

BURTON OVERY

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN

EVENT



2 NOVEMBER 2024

CONSULTATION ANALYSIS

1. Background

Project Brief

Burton Overy Parish Council organised an open event at the Village Hall on 2 November (10:00 am – 1:00 pm) to share the emerging policies in the Neighbourhood Plan Review with those who live and work in the Parish.

The aim of this event was to see whether or not the local community supported the emerging policies – including ones on housing, Local Green Space and environment, community facilities and design.

Publicity

The drop-in events were promoted in a variety of ways:

- The event was advertised in the community newsletter.
- Social media was used to promote the event



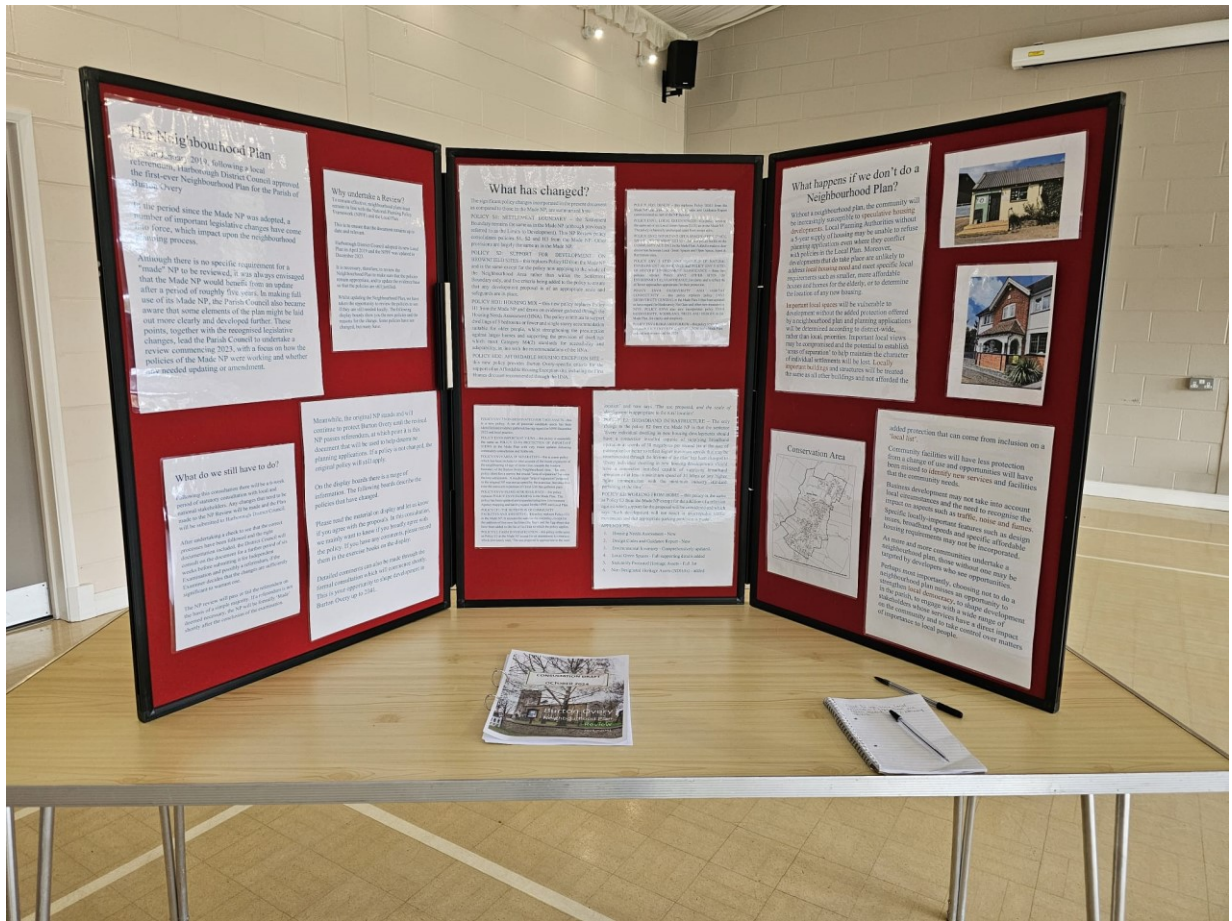
List of attendees

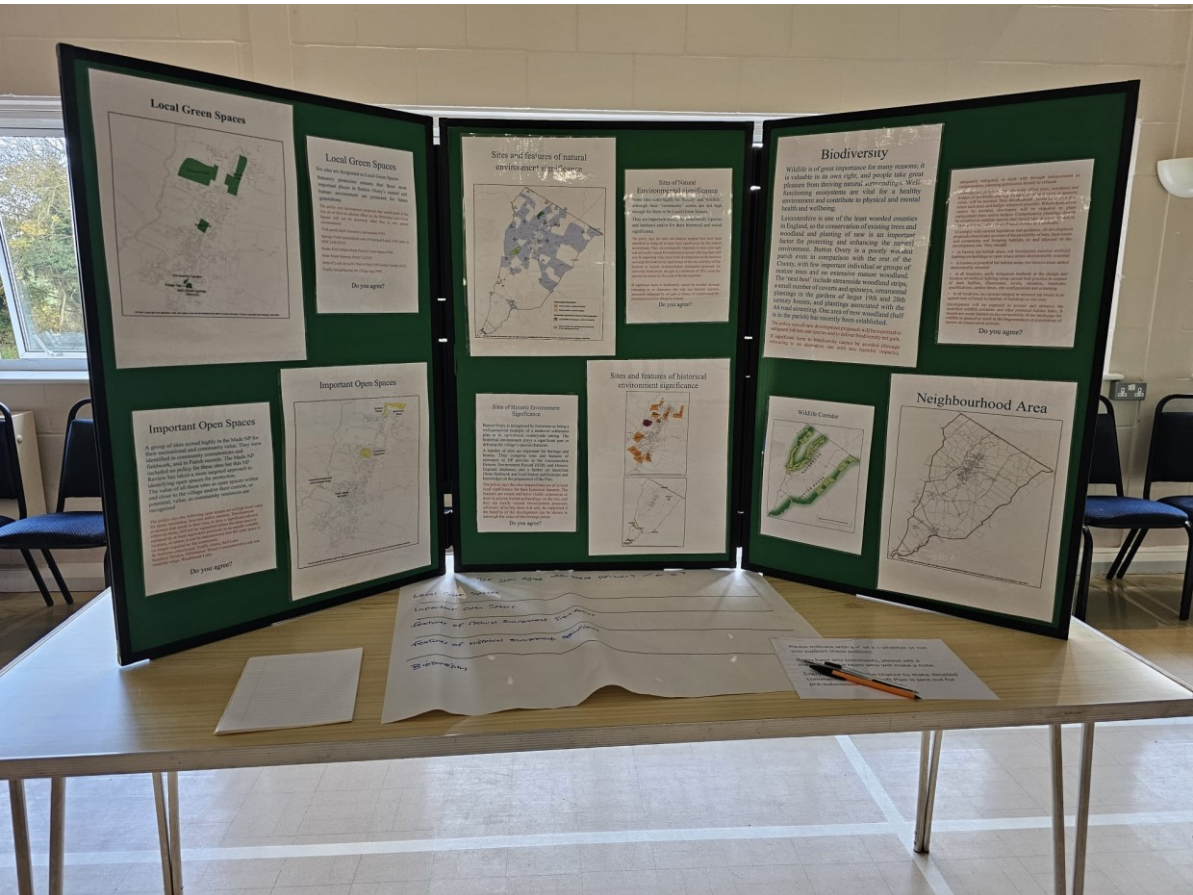
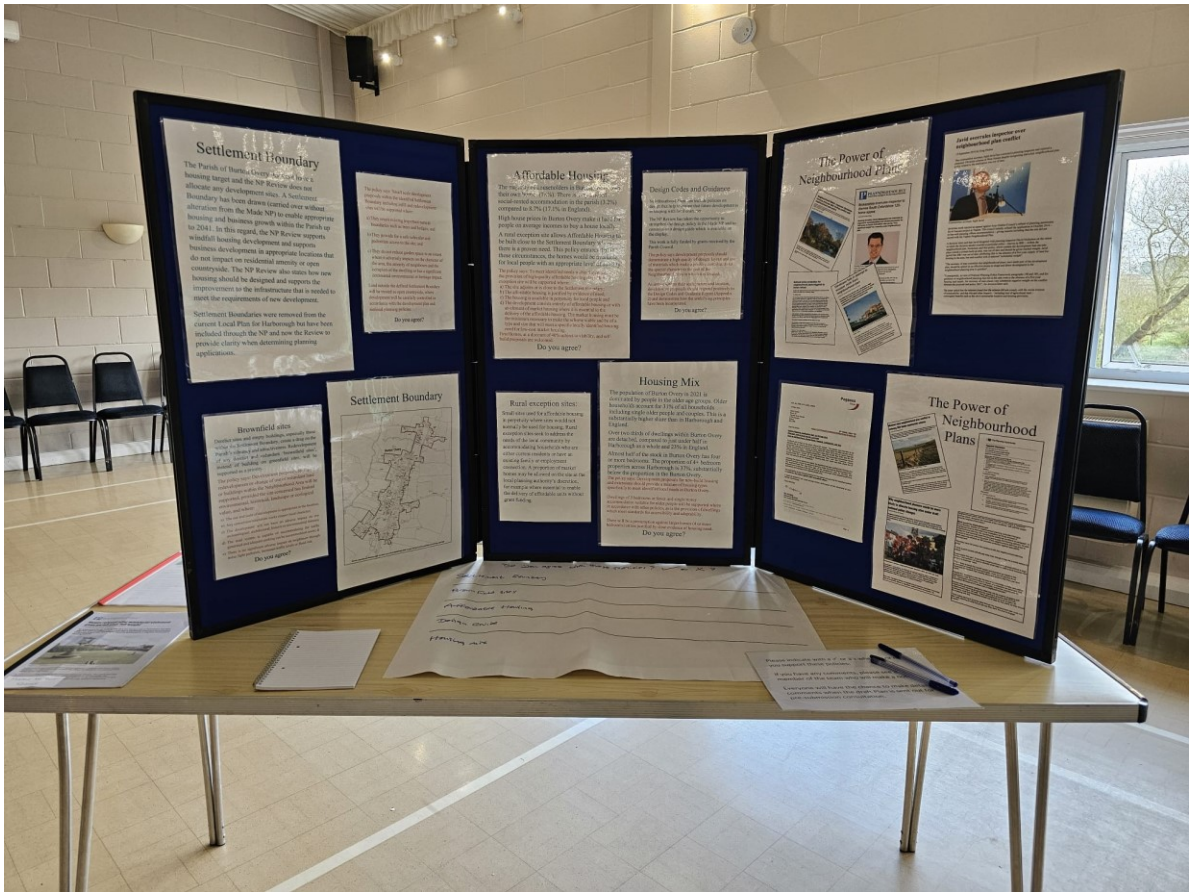
A list of attendees is available separately. A total of 61 residents attended the event.

