

Fillongley
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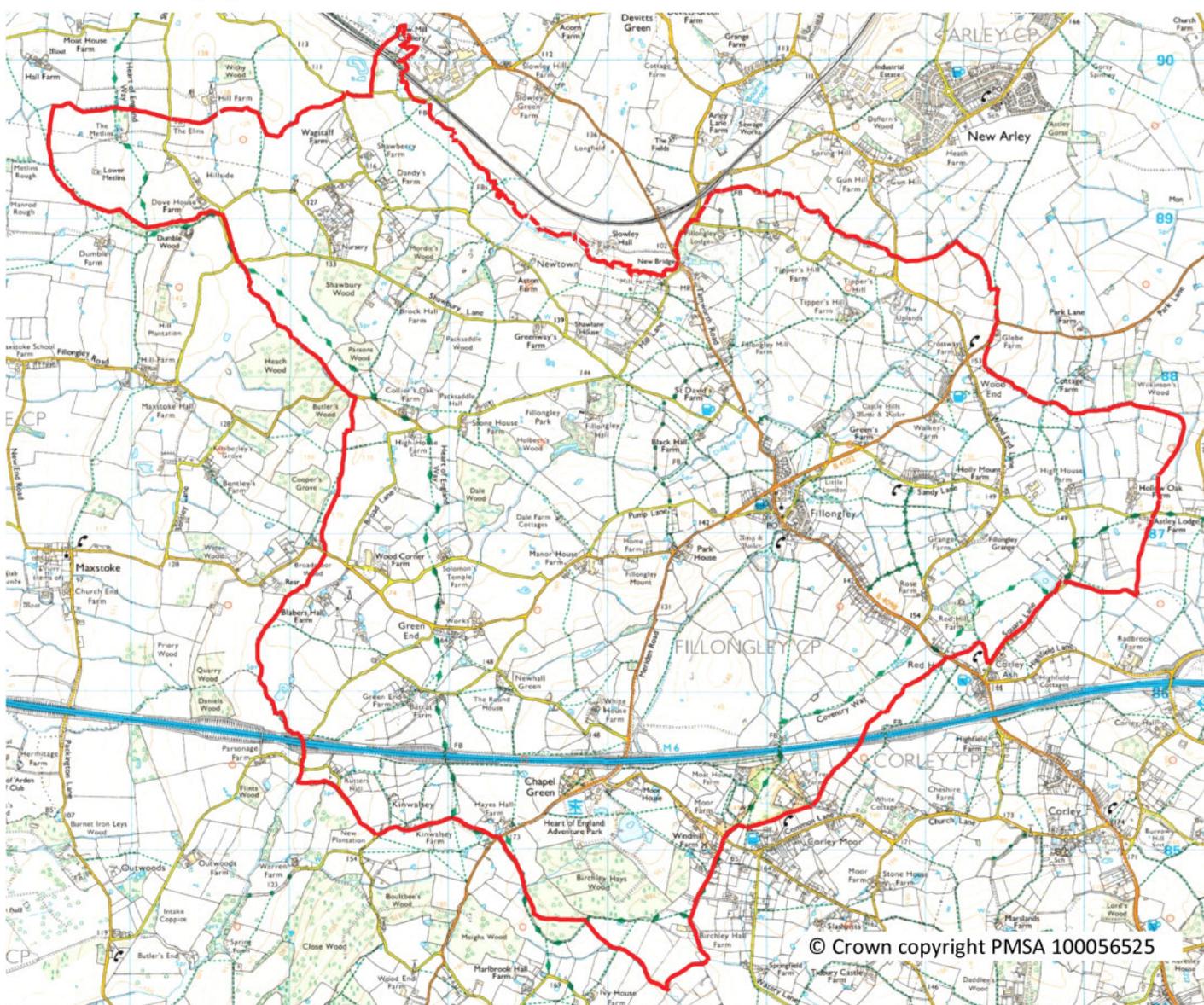
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Fillongley Neighbourhood Plan

1 Background

In 2013 the Parish Council asked the local community for volunteers to work on the neighbourhood plan for Fillongley. Throughout the process, we strived to get all members of our community involved and harness both the technical expertise within our community and everyone else (with technical ability or not) to ensure that the views of all the community were included. We had input from numerous community groups including: Fillongley Scouts and Cubs, Fillongley Golden Years, Bournebrook School, St Marys and All Saints Church, local business owners, farmers, Landlords and users of the local pubs.

MAP1 : Fillongley Parish



Fillongley Parish covers a very large geographic area. It is made up of the village centre and numerous hamlets (noted on the map) which derive from the farming history of the Parish which is still very much in evidence today.

Characteristics of Fillongley

Fillongley falls within the Ancient Arden Landscape and has with it characteristics such as holly hedges interspersed with oak trees which are indicative of the area.

Centre of village is a Conservation Area.

Ribbon development through centre of village

Dispersed settlements in hamlets

Dispersed Listed Buildings

Predominantly rural, and historically farming village

Red sandstone buildings and walls created from local stone that is still found in fields.

History

Fillongley has 2 Ancient Monument Sites; a 12th Century Ring & Bailey called Castle Yard that lies 80m to the South West of the village centre and an 11th Century Motte & Bailey Castle called Castle Hills which lies 200m to the North West. The origins of a settlement can be traced further back, but through the ages, the area has been a peaceful, rural, predominantly farming community.

