‘Neighbourhood Development Plan’. The draft plan will then be subject to further informal and then formal consultation with all the relevant stakeholders within and outside the parish.

You can access and review the ‘Issues and Options’ document in one of 3 ways:
  1. You may download an electronic copy of the document from our parish council website:
     - www.wenningtonparishcouncil.wordpress.com/planning/
  2. You can borrow a hard copy of the document by contacting:
3. You can come along to our ‘**NDP – Issues and Options – Informal Consultation Event**’
   - This will take place on **Saturday 28th October in the Melling Institute, Melling from 10am until 3pm**. This is a ‘drop-in’ session where you will be able to read and discuss the Issues and Options with members of the NPSG. **Do please come along** – even if you plan to read the document beforehand.

   If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either Richard Gargini or myself. We’ll be more than happy to help. Once again, thank you for continued support and assistance and I look forward to seeing you on the 28th October.

   Yours faithfully

   Carl Hunter
   Chairman – Wennington Parish Council
   On behalf of the Wennington Neighbourhood Planning Sub Group
Copy of Issues and Options Comments Form

Wennington NDP Issues and Options
Public Consultation - October to November 2017
Comments Form

Wennington Parish Council is preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to help guide decisions on planning applications in the Parish over the next 15 years. We would like to know your thoughts about the planning issues we have identified so far, and possible options for addressing them.
An Issues and Options document has been prepared by the NDP Steering Group of Parish Councillors and local residents. Please find the full document on the NDP page on the Parish Council's website  https://wenningtonparishcouncil.wordpress.com/planning/ or come along to the open event on Saturday 28th October (10am until 3pm) at the Melling Institute to find out more.
Please complete and return this comments form by Monday 13th November or any other comments in writing to:

Richard Gargini, NDP Project Manager, The Old Smithy, Wennington, LA2 8NU
Or email Richard on ‘richard_gargini@hotmail.co.uk’

The NPSG has prepared a Draft Vision and Objectives for the NDP.

Q1. Please let us know if you agree with them or have any comments about them. Please tick ✓

Agree  ☐
Disagree ☐
Comments
Proposed Policy 1 - Protecting and Enhancing Local Wildlife
Please tick ✓

Option 1:
Q2. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to protect local wildlife?
Yes  □
No  □

Q3. If Yes, is there anything else that we should include in the policy or supporting / background information?

Option 2:
Q4. Should the NDP be silent on wildlife and leave such policies to Lancaster DC?
Yes  □
No  □

Proposed Policy 2 - Protecting and Enhancing Landscape Character.
Please tick ✓

Option 1:
Q5. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to protect local landscape character?
Yes  □
No  □

Q6. If Yes, is there anything else that we should include in the policy or supporting information (e.g. other important local views or landscape features?)

Option 2:
Q7. Should the NDP be silent on landscape character and leave such policies to Lancaster DC?
Yes  □
No  □
Proposed Policy 3 – Encouraging Good Design.
Please tick ✓

Option 1:

Q8. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to encourage good design?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Q9. If Yes, is there anything else that we should include in the policy or supporting information?

Option 2:

Q10. Should the NDP be silent on design and leave such policies to Lancaster DC?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Housing
Please tick ✓

Option 1:

Q11. Do you agree that the NDP should NOT include a site allocation or policy for new local needs housing?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Option 2:

Q12. Should the NDP include a general criteria-based policy for any speculative development proposals that come forward?
Yes ☐ No ☐
**Proposed Policy 4 – Supporting the Rural Economy.**

Please tick ✔

**Option 1:**

Q13. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to support the rural economy?

Yes ☐
No ☐

Q14. If Yes, is there anything else that we should include in the policy or supporting information?

**Option 2:**

Q15. Should the NDP be silent on the rural economy and leave such policies to Lancaster DC?

Yes ☐
No ☐

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**Proposed Policy 5 - Transport and Accessibility**

Please tick ✔

**Option 1:**

Q16. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to address transport and accessibility?

Yes ☐
No ☐

Q17. If Yes, is there anything else that we should include in the Policy or supporting information?

**Option 2:**

Q18. Should the NDP be silent on transport and accessibility and leave such policies to Lancashire County Council?