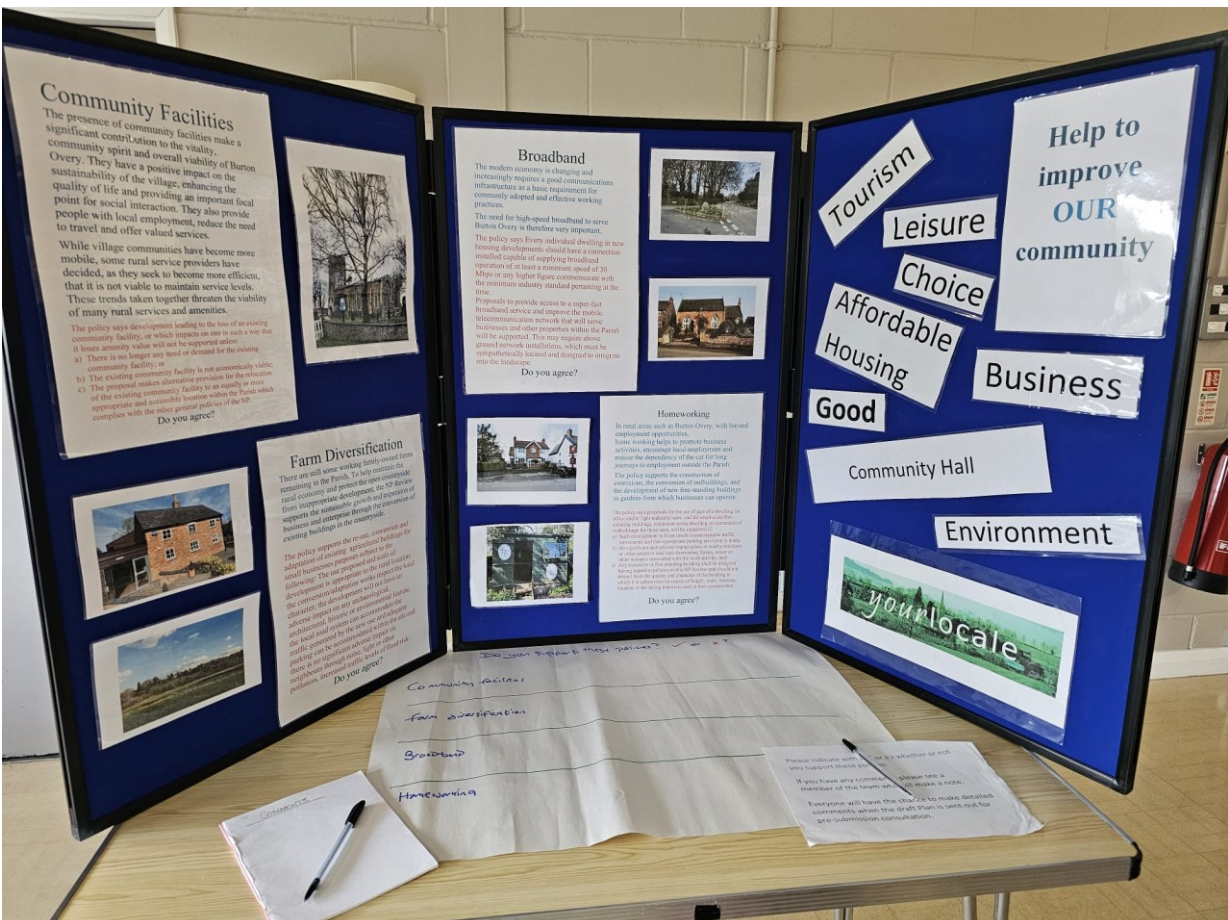
