

Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement

September 2023

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of the regulations, define that a consultation statement must contain:
- Details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - An explanation of how the persons and bodies were consulted;
 - A summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - A description of how those issues and concerns have been considered and where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.
- 1.2 To meet the requirements of the Regulations, this consultation statement sets out:
- The background to the preparation of the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan ('the plan');
 - A summary of the publicity, engagement and consultation that has helped to shape and inform preparation of the plan;
 - Details of those consulted about the plan during its preparation and the extent to which efforts were made to ensure the plan was prepared with support and input from the local community; and
 - A description of the changes made to the plan in response to consultation and engagement.
- 1.3 Hauxley Parish Council consider that the extent of the engagement meets the obligations set out in the regulations.
- 1.4 This consultation statement is intended to help the independent examiner review the process of the preparation of the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan and make any appropriate recommendations in relation to the plan.

2. Background to the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan

- 2.1 The Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Hauxley Parish Council, the qualifying body for the Hauxley Neighbourhood Area. The neighbourhood area was designated by Northumberland County Council on 25 March 2019, because of a formal boundary review of the parish, the boundary of the neighbourhood area was amended on 12 October 2021.
- 2.2 The decision to prepare a neighbourhood plan was informed by the early engagement which took place in January 2019. The preparation of the plan has been led by a steering group which initially comprised the NCC ward member, chair of the parish council and additional parish council members, members from relevant groups active within the parish and residents. The steering group membership has changed during the development of the plan to reflect its scope. It has always and has included members of the parish council as well as representatives of the local community. Throughout the preparation of the plan, the steering group has met regularly (online during the Covid19 pandemic) to shape its preparation.
- 2.3 Key stages in the preparation of the plan can be summarised as follows:
- January 2019 – early issues consultation;
 - March 2019 – Hauxley Neighbourhood Area designated by Northumberland County Council;
 - June 2020 – grant funding obtained, and planning consultant appointed to assist with the preparation of the plan;
 - July 2020 – terms of reference agreed for the steering group;
 - August 2020 – first meeting of the steering group which considered the results of the early engagement and agreed a draft vision and objectives;
 - September to October 2020 – consultation on the draft vision, objectives, policy areas and themes for community actions;
 - September 2021 – amended vision, objectives and scope of plan agreed;
 - November 2021 – design code technical support commenced;
 - February 2022 – screening identified need for Habitats Regulations Assessment which also triggered need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA);
 - March 2022 – engagement on local green space allocations and proposed settlement boundaries;
 - July 2022 – engagement on draft design code;
 - August 2022 – engagement on SEA scoping report;
 - September to February 2023 completion of evidence work and preparation of pre-submission draft plan;
 - March 2023 to May 2023 - engagement on the pre-submission draft plan, SEA and associated evidence base;
 - May 2023 to June 2023 – review of feedback and amendments to draft plan and background papers;
 - July 2023 – submission draft plan agreed by parish council.

3. Early engagement and awareness raising

Early issues consultation

- 3.1 To inform the scope of the plan a community consultation day took place on 19 January 2019. A copy of the consultation report is included at appendix 1. The event was promoted through the parish council website, social media, and a leaflet to all households.
- 3.2 The feedback report was published on the parish council website and the results informed the preparation of a vision and objectives for the plan as well as the scope of potential planning policies and community actions.

Engagement on vision, objectives, planning policy areas and community action themes

- 3.3 During September and October 2020 consultation took place on a draft vision and objectives for the neighbourhood plan. A six-page consultation document (appendix 2) was prepared and distributed to all households and businesses in the parish. The document was available online and further hard copies were available on request. Comments could also be submitted online. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic it was not possible to hold a drop in event. The consultation was promoted via the parish council website, local newspapers and social media.
- 3.4 The consultation document provided background on neighbourhood planning, what had happened so far, proposed a draft vision and three objectives. Planning policy themes and possible community actions were proposed for each of the objectives.
- 3.5 Responses were received from 26 people. A report from the consultation is available in appendix 3.

Engagement on potential local green space designations and settlement boundaries

- 3.6 Early engagement on potential local green space designations and draft settlement boundaries took place during March and May 2022. All residents received a copy of a leaflet (appendix 4) which provided a summary of the proposals for local green spaces and settlement boundaries. Background papers were available on the parish council website, with hard copies available on request. A drop in event was held which was attended by 45 people. Comments could be provided online, at the event or by email. The consultation was promoted via the parish council website and social media. Nine written responses were received to the consultation and are included in appendix 5.

Engagement on draft design code

- 3.7 Feedback from the local community and NCC was requested on the draft design code. It was publicised on the parish website and social media (appendix 6). Only one response was received.

4. Pre-submission engagement


- 4.1 Consultation on the pre-submission draft plan took place for six and a half weeks between 20 March 2023 and 4 May 2023. Awareness was raised of the consultation in the following ways:
- Consultation bodies, identified by NCC and other interested parties (appendix 7) were sent a letter (appendix 8);
 - The draft plan, policies maps, draft environmental report and all evidence documents were available on the town parish council website and were promoted via Facebook and a poster that was displayed across the parish (appendix 9);
 - Hard copies of the plan were available on request to those without internet access;
 - A leaflet was set to all households informing them of the consultation (appendix 10);
 - Comments could be provided online, via a feedback form (appendix 11) or in writing (by email or post).
- 4.2 A drop in event took place on Saturday 29 April 2023, between 10.30am and 12.30pm at Hauxley Village Hall. Hard copies of the plan and background papers were available to view, and a summary of the plan proposals included on display boards (appendix 12).
- 4.3 Responses were received from seven consultation bodies, six other organisations/ bodies, 19 parish residents and two residents of Amble Parish. Appendix 13 provides a table of responses and details of how the comments have been taken into account in the submission draft plan.
- 4.4 The submission draft plan was considered and approved at the Hauxley Parish Council meeting In July 2023.

5. Conclusions


- 5.1 The submission draft Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan is built upon broad engagement with the community since January 2019 until the end of the consultation period in May 2023. The outcome is a submission plan that reflects both the aspirations of the local community and is in general conformity with both local and national planning policy, meeting the basic conditions.
- 5.2 This consultation statement demonstrates that the consultation and engagement process for the plan has been substantial, effective and proportionate. It has also been extremely effective in shaping a plan that is aimed to benefit both current and future generations of Hauxley.

Appendix 1: Early issues consultation (January 2019)

Facebook post

**Hauxley Village**
14 January 2019 · 🌐

Hauxley Parish Consultation



**Hauxley Parish Consultation on
Neighbourhood Plan**

The Parish Council would like to invite residents to a Neighbourhood Plan Consultation on Saturday 19th January 2019 at the Village Hall in Low Hauxley, between 11am – 2pm

Parish Councillors will be there throughout the day to provide advice & information about the Neighbourhood Plan and to take any questions, ideas and suggestions from Parishioners.

Chris Anderson from Northumberland County Council, Neighbourhood Planning Officer will be giving a short presentation at 12noon and will be available afterwards to answer any questions.

Refreshments will be available.

If you require any further information please contact the Parish Clerk.
hauxleyipc@hotmail.co.uk

Consultation report

Hauxley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Report



1 Parish consultation

On the 19th January 2019, Hauxley Parish Council held a consultation day with residents to inform them of the possibility of developing a neighbourhood plan for Hauxley Parish, and to gather views from residents on the following areas:

- What do they think is good about Hauxley Parish?
- What issues do they think need addressing?
- What do they want Hauxley to be in 20 years time?

The comments from this consultation day are attached as an appendix.

1.1 What is good about Hauxley

The majority of responses about what residents thought was good about Hauxley focused on the natural environment and the sense of tranquillity this brought to living in the village, and the strong community that already exists. Both these aspects of village life should be preserved and encouraged.

1.2 What issues need addressing?

There were 24 issues identified which could be categorised as follows:

- 1 (4%) was about flood risk;
- 1 (4%) was about letting dogs into the nature reserve
- 1 (4%) was about pedestrian access;
- 1 (4%) was about public transport;
- 2 (8%) were about coastal access;
- 3 (13%) were about environmental protection;
- 4 (17%) were about housing; and
- 9 (38%) were about highways.

1.3 What should Hauxley be in 20 years?

There were 15 responses to what Hauxley could be in 20 years. These 15 responses broadly focused on the following key areas:

- 1 (7%) was about recreation, specifically the creation of a bowling green;
- 1 (7%) was about maintaining the coast and dunes;
- 4 (27%) were about environmental protection or sustainability; and
- 9 (60%) were about housing, either designating the style of new builds, preventing new development or designating the most desirable housing mix for Hauxley;

2 What is Hauxley

The 2011 Census Fact Sheet sets out the following key facts about Hauxley:

- It has 145 households and 279 residents. Of the 145 households, 24 (17%) had no permanent residents and therefore can be considered to be second homes.
- The largest demographic group are the 25-64 year olds (59%), with those over 65 accounting for 15% of the population, and those under 15 accounting for 19% of the population.

- Of the current housing stock, 20 houses (17%) are social housing and the rest are either privately owned or rented.
- 30% of the population are classed as economically inactive and are either retired (20%), students or carers.
- Both occupation and socio-economic classification statistics show a broad mix across occupation levels from managers, directors and senior officials to elementary occupations, and from higher managerial occupations to long term unemployed.

3 A vision for Hauxley

Neighbourhood Planning Guidance sets out that developing a vision and objectives with the community is an important first stage in drafting the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The vision will be an overarching statement, or series of statements, describing Hauxley in 15-20 years time. It may cover what the Hauxley will look like, what facilities will be provided and what it will be like to live and work in. The objectives will be more specific and will set out what you want to achieve in order to help make the 'vision' a reality. For each element of the vision there may be one or more objectives, depending on the different priorities the community have highlighted. Detailed policies and actions can then follow on from these objectives.

There are already some key planning documents that set out objectives for Hauxley that should be considered alongside the needs and wants of the local community:

- Environmental designations
 - Amble Dunes Local Nature Reserve;
 - Northumberland Shore Site of Special Scientific Interest;
 - Coquet to St Mary's Marine Conservation Zone;
 - North Northumberland Heritage Coast;
 - Northumbria Coast Special Protection Area;
 - Northumbria Coast Ramsar Site; and
 - Hauxley Nature Reserve which is classed as a non-statutory nature reserve.
- Draft Northumberland Local Plan 2019
 - Part of the South East Northumberland Delivery Area
 - The 2036 Vision for Northumberland
 - Relevant plan policies on issues of concern for Hauxley
- Northumberland Shoreline Management Plan

The vision for Northumberland is that by 2036:

Northumberland's physical and cultural identity will be conserved and nurtured; its resources will be utilised in a sustainable way. The breadth, scale and quality of its special, varied landscapes and biodiversity will be conserved, enhanced and increased. The quality of its buildings and spaces will be conserved and improved. New development will be well designed, minimise environmental harm and reduce the effects of climate change.