Yes ☐
No ☐
Proposed Policy 6 – Reducing Surface Water Flooding.
Please tick

Option 1:

Q19. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to address surface water flooding?
Yes ☐
No ☐

Q20. If Yes, is there anything else that we should include in the Policy or supporting information?

Option 2:

Q21. Should the NDP be silent on surface water flooding and leave such policies to Lancaster DC?
Yes ☐
No ☐

Q22. Please provide any general comments or let us know if we have missed anything important.

Signed: ________________________
Name (Please print): ________________________
Address: ________________________

Thank you for your time and interest.
Your responses will be considered carefully and used to inform our next document, the:
Draft NDP for Wennington.
## Summary of Issues and Option Comments (n = 25)

### Q1. Do you agree with the draft Vision and Objectives?

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Comments:
- Generally agree; the main concern is traffic and flooding.
- Thank you and congratulations on an excellent presentation.

### Q2. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to protect local wildlife?

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### Q3. Is there anything else that we should include in the policy or supporting information?

- NDP should seek advice from relevant agencies e.g. RSPB.
- No unnecessary hedge grabbing.
- Existing proposed policy seems very comprehensive.

### Q4. Should the NDP be silent on wildlife and leave such policies to Lancaster DC?

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### Q5. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to protect local landscape character?

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### Q6. Is there anything else that we should include in the policy or supporting information (e.g. other important local views or landscape features)?

- Whilst supporting some affordable housing, any development should preserve the character by avoiding destructive features like wind turbines.
• All new building/developments to be low use in keeping with existing style.
• The view from Hagg Wood towards Old Wennington with Ingleborough in the background (point 4.12; Significant views from footpaths) also overlooks Old Wennington Mire.
• No, just a general observance of what is being planned by residents.
• To date the Parish Council tries to ensure that development is in accordance with existing landscape character of the environment.

Q7. Should the NDP be silent on landscape character and leave such policies to Lancaster DC?

- Yes 1 (4%)
- No 22 (88%)
- Did not answer 2 (8%)

Q8. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to encourage good design?

- Yes 23 (92%)
- No 2 (8%)

Q9. Is there anything else that we should include in the policy or supporting information?

- NDP should have total control on encouraging good design.
- Vehicle parking requirements.
- Since “good design” is subjective, wide ranging and inclusive reviews should be made of any major development.
- Emphasis on stone cladding and natural style.
- Any planning permission should take into account wild life using such property as a habitat; for example, little owls and barn owls nesting in barns on back lane.
- Affordable housing is more important than good design.
- Largely if not exclusively stone built.
- Stone cladding natural slate.
- Any new build should be in-keeping with its surroundings or adjacent building.

Q10. Should the NDP be silent on design and leave such policies to Lancaster DC?

- Yes 2 (8%)
- No 21 (84%)
- Did not answer 2 (8%)

Q11. Do you agree that the NDP should NOT include a site allocation or policy for new local needs housing?
Q12. Should the NDP include a general criteria-based policy for any speculative development proposals that come forward?

- Yes 19 (76%)
- No 5 (20%)
- Did not answer 1 (4%)

Q13. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to support the rural economy?

- Yes 21 (84%)
- No 2 (8%)
- Did not answer 2 (8%)

Q14. Is there anything else that we should include in the policy or supporting information?

- Vehicle parking requirements.
- Not sure our “economy” deserves a plan; we should say a few words in support of this but hardly a plan.
- Not sure – accept to support work initiates which do not infect with the landscape.
- Villages have worked to serve B4RN broadband.
- Whilst supporting development proposals for small scale businesses and employment opportunities, this support would only be it the policies were strictly adhered to.
- Yes, local initiatives must be supported as they are the major employer in the area. We have as a village invested heavily in B4RN broadband.
- Farming and industrial business should be supported and encouraged.
- They could look into development of a small business park with industrial units to encourage future employment (Kirkby Station is a good example).

Q15. Should the NDP be silent on the rural economy and leave such policies to Lancaster DC?

- Yes 3 (12%)
- No 20 (80%)
- Did not answer 2 (8%)
Q16. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to address transport and accessibility?