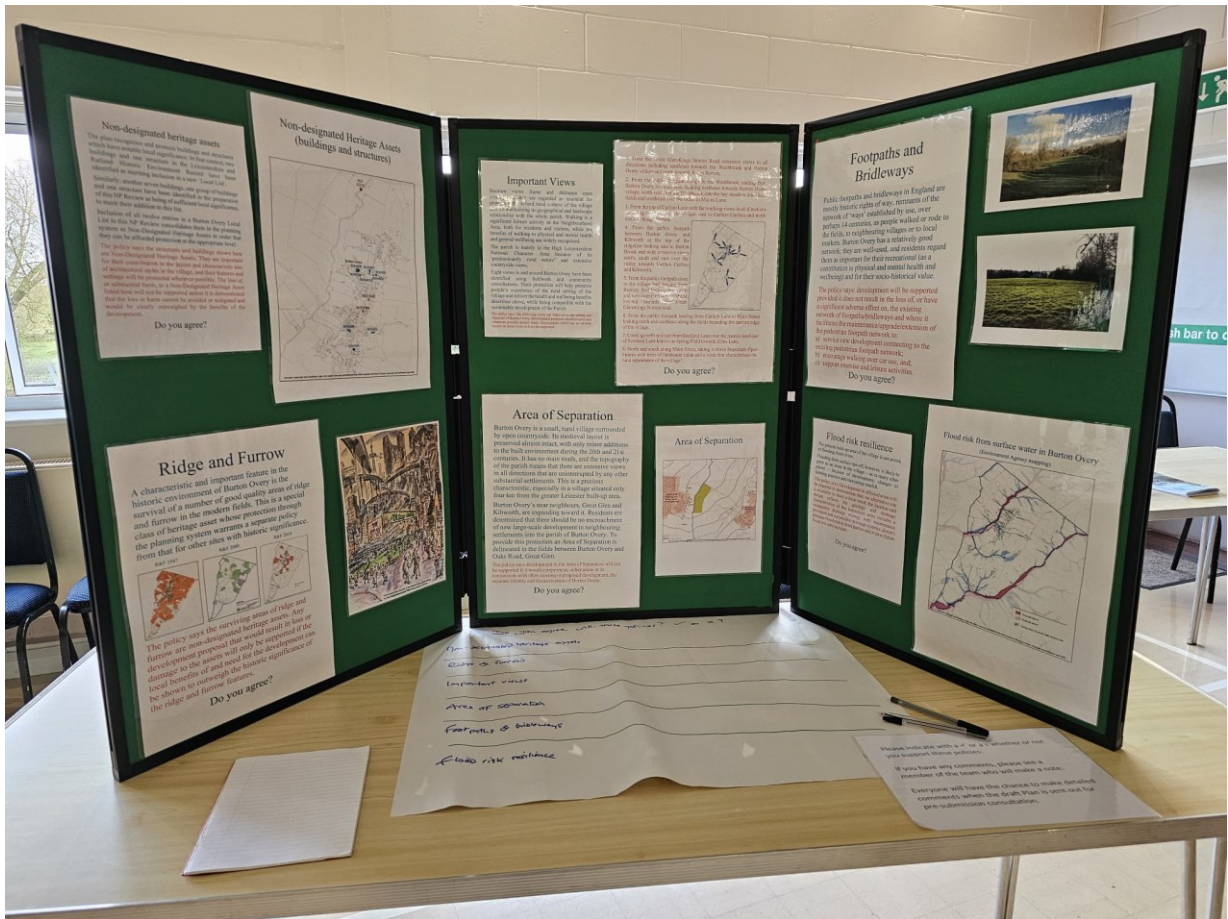
2. Format of Event