Vision Statement

To value, protect and promote the parish of Fillongley; a thriving rural community, preserving its historic setting and character whilst working to ensure its long term future by meeting the needs of those who live and work in this outstanding rural area. The built and natural heritage of the Parish will be maintained and protected. Future housing building should conform to the existing character by comprising small developments in keeping with their surroundings. Provision of a mix of housing for all sectors of the community must be made. Rural setting and character will be preserved and enhanced for residents and visitors alike.

Monitoring and Review

To be effective plans need to be kept up-to-date. Our neighbourhood plan is likely to require updating in whole or in part at least every 5 years. Reviews should be proportionate to the issues in hand. Once the Plan has been accepted the Parish Council will annually consider whether any major changes should be made to the Plan. This process should ensure that the Plan remains current and relevant during its projected life.

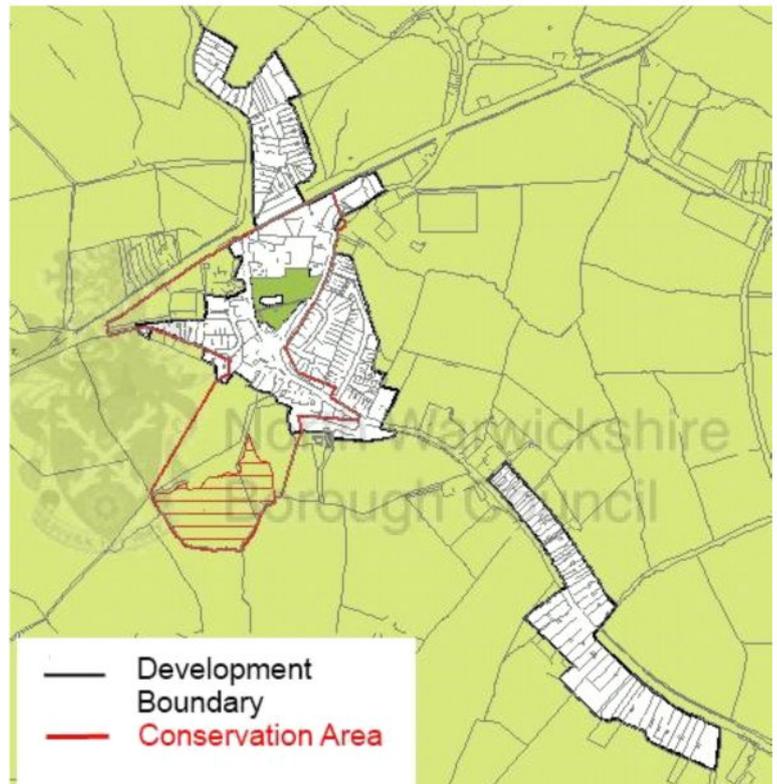
The Plan will be reviewed formally on a five year cycle or to coincide with a review of NWBC Local Plan.

MAP2 : Fillongley Development Boundary and Conservation Area

Fillongley Parish has two separate “*Development Boundaries*” within which development is permitted (subject to NWBC policies). Outside of development boundaries all of the land lies within the Green Belt.

NWBC has reviewed the Boundaries (which were put in place prior to 1995) and there are no plans to alter these.

FNP is unable to contradict the Local Plan (NWBC) which already has a preferred site for future development. Fillongley is restricted by the lack of available land within the development boundaries