- Yes 20 (80%)
- No 4 (16%)
- Did not answer 1 (4%)

Q17. Is there anything else that we should include in the Policy or supporting information?

- Comments on the need for an improved local bus service.
- If a transport hub is indicated, car parking will be necessary (home to Hub).
- Public transport is very poor and better is needed. Existing road is inadequate for current traffic volume creating danger for both traffic and pedestrians.
- Out our control and finances to influence.
- Existing proposed policy seems very comprehensive.
- Not within our control, probably above our station.

Q18. Should the NDP be silent on transport and accessibility and leave such policies to Lancashire County Council?

- Yes 5 (20%)
- No 17 (68%)
- Did not answer 3 (12%)

Q19. Should Wennington NDP include a planning policy to address surface water flooding?

- Yes 22 (88%)
- No 3 (12%)

Q20. Is there anything else that we should include in the Policy or supporting information?

- Surface water flooding will always be a fact of life here.
- Improved road drainage.
- Any speculative build must be neutral on run-off.
- Future development should not “unreadable word” (possibly worsen) existing vulnerability of village to surface water runoff.
- Possibly consider the beck overflowing across Back Lane to the west of Old Wennington.
- Any development should be neutral to surface water run-off.
- Any new build should have mitigating proposals to reduce surface/river flooding to existing properties.
Q21. Should the NDP be silent on surface water flooding and leave such policies to Lancaster DC?

- Yes 3 (12%)
- No 20 (80%)
- Did not answer 2 (8%)

Q22. Please provide any general comments or let us know if we have missed anything important.

- Can the NDP do anything to reduce the speed limit at Cravens? As it is very dangerous at 50mph.
- The degree to which the plan will be an influence on LCC planning will always be a concern, only time will show how effective this will be in practice. Nevertheless, an excellent plan.
- These are all important factors that we need to address in the Wennington NDP using our local knowledge. LCC is unlikely to have this in depth and detailed understanding of local issues and therefore could not be depended upon to make the necessary and appropriate decisions.
- Our plan should acknowledge areas for possible development (e.g. old farms, etc.) and the principle of local demand. Plus all developments must be neutral in terms of water run-off including hard standings, sewage etc.
- Do we point out that we have (through the Parish Council) objected to very little? One out of character development can boast of many conversions etc.
- The village plan should make such decisions in accordance with local needs, small infill of disused buildings not fields not paddocks.
- The plan should mention all the many developments of barns/buildings in the last twenty years or more.
- We would like to express our thanks to the team for their efforts in preparing such a detailed proposed plan.
- I think the Parish Council is there to help not hinder LCC.
- Site allocation should be for Lancaster.
- Not clear on criteria based. Any development on unused/disused/existing buildings and/or village parishioner requirements. This would ignore the ‘use” of existing unused farm/properties in recent years. At least ten properties have been converted in recent years.
- Wennington, over the years, has fostered and promoted the development of unused, under-utilised, redundant buildings within the area.
- I fully support and agree with all the issues identified along with the proposed policies.
- How do you define speculative development?
- Development to bring back into use existing buildings should meet criteria that meets current aesthetic of the village; speculative development of brown field and green field sites is not supported.
Appendix IV
Copy of First Draft Plan (Dec 17 - Jan 18) Covering Letter to all Parishioners

Wennington Neighbourhood Development Plan:
First Draft Plan – Informal Consultation

Dear Parishioner

As you will be aware, the Parish Council established a Neighbourhood Planning Sub Group (NPSG) to coordinate and develop our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The Sub Group has been working very diligently, over the past year, running community engagement events, designing and undertaking the housing needs survey, gathering and developing national, district and local evidence and identifying a range of issues and options that might form the basis of our first draft NDP.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sub group for their work to date and, equally importantly, thank you (our parishioners) for the time, ideas, comments and feedback you have, thus far, contributed to this project. The development of a meaningful and representative NDP can only be achieved with the engagement and support of you, our parishioners.

I am very proud and pleased to inform you that we have now developed our first draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.