The economy will be thriving and competitive, and deliver more and better jobs. Supported by investment and infrastructure, building on existing strengths whilst diversifying and realising the potential of the rural and visitor economy.

The health and wellbeing of the county's people and communities will be safeguarded by continually improving education and skills, and ensuring access to decent, affordable homes, services and facilities is secured.

3.1 Northumberland Plan policies

This document sets out some key policies for consideration when developing the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan. The full detail of these policies can be found in the [Northumberland Local Plan Publication Draft](#).

Policy STP 2 - Presumption in favour of sustainable development

Policy STP 3 - Principles of sustainable development

Policy STP 4 - Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Policy STP 5 - Health and wellbeing

Policy ECN 13 - Meeting rural employment needs

Policy ECN 14 - Farm / rural diversification

Policy ECN 15 - Tourism and visitor development

Policy HOU 1 - Making the best use of existing buildings

Policy HOU 2 - Provision of new residential development

Policy HOU 3 - Housing requirements for neighbourhood plan areas

Policy HOU 6 - Affordable housing provision

Policy HOU 10 - Second and holiday homes

Policy QOP 1 - Design principles

Policy QOP 2 - Good design and amenity

Policy TRA 3 - Improving Northumberland's core road network

Policy ENV 1 - Approaches to assessing the impact of development on the natural, historic and built environment

Policy ENV 2 - Biodiversity and geodiversity

Policy ENV 2 – Landscape

Policy ENV 4 - Tranquillity, dark skies and a sense of rurality

Policy ENV 7 - Historic environment and heritage assets

Policy WAT 3 – Flooding

Policy WAT 5 - Coastal erosion and coastal change management

Policy POL 3 - Agricultural land quality

Policy REN 1 - Renewable and low carbon energy and associated energy storage

Policy REN 2 - Onshore wind energy development

Policy INF 5 - Open space and facilities for sport and recreation

Appendix

Comments collated from January 2019 consultation day

What are the good things about Hauxley?	What needs improving/resolved?	What is your vision for Hauxley
Great community to live in	Concern regarding the increase of traffic from A1068 through the village, especially from large vehicles ie, motorhomes and tourers	Protection of wildlife.
Community is very friendly	Access to beach, both slipway and dunes path	Active management of the local environment for biodiversity eg, wildflowers in the verges and hedgerows for flowers and berries.
I love the peace and quiet	Speeding between High and Low Hauxley	Designated green spaces and settlement boundary.
The natural environment is excellent	Drainage around Kirkwell Cottages	Community composting
Beautiful rural village	Safety for pedestrians walking from High and Low Hauxley	Prevent further development
	Provide public transport for students, a daily bus service to Alnwick and Amble would be welcome	Small development of affordable housing with covenant not to be used as holiday homes/lets
	Protect wildlife. "I do not agree with putting house building before the environment".	Maintain/protect the dune/coastal zone.
	Junction onto A1068 from Hauxley Lane needs improving, difficult to get out during the summer due to more traffic to the coast.	A curb on clause 106 biased planning decisions. 1100 homes will heavily impact the village, destroying quality of life.
	Hauxley Lane road to Kirkwell Cottages, this part of the road was not resurface along with the rest of Hauxley Lane earlier in 2018.	A bowling green
	Public footpath between Kirkwell Cottages and Percy Drive	A balance between existing residents , holiday homes and affordable housing for young families.
	Parking on road by the slipway. Prevent parking by putting in yellow lines for no parking.	Keep it as a hamlet – peace and quiet.

	Recycling inc glass	Any planning for new houses needs to consider materials used and type of dwelling and parking provision.
	Enforced speed limits Hauxley Lane – 5mph-30mph A1068(Radcliffe) – 40mph	Any houses built in Low Hauxley to be built in style of current cottages
	Concerned about housing developments and impact on environment and character of the hamlet	Protect the area of Kirkwell Cottages from building.
	Parking, especially holiday cottages – no more than one car.	Protection of the greenbelt around Hauxley so that it doesn't become a suburb of Amble.
	Nature and environment should be the focus of the area: improve access to nature eg, footpaths with dog waste bins, wildlife corridors and improved habitats.	In 2034 Hauxley should be protected!
	Steps down to the beach	
	Joined up thinking in building eco friendly, sustainable new communities with a mix of housing and access to services, not endless 3/4 bed ugly developments tacked onto villages.	
	Concerned about the urban spiral, very little space between Hauxley and Amble due to new builds.	
	Current work is destroying wildlife habitats	
	Concerned about houses spreading from Amble.	
	Allow dogs (on leads) into nature reserve.	

Appendix 2: Consultation on draft vision, objectives, policy areas and community action themes (September 2020)

Website text

Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Objectives Consultation 2020

In January 2019 the parish council held a consultation day. The feedback from the local community has helped us to develop a draft vision and objectives for your neighbourhood plan, as well as identifying planning policy themes and other actions that could be addressed.

Now we need your views on our proposals to deliver the vision for Hauxley to inform the preparation of our draft neighbourhood plan.

Before consulting on a draft neighbourhood plan, we feel it is important to ask for further input from our community on the scope of our plan. A consultation document will therefore be delivered throughout the parish over the next week and an online version is available via the below link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/hauxley-ndp1>

The document sets out the vision and objectives for the plan. It also proposes a possible planning policy approach that our plan could take. In addition, we have identified some projects that could help address the big issues.

The closing date for comments is 23rd October.

 [Hauxley V&O consultation 2020.pdf](#)

Facebook posts

**Hauxley Village**
18 September 2020 · 🌐

Advance notice is being given of a Neighbourhood Planning Consultation for Hauxley. The consultation document will be delivered throughout the parish over the next week and will also be available online.
<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/.../notification...>

**Hauxley Village**
18 September 2020 · 🌐**Hauxley Village**
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Hauxley Village

25 September 2020 · 🌐

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All residents of Hauxley should have received the Parish Council consultation document on draft vision, objectives, planning themes and community actions to help shape the future of our village.

Please be sure to submit your comments (and encourage those in your household to respond too) by completing and returning the feedback form or completing the survey on the following link

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HAUXLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Hauxley Parish Council is leading the preparation of a
neighbourhood plan for our local area

We need your views to help us shape the future of your parish!



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- The opportunity for local communities to prepare a neighbourhood plan was introduced in 2011. It enables people living and working in an area to guide where and how future development happens;
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- Plans can include a range of policies, including those which: guide new development; conserve and enhance the environment; and support the provision of community facilities;
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Plan preparation progress...

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Hauxley Village

10 October 2020 · 🌐

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Have you responded to the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan consultation document yet? A copy as been delivered to every door in the parish and a version is also available online.

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23 October 2020 · 🌐

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Today is the final day of our Neighbourhood Planning consultation.

Have you submitted your response yet?

The poster features a green header with the title 'HAUXLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'. Below this, a light green section states: 'Hauxley Parish Council is leading the preparation of a neighbourhood plan for our local area'. A dark green section follows with the text: 'We need your views to help us shape the future of your parish!'. The bottom section contains four images: a map of Hauxley showing various landmarks like 'HAUXLEY ISLAND', 'CHURCH', 'VILLAGE HALL', and 'HALLS'; a photograph of a rocky beach; a photograph of a modern building with a red door; and a photograph of a stone wall with a sign that reads 'Hauxley Link to the Sea'.

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How to get involved...

This leaflet contains the draft vision and objectives and also provides information on the types of planning and community issues the plan could look to address. You can submit comments in the following ways:

- By completing the feedback form in this leaflet and sending it to us at: Hauxley Parish Council, c/o 4 Hauxley Lane, High Hauxley, NE65 0JW;
- Online by completing the survey on the parish council website: northumberlandparishes.uk/hauxley; or
- By emailing your comments to: hauxleypc@gmail.com



**Your feedback will be used to help inform the preparation of a draft neighbourhood plan,
we therefore need your views by 23 October 2020.**

HAUXLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



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HAUXLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Draft Vision

This draft vision sets out what the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan intends to achieve over the plan period to 2036. It will inform all of the draft planning policies and community actions contained in the emerging plan:

Our vision for the parish of Hauxley in 2036 is that its rural community remains sustainable and cohesive. The close and important links with the neighbouring town of Amble are maintained and the two areas continue to be visually distinct and separate. The distinctive and rich natural, built and historic environmental character of the parish will have been conserved and enhanced for future generations by ensuring new developments are appropriately located and their scale and design fully reflects the local area.



Draft Objectives

Objective 1: Rich natural environment

- Conserving and enhancing the tranquil and valued nature of the coastal environment of the parish.

Objective 2: Distinctive built and historic environment

- Ensuring new development maintains and enhances local distinctiveness and contributes positively to the built and historic environment of the plan area.

Objective 3 - Sustainable and cohesive community

- Ensuring new development is sustainable and supports the delivery of development needed by the local community .



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Draft Planning Policy Themes

Possible themes for planning policies to manage new development could include:

Rich natural environment

- Identifying the important green infrastructure, wildlife networks and biodiversity within the parish;
- Identifying important areas of green space in order to protect them from inappropriate development;
- Protecting and enhancing the coastal zone.

Distinctive built and historic environment

- Promoting good quality design in new development;
- Conservation and enhancement of heritage assets.

Sustainable and cohesive community

- Defining a settlement boundary to manage the location of new development;
- Supporting the provision of the type of housing that is needed by the local community. This could also include the allocation of sites for development;
- Restricting any new residential development to occupation on a permanent basis.

Draft Community Action Themes

Community actions would shape the future work of the parish council, and could include:

Rich natural environment

- Protection of the natural environment from negative impacts from visitors;
- Projects to improve the local environment e.g. planting wildflowers on verges and in hedgerows.

Distinctive built and historic environment

- Community projects to celebrate the heritage of the area.

Sustainable and cohesive community

- Improving access to public transport and pedestrian accessibility across the parish;
- Reduction in traffic levels, speeds and unauthorised parking.



Next steps...

- Comments on the draft vision, objectives, planning policy and community action themes will be used to inform further work and the preparation of a draft neighbourhood plan;
- We will be asking for your feedback on the draft neighbourhood plan early in 2021;
- We will then make changes to the plan following feedback and submit the plan to Northumberland County Council;
- The plan will then be examined by an independent examiner;
- There will then be a local referendum - if the majority of those voting are in favour of the plan, it will be brought into legal force by Northumberland County Council and used in the determination of planning applications.



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Your feedback

Q1: Do you support the draft vision for the neighbourhood plan? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on the draft vision or have answered 'no' please explain below.