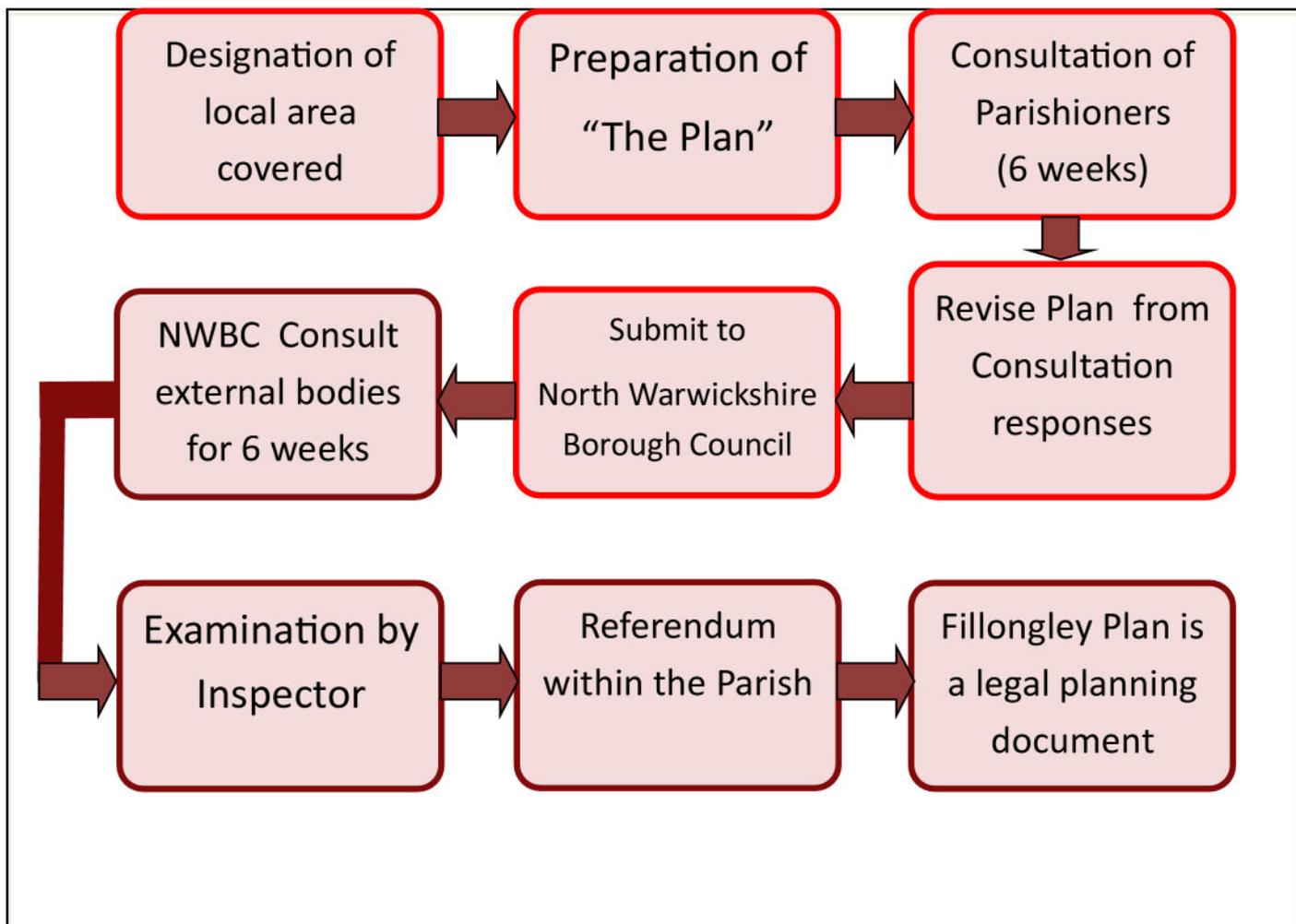


The Conservation area covers much of the centre of the village and includes Fillongley Castle which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. There are further restrictions on properties and trees within the Conservation Area.

Whilst, in theory, the laws and Policies already in place should protect our Green Belt, it has been shown that to bolster these laws with a robust Neighbourhood Plan can ensure that future development fits local wishes. Future development can be where we want it and what is needed within the Parish, ensuring a good mix of accommodation, making Fillongley attractive to all ages and ensuring its survival.

NWBC requires Fillongley to grow, helping the Borough to meet its housing requirements. However as the majority of the Parish lies within the Green Belt we would expect most future developments to take place within the Development Boundary. Housing is likely to come forward on windfall sites through the re-use of brownfield sites or the conversion of rural buildings.

Neighbourhood Plan Preparation Process



Before the examination, and at a number of stages during the process, the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Planning Group have informally requested NWBC to check the plan for conformity, to minimise the risk of failure at the examination stage.

The Fillongley Neighbourhood Plan will be the subject of an independent examination where it will be scrutinised. The Plan may be considered to be in conformity with local and national strategic planning policy, however the Inspector may raise any issues they are not happy with.

When the plan has been confirmed as being acceptable, the Fillongley Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the development plan along with NWBC Local Plan, and will be used to assess the acceptability of planning applications in the parish.

1.1.0 Preparation of the plan

Scoping Survey and Analysis

1.1.1 The NP group devised a scoping survey to ascertain what was important to local people. It was decided that there would be more Community engagement if members of the NP group visited community groups discussing and handing out the survey and waiting for responses rather than just posting them to each household. Surveys were taken to Community Groups, (Golden Years, Gardening Club, Scouting units, Bournebrook School Pupils) asking what they liked and disliked about the Parish and what they would consider makes their community special and distinctive, by answering questions including what are you most proud of as a resident? In identifying the groups listed above, care was taken to ensure that these groups were representative of the wider community to provide a suitably balanced output. Identical surveys were also delivered to every farm and known business premises in the Parish together with stamped addressed envelopes for returns. Surveys were also left in the pubs with a box for returns.

1.1.2 The results were analysed and split into 2; business and residential. It was evident upon examination that there were clearly responses from those who live outside the Parish but as they appear to be involved in Parish life through groups and organisations and so have positively contributed to the development of Fillongley Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the number of non-residents completing the form would not have skewed the overall results.

1.1.3 The analysis of the survey gave us a wide range of likes and dislikes, desires for improvement and things to maintain as they are. There were some over-riding issues which dominated the responses and as these are then obviously what matters to people, this is how we formulated the areas for the NP policies.

1.2.0 Recording and Fact Finding

1.2.1 A group established key facts about the Parish from the Census etc, including population, age groups, where people worked etc.

1.2.2 A Housing Needs Survey was carried out with the guidance of North Warwickshire Borough Council to try and estimate future requirements.

1.2.3 WCC Ecology department mapped and recorded some of the key landscape and ecological sites in the parish.

1.2.4 Separate groups researched existing documents in each area to gain as much insight into each sector and to ascertain existing “rules” that the NP would need to adhere to.

1.3.0 Sustainability appraisal

1.3.1 The Neighbourhood Planning Group prepared a draft Sustainability Appraisal to ascertain the viability of doing this for each site that may be put forward.

1.3.2 Sustainability Appraisals are not required as no site allocations for development are being proposed within the Neighbourhood Plan.

1.4.0 Consultation

1.4.1 The First Consultation—The Scoping Survey

The initial survey consisted of very open questions to prompt discussion. This was delivered by members of the NP Group to village groups including Bournebrook School, Golden Years, Scouts, Cubs, Gardening Club, sent to all local businesses (including farms), and left at central locations such as village pubs for collection.

