

## Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan - Publicity Stage comments

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<p>NP063-1</p> <p>Sport England (North West Region)</p>	<p>Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Government planning policy, within the <b>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)</b>, identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.</p> <p>It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 96 and 97. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in <b>protecting playing fields</b> and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.  <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy">http://www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy</a></p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on <b>developing planning policy</b> for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.  <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/">http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/</a></p> <p>Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 97 of the NPPF, this takes the form of <b>assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities</b>. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.</p> <p>Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.  <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance">http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance</a></p> <p>If <b>new or improved sports facilities</b> are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in</p>

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	<p>accordance with our design guidance notes.  <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/">http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/</a></p> <p>Any <b>new housing</b> developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.</p> <p>In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how <b>any new development</b>, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.</p> <p>Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.</p> <p>NPPF Section 8: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities</a>  PPG Health and wellbeing section: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing</a>  Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <a href="https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign">https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign</a></p> <p><i>(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)</i></p> <p>If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Planning Administration Team</p>
NP063-2 Historic England	<p>Historic England is the Government's statutory adviser on all matters relating to the historic environment in England. We are a non-departmental public body established under the National Heritage Act 1983 and sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). We champion and protect England's historic places, providing expert advice to local planning authorities, developers, owners and communities to help ensure our historic environment is properly understood, enjoyed and cared for.</p>

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	<p>Thank you for consulting Historic England on the above document. At this stage we have no comments to make on its content.</p> <p>If you have any queries or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>
NP063-3 Welsh Water	Thank you for consulting with Welsh Water on the Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan. This area falls outside of our operational boundary and as such we have no comment to make.
NP063-4 Highways England	<p>Thank you for consulting Highways England in relation to the proposed Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Highways England have no comments to make at this stage.</p>
NP063-5 Natural England	<p>Thank you for your consultation regarding the Publication of the Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan dated 17th December 2019.</p> <p>Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals.</p> <p>We have reviewed the attached plan however <b>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this neighbourhood plan.</b></p> <p>If the Neighbourhood Plan changes and there is the potential for environmental impacts, Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening exercises may need to be undertaken.</p>
NP063-6 CLH Pipeline System Ltd	Thank you for your email to CLH Pipeline System Ltd dated 16 December 2019 regarding the above. Please find attached a plan of our client's apparatus. We would ask that you contact us if any works are in the vicinity of the CLH-PS pipeline or alternatively go to <a href="http://www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk">www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk</a> , our free online enquiry service.
NP063-7 United Utilities	<p>Thank you for your email and links to the draft neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>United Utilities works closely with Cheshire West and Chester Council to understand future development sites and impact on our infrastructure.</p> <p>With regards to policies within the neighbourhood plan, United Utilities is pleased to see the inclusion of surface water comments in policy D2 Environmental Sustainability and adapting to climate change. As mentioned in our earlier response dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019, we would like to see the following text highlighted in red [bold italic] included as part of the justification:</p> <p><i>Surface water should be discharged in the following order of priority:</i></p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>An adequate soakaway or some other form of infiltration system.</i></li> <li>2. <i>An attenuated discharge to surface water body.</i></li> <li>3. <i>An attenuated discharge to public surface water sewer, highway drain or another drainage system.</i></li> <li>4. <i>An attenuated discharge to public combined sewer.</i></li> </ol> <p><b><i>Applicants wishing to discharge to public sewer will need to submit clear evidence demonstrating why alternative options are not available as part of the determination of their application.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Summary</u></b></p> <p>Moving forward, we respectfully request that Clotton Hoofield Parish Council continue to consult with United Utilities on all future planning documents. We are keen to continue working in partnership with you and Cheshire West and Chester Council to ensure that all new growth can be delivered sustainably.</p> <p>In the meantime, if you have any queries or would like to discuss this representation, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>
NP063-8  Canals & River Trust	<p>Thank you for the consultation on the Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan. The Canal &amp; River Trust have reviewed the details and have no comments to make. The Neighbourhood Area does not include any of our waterways.</p>
NP063-9  Avison Young on behalf of National Grid plc	<p>National Grid has appointed Avison Young to review and respond to Neighbourhood Plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regard to the current consultation on the above document.</p> <p><b>About National Grid</b></p> <p>National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) owns and maintains the electricity transmission system in England and Wales. The energy is then distributed to the electricity distribution network operators across England, Wales and Scotland.</p> <p>National Grid Gas plc (NGG) owns and operates the high-pressure gas transmission system across the UK. In the UK, gas leaves the transmission system and enters the UK's four gas distribution networks where pressure is reduced for public use.</p> <p>National Grid Ventures (NGV) is separate from National Grid's core regulated businesses. NGV develop, operate and invest in energy projects, technologies, and partnerships to help accelerate the development of a clean energy future for consumers across the UK, Europe and the United States.</p> <p><b>Proposed development sites crossed by or in close proximity to National Grid assets</b></p>