Q2: Do you support the draft objectives for the neighbourhood plan? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on the draft objectives or have answered 'no', please explain below.

Q3: Do you support the draft planning policy themes? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments , or have answered 'no' please explain below.

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Your feedback

Q4: Do you feel the neighbourhood plan should identify any areas for development or protection e.g. for housing or employment or protected green space. If so, please explain why you feel the area/ site should be identified and also describe its location, it would be helpful if you could attach a map to your response.

Q5: Do you support the draft community action themes? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments , or have answered 'no' please explain below.

Q6: Are there any other issues that you feel the neighbourhood plan should cover?

Please use additional pages if you would like to provide a fuller response.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Any personal data supplied will only be used to establish that responses are received from within the Hauxley Parish. In line with General Data Protection Regulations you can view a copy of our Privacy Statement at: <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/hauxley/documents/policy-and-procedure>

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**Appendix 3: Vision, objectives, policy areas and community action themes engagement report
(November 2020)**



Hauxley Parish Neighbourhood Plan
Help us shape the future of your parish!
Engagement Report 2

Introduction

In January 2019 the Parish Council held a consultation day. The feedback from the local community has helped to develop a draft vision and objections for the Hauxley Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

As part of the process for bringing forward the Hauxley Parish Neighbourhood Plan, a consultation exercise on the draft vision, planning policy themes and other actions was undertaken between 21st September and 23rd October 2020.

The consultation was promoted through:

- Parish Council website,
- Coverage in local media – Northumberland Gazette and The Ambler Community Newspaper, and
- Social media (Facebook and Twitter)

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 require neighbourhood planning groups and local planning authorities to undertake publicity in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood. Due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic engagement via face-to-face methods of consultation were not possible. As groups within the community were not meeting due to Coronavirus restrictions, it was not possible to engage via more targeted methods.

The consultation document was distributed to all households/businesses in the Hauxley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Area and an online version was available via Survey Monkey. Additional hard copy versions were available upon request. The consultation document provided background information on neighbourhood planning, the draft vision, objectives, planning themes and community actions and information on the next steps.

At the close of the engagement period a total of 26 responses had been received via the online survey and returned hardcopy questionnaires. A full copy of the responses received is enclosed as Appendix 1. Personal details have been omitted in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Respondents were asked:

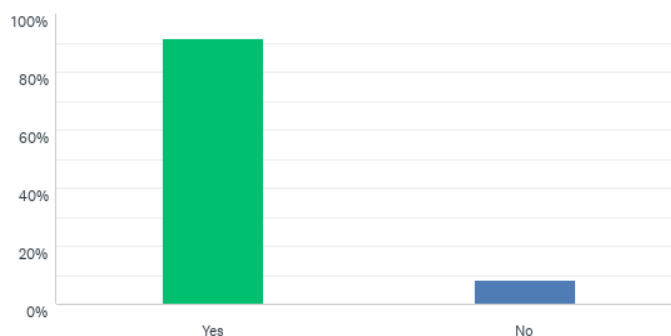
1. Did they support the draft vision for the plan,
2. If they had any comments on the draft vision,
3. Did they support the draft objectives for the plan,
4. If they had any comments on the draft objectives,
5. Did they support the draft planning policies,
6. If they had any comments on the drafts policies,
7. Whether the neighbourhood Plan should identify any areas for development or protection,
8. Did they support the draft community actions themes,
9. If they had any comments on the draft community action themes, and
10. If there were any other issues they felt the neighbourhood plan should cover.

Question 1. Do you support the draft vision for the plan?

“Our vision for the parish of Hauxley in 2036 is that its rural community remains sustainable and cohesive. The close and important links with the neighbouring town of Amble are maintained and the two areas continue to be visually distinct and separate.

The distinctive and rich natural, built and historic environmental character of the parish will have been conserved and enhanced for future generations by ensuring new developments are appropriately located and their scale and design fully reflects the local area.”

Q1 Do you support the draft vision for the Neighbourhood Plan?

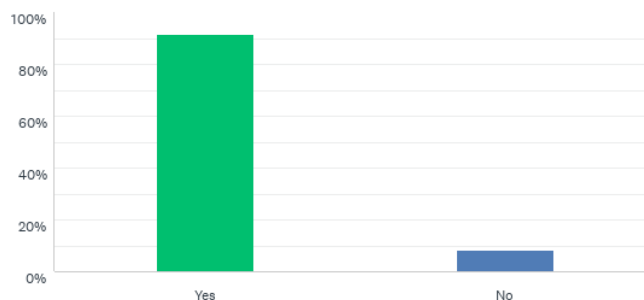


Out of the 24 respondents who answered this question 91.67% (22 people) supported the draft vision for the plan. 8.33% (2 people) did not support the draft vision.

Detailed responses highlighted:

- The preservation and protection of the fields between Amble and Hauxley;
- Concern over the number of 2nd home and holiday lets, detracting from sustainability/community feel; and
- The distinct and separate characteristics of Low Hauxley and High Hauxley and the requirement to preserve this.

Q2 Do you support the draft objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan?

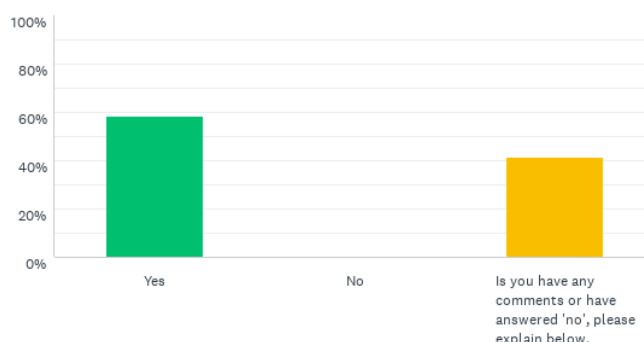


Out of the 24 respondents who answered this question 91.67% (22 people) supported the draft objectives for the plan. 8.33% (2 people) did not support the draft objectives.

Detailed responses highlighted:

- rural countryside context of the parish and not just the coastal zone.
- Stronger protection for the villages from housing development
- Support for small local businesses in creating the sustainable community and economy

Q3 Do you support the draft Planning Policy Themes?



Out of the 24 respondents who answered this question 58.33% (14 people) supported the draft planning policy themes. 0% directly objected to the planning themes with the remaining 41.67% (10 people) highlighting the following:

- Protecting and enhancing the rural aspects of the rich natural environment
- Ensuring new developments are sympathetic to the existing character of the parish

- Climate change should be considered in the creation of sustainable and cohesive community
- Enhancing green infrastructure
- Development of local businesses and growth of local economy
- The establishment of a 'greenbelt' around both villages.

Q4. Do you feel the neighbourhood plan should identify any areas for development or protection e.g. for housing, employment or protected green space? If so, please explain below why you feel the area/site should be identified and also describe its location. It would be helpful if you could forward a map also to hauxleypc@gmail.com

14 respondents answered this question – no maps were forwarded.

Housing

No areas were directly identified for housing.

Employment

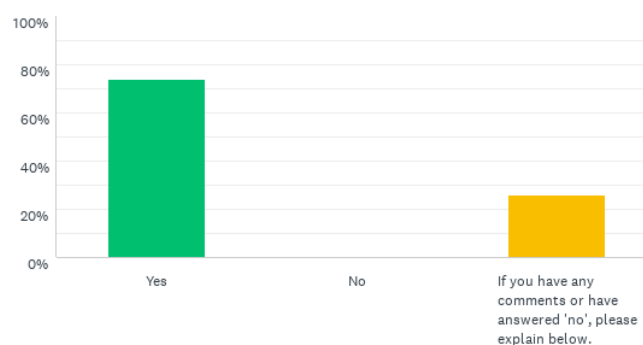
No areas were directly identified for employment

Green Space suggested for protection:

Woodland belt along Hauxley Lane from High Hauxley to the Nature Reserve

The land between Hauxley and Amble

Q5 Do you support the draft community themes?



Out of 23 respondents who answered this question 71.93% (17 people) supported the community themes. 0% directed objected to the community themes while the remaining 26.09% (6 people) highlighted:

- Environmental education/info
- Improving public rights of way
- Protecting and extending community spaces

Q6 Any other issues the neighbourhood plan could cover

14 of the respondents answered this question highlighting:

- Flooding issues and future resilience of the parish
- The creation of a permissive path as an alternative to the introduction of a formal path along Hauxley Lane
- Promoting walking and cycling routes as an alternative to driving
- Creating a conservation area for Low Hauxley
- All new homes to be made as permanent residences.
- Limitation to the launching of marine vehicles from Hauxley beach

APPENDIX 1 – Responses in Full

Q1.

1. Broadly support. I would question what sustainable and cohesive mean in this context, it also mentions 'remains sustainable'. Is it sustainable now or is this the community's goal, its direction? Some of the language is not very accessible for everyone.
2. I particularly endorse the idea of keeping Amble and Hauxley separate. I would not want to see the fields between the communities filled up with housing.
3. Needs to add vision of all homes occupied by permanent residents and increase its neighbourhood feel as a small village, not a holiday camp. All properties being built or new to the market (whatever the age of the property should be expressly not for Holiday lets or 2nd homes.
4. The individuality of High and Low Hauxley should be retained and they should remain visually distinct and separate. The unique and historic architectural character of Low Hauxley should be preserved - the external wash houses, coal sheds and netties are an important reminder of bygone times. Large developments and buildings over 2 stories should be banned.
5. We believe that some objectives you have proposed have already failed. All of the new builds and extensions in recent years do not represent the fishing and farming character of the village. Furthermore, we believe the benchmark for development has been set by these builds, extensions and renovations; these should not have been granted acceptance in accordance with your "future vision".
6. Broadly support the plan but there needs to be a protected area of land around both Low and High Hauxley prohibiting any further building or development to preserve the unique nature of the villages.

Q2

1. Broadly support the draft objectives. Consideration could be given to encourage and support of the local community to move towards a sustainable future, as indicated in Q6. Can this be about transition towards a sustainable and resilient community not just about future developments. I also think we should keep one eye on the rural countryside context of the parish and not just the coastal zone.
2. I would like to see the term development include commercial as well as housing projects, although I accept that sometimes areas e.g. farming - may need to diversify. The balance will be crucial.
3. Clear objectives: it is the combination of all three that makes Hauxley distinctive
4. We believe that objective 1 is not a Hauxley specific objective and can be said about most, if not all, coastal towns and villages. Moreover, we believed objective 2 has already failed; as previously stated, new developments, builds and extensions do not

align with this vision. Addressing objective 3, can you please elaborate on what is meant by sustainable development? Also, how can we, and more specifically you as a parish council, decide what is right for the next generation of Hauxley?