1.4.2 Fillongley Show

This is an annual agricultural show that has been running in the parish since 1919. Fillongley Parish Council had a stand at the Fillongley Show and were actively promoting completion of the initial survey and participation in the Plan to as many of the Shows' 5000 visitors as possible.

1.4.3 "The Flyer"

At the end of 2015 we published the proposals for our Neighbourhood Plan in the form of an 8 page A4 document which was delivered to every household. It used the issues identified from the initial scoping survey which the Community felt needed tackling, together with the evidence base of existing parameters and local research to set out a vision for our community for the future.

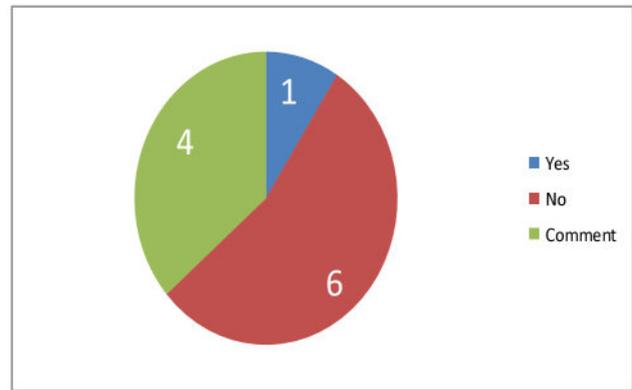
1.4.4 The Second Consultation Event

The flyer was followed up with an information packed drop-in afternoon at the village hall which had been well publicised (on the flyer, posters and Parish Magazine) and was well attended by a wide spectrum of the Community. There was a questionnaire for attendees to complete if they wished, giving people the opportunity to make further comment, ask questions, compliment or criticise any part of the proposals.

The Parish Council collated the information and responses.

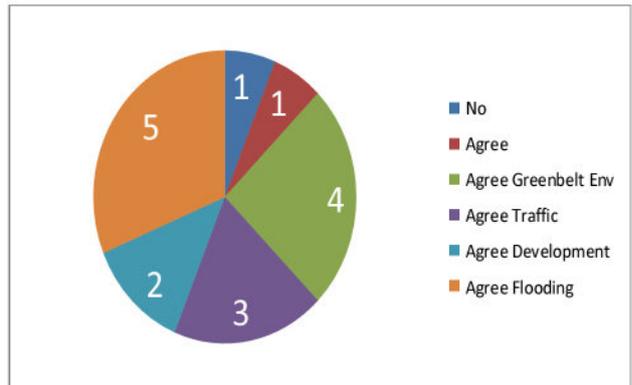
Do you strongly disagree with current proposals?

Yes	1
No	6
Comment	4



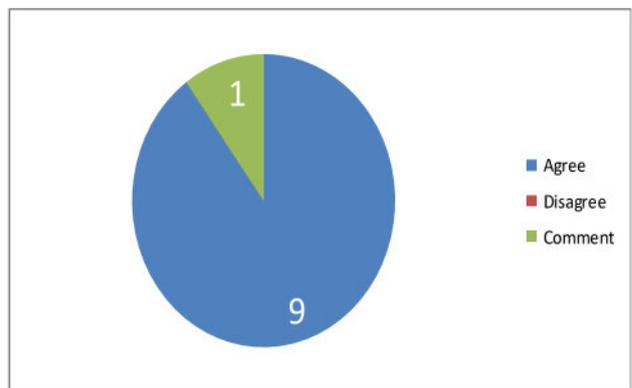
Do you agree with current proposals ?

No	1
Agree	1
Agree Greenbelt Env	4
Agree Traffic	3
Agree Development	2
Agree Flooding	5



Do you agree with proposed objectives and the future of the Parish?

Agree	9
Disagree	0
Comment	1



1.4.5.0 Final consultation

1.4.5.1 Being mindful of the fact that the Fillongley Neighbourhood Plan has to conform with both national and local planning policy, the Parish Council have informally consulted NWBC throughout the process to ensure that there are no obvious areas of conflict.

1.4.5.2 The final round of consultation was the publication of the draft Fillongley Neighbourhood Plan. Full copies were delivered to every property in the village, statutory consultees and was also viewable/ downloadable from the Parish Council website. Comments were returned to the Clerk to the Parish Council. Comments were then reviewed and amendments made where appropriate.

1.5.0 Matching community needs and development

Having assembled a wealth of information there was a need to try and make community desires/needs match up with established policies/laws. One example of this is housing;

1.5.1 The Housing Needs Survey evidence supplied by NWBC showed that there would be a future need for a variety of homes in the Parish.

1.5.2 NWBC current Local Plan requires a minimum of 30 homes to be built in the Parish

1.5.3 There is no specific requirement from NWBC as to which type of homes these should be.

1.5.4 There were some sites allocated by NWBC in the Parish. None of these have wholehearted support from the local people.

1.5.5 The sites are not large enough to provide enough houses to meet the requirement.

1.5.6 The village has a Development Boundary, with the remainder of the Parish Green Belt, therefore to comply with NWBC policy any proposed development should be within the Development Boundary.

1.5.7 The landscape and ecological survey identified some sites that have high ecological value and should not be built on in order to protect the rural environment that people have said that they value highly.