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	<p>An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission assets which include high voltage electricity assets and high-pressure gas pipelines.</p> <p>National Grid has identified that whilst it has electrical assets within the Neighbourhood Plan designated area, no assets appear to be affected by the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>National Grid provides information in relation to its assets at the website below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/">www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shape-files/</a></li> </ul> <p>Please also see attached information outlining guidance on development close to National Grid infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Distribution Networks</b></p> <p>Information regarding the electricity distribution network is available at the website below:  <a href="http://www.energynetworks.org.uk">www.energynetworks.org.uk</a></p> <p>Information regarding the gas distribution network is available by contacting:  <a href="mailto:plantprotection@cadentgas.com">plantprotection@cadentgas.com</a></p> <p><b>Further Advice</b></p> <p>Please remember to consult National Grid on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our assets. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database, if not already included.</p> <p>If you require any further information in respect of this letter, then please contact us.</p> <p><b>Guidance on development near National Grid assets</b></p> <p>National Grid is able to provide advice and guidance to the Council concerning their networks and encourages high quality and well-planned development in the vicinity of its assets.</p> <p><u>Electricity assets</u></p> <p>Developers of sites crossed or in close proximity to National Grid assets should be aware that it is National Grid policy to retain existing overhead lines in-situ, though it recognises that there may be exceptional circumstances that would justify the request where, for</p>

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	<p>example, the proposal is of regional or national importance.</p> <p>National Grid's 'Guidelines for Development near pylons and high voltage overhead power lines' promote the successful development of sites crossed by existing overhead lines and the creation of well-designed places. The guidelines demonstrate that a creative design approach can minimise the impact of overhead lines whilst promoting a quality environment. The guidelines can be downloaded here: <a href="https://www.nationalgridet.com/document/130626/download">https://www.nationalgridet.com/document/130626/download</a></p> <p>The statutory safety clearances between overhead lines, the ground, and built structures must not be infringed. Where changes are proposed to ground levels beneath an existing line then it is important that changes in ground levels do not result in safety clearances being infringed. National Grid can, on request, provide to developers detailed line profile drawings that detail the height of conductors, above ordnance datum, at a specific site.</p> <p>National Grid's statutory safety clearances are detailed in their 'Guidelines when working near National Grid Electricity Transmission assets', which can be downloaded here: <a href="http://www.nationalgridet.com/network-and-assets/working-near-our-assets">www.nationalgridet.com/network-and-assets/working-near-our-assets</a></p> <p><u>Gas assets</u></p> <p>High-Pressure Gas Pipelines form an essential part of the national gas transmission system and National Grid's approach is always to seek to leave their existing transmission pipelines in situ. Contact should be made with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in respect of sites affected by High-Pressure Gas Pipelines.</p> <p>National Grid have land rights for each asset which prevents the erection of permanent/ temporary buildings, or structures, changes to existing ground levels, storage of materials etc. Additionally, written permission will be required before any works commence within the National Grid's 12.2m building proximity distance, and a deed of consent is required for any crossing of the easement.</p> <p>National Grid's 'Guidelines when working near National Grid Gas assets' can be downloaded here: <a href="http://www.nationalgridgas.com/land-and-assets/working-near-our-assets">www.nationalgridgas.com/land-and-assets/working-near-our-assets</a></p> <p><u>How to contact National Grid</u></p> <p>If you require any further information in relation to the above and/or if you would like to check if National Grid's transmission networks may be affected by a proposed development, please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Grid's Plant Protection team: <a href="mailto:plantprotection@nationalgrid.com">plantprotection@nationalgrid.com</a></li> </ul> <p>Cadent Plant Protection Team Block 1 Brick Kiln Street</p>

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	<p>Hinckley LE10 0NA 0800 688 588 or visit the website: <a href="https://www.beforeyoudig.cadentgas.com/login.aspx">https://www.beforeyoudig.cadentgas.com/login.aspx</a></p>
<p>NP063-10</p> <p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>Thank you for consulting us on the above Neighbourhood Plan on 17th December 2019.</p> <p>We have no comments to make in respect of the submitted plan.</p>
<p>NP063-11</p> <p>Homes England</p>	<p>I would firstly like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Clotton Hoofield Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Homes England is the government's housing accelerator. We have the appetite, influence, expertise and resources to drive positive market change. By releasing more land to developers who want to make a difference, we're making possible the new homes England needs, helping to improve neighbourhoods and grow communities.</p> <p>Homes England does not have any land holdings affected by the consultation and therefore we do not propose to make at representations at this point. We will however continue to engage with you as appropriate.</p>
<p>NP063-12</p> <p>The Coal Authority</p>	<p>Thank you for consulting The Coal Authority on the above.</p> <p>Having reviewed your document, I confirm that we have no specific comments to make on it.</p> <p>Should you have any future enquiries please contact a member of Planning and Local Authority Liaison at The Coal Authority using the contact details above.</p>
<p>NP063-13</p> <p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>	<p>Please see attached response.</p>
<p>NP063-14</p> <p>Willington Parish Council</p>	<p>This is a submission from Willington parish Council. We have read the draft NP and consider it to be most relevant to the area and very well constructed. We have no adverse comments to make.</p> <p>Willington Parish Council</p>