5. Again, broadly speaking yes but there needs to be much stronger protection for the villages. Any need for further housing development is more than adequately catered for by development in Amble
6. Objective 3 would benefit from a reference to the support for development of local small businesses to support the sustainability of the local community and economy
7. I'm at a loss to understand how allowing Persimmon to build houses on Hauxley parish land enhances local distinctiveness. An absolute disgrace that this has been allowed.

Q3.

1. Broadly support the draft policies with some additional suggestions. Rich natural environment ☐ Indicates identifying green infrastructure and biodiversity but does not mention protecting and enhancing. ☐ Protecting and enhancing the distinctive rural and coastal context of Hauxley. (As well as pressure on the coastal zone from erosion and tourism there is a general slow decline in the rural landscape through development and variable management around Hauxley. Would it not be prudent to consider within themes the whole landscape including issues such as replacing conifer plantations with mixed woodland, tree protection and planting and protecting/reinstating hedgerows. Offer help and funding to landowners). Distinctive and historic environment ☐ To ensure new developments are located and designed to complement or add to local character of the Parish. Sustainable and cohesive community Should there be policy theme related to: ☐ sustainable development with regard to climate change. Particularly in relation to sustainable energy and waste. ☐ Existing and future issue with flooding from groundwater, sewage and coastal. Surely this will be a major theme in the future and the low-lying parish will need to consider its resilience. ☐ Ensuring future development does not increase traffic and parking issues. ☐ Ensure future development prioritises infill and existing developed sites rather than new sites.
2. I'd like to see our mature trees preserved as much as possible. And more planted! Could we plant a wood between Amble and Hauxley??
3. As answer to Q1. The village feel will be lost if any more homes are sold as Holiday lets or 2nd Homes. The village life should be as permanent residences.
4. Yes, but would highlight the importance of preserving Low Hauxley as a historic site
5. Area around Hauxley Nature Reserve should be conserved as an important feeding ground for wildlife. No new developments unless linked to existing properties. Absolutely NO commercial development or infill within the parish.
6. Although we agree to an extent, the themes you have outlined are ambiguous.
7. Yes, but there needs to be a sterile belt of land established around both villages in which no building is permitted. These villages have unique characters which must be protected

8. Under Sustainable & Cohesive Community it's important to also reference development of local small businesses and growth of the local economy
9. I support the planning Themes but in the light of recent changes to Amble's southern boundary the geographical distinctiveness of the parish needs to be secure. Somehow this must be expressed in the final plan so objections can carry some weight.
10. It's disappointing that defining a settlement boundary to manage the location of new development (see above) was not previously taken into account.

Q4.

1. Protection and management of woodland belt (Green infrastructure) from High Hauxley to Wildlife Trust Reserve. Land along Hauxley Lane. This is an important contextual/visual landscape feature and habitat connection.
2. The Hauxley Parish Neighbourhood Plan should identify areas for protection and development as it is of paramount importance to preserve the unique, historic identity of our area. Conserving and nurturing the ecology of the parish is also vital. The remaining land between Amble and Hauxley should not be further encroached upon as the two settlements each have their own distinctive, historic and unique characters and there is very real danger of them eventually merging. The area to the north/north west of High Hauxley is vulnerable to becoming visually part of Amble if permission is granted for further building work. A large number of people enjoy the green space, not least those who walk to and fro regularly on the public footpath that runs from Amble to High Hauxley and then on down to the beach. The footpath provides a most valuable resource for physical exercise, tranquillity and relaxation for the people of both Amble and Hauxley and must be protected at all costs. From our house on the Fairway, High Hauxley, we see many people on the footpath every day, in all weathers, at all times, all year round; there are joggers, dog walkers, bird watchers as well as those who enjoy the pleasure of the quiet surroundings, the wildlife and the outstanding views (some often take photographs along the way). Such ancient rights of way should be protected and should never become simply access routes running through built up areas. Regarding the nearby coastal path, it is essential that the scenic views are not blighted in any way. The 360 panoramic view from Beacon Hill is nothing short of magnificent and should never be spoilt with future building developments. Increasingly, people need to escape from the humdrum and problems of everyday life to recharge their mental and physical fitness - the coastal path and its many breath taking views provide an inspiring and uplifting release for many locals, as well as visitors to the area. Any potential building projects and the subsequent provision of drainage and utility services should be sensitively located in areas where there would be least impact of ecology and the historic nature, appearance and character of the parish. Building should be constructed using sustainable materials that blend with the existing appearance of the rural surroundings. Any housing development should be restricted to permanent residential occupation. There is no public transport through Hauxley which could

present problems for future development, in terms of housing and employment projects. Building development and associated access roads and utilities should be located where the minimum amount of land is required and the subsequent impact on the local environment is reduced, so perhaps it should be located in the vicinity of the A1068 road; this would help address the problem of even more traffic coming into High Hauxley and Low Hauxley hamlets. There has already been a substantial increase in the volume and speed of traffic on the road running through Hauxley since the opening of the Hauxley Wildlife Centre, further increases due to future developments should be considered carefully. The introduction of a 20-mph traffic restriction through Hauxley would be beneficial. Former mine-workings and the dangers of subsidence would also have to be given very serious consideration.

3. Protect the immediate village areas. It is a shame that Amble has seized the Percy Drive houses, as we could have claimed them as our housing development allocation for the future! Plant a wood between Amble and Hauxley.
4. To Maintain a village environment it should maintain a separated distance between it and any neighbouring town or village, as such a green belt should be introduced to ensure the boundary is clear from further development and promote a Healthy natural environment with tree lines and woodland being introduced to support the local nature reserve. This also must ensure the safety of the local water courses, and historic landmarks and Mining History. Allowing the teaching of Past use of coal to local Wind and reusable resources.
5. The boundary between amble and Hauxley, north of kirkwell cottages unfortunately has been encroached by new development from amble but it appears to cover a large area of low lying marshland that I was always led to believe was a protected area. This area has a vast array of wildlife ranging from deer, barn owls, Canadian geese, hares, frogs and toads plus many more sources of birds and animals. I just find it disappointing that this area will be lost to development
6. Yes. Please see Feedback page.
7. There should be no further new housing or caravan site development at Low Hauxley especially the field to the South of the village. Or redevelopment (replacement) of existing residential properties including the temporary dwellings on the dunes
8. Hauxley PC is tiny. Within this are two very significant nature reserves -Coquet Island and Hauxley Nature reserve. The areas around and within the PC are vital feeding grounds not only for the contained wildlife but for visitors. Amble is just a field away. Any development however small would merge the two areas and completely destroy its uniqueness. We must protect our space and the future of our wildlife.
9. No, we do not believe it is the parish councils' decision to pick and choose what gets developed and where.
10. Yes- as mentioned the land around both villages should be identified as no development areas. In Low Hauxley's case this should be the fields adjacent to the road to High Hauxley and also towards Amble and also the land immediately to the South of the square and towards the Nature Reserve. In addition, there should be a van on the launching of any craft from Hauxley Beach

11. Area for protection would be the field that currently create a boundary between Hauxley Parish and Amble, to retain two distinct areas / communities
12. Areas of environmental or scientific interest should be protected, particularly in and around the nature reserve and coastal strip. While the nature reserve forms a focal point for conservation the wetlands to the north of Low Hauxley are also a haven for many birds and other species.
13. Yes - to protect our parish
14. The field west of Kirkwell Cottages should be protected green space.

Q5.

1. Broadly support the draft policies with some additional suggestions. Rich natural environment ☐ As well as protection we need to educate visitors, could this be done through community projects and information signage. Why is litter and plastic a problem for the environment? Why is traffic a problem for wildlife as well as people? Why can uncontrolled dogs be a problem for wildlife? ☐ Can we also encourage and support our own community and landowners to protect and enhance the landscape? ☐ Support and encourage local people and community economic initiatives. Sustainable and cohesive community ☐ Can we also look at improvement of the existing public rights of way, many of these are in poor condition and are not accessible for the community. ☐ Retain existing community buildings and spaces, where possible extending or increasing community buildings/resources.
2. The need for safe pathways for pedestrians in the lane is increasing as traffic and speeds are increasing. The lane appears to be becoming a "rat run" for traffic passing through to Amble, could we restrict speed further? Also, the parking around Low Hauxley area has been problematic in the summer months for through traffic trying to get to Amble as carparks are full or too far from the beach for visitors. Finally, we have concerns about the access to the A1068 for residents becoming a problem as the route becomes busier with the increase in population of the area; would a roundabout be a possibility? Or a speed limit reduction through Radcliffe area to make it a safer junction?
3. Parking in Low Hauxley should be legally restricted to residents, their visitors and users of the village hall and chapel
4. Basically, there is only one access road around the parish. This is single track in places. Traffic volume is already high as it serves H and LH, two large caravan sites and a secondary route to the south of Amble. It can't take more traffic. Indeed, traffic should be restricted to residents/service vehicles only. More road signs required to discourage visitors especially into Low Hauxley as there is no suitable turning point. Parking permits or road barrier should also be considered.
5. We believe it is impossible to restrict traffic flow as it is not up to the parish council who drives through the village and when as all pay their road tax. Moreover, addressing the unauthorised parking, perhaps there should be double yellow lines introduced?
6. Yes, but subject to previous comments

Q6.