We would really appreciate your thoughts, again!
I realise that I have written to you, and requested your views, a number of times already and this isn’t, I’m afraid, the last time I will writing to you. It is a crucial and mandatory requirement of the NDP process that there is continuous and demonstrable community engagement throughout the whole development process. All NDPs are scrutinized and examined, in this regard, before they are approved and subject to a final referendum.

So, what I’m asking you to do is quite straight forward. Please could you?

1. Read and review our First Draft Plan and;
   a. If you agree with the stated issues and policies, and feel that you can support the draft plan, please let us know
   b. If you feel that a particular issue or policy needs amending in some way, please let us know, specifically, what it is you feel needs to change

You can obtain and review the First Draft Plan in one of 2 ways:

4. You may download an electronic copy of the document from our parish council website:
   • www.wenningtonparishcouncil.wordpress.com/planning/
5. You can **borrow a hard copy** of the document by contacting:
   - Richard Gargini – NDP Project Manager, The Old Smithy, Wennington, LA2 8NU (Tel: 07768 143 064)

If you have any queries, concerns or simply wish to discuss an aspect of the draft plan then please don’t hesitate to contact either Richard Gargini or myself. We’ll be more than happy to explain and/or discuss any aspect of the draft plan.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and contribution.

Yours faithfully

Carl Hunter
Chairman – Wennington Parish Council
On behalf of the Wennington Neighbourhood Planning Sub Group

Please use the tear-off form below to express your views

Please note:
This form can be completed by any individual parishioner on the electoral role or on behalf of the household as a whole

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Wennington Parish Council

*Informal consultation – Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan*

I/we fully support the issues and policies outlined in the first draft plan?

YES □       NO □

I/we would like to suggest the following changes or amendments:
(Please identify the paragraph number, within the draft plan, your suggested amendment relates to)

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Resident Responses to First Draft Plan - Dec 17 - Jan 18

Summary of Results:
1. A total of 14 feedback forms were returned.
2. All the respondents were supportive of the draft plan
3. There were no objections to the plan
4. Two respondents, beyond expressing their support, made specific comments and suggestions, these were:

Respondent 1 – Broadly supports the first draft plan and makes the following comments:
   “Not clear as to whether any new build will be subject to a local occupancy condition, if so, I suggest this is wrong and too restrictive.”
   “The ‘good design’ policy (WEN3) is fine, but expensive for the house builder, and therefore sale value will reflect the build cost.”
   “Local occupancy restrict will reduce value, possibly making any new development unviable. Is this the objective? If so I/we do not support this section of the plan.”
   “What is ‘proven local need’? Is it defined?”

Respondent 2 - Fully supports the first draft plan and makes the following comments:
   “Nos. 1 to 4 Nether View are ‘Airey’ houses. Nos. 5 to 8 are of a Claughton brick construction with slate roofs.”
Policy

WEN1 The first sentence to the policy would benefit from some amendments making clear that firstly direct and indirect impacts on biodiversity should be avoided/minimised. Only after this would enhancements be considered.

WEN1 Possibility for policy to be amended to cover biodiversity in general rather than just the two sites shown on map 2. The policy would also benefit from making reference to ecological networks and the need to protect them.

WEN1 Local Green Space designations? Have the possibility of inclusion of these been considered

WEN1 "Could perhaps refer to sites as “non-statutory locally designated wildlife sites”.

On our constraints map, Clintsfield Woods isn’t identified as Ancient Woodland

Greta Wood and Windy Bank Wood are actually all one (the same) BHS on our constraints map

Only 2 Local Wildlife Sites shown in Map 2 – how come only these? What about the others?

Where has the ‘Habitats’ information come from? Has ecological work been undertaken?

Evidence of species frequently seen in the plan area?

In actual policy itself – WEN1 – just refers to ‘local wildlife sites and habitats’ feel this is too exclusive

Perhaps make reference to hierarchy: avoidance, mitigation, compensation

Just wondering what is the significance of using a different colour for the text?

No mention of Soils/Land of Agricultural Value

WEN2 The policy title talks about protecting and enhancing the local landscape character, but the policy itself says nothing about enhancement and nothing about how the plan will protect or enhance the landscape character. A second sentence added to the first paragraph of the policy could do this, subject to them having the right evidence/analysis to hand.