1.5.8 As FNP must comply with NWBC policies this has created conflict. Following lengthy investigation it was decided that the most appropriate way forward is to rely on windfall sites (barn conversions etc) and brownfield sites to fulfil the requirement.

1.5.9 Some suggestions were however not put forward; a train line circling the village and a runway able to accommodate the Airbus A380 were found to be suggestions from younger children based on their current aspiration of “what you want to do when you’re older”, and were not indicative of general opinion and also did not comply with NWBC Core Strategy and the Draft Local Plan!

1.5.10 The Parish Council’s role in these exercises was to ensure that the NP Group complies with other plans that form part of the Development Plan for the area, was representative of the community and that Parishioners were actively involved. It was important for them to take this overview as it was critical that the plan received the overall support of the parish in a referendum.

1.5.11 Overall, there has been an over-riding feeling that residents enjoy living here. Most see the need for some expansion, but do not want it to be to the detriment of the existing rural, peaceful village that we have. Many responses request the return of the Post Office, improved local shopping and improved bus services. We do not wish for large industry to come to the locality and change the nature of our Parish. We do not wish to have so many new houses that the natural gap separating the hamlets from surrounding Parishes are filled. Protection of the Green Belt and our tranquil environment is predominant.

2.0 Policies and Proposals

2.1 Built Environment

2.1.0 Key Facts

2.1.1 Fillongley Parish is made up of dispersed rural settlements including farms and barns with a distinct local style. The village centre includes a number of listed buildings; some showing the remains of 16th and 17th century timber framing. Most 'traditional' housing is mainly two storey, and of red brick or rendered construction with flat clay tiles or slate roofing and small vertical windows.

2.1.2 There is some ribbon development mainly radiating from the centre of the village, where dwellings have been built side by side on road frontages in typical suburban pre and post war style with further development taking place in the 1960s using tile clad front elevations and interlocking tile roofing.

2.1.3 A Conservation Area covers an area of the village centre.

2.1.4 NWBC have defined 2 Development Boundaries: this allows building within those areas. Land outside these areas is designated Green Belt.

2.1.5 There are several areas with parking issues; predominantly either where houses have no parking area (often due to the historic nature of the Parish) or where properties have been extended and numerous members of the household have multiple vehicles such that there is not enough space for all including on-street parking.

2.2.0 Survey Responses Indicated

2.2.1 Desire to maintain geographical independence from Birmingham, Coventry and other settlements.

2.2.2 Limit development to small plots of land.

2.2.3 Preserve older houses and rural character of the village.

2.2.4 Maintain village atmosphere and strong sense of community.

2.2.5 Lack of parking spaces.

2.2.6 New builds 'not in keeping' with village.

2.2.7 Maximise and develop in and around the village centre.

2.2.8 Safe and friendly space for families and children to grow up in and businesses to thrive.

2.2.9 Policies to encourage sustainable development and renewable energy.

2.3.0 NP Objectives

2.3.1 Ensure the designs of new buildings do not cause a detrimental change to the overall

character of the village by encouraging developments that use the scale, shapes and forms of traditional Arden valley buildings, especially in or close to the 'Conservation Area'.

2.3.2 Encourage developments that follow the existing dispersed settlement pattern throughout the Parish and that blend with the natural features of the landscape.

2.3.4 Permit developments that fill gaps between existing premises.

2.3.5 Not to exacerbate existing parking issues or create new ones.

FNP01 Built Environment

Ensure the designs of new buildings (including extensions) do not cause a detrimental change to the overall character of the village by encouraging developments that use the scale, shapes and forms of 'traditional Arden Valley buildings, especially in or close to the Conservation Area. This may result in mixed style buildings which are highly characteristic of the area. However each would need to be judged on its own merits to avoid inappropriate juxtapositions.

Conserve the built character of Ancient Arden landscape by ensuring that new development reflects vernacular features as stated in '*Design Guidelines for development in Ancient Arden*'

All new buildings should be in the characteristic local vernacular form with simple gabled roof, low eaves lines and limited overall height, subject to compliance with current building regulations.

Larger forms should be broken up into 2 or 3 smaller interconnecting elements with limited roof spans to reduce overall height. Irregular, horizontally spread agglomerations are preferred to bulky dominating boxes.

This policy applies to all type of development both housing and commercial sector.

Building on existing car parking areas will not be permitted if this decreases overall capacity to less than a minimum 2 spaces . Additional spaces will be required (as per FNP09 Traffic & Transport) if additional bedrooms are added.

Bedroom extensions will not be permitted where no off-road parking is available.

The historic and rural nature of the Parish is recognised and the setting of the Church is significant, as is the balance of the rural landscape. No development shall be permitted to infringe this balance.

Section 106 payments/CIL financial contributions, will go towards;

- maintenance of definitive footpaths in the locality of the development
- improvements to levels of biodiversity and interconnectivity using data from the Habitat Biodiversity Audit in the locality of the development

2.4 Green Belt

2.4.0 Key Facts

2.4.1 The Green Belt has the purposes of safeguarding the countryside from encroachment and also protecting the setting of historic towns. It is an important planning policy designation and has a huge impact on Fillongley. Fillongley has two separate areas that are defined by a development boundary. The remainder of the Parish lies within the Green Belt.

2.4.2 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in “exceptional circumstances”.