1. Although mentioned above I think we should look at themes and policies that really encourage sustainability whether environment, society or economic. This also reflects concerns around potential flooding and future resilience. We need to ensure new development incorporates renewable energy, uses sustainable materials, includes sustainable drainage and recycled waste. However, we also need to encourage this within the existing community. Supporting people and landowners to make changes that use less energy and water, recycle materials and reduce water run-off.
2. Road Infrastructure and Traffic Controls The road infrastructure of the village is at present is perfectly fit for purpose outside of the normal repairs through age etc. What does cause issues are the inappropriate speeds often seen on Hauxley lane. The village needs to have new speed limits and it would be best if Hauxley lane were to be made a 30mph zone throughout (A1068 through to links road) with 20mph zones in the two villages. The village should become "unattractive" to those who wish to speed and Hauxley lane should become a shared space where road traffic mixes with cyclists and pedestrians in a safe and respectful manner - we shouldn't really have to be stating this with adults. The road is safe but sadly the standards of driving and the general attitude of drivers to other road users in this country is getting worse year on year. Shared spaces do work well and there have been many new experimental schemes since the advent of the pandemic demonstrating this (we are still years behind Europe). The implementation of speed limits, possibly with some speed tables(though we should aim to use natural features as much as possible to curtail speeds), is all that is required to make the village pleasant and pedestrian friendly. Smaller cars (i.e. non SUV/4x4 style vehicles) are also more sensible and practical travel choices but that is a separate issue that society in general has to come to terms with and address. Pedestrianisation and Footpaths There is talk of having a "formal" path linking the two villages. I don't think we need to urbanise Hauxley lane and create footpaths as by implementing the measures in the section above we would not require to spend the money to do such. There are two possibilities for traffic free paths, one would be to use the track from Stable Manor down to the North end of the village on the links road. Unfortunately part of this track is privately owned and although I'm sure a conversation could be started to try to make it "permissive" the people concerned have been alienated by the village so that would be highly unlikely, bridge burned I feel. The second possibility would be to create a link through from Silver Carrs caravan site (or the edge of the NWT field) down through the allotments directly into the village. A track running along the edge of the parallel farm field could also be a possibility. These latter suggestions are actually more direct routes than using Hauxley lane and would provide a more tranquil travel option. The foot fall of Hauxley lane is very low, even the distance between the High and Low Hauxley is seen as requiring a car journey. One aspect of village life that should be curtailed is the blocking of footpaths by cars. This can be simply transient in the case of visitors to homes etc but when it is a permanent

accepted behaviour by residents it should be discouraged. It is an anti-social and selfish behaviour, anyone who's had to negotiate on/off-road progress when pushing a relative in a wheelchair etc understands this. Footpath parking together with speeding and poor driver attitudes are the barriers to less sedentary lifestyles. Alleviating these and having more open minded views with regards to active travel (that's travelling by foot, cycle, public transport, car etc in a balanced manner) will make the village a more pleasant place to live and thrive. At present with the "car culture" and the over development of Amble we risk losing space to enjoy the outdoors, damaging the environment and also stifling the development of the younger generation who should have active outdoor lifestyles. To encourage a fitter, healthier, happier village by having events and talks to educate on such lifestyle changes could be potentially useful. Walking and cycling are not retrograde forms of travel but rather complement the other modes of travel we have access to. Walking and cycling tend to be much more social ways to travel and have major benefits on mental and physical health. Housing Developments I feel the village is close to its optimal size at present. There are many houses that are currently used as holiday homes which is not an ideal situation. Why have empty homes but have planning requests put in for new builds that would be unnecessary if those empty homes were available as full-time residences. If homes are required to be built I feel the village should have the right to apply a covenant to ensure that for the life of the property they cannot be used for such purpose as a holiday let. Beyond this, and this is something the property investors will recoil at, I think we should apply a covenant that the selling price of newly built homes should only be a maximum of the compounded yearly inflation rate(it could be less if the market is depressed). There is good sense in this as it means that those homes will always on the whole remain priced in line with the UK average salary, at present the housing market is dictated by those who have high incomes and potentially inherited wealth. Adopting this approach would also not impact other sale prices and create a negative equity scenario (crashing the market) as property investors would have no interest in such limited growth residences. These properties would be genuine affordable homes for generation after generation, a sensible view of housing as "homes". Our present affordable homes policy doesn't work as those who initially buy at low cost sell at a high price making the house only affordable once, for the first owner. This approach to any new village homes I think would be a sensible one and one in which people on lower incomes could enjoy being part of the village as opposed to just the wealthy as it is at present. Affordable homes allow people to be able to save money should they wish to move to a much higher priced property as their needs change. Where we choose to live should not be dictated by greed driven market forces as it is at present in the UK but by our lifestyle requirements. This could create a more balanced village community. Environment The last area to mention and in many respects, it is actually the most important, this being the natural environment of the village. I've been an advocate of "wilding" the village by virtue of seeding verges throughout the village with natural wildflowers for a long time. I think this would be highly beneficial to the non-human residents of the village and in turn provide we human residents

with an increase in biodiversity and an aesthetically pleasing environment. The village could also perhaps get NWT involved in encouraging placement of bird-boxes throughout residents' gardens and the village environment in general. We have an abundance of bats during spring/summer and bat boxes too could be put in appropriate places. To encourage residents to embrace wildlife and also dispel the many urban myths and general ignorance about specific species would of great benefit. One fear I have at present is the impact of the new housing estate north of Kirkwell cottages. We have over the last two years been getting regular visits by deer, I fear that after the years it has taken to get to this point we stand to lose them by the human impact caused by this housing. There is nothing good about this development it sadly reflects the greed of the council and the narrow-minded housing policy of the government. The public could object until they had no breathe left but it has no effect as the decisions are made ignoring those objections(the last Persimmon development was a good example of how large building companies can dictate the rules). We should screen off the edge of the housing estate with fast growing willow to try to minimise it's sound and light impact as well as moving it from sight. I expect the level of traffic seen through the village to increase by the addition of over 1000 additional local homes. Everything we can do to mitigate the negative effect of this increased vehicle traffic should be done; our natural environment will suffer because of it. We are now seeing worldwide the effect of climate change, it is happening, all of us have a part to play even within a small village like ours. This goes hand in hand with the adoption of active travel by the village residents and local population. I think the reduction of light pollution by using correctly designed down-lit LED lighting within the village has been a positive step. The colour temperature may not be ideal but the energy savings and reduced stray lighting are beneficial. If this could be extended by way of either reducing light output after a set time (e.g. midnight-6am) or even by powering some lights off completely that may be worth considering. The village could also benefit from other larger scale green energy installations, but the cost may be prohibitive without government support, for example an anaerobic digester at the dairy farm.

3. Restrict the amount of visitors to the beach, without adequate parking this is becoming a problem with access disrupted. At present there are 14 houses occupied in Low Hauxley permanently as opposed to 24 second or holiday homes, not including the chalets. This imbalance is not conducive to creating a viable community. The infrastructure of the village, sewerage, drainage etc is not capable of functioning with increased capacity, especially during holidays when the caravan site is fully operational. The underlying water table is at a critically high level, this manifests itself during heavy rainfall when both access roads into Low Hauxley are flooded. This is an ongoing situation which would be exacerbated by building more houses, with excess water runoff from driveways and sheds. To fully appreciate the seriousness of the high-water table, a walk along the beach at low tide, many upwellings and streams of fresh water can be observed. Where this occurs, it causes the sand to be in a state of flux rendering the beach hazardous to all. As a resident of this village for 35 years and also born in the parish, I do not want our unique local

history to be obliterated by more building. I find it abhorrent that our local seaside villages are decimated by holiday homes therefore future development must be halted. Failure to do this will render our villages as winter waste lands to be enjoyed by the wealthy privileged few, who have no regard for its culture or history.

4. No New Housing Development
5. Drainage Road repairs/upgrades Risk Assessment of Entry/Exit of Kirkwell Cottages
6. Identified in previous answers. 1. Keep the village feel and not just for lower Hauxley, High Hauxley should be a major part as hold the greater residence. 2. All new homes or new sales should be made permanent residence only and not allowed for Holiday lets, 2nd Homes or similar. 3. Natural heritage and nature should be the key issues protecting watercourses, Boundary hedges and ensuring a green belt is maintained between the village of Hauxley and any neighbouring town or village. 4. Roads must be speed limited to 20 for the whole length of the village starting at the main road junctions with speed calming measures introduced. the roads are heavily used by cyclist, walker and families. 5. no building should be allowed between the current village and the sea, as coastal erosion and protection to the natural environment must be maintained.
7. Consideration should be given to designating Low Hauxley as a conservation area
8. This is a wonderful opportunity to influence and control the future of our parish. Keep the developers out, keep the wildlife in, keep the environment character intact and sustainable for all.
9. The neighbourhood plan should be encouraging growth and employment for the younger generation rather than it falling further into a retirement village.
10. It should also identify that no powered sea craft should be allowed to be launched from Hauxley beach
11. none at present!
12. I am very new to the village but have lived in other places where parish plans have been developed (although I have not been directly involved). I think the question of sustainability is key to understanding what developments can and cannot be considered. I hope that the Village and parishioners can discern what is understood by sustainability for Hauxley.
13. No
14. Traffic levels and in particular the speed of vehicles needs to be addressed; a). The speed limit on Hauxley Lane needs amended to 30 mph on the run up to High Hauxley and 20 mph through the village b) Traffic calming measures need to be considered through High Hauxley c) the give way sequence through High Hauxley needs to be reviewed so that vehicles give way at the top of the hill d) Access from Kirkwell Cottages onto Hauxley Lane is dangerous and either road markings need to be introduced at the junction or a mirror installed to improve the view e). In the event that the touring caravan site proceeds several passing places should be installed on Hauxley Lane f) Given the increased road traffic travelling to and from Amble the access from Hauxley Lane onto the A1068 may need to be improved

Appendix 4: Consultation on local green space designation and proposed settlement boundaries (March 2022)

Website text

Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan – consultation on local green space and settlement boundaries

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- Areas to be protected as local green space; and
- Settlement boundaries for Low and High Hauxley.

Residents should all have received a copy of a leaflet which provides a summary of our work on local green spaces and settlement boundaries

Full details are contained within two background papers:

- Local green space
- Settlement boundaries

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Comments can be submitted in the following ways:

- Using our online form <https://forms.gle/kKnmxEB5uF3hmheZ6>
- At the drop in event; or
- By email to hauxleynp@gmail.com.

The response form can also be downloaded below.

We need your comments by 18 May 2022.

We will use your comments to inform a draft neighbourhood plan, which we hope to consult on in the summer. The plan will be amended following feedback and it will be submitted to the county council who will arrange an independent examination. There will then be a referendum and all those registered to vote within the parish will be able to vote on whether they support the plan.

UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who submitted comments.


[Engagement document](#)

[Local Green Space Background Paper](#)

[Settlement Boundary Background Paper](#)

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Help us to shape the future of our parish

During September and October 2020, we asked for feedback on our vision, objectives, planning policy areas and themes for community actions. We have reviewed the feedback and undertaken further work. Before we prepare our draft plan, we need your comments on two key issues for the plan:

- Areas to be protected as local green space; and
- Settlement boundaries for Low and High Hauxley.

Local Green Space

In our plan we can identify areas to be protected from development. To do this, they must meet nationally defined requirements, the site must not:

- Have planning permission for development;
- Be allocated for development within the local plan; or
- Be an extensive tract of land and local in character – designation of large pieces of land adjacent to settlements is not appropriate.

The site must also be demonstrably important to the local community, which should be for at least one of the following reasons:

- Beauty - the site contributes to the attractiveness or character of the area;
- History – the site has local historic significance e.g. listed buildings, scheduled monuments, important historic landscape features, connection to historic literature;
- Recreational value – is the space used for playing sport or informal recreation, there is no need to designate areas to protect rights of way;
- Tranquillity – the space is peaceful and could be used for quiet reflection;
- Richness of wildlife – the site is protected formally because of its wildlife value or could form part of a wildlife corridor.