WEN2 The other aspect usually included in a policy of this type is visual amenity. This aspect is implicit in the section on significant views, but the policy might be strengthened if it considered significant views as part of the visual amenity of the area.

WEN2 The final section speaks about large scale renewable energy projects, but does not define large scale or renewable energy. The scale aspect is a difficult to pin down but it might help if the policy referred to “single stand-alone or pairs or groups of wind turbines” (where a group is a linear or cluster arrangement of 3 or more turbines) if this is where their evidence/analysis is pointing to.

WEN3 Support the inclusion of wording and photograph in the pre-amble to policy WEN3

WEN3 Benefits from being divided into sub-sections

WEN3 Second sentence bit unclear on the wording – should it mean ‘how the design is appropriate in terms of…’? In addition, this sentence should just refer at the end to the ‘character of the Conservation Area’ rather than Conservation Area Appraisal. Furthermore, how would the NP like this to be demonstrated? Written or drawn evidence?
WEN3 Bullet points 1-4 are good general approaches, however 5-7 appear to be too prescriptive particularly that every new dwelling should have sash windows and the latter bullet points contradict contemporary design paragraph.
WEN3 Suggested that contemporary design should be a bullet point and 5-7 either made more general or removed
WEN3 Extensions and conversion paragraphs are good

WEN4 Bullet 2 'Schemes are for new housing and development would meet a proven local need as identified in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment, supporting evidence for the Neighbourhood Plan, or other up to date and robust local housing needs evidence.'

WEN5 Whilst we have a policy on small business generation this policy does depart from it slightly through the promotion of live / work units. Our policy position is not as specific on the support for live / work as this approach has been abused in the past as a method of building houses which in general terms are inappropriate but have been sought to be justified through the inclusion of a room for ‘home-working’.

WEN6 "The lack of footways is picked up and is a big issue for villages like this with through traffic (although it’s not as bad as Melling).
WEN6 "Having a railway station serving the village is a significant asset and given what’s said in the Lancaster Highways and Transport Masterplan about rural transport hubs there may be potential to be more ambitious about its role/function. Although technically outside the parish boundary it should be identified and its safeguarding encouraged in the policy. E.g. The rail/bus interchange is a significant local asset and its role and function as a rural transport hub will be encouraged to be safeguarded.'
WEN6 Where possible development proposals should support and enhance its role as a rural transport hub in line with the Lancaster Highways and Transport Masterplan’.
WEN6 The Masterplan talks about car sharing, bike facilities etc. and the Community Rail Partnership may have suggestions on how to upgrade facilities.

WEN7 Para 8.6 Groundwater (typo)
WEN7 8.8 - managing local flood risk is responsibility of EA
WEN7 Re-word first sentence 'Proposals for new residential development in areas subject to flood risk. In areas where surface water flood risk is a known issue proposals will be resisted unless suitable mitigation can be provided which does not exacerbate run off elsewhere. Suggest liaison with EA to ensure robust wording.
WEN7 Advise leaving out specific locations as flood maps change over time as modelling updates are provided. Looking at surface water flood map all locations mentioned have high surface water flood risk. Suggest liaison with Environment Agency to ensure wording robust.

General - Consider publication version policy references for Strategic Policies and Land Allocations DPD and Development Management DPD Review as numbers may have changed.
Appendix V

Copy of Regulation 14 Covering Letter/Email to all Parishioners, Statutory Consultees and Other Stakeholders

Mrs G Mason
Parish Clerk
23 Maplewood Avenue
Preesall
Poulton le Fylde
FY6 0PU
Email: Wenningtonpc@gmail.com

1st April 2018

Dear Consultee


I am writing to advise you that the Wennington Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been published for consultation by Wennington Parish Council.

The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared by a neighbourhood planning sub group (NPSG) of local parish councillors and interested residents on behalf of the Parish Council, building on extensive informal public consultation and engagement since 2016, including on Issues and Options and the emerging Preferred Options Draft Plan.

The consultation period runs for 8 weeks from 2nd April 2018 until 25th May 2018.