2.5.0 Survey Responses Indicated

2.5.1 Maintain geographical independence from Birmingham, Coventry and other settlements.

2.5.2 Protect Green Belt including area around village.

2.5.3 Protect Green Belt, restore Daw Mill to a green belt designated site as per 1996 planning consent.

2.6.0 NP Objectives

2.6.1 To protect the Green Belt

2.7.0 Summary

2.7.1 As per the NPPF Fillongley is in the Green Belt and inappropriate development will not be permitted unless very special circumstances can be demonstrated. The Greenbelt Policy is set out in the NPPF and so no separate policy is required within this plan.

2.3 Natural Environment

2.8.0 Key Facts

2.8.1 The Landscape Character Assessment records the landscapes of Fillongley as Ancient Arden: Arden Valleys. This is a specialist description of the local character and distinctiveness of the area. The Neighbourhood Plan has collected new evidence of the ecology of the Parish—both the species that live here and the way they use the fields, woodland and hedgerows to move around. (This data is called Biodiversity Interconnectivity Mapping).

2.8.2 There are many relatively small green open spaces around the Parish that contribute to the overall nature of the area and the well-being of the Community.

2.9.0 Survey Responses Indicated

- 2.9.1 The rural environment is important for living & working
- 2.9.2 Countryside is valued
- 2.9.3 Want protection from wind turbine development
- 2.9.4 There is some existing traffic noise pollution
- 2.9.5 Natural water sources are valued
- 2.9.6 Natural darkness is preferred to light pollution
- 2.9.7 Protect ancient woodland, hedges, trees, and wildlife
- 2.9.8 Enjoy walks in the countryside
- 2.9.9 Peaceful surroundings

2.10.0 NP Objectives

- 2.10.1 To protect and enhance the natural environment.
- 2.10.2 To protect the visual appearance and important scenic aspects of the village centre (the setting) and other rural and natural features in the landscape.
- 2.10.3 Ensure new residential and commercial development meets the following criteria;
 - ⇒ Blends sympathetically with the landscape
 - ⇒ Does not spoil any scenic aspect of ,or distract from, the visual appearance of the village centre or countryside.
 - ⇒ Not unduly prominent
 - ⇒ Not create adverse impact on an area when added to existing buildings in that area
 - ⇒ Does not disturb the tranquillity of rural life
- 2.10.4 To protect the existing health and wellbeing of the local community.

FNP02 Natural Environment

To protect and enhance the environment, ensuring the tranquil, rural nature of the Parish.

To protect the visual appearance and important scenic aspects of the village centre (the setting) and other rural and natural features in the landscape.

To protect the green spaces that already exist within and on the edges of the developed areas of the Parish as these contribute to the history, the rural nature, to residents well-being and the bio-diversity of the Parish. See map Appendix.

To protect and increase, where possible, current levels of biodiversity and interconnectivity by ensuring current wildlife corridors (using data from Biodiversity Interconnectivity Mapping) are maintained, and increased where practicable.

FNP02 Natural Environment (continued)

To protect all existing definitively mapped footpaths that criss-cross our Parish and ensure that they are there for future generations to enjoy.

To protect existing habitats of native species (using data from Habitat Distinctiveness Area map).

To protect traditional Arden landscaped hedges and native trees.

2.11 Flooding

2.11.0 Key Facts

2.11.1 The village centre and some properties downstream of Bourne Brook have a history of periodic flash flooding.

2.11.12 Severn Trent has said that some foul and storm water sewers in the village are not currently adequate and could exacerbate flooding with contaminated water.

2.11.13 Severn Trent are unable to object to additional housing; they have a duty to ensure water services are provided.

2.11.14 Global warming predictions indicate more frequent incidences of flooding in the future.

2.11.15 A NWBC Hydrology study has predicted village flood zones and some properties at possible risk of flooding after rainfall events .

2.12.0 Survey Responses Indicated

2.12.1 Improve flood defences.

2.12.2 Better drainage needed.

2.12.3 Improve drainage through road gullies.

2.12.4 Reduce storm water flow through village culvert and improve downstream watercourse.

2.12.5 Request for balancing ponds to slow the flow of water in heavy rain periods.

2.12.6 A specific proposal to reduce flooding before any further planning proposals are considered.

2.13.0 NP Objectives

2.13.1 To minimise flood risk within the village.

FNP03 Flooding

To minimise flood risk within the village whilst maintaining balance with other policies. Any developments will ameliorate flood risks by providing SUDS as required in consultation with the lead flood authority.

2.14 Housing

2.14.0 Key Facts

2.14.1 Fillongley Parish currently has a population of around 1500 persons in 654 dwellings. Approximately 20% of households have age groups under 20, 43% over 50 and 14% over 70 years old.

2.14.2 There are approximately 23% of one person households, with around half (11%) being single people aged over 65, and 2.7% are lone parents.

2.14.3 Approximately 72% of households in Fillongley are owned outright or with a mortgage by the occupants.

2.14.4 Less than 1% have shared ownership. 17% are rented households, with less than 10% being socially rented accommodation.

2.14.5 NWBC Local Plan requires a minimum of 30 new houses to be built in Fillongley by 2029 and over half have already been built /planning permissions granted.

2.15.0 Survey Responses Indicated

2.15.1 The Parish Council, together with NWBC, commissioned a Housing Needs Survey throughout the Parish and the results are :

Your home is not the right size for your current needs ? 4 responses

Your home is not the right size for your future needs ? 18 responses

You will need smaller accommodation within the next 20 years? 34 responses

Rented Housing – 12.7 % of respondents rent their homes now

2.16.0 NP Objectives

2.16.1 Any limited new development should encourage a broad mix of housing types including smaller starter homes and retirement dwellings and some provision for 'Affordable Housing' for local people.