We considered 20 sites and assessed them against the requirements of national planning policy. All the sites considered are illustrated in figure 1. The full assessment is set out in the local green space background paper which is available on our website. We are proposing to include the land around the properties within the dunes (to the east of Hauxley Lane) as local green space because we feel this area is special. If the land is allocated, it would ensure its special character is protected but would not prevent appropriate extensions to the properties within this area.







Figure 1 - All sites assessed for local green space designation



We need your feedback on whether there are any other sites we should have considered

Following the assessment, we are proposing that 17 sites are identified as local green space, as we consider they meet the requirements of national policy (see figure 2).

The three sites which are not proposed to be identified were when assessed, considered not to meet the requirements of national planning policy. Whilst the open space at the caravan park is important to the character of the local area (site 10 on figure 1), the site has a lawful development certificate in place which relates to the use of the land as a caravan park. Land to the south of Hauxley Lane (north of Low Hauxley - site 11 on figure 1) and land to the north of Hauxley Lane (site 20 on figure 1) are large sites, which fall within the category of extensive tracts of land. It is considered that it would be more appropriate to identify these areas as lying within the open countryside and would therefore be protected from development.

We need your feedback on whether you agree with the proposed local green space sites



Figure 2 - Sites proposed to be allocated as local green space

Table 1 - Overview of local green space assessment

Site	No planning permission	Not allocated for development	Not an extensive tract of land	Importance to the local community				
				Beauty	Historic	Recreation	Tranquil	Wildlife
Site 1 - Dunes, north of High Hauxley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Site 2 - Dunes, east of Hauxley Lane	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Site 3 - Dunes, east of Low Hauxley and caravan park	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Site 4 - Dunes, east of Hauxley Nature Reserve	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Site 5 - Hauxley Nature Reserve	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Site 6 - Woodland to the west of Hauxley Chapel	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Site 7 - Low Hauxley Allotments	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Site 8 - Pond to the west of Hauxley Allotments	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓
Site 9 - Woodland to the west of Caravan Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓
Site 10 - Woodland to the south of High Hauxley	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓
Site 11 - Land to the south of Hauxley Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓
Site 12 - Woodland to the south of Hauxley Lane (1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓
Site 13 - Woodland to the south of Hauxley Lane (2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓
Site 14 - Woodland to the east of the A1068	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓
Site 15 - Woodland to the west of the A1068	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓
Site 16 - Land to the east of Kirkwell Cottages	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓
Site 17 - Watercourse running to nature reserve	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓

Settlement boundaries

Settlement boundaries are a planning tool which manage the location of new development. A settlement boundary does not have to cover the full extent of a village or be limited to its built form. The exclusion of a property from within the settlement boundary does not mean that it is not part of the village. However, in planning terms, the identification of a settlement boundary should protect the countryside, prevent the merging of villages and towns, as well as maintaining the character and form of villages.

The Northumberland Local Plan identifies Low and High Hauxley as small villages which should support a proportionate level of development. Whilst the local plan does not actively encourage new development within the villages, without the identification of settlement boundaries, there is the potential for inconsistency in the determination of planning applications, particularly on the edge of the villages.

We have identified possible settlement boundaries for the villages which:

- Will manage development to ensure that it does not have a negative impact on the landscape setting of the villages, having regard to the sensitivity of the landscape and its capacity to accommodate new development;
- Establish a logical shape to the edges of the villages, again seeking to conserve and enhance the character of the area;
- Avoid irregular incursions into the open countryside; and
- Have been drawn along features which are easily identified on the ground.

The settlement boundary for Low Hauxley has been identified to exclude those properties that sit within the dunes. The settlement boundary background paper provides more information regarding the identification of the proposed settlement boundaries. This is available on our website.

Figure 3 - Proposed settlement boundary for Low Hauxley



Figure 4 - Proposed settlement boundary for High Hauxley



We need your feedback on the proposed settlement boundaries

Further information, how to comment and next steps

The two background papers and copies of the maps included within this document are available on our website <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/hauxley>.

We are holding a drop in event **between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sunday the 8th of May 2022**, at Hauxley Village Hall, where you can come along and discuss the proposals in more detail. There will be a **presentation at 11am** to explain more about neighbourhood planning as well as local green space and settlement boundaries.

Comments can be submitted at the drop in event or by email to hauxleynp@gmail.com.

We need your comments by 18 May 2022.

If you need a hard copy of any of the documents, please contact us using the details above. Any personal data supplied will only be used in relation to the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan. In line with General Data Protection Regulations you can view a copy of our Privacy Statement on our website.

We will use your comments to inform a draft neighbourhood plan, which we hope to consult on in the summer. The plan will be amended following feedback and it will be submitted to the county council who will arrange an independent examination. There will then be a referendum and all those registered to vote within the parish will be able to vote on whether they support the plan.

Response form

Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan Consultation on local green space and settlement boundaries Response form

Question 1: Have we considered all possible sites for protection as local green space? Yes ☐ No ☐
If no, please provide details of any additional sites and why you believe they should be included.

Question 2: Do you agree with the proposed local green space designations identified below?

Site	Agree		Comments
	Yes	No	
1. Dunes, north of High Hauxley			
2. Dunes, east of Hauxley Lane			
3. Dunes, east of Low Hauxley and Silver Carrs Caravan Park			
4. Dunes, east of Hauxley Nature Reserve			
5. Hauxley Nature Reserve			
6. Woodland to the west of Hauxley Chapel			
7. Low Hauxley Allotments			
8. Pond to the west of Hauxley Allotments			
9. Woodland to the west of Silver Carrs Caravan Park			
10. Woodland to the south of High Hauxley			
11. Land to the south of Hauxley Hall			
12. Woodland to the south of Hauxley Lane (1)			
13. Woodland to the south of Hauxley Lane (2)			
14. Woodland to the east of the A1068			
15. Woodland to the west of the A1068			
16. Land to the east of Kirkwell Cottages			
17. Watercourse running to nature reserve			

Question 3: If you have any comments on the local green space background paper, please add them in the space below.

Question 4: Do you agree with the proposed settlement boundary for Low Hauxley? Yes ☐ No ☐
Please provide and comments in the space below.

Question 5: Do you agree with the proposed settlement boundary for High Hauxley? Yes ☐ No ☐
Please provide and comments in the space below.

Question 6: If you have any comments on the settlement boundary background paper, please add them in the space below.

Please use additional pages if you would like to provide a fuller response.

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	

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Please ensure return completed response forms by email to: hauxleynp@gmail.com

The response form can also be completed online <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/hauxley>

Deadline for comments is 18 May 2022

Appendix 5: Local green space, protected open space and settlement boundaries consultation report

Feedback from the engagement on local green space and settlement boundaries

Background

Early engagement on potential local green space sites and draft settlement boundaries took place during April and May 2022. An engagement document was delivered to all residents and to those people who were identified as owning sites proposed as local green space. Information on the consultation was available on the parish council website and awareness raised using the Hauxley Village Facebook page. A drop in event was held on the 8th of May at the village hall. People were able to submit comments at the drop in event, online, completing a response form and submitting it by email, or by sending general comments by email.

Drop in event

The event was attended by approximately 45 members of the local community, including owners of the chalets on The Links. Residents from both High and Low Hauxley were represented.

Issues raised were:

- The Hauxley Links Association has articles of association and a covenant preventing development on the green space surrounding their chalets.
- General support for the identification of local green space and settlement boundaries (subject to further discussions regarding Hauxley Links).
- Understanding relationship between the local plan and the neighbourhood plan.
- Understanding who was able to vote on the plan.

Responses

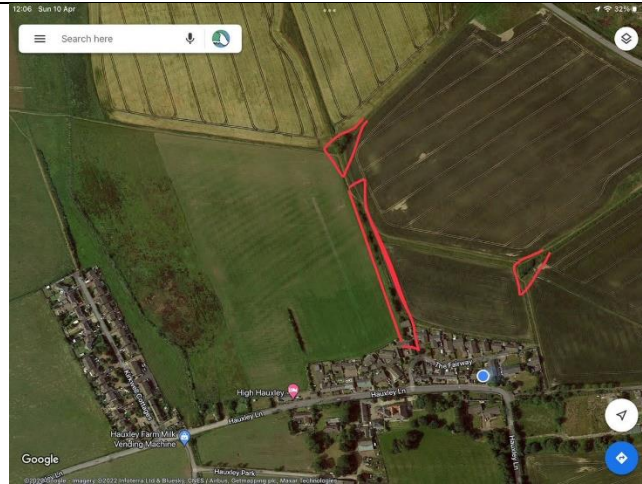
Nine responses were received to the consultation, these are included in full in the table in appendix 1.

Next steps

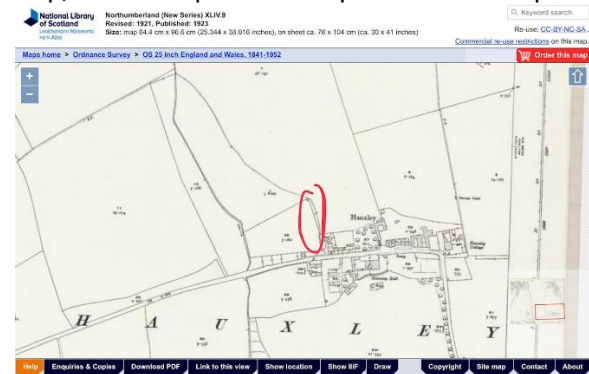
Following the discussion of the feedback by the group, any associated actions can be undertaken e.g. further discussions with the Hauxley Links Association and additional work on possible wildlife corridors and draft plan can be amended to reflect the feedback/ further work.