Sign in	Members of the Parish Council welcomed attendees on arrival and recorded attendance. Arrangements for the Open Event were explained.
Background	The first displays introduced Neighbourhood Planning and described the process and what has been undertaken to date. Copies of documents describing the neighbourhood plan process were available to read as were copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan Review, design guide and other relevant material.
Consultation on key issues	<p>A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which focussed on the emerging policies within the draft Neighbourhood Plan Review – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Housing –housing mix, design, affordable housing, windfall;▪ Environment –Local Green Space and other environmental protections including important views;▪ Employment and Community Facilities. <p>Having read the displays, attendees were asked to indicate their support for the policy. General comments were welcomed, and books were available to record people’s views, but people were directed to the upcoming pre-submission consultation for expressing detailed observations so that the comments could be formally recorded and responded to.</p>

The next pages show the neighbourhood plan review display boards detailing the emerging policies







3. Consultation findings

The policies on display and the support expressed for each are as follows:

Housing

Settlement Boundary 32 y 1 n

Brownfield sites 23 y 0 n

Housing Mix 21 y 6 n

Affordable Housing 12 y 16 n

Design 25 y 0 n

Comments

- Good to see some local policies – I hope these are taken account of by planning officers.
- Policy HD1 – should there be a presumption against knocking down existing serviceable dwellings and building new ones. There is a massive carbon cost and invariably they are larger.
- Smaller dwellings which are unoccupied – e.g. Lower Scotland House – should be brought back into use.
- I agree.
- Brownfield sites: raises questions about uncontrolled development of farm buildings. The village has virtually no BF sites. It does have houses which are empty and should be refurbished.
- We would like to move the line of the Settlement Boundary to include our orchard in the building line at Kingarth Farm.
 - We do not want the line of the Settlement Boundary to include the orchard at Kingarth Farm. This is a priority habitat: traditional orchard.
 - I think you might misunderstand the situation. There will still be an orchard.

Environment

Local Green Spaces 34 y 0 n

Important Open Spaces 36 y 0 n

Ridge and Furrow 32 y 3 n

Non-Designated Heritage Assets 27 y 1 n

Area of Separation 31 y 0 n

Natural Environment 26 y 1 n

Biodiversity 30 y 0 n

Historic Environment 27 y 0 n

Important Views 27 y 2 n

Footpaths & bridleways 32 y 0 n

Flood Risk 32 y 0 n

Comments

- Re biodiversity – the BONP Review states that compensatory plant should be of native or suitable ‘exotic/ornamental’ species. Should the first objective be to enhance the biodiversity of this rural location and planting to this end. Some exotic/ornamental species support less biodiversity and in fact look ‘urban’ in a rural location.

Sustainability

Community Facilities 26 y 0 n

Homeworking 30 y 0 n

Broadband 30 y 0 n

Farm Diversification 18 y 8 n

Comments

- We need to help support the farming community. It is what makes Burton Overy so special.

- It is a farming village!
- I agree – I like mud anyway and donkeys braying, sheep, cows.
- I agree with this.
- Farm diversification needs to be controlled – speculative developers will buy farms to develop – in light of the current generous allowances. Local farmers should be allowed small-scale diversification – an historic right of ownership should be required.

Summary

This was a well-attended and engaging event where people had the opportunity to see the draft policies and to ask questions of those who have drafted the Plan. People stayed for a long time to read and consider each policy area.

There was strong support for each policy – often unanimous support - with the exception of the policy on affordable housing where 12 were in favour, but 16 against. It may have been that people were unclear that the policy does not make the likelihood of an affordable housing development coming forward more likely, it just helps to ensure that if a site is to be proposed, it would have to address local circumstances and meet a specific local housing need. Without this policy, these local requirements would be lost.

Some comments suggested alternative approaches and ways to improve the Neighbourhood Plan Review, and these will be taken into account alongside comments received during pre-submission consultation prior to submission to Harborough District Council.

Images from the events are on the following pages.