FNP04 Housing

New developments should encourage a broad mix of housing types including smaller starter homes and retirement dwellings together with provision for 'Affordable Housing' for local people as per NWBC requirements.

2.17 Economy

2.17.0 Key Facts

2.17.1 69% of population (who are of working age) are employed.

Of these, 22% are self employed, mainly rural (farms) and small businesses.

2.17.2 1% are unemployed

2.17.3 30% are economically inactive (retired/students etc)

2.17.4 A wide range of local employers with local and national businesses

2.17.5 There are 26 working farms

2.17.6 A wide variety of rural businesses serving existing residents

2.17.7 30% of Fillongley residents travel less than 3 miles to work.

2.17.8 Inconsistent broadband speed throughout Parish

2.18.0 Survey Responses Indicated

2.18.1 Enjoy having the facilities of local pub

2.18.2 Enjoyed having a local shop (since closed)

2.18.2 Would like to see a Post Office re-open

2.18.2 Improve broad band connection

2.18.3 Improve mobile phone signal

2.18.4 Recognition that employment & residential occupation need to be considered together

2.18.5 Flexibility to create employment/business

2.18.6 Wish to be a centre for rural business

2.18.7 To support local businesses

2.18.8 Lack of public transport

2.18.9 Support for more sustainable business practices

2.19.0 NP Objectives

2.19.1 Support development of new rural businesses/rural employment opportunities when they are not to the detriment of existing residents.

2.19.2 Ensure that new employment developments provide/ensure sustainable transport provision.

2.19.3 Support digital infrastructure provision. Support local business/amenities such as shops/pubs.

FNP05 Economy

Support development of new rural businesses/rural employment opportunities when they are not to the detriment of existing residents.

Ensure that new employment developments provide/ensure sustainable transport provision.

Support digital infrastructure provision such as mobile phone/broadband.

Support local business/amenities such as shops/pubs.

2.18 Heritage

2.18.0 Key Facts

2.18.1 The Historic Environment Record shows the extent to which Fillongley is rich in built and natural heritage, of both local and national importance.

- 50 listed structures
- Ridge and furrow fields
- Parkland surrounding manor houses
- WW2 defence remains

2.18.2 Written records relating to Fillongley refer back to the year 900 showing significant settlements then.

2.18.3 Two moated sites from Norman and earlier times, and related parkland in the central location form part of the evidence of the steady development of a settlement throughout the centuries.

2.18.4 Strong sense of Community with numerous extended families having resided within the Parish for generations.

2.18.5 Wide variety of community activities throughout the Parish aimed at all ages of Parishioners.

2.19.0 Survey Responses Indicated

2.19.1 Value the character and atmosphere of the village

2.19.2 Protect the castle remains

2.19.3 Value the Church

- 2.19.4 Value the Ancient woodland
- 2.19.5 The strong sense of history matters in the living, working and leisure environment.
- 2.19.6 Protect the village, keeping it's 'feel'.

2.20.0 NP Objectives

- 2.20.1 Work towards further protection and enhancement of both the recorded assets of the parish, and other locally identified heritage features .
- 2.20.2 Work towards building on existing 'Design Guidelines for development in Ancient Arden' and for 'Fillongley Conservation Area' which describe local distinctiveness, character, and historic context .
- 2.20.3 Encourage maintenance of existing community spirit.

FNP06 Heritage

Work towards further protection and enhancement of both the recorded assets of the parish, and other locally identified heritage features. (Appendix XYZ)

S106/CIL financial contribution to go towards improvements for interconnectivity of Ancient Woodland using data from Habitat Biodiversity Audit, in the locality of the development.

2.21 Traffic and Transport

2.21.0 Key Facts

- 2.21.1 As the origin of the Parish is scattered settlements, a large number of the houses in the Parish are on single track roads with high banked hedges obscuring forward vision.
- 2.21.2 Fillongley Village centre is set on two main roads. The B4098 from Coventry to Tamworth and the B4102 from Meriden to Nuneaton
- 2.21.3 The village has a pinch point near the church which makes it difficult for HGV's to pass oncoming traffic.
- 2.21.4 The pavements in the village are in places extremely narrow and somewhat uneven and in some places non-existent.
- 2.21.5 There is a school, church and a public house in the centre of the village, which generate between them the majority of the pedestrian traffic .
- 2.21.6 The use of cycles by the village residents is low.

2.21.7 The village is poorly supported by public transport; villagers mainly use private cars to commute to and from work.

2.21.8 There are future threats on our roads from potential developments from; UK Central, at Meriden (Coleshill South), 800 Housing Development Keresley, Daw Mill Colliery development application.

2.22.0 Survey Responses Indicated

2.22.1 The volume of traffic travelling through the village has been highlighted as a concern to many residents.

2.22.2 The speed of traffic through the village causes concern.

2.22.3 Better public transport would be welcomed.

2.22.4 HGV's travelling through the village are a nuisance to the community, including at night time.

2.22.5 Crossroads need to be made safer.

2.22.6 Would like road safety measures to be introduced.

2.22.7 There have previously been requests for traffic lights at the crossroads.

2.22.8 Lack of Car Parking.

2.22.9 Concerns regarding "rat running" through Church Lane and Ousterne Lane.

2.23.0 NP Objectives

2.23.1 To promote good vehicular access, parking/garaging and turning provisions for new developments without detriment to existing residents and the street scene .