Appendix 1 – comments received

Comments
Northumbria Ringing Group Committee (Bryan Galloway)
<p>The wood immediately west of the village is owned by the Northumbria Ringing Group of which I am current secretary. We manage the wood to ensure that it remains attractive to both breeding and tired migrant birds from as far away as Africa and most of Europe. Part of the work we do is to catch, ring and release birds to help us and the British Trust for Ornithology (who issue us with a licence to do so) understand more about their complex life styles.</p> <p>Further to my email of 2 May the Northumbria Ringing Group committee have little more to add other than requiring definitions of the term green space in relation to Low Hauxley and the phrase 'inappropriate development'.</p> <p>As previously stated the Northumbria Ringing Group are owners of the wood immediately west of Hauxley Chapel and we manage it in accordance with the aims that are stated in our constitution. The relevant paragraphs in the constitution are;</p> <p>1 To maintain Low Hauxley Wood as a suitable habitat for birds and to ensure that this important stopover point for migrants is not destroyed.</p> <p>2 To organise and maintain Hauxley Bird Ringing Station for the purpose of ringing birds and submitting ornithological records to the relevant authorities.</p>
NCC Strategic Estates (Mike Robbins)
<p>The Council has no objections to the proposed land allocation so far as it affects NCC land.</p>
Steve Bell
<p>Regarding recent correspondence about Green Space and Settlement Boundaries. Should you need my support, such as for petitions, do not hesitate to contact myself and Amanda Cremer of 19 Kirkwell Cottages. Presently the only issue I have been concerned with was the leisure site to be opened at the top of High Hauxley but it seems that it is going ahead, my concern was late night noise from people returning to the site from Amble via Kirkwell Cottages. Regarding expansion it is unfortunate that we may lose some of the green space and I will support the parish with maintaining the character of Hauxley, although I do feel that such expansion of Amble is only to be expected.</p>
David MacGowan
<p>The settlement boundary in figure 3 of your Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan appears to go through my back garden at no. [REDACTED].</p> <p>It is my land, purchased about 20 years ago, and is on the deeds of the house.</p> <p>Please redraw this boundary so as NOT to include my land.</p>
Anna Williams
<p>I wondered if some more small areas of trees/hedging could be included in the protected parts of the Plan. They are in the field behind The Fairway and form an important refuge for birds etc in an area which has little in the way of mature trees. One of the areas includes bluebells and daffodils which have presumably self seeded over the years. I've attached a photo with the bits outlined in red.</p>



I was at the meeting today and thought it was really informative so thank you all. I wanted to add a bit of hedge to my original map as someone mentioned historical importance. I realise these bits I'm outlining are pretty small and may not count, but I thought I'd mention them just in case. The extra bit of hedge I've included is I think what remains of a footpath back in the 1800s. Here's a map, an old map and some photos of the copses I mentioned before.



Jann Robinson

I think the proposed plan is very comprehensive and I support it and would urge that it is put referendum as soon as possible.

Sue Haile

I'd like to add some comments after our meeting.

Thank you to all concerned for the work so far. I'm happy to help if need be. I have a PhD in ecology and have been a senior lecturer in Sustainable Engineering at Newcastle Univ for past 35 years.

I've two main points. Firstly we really need to preserve the habitat in the field south of Hauxley lane, this is the one where the farmer wants to build and has already submitted applications in the past. It is an important breeding and feeding ground for many species of bird some of which are endangered. For example lapwings, curlew, godwits and skylarks. Both Tawny and Barn owls nest nearby. In addition there is a breeding colony of red squirrels in the adjacent wood. I know this as have established feeders and spend about £100/month on hazelnuts. Also deer and hares live there.

Secondly whilst some at the meeting argued they live there, (but actually don't all year round) overall in low Hauxley only about 10 houses have permanent residents, the rest are second homes or holiday lets. Is there anything that can be done to stop further development of the village as a holiday resort. I believe Wooler have restrictions on sales to those buying to let. We also have terrible parking issues.

I fear in the future we will find Low and High Hauxley merge in to one and then become part of Amble.

Sorry for the rant.

Karen Burdon (Low Hauxley Links Association)

I have recently become one of the directors of the Low Hauxley Association and I own with my husband [REDACTED]

After having read the Hauxley plan and attended the meeting the other week I would like to make my comments.

I do not think that we (the beach links dwellings) need to be classed as Local Green Space and would not be happy for our property and land to be classed as this. We already have set of restrictions in place as we are green field and have our own restrictions being part of the Low Hauxley covenant. so I believe that this added layer is not needed. I am unsure how being classed Local Green Space may affect our rights to extend or rebuild our property in the future.

We could easily be included as part of the settlement boundary as many of our properties are lived in full time and the whole area is fenced off. Being part of the LOW Hauxley Settlement may help our cause for sea defences or having the right to rebuild our homes further back. So I am in favour of us all being included in the village settlement boundaries.

I look forward to discussing this at the next meeting.

Dorothy and Stephen Oake

Support all of the possible local green space sites.
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We agree with the proposed Settlement Boundary for High Hauxley, but regarding the area marked 0160b on the Northumberland Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2019-2036 (2019) Map (Figure 3), we think any development would have an adverse impact on the ecology, relatively dark sky, tranquility and historic character of the village. We have concerns about any development of this area.

Appendix 6: Consultation on draft design code

Website text

Draft Hauxley Design Code


As part of our work on the neighbourhood plan, the parish council obtained specialist support to allow the preparation of a design code for the parish.

The design code explains the important character of our parish and will be used to inform future development.

We would welcome any comments you may have on the draft design code document.

Please submit comments by email to hauxleynp@gmail.com by the 9th of August 2022.

The design code will be revised following feedback.

 [Hauxley Design Code DRAFT July 2022.pdf](#)

Facebook post



Hauxley Village

20 July 2022 · 🌐



Update on Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan - Draft Design Code

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We would welcome any comments you may have on the draft design code document. It can be accessed on our website

<https://northumberlandparishes/hauxley/article/hauxley-neighbourhood-plan-draft-design-code>

Please submit comments by email to hauxleynp@gmail.com by the 9th of August 2022.

The design code will be revised following feedback.

Response



Northumberland
County Council

Jade Reynolds
Parish Clerk
Hauxley Parish Council

Enquiries to: Rob Naples

Direct Line:

E-mail:

By email only

Date: 18 August 2022

Dear Ms Reynolds

Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan
Response to consultation on Hauxley Design Code

Thank you for consulting the County Council on the Hauxley Design Code, which is intended to inform the preparation of the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan.

There are a number of areas where we have identified that there may be scope for improvement in order to ensure that the document best represents the Parish. We would hope that you will see these comments as critical support. They are intended to inform modification to the Design Code so that it best meets the expectations of the Parish Council in terms of its robustness and relationship with the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. I hope the comments made by the County Council are helpful in reaching a conclusion to preparation of the Design Code. We will, of course, continue to support the Parish Council and Steering Group with advice as necessary and with practical support.

Yours sincerely

Rob Naples
Planning Officer

Design Vision

The underlying purpose for design quality and the quality of new development at all scales is to create well-designed and well-built places that benefit people and communities.

The County Council has some concerns about what the 'design vision' for Hauxley is, and how the Design Code will translate into meaningful planning policy for the Parish. Other Design Codes which the County Council has had sight of have featured strong design visions which have been forward looking and have identified design issues and identified how new development can seek to address these. It is considered that the Design Code for Hauxley would be a more coherent document if it set out a clear design vision for the future.

The Design Code for Haydon Parish sets out a clear design vision and is considered to be a good example. That document is available via the Haydon Parish Council website here: <http://www.haydon-bridge.co.uk/documents/HaydonParishNorthumberlandDesignCode.pdf>

It is also important that any design vision set out in the Design Code aligns with the vision set out in the neighbourhood plan and that the two documents work together.

Views

Section 2.3 of the Design Code relates to landscape and views but does not go into detail about how views can be part of the character of the Parish. Section 4 of the Design Code could include more detail regarding views within and beyond the Parish and how these views fit into a wider design vision.

Methodology

The methodology can appear to be overly simplistic. The [guidance notes for design codes](#), which are modelled on the ten characteristics of well-designed places set out in the [National Design Guide](#), may be useful in this regard.

National Model Design Code

The purpose of the National Model Design Code is to provide detailed guidance on the production of design codes, guides and policies to promote successful design. It expands on the ten characteristics of good design set out in the National Design Guide, which reflects the government's priorities and provides a common overarching framework for design.

A design code is a set of simple, concise, illustrated design requirements that are visual and numerical wherever possible to provide specific, detailed parameters for the physical development of a site or area.

Coding Process

21. The process of preparing a local design code is based on the following seven steps:

1. Analysis

1A – Scoping: Agreeing on the geographical area to be covered by the code and the policy areas that it will address.

1B – Baseline: Bringing together the analysis that will underpin the code and inform its contents.

2. Vision

2A – Design Vision: Dividing the area covered by the code into a set of typical 'area types' and deciding on a vision for each of these area types.

2B – Coding Plan: Preparing a plan that maps out each of the area types and also identifies large development sites from allocations in the local plan.

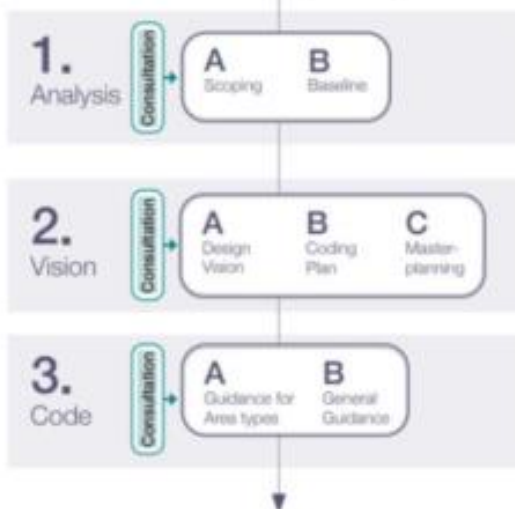
2C – Masterplanning: On larger sites working with land owners and developers to agree a masterplan for each of the development sites establishing the key parameters and area types.

3. Code

3A – Area Type Guidance: Developing guidance for each area type by adjusting a set of design parameters.

3B – Design Code Wide Guidance: Agree on a set of policies that will apply equally across all area types.

Figure 1. Design Code Process



All design codes should include as a minimum:

- Movement strategy where appropriate
- Access and street hierarchy where appropriate
- Landscape and open space strategy
- Land use and mix
- Density
- Heights
- Number of homes
- Identity and character of buildings and public spaces

As mentioned above, it is considered that the inclusion of a 'design vision' would help to pull all of these issues together and provide a 'golden thread' which would run through the Design Code and related Plan policies, emphasising desirable design characteristics and those existing characteristics which are important to the Parish.

Consultation on the Design Code

It is noted that some consultation has been held on the Design Code; however, it is important that any public consultation makes it clear how the Design Code will fit into the neighbourhood planning process, how the Plan's vision, objectives and policies will embed any 'design vision' contained within it, and how any feedback on consultation on the Design Code will be incorporated into the Design Code process.