The Draft Plan and other supporting documents can be viewed and downloaded from our Neighbourhood Plan website: www.wenningtonparishcouncil.wordpress.com/planning/

Hard copies of the Draft Plan can be provided on request from:

Carl Hunter
Chairman – Wennington Parish Council
Mill Croft
Spout Lane
Wennington
LA2 8NX
Email: chairman.wenningtonpc@gmail.com
Tel: 07470 27 69 23

A Representation Form is provided for comments, but the Parish Council also welcome comments by email or in writing.

Please submit all comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan to:

Mrs G Mason
Parish Clerk
23 Maplewood Avenue
Following this formal public consultation process on the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Plan will be amended and submitted to Lancaster City Council together with supporting documentation, including a Basic Conditions Statement and Consultation Statement setting out who has been consulted, how the consultation has been undertaken and how the representations received have informed the Plan.

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If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or via email or by telephone.

Yours Sincerely

Carl Hunter
Chairman – Wennington Parish Council
## Appendix VI

**Copy of Regulation 14 Representation/Response Form**

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Please use the box below and overleaf for any comments.
Thank you for your time and interest.
Please return this form by 5pm Friday 25th May 2018 to:
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Appendix VII

Copy of Wennington Parish Council Website (screenshots)

Neighbourhood Plan


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The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Click here to download a copy of the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

Click here to download a copy of the Representation (Comments) Form.

Click here to download a copy of the Planning Policy Assessment document.

Background

Wenington Parish Council have made a commitment to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) covering the whole of the Parish Boundary. A Neighbourhood Planning Sub Group (NPSG) of the Parish Council has been established, to lead on this important initiative, which reports to the Parish Council at each council meeting.

Lancaster City Council approved [in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012] our Neighbourhood Plan designation area.

The NPSG is totally committed to ensuring that parishioners and stakeholders are kept informed and fully engage with the development of our Neighbourhood Plan. A copy of our ‘Communication and Engagement Strategy’ can be found by clicking here.

Progress to date:

- Community Engagement Event – February 2017
- Summary of Engagement Event
- Housing Needs Survey – June 2017
- Analysis of Survey
- Collection & development of the evidence base – July – September 2017
- Development of the Issues and Options document – October 2017
- Issues and Options – Comments Form
- Informal consultation, on the ‘Issues and Options’, during October and November 2017
- Issues and Options – Drop In Event – 28th October 2017 at the Melling Institute
- Review of ‘Issues and Options’ feedback – December 2017
- Summary of Comments & Feedback
- NPSG Responses and Proposed Revisions to Draft Plan
- Informal consultation (First Draft NDP) – 13th December 2017 – 12th January 2018
- Approval, by the Parish Council, of the 2nd Draft NDP for formal (Regulation 14) public consultation – 19th March 2018
Here are a few photos from our first Community Engagement Event held on Saturday 18th February 2017:

If you have any views or suggestions, for how you would like to see your community develop, please let us know by using the ‘CONTACT US’ section above or email us at chairman.wenningtonpc@gmail.com

Minutes of our NPSG Meetings:

NPSG – Meeting 1 – 27.08.16

NPSG – Meeting 2 – 19.10.16
NPSG - Meeting 3 - 18.01.17
NPSG - Meeting 4 - 31.01.17
NPSG - Meeting 5 - 28.02.17
NPSG - Meeting 6 - 30.05.17
NPSG - Meeting 7 - 05.06.17
NPSG - Meeting 8 - 19.06.17
NPSG - Meeting 9 - 24.07.17
NPSG - Meeting 10 - 05.10.2017
NPSG - Meeting 11 - 04.12.2017
NPSG - Meeting 12 - 05.03.2018

The following documents contain useful information on the process involved in developing a Neighbourhood Plan:

Neighbourhood Planning Roadmap
Neighbourhood Planning Roadmap
Neighbourhood Planning Quick Guide

Guidance Note on Preparing a Neighbourhood Plan Sept 2014 V2

The following web links provide further information on the wider issue of neighbourhood planning:

http://mycommunity.org.uk/programme/neighbourhood-planning/
http://www.parliament.uk/neighbourhood-planning
http://planningguidance.comunities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/
## Appendix VIII

### Copy List of Parishioners and other Organisations notified of Regulation 14 Consultation

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