2.23.2 To ensure that number of car parking spaces to be related to the size of the property.

2.23.3 To support accessibility and the use of public transport.

FNP07 Traffic and Transport

To promote safe vehicular access, parking/garaging and turning provisions for new developments without detriment to existing residents and the street scene.

To ensure that number of car parking spaces to be related to the size of the new and extended properties; i.e a minimum of 2 parking spaces (as per NWBC standard) plus an additional 1 parking space per increased bedroom.

Prevent developments that will give rise to significant traffic (particularly heavy goods) in/through the Parish.

3.0 Community Aspiration

3.1.0 Key Facts

3.1.1 Strong sense of Community with numerous extended families having resided within the Parish for generations.

3.1.2 Wide variety of community activities throughout the Parish aimed at all ages of Parishioners.

3.2.0 Survey Responses Indicated

3.2.1 Protect the village keeping it's 'feel'.

3.2.2 Great community spirit

3.2.3 Friendly place to live

3.3.0 NP Objectives

Whilst it is recognised that these are valued parts of Fillongley it is not practical to embody them in a Policy, however, Parishioners would wish the spirit of their sentiments to be acknowledged when shaping the future of the Parish.

3.3.1 *Encourage maintenance of existing community spirit to protect the health and wellbeing of the local community.*

3.3.2 *Encourage developments that follow the existing dispersed settlement pattern throughout the Parish and that blend with the natural features of the landscape.*

3.3.3 *To support accessibility and the use of public transport.*

3.3.4 *Encouragement will be given to land owners and developers to reduce/minimise flood risk within the village whilst maintaining balance with other policies. This could be by a range of provisions such as additional ditches, ponds etc.*

3.3.5 *Work towards building on existing 'Design Guidelines for development in Ancient Arden' and for 'Fillongley Conservation Area' which describe local distinctiveness, character, and historic context .*

4.0 References

References to relevant policies to our plan, this is not an exhaustive list and there may be others that are also relevant.

FNP1: Built Environment

NPPF 28 Core Planning Principles 'always seek to secure high quality design and a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and buildings'.

NPPF56 The Government attaches great importance to the design of the built environment. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, is indivisible from good planning, and should contribute positively to making places better for people.

NPPF64 Permission should be refused for development of poor design that fails to take the opportunities available for improving the character and quality of an area and the way it functions.

NWLP-CS 4.6 Strategic Objectives 'To deliver high quality developments based on sustainable and inclusive designs'.

NPPF 17 Core Planning Principles 'encourage the effective use of land by reusing land that has previously been developed (brownfield land)'

NWLP-CS NW10 Development Considerations 1. 'be targeted at using brownfield land etc'.

FNP2: Greenbelt

NPPF 85 Defining Green Belt Boundaries

NWLP-CS 2.2 Spatial Portrait 'the rural nature of the Borough is very important'

NWLP-CS 4.1 Strategic Objectives 'rural character reflected in development'

NWLP-CS 7.1 Core Policies 'the maintenance of the Green Belt'

FNP3: Natural Environment

NWLP-CS 4.8 Strategic Objectives 'maintain a network of accessible, good quality Green Infrastructure etc.'

NWLP-CS 7.76 Green Infrastructure 'strategically planned and delivered network of high quality green spaces etc.'

FNP4: Flooding

NPPF 100. 'Inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk, but where development is necessary, making it safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere'.

NWLP-CS7.48 despite flood alleviation works in some parts of the Borough, a significant amount of residential and employment land along and near these corridors is at risk of flooding.

NWLP-CS7.49 The Council seeks to reduce this risk by minimising surface water run-off

FNP5: Housing

NPPF 50 Identify the size, type, tenure and range of housing that is required in particular locations, reflecting local demand'.

NWLP-CS 7.9 The Borough Council is seeking to provide a variety of types and tenures of housing throughout the Borough, but will specifically seek the type and tenure to reflect the local settlement'.

FNP6: Economy

NPPF 28 Core Planning Principles 'promote the retention and development of local services and facilities in villages, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship'.

NWLP-CS 7.31 Core Policies 'The Borough Council wants to work with the private sector to create long lasting local employment opportunities as well as mitigate any adverse impacts and enhance the rural character of the Borough'.

FNP7: Heritage (AND COMMUNITY)

NPPF 28 Core Planning Principles 'promote the retention and development of local services and facilities in villages, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship'.

NPPF 70 'guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs'.

NWLP-CS NW10 Development Considerations 3 'maintain and improve the provision of accessible local and community services, unless it can be demonstrated that they are no longer needed by the community they serve'.

NWLP-CS NW10 Development Considerations 8 'not lead to the loss unless a site of equivalent quality and accessibility can be provided, or shown that it is surplus to needs'.

FNP8: Traffic and Transport

NPPF 162 'assess the quality and capacity of infrastructure for transport, water supply, wastewater and its treatment, energy (including heat), telecommunications, utilities, waste, health, social care, education, flood risk and coastal change management, and its ability to meet forecast demands.

NWLP-CS NW22 Infrastructure 'Provision of necessary services, facilities and infrastructure to meet the demands of new development and communities to include Green Infrastructure, open space, sports and recreation and transport'.

Key:

NPPF; National Planning Policy Framework, March 2012

NWLP-CS; North Warwickshire Local Plan Core Strategy 2014