Appendix 7: Pre-submission engagement – consultation bodies and other interested parties

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Bodies for Hauxley Parish Council

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
Local Planning Authority	Northumberland County Council	Rob Murfin (Interim Executive Director of Planning & Local Services), Northumberland County Council Email: [REDACTED]
		Neighbourhood Planning Team, Northumberland County Council Email: [REDACTED]
The Coal Authority	The Coal Authority	Planning and Local Authority Liaison, The Coal Authority Email: [REDACTED]
Homes England	Homes England	Homes England Email: [REDACTED]
Natural England	Natural England	Consultation Service, Natural England Email: [REDACTED]
The Environment Agency	The Environment Agency	Planning Consultations, Environment Agency Email: [REDACTED]
Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England	Historic England Email: [REDACTED]
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited Email: [REDACTED]

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
National Highways	National Highways	Asset Development Team - Yorkshire and North East, National Highways Email: [REDACTED]
Relevant Primary Care Trust	NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group	NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group Email: [REDACTED] Jamie Mitchell, Head of Commissioning, Estates and Premises, NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group Email: [REDACTED]
Any person who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority	The Alncom Group	The Alncom Group Email: [REDACTED]
	Avonline	Avonline Email: [REDACTED]
	British Telecommunications Plc.	British Telecommunications Plc, Openreach Newsites PP 4AB, 21-23 Carlol Square, Newcastle CTE, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1BB
	Briskona	Email: [REDACTED]
	CTIL (Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2)	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited, EMF Enquiries Email: [REDACTED]
	EE	Alex Jackman, Corporate and Financial Affairs Department, EE Email: [REDACTED]
	Three	Jane Evans, Three Email: [REDACTED]

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
	Virgin Media Limited	Virgin Media Limited, Unit 2, Network House, New York Way, New York Industrial Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE27 0QF Virgin Media Limited (Head Office), 270 & 280 Bartley Way, Bartley Wood Business Park, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9UP
	Wildcard Networks	Email: [REDACTED]
	Arqiva	Email: [REDACTED]
	Openreach	Email: [REDACTED]
Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies	CTIL (Acting on behalf of Vodafone and O2)	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited, EMF Enquiries Email: [REDACTED]
	EE	Alex Jackman, Corporate and Financial Affairs Department, EE Email: [REDACTED]
	Three	Jane Evans, Three Email: [REDACTED]
Any person to whom a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989.	Northern Powergrid	Northern Powergrid, Records and Information, Manor House, Station Road, Penshaw, Houghton le Spring, County Durham, DH4 7LA
	National Grid	Matt Verlander, Avison Young, Email: [REDACTED] Spencer Jefferies, Town Planner, National Grid Email: [REDACTED]

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
Any a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986.	Northern Gas Networks	Northern Gas Networks, 1100 Century Way, Thorp Business Park, Colton, Leeds, LS15 8TU
Sewerage undertaker	Northumbrian Water Limited	Katherine Dobson, Planning Team Leader, Northumbrian Water Limited Email: [REDACTED]
Water undertaker	Northumbrian Water Limited	Katherine Dobson, Planning Team Leader, Northumbrian Water Limited Email: [REDACTED]
Marine Management Organisation	Marine Management Organisation	Stakeholder & Networks Officer, Marine Management Organisation Email: [REDACTED]
Adjoining local authorities – Parish Councils	All parish councils that adjoin the neighbourhood area	Amble Parish Council - [REDACTED]
		Togston Parish Council - [REDACTED]
Voluntary Bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area	Amble Development Trust	[REDACTED]
	Hauxley Wildlife Group	
	Northumberland Astronomical Society	
	Amble and Warkworth Rotary Club	

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
	Trustees of Hauxley Village Hall	Chair – Heather Wilkinson [REDACTED]
	Hauxley Village Hall Community Committee	Yvonne Walker [REDACTED]
	Northumberland Wildlife Trust	[REDACTED]
	Age UK Northumberland	[REDACTED]
Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area	South East Northumberland Ecumenical Area	[REDACTED]
	Anglican Parish of St Cuthbert's Amble	Revd John McDermott [REDACTED]
	Coquet Churches Together	Revd Carollyn McDonald [REDACTED]
Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area	North of England Refugee Service	[REDACTED]
Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area	Northumberland Business Network	[REDACTED]

Consultation Body	Organisation	Contact Details
Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area	Disability North	

In addition, the following organisations have asked to be notified about neighbourhood plans in Northumberland.

Organisation	Contact Details
The Theatres Trust	Mark Price (Planning and Heritage Adviser), The Theatres Trust Email:
Sustrans	Sustrans Email:
National Farmers Union	Andy Stephenson, Planning, National Farmers Union Email:
All Things Neighbourhood Planning	Ed Dade (www.neighbourhood-planning.co.uk) Email:
SSA Planning	Steve Simms Mark McGovern
Quod Planning	Estelle Hutchinson

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Others identified by HPC

Proposed LGS landowners:

- Low Hauxley Links Association –
- LGS05 – The Trustees of the Northumbria Ringing Group

Appendix 8: Pre-submission engagement - letters sent to consultation bodies and other interested parties



Hauxley Parish Council
C/O 14 Oswald Street
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15 March 2023

Dear Consultee

Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012: Regulation 14 consultation and publicity

Hauxley Parish Council, as a qualifying body for the purposes of neighbourhood planning for the Hauxley Neighbourhood Area, has completed the preparation of the Pre-Submission Draft Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan.

You have been identified by Hauxley Parish Council as a consultation body or person whose interests may be affected by the policies contained in the draft plan for the purposes of the Regulations. I am therefore writing to consult you about the draft plan. Any comments you may wish to make about the draft plan must be made in writing. The Regulations require that consultation must take place for a period of not less than six weeks starting on the date the draft plan is first publicised.

Written representations are being invited on the draft plan and draft environmental report for a period of not less than six weeks, commencing 9am on Monday 20 March 2023 and ending at 5pm on Thursday 4 May 2023.

The plan, environmental report and supporting documents will be available to view on the Hauxley Parish Council website from the start of the consultation: <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/hauxley>. If you do not have access to the internet, you can request a hard copy of the plan using the contact details above.

Representations may be made by email to hauxleynp@gmail.com or by post to: Hauxley Parish Clerk, 14 Oswald Street, Amble, Northumberland, NE65 0EG.

A drop-in event has been organised for the public to view the plan on Saturday 29 April 2023 between 10.30am and 12.30pm at Hauxley Village Hall.

We would be pleased to receive any written representations you may wish to make on the plan and supporting documents before **5pm on Thursday 4 May 2023**.

If you have any questions about this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Cllr Rita Callender
Chair, Hauxley Parish Council

Appendix 8: Pre-submission engagement website, social media and poster

Website

We need your views on our draft neighbourhood plan!

We have prepared a draft neighbourhood plan which has been informed by feedback from the local community during 2020 and 2022. Our draft plan includes planning policies and community actions covering a range of issues which seek to protect and enhance what makes our area special.

We are holding a drop-in event on Saturday the 29th of April 2023 between 10.30am and 12.30pm at Hauxley Village Hall where you can come along to find out more.

The deadline for comments is Thursday the 4th of May 2023.

The main consultation documents are:

- Pre-submission draft neighbourhood plan
- Draft policies map
- Draft environmental report.


The draft neighbourhood plan has been informed by the following evidence base documents:


- Local green space background paper
- Hauxley Parish Design Code
- Settlement boundary background paper

A summary leaflet has been sent to all residents in the parish.

Comments can be made in the following ways:


- Using the [online form](#)
- Downloading the response form and sending to us via post or email (details below)
- By email to hauxleynp@gmail.com
- By writing to Hauxley Parish Clerk, 14 Oswald Street, Amble, Northumberland, NE65 0EG.

 [Hauxley Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan](#)


 [Pre-submission draft policies map](#)


 [Draft environmental report](#)

 [Local green space background paper](#)

 [Hauxley design code](#)

 [Settlement boundary background paper](#)

 [Response form \(pdf\)](#)

 [Response form \(word\)](#)

 [Summary leaflet](#)

Facebook posts



Hauxley Village
23 March · 🌐

We need your views on our Draft Neighbourhood Plan!

We have prepared a draft neighbourhood plan which has been informed by feedback from the local community during 2020 and 2022. Our draft plan includes planning policies and community actions covering a range of issues which seek to protect and enhance what makes our area special. The consultation period for this runs from the 20th March until the 4th May 2023.

We are holding a drop-in event on Saturday the 29th of April 2023 between 10.30am and 12.30pm at Hauxley Village Hall where you can come along to find out more.

The deadline for comments is Thursday the 4th of May 2023.

The Consultation documents can be found on the Hauxley Parish Council Website:
<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/.../neighbourhood-plan>



**HAUXLEY
PARISH
COUNCIL**



Hauxley Village
23 April · 🌐

Don't forget it's the draft Neighbourhood Plan drop in event on Saturday 29 April. Call in to the Village Hall anytime between 10.30am and 12.30pm to have a chat to the team about the plans.

In the meantime you can look at the proposals here:
<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/.../Hauxley%20Pre...>

You can also submit your comments via email: hauxleynp@gmail.com



Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan

Your feedback

You can submit comments in the following ways:

- Use the online form available on our website <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/hauxley> (or scan the QR code below)
- Attend the drop in event on Saturday the 29th of April between 10.30am and 12.30pm at Hauxley Village Hall;
- By email to: hauxleynp@gmail.com
- By letter to: Hauxley Parish Clerk, 14 Oswald Street, Amble, Northumberland, NE65 0EG



Next steps

- We will make changes to the plan following feedback and submit it NCC, who will organise further consultation.
- The plan will then be examined by an independent examiner who will assess whether it meets the various legal requirements.
- There will then be a referendum where everyone who is registered to vote in the parish will be asked if they are in favour of the plan. If the majority of those voting are in favour of the plan it will be adopted by NCC and the policies used to make decisions on planning applications.



We need your comments by the 4th of May 2023

Poster

Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan

We need your views on our draft plan

Hauxley Parish Council has prepared a draft neighbourhood plan informed by the feedback provided by the local community during 2020 and 2022. We need your comments on the draft plan before we submit it to Northumberland County Council.



Our draft plan includes five planning policies covering a range of issues which seek to protect and enhance what makes our area special. There are also several community actions covering a range of issues.

Come along to the drop in event on Saturday the 29th of April 2023 between 10.30am and 12.30pm at Hauxley Village Hall to find out more.

If you are unable to attend, the draft plan and supporting information is available on the parish council website.



We need comments on the plan by the 4th of May 2023



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Appendix 10: Pre-submission consultation - leaflet sent to all households

Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan



We need your views on our draft plan

We have prepared a draft neighbourhood plan informed by the feedback provided by the local community during 2020 and 2022. Our draft plan includes planning policies covering a range of issues which seek to protect and enhance what make our area special.

We need comments on the plan by the 4th of May 2023

Come along to the drop in event on Saturday the 29th of April between 10.30am and 12.30pm at Hauxley Village Hall to find out more.

The draft plan and supporting information is available on our website. If you do not have access to the internet, a hard copy of the plan is available on request from the parish council.

What is a neighbourhood plan?

- They enable people living and working in an area to guide where and how future development happens.
- Plans are prepared by local communities through parish councils, rather than Northumberland County Council (NCC).
- They must be supported by the local community and will be used by NCC to make decisions on planning applications.



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Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan

Our neighbourhood plan vision

Our vision for the parish of Hauxley in 2036 is that its rural community remains sustainable and cohesive. The close and important links with the neighbouring parishes have been maintained, whilst the parish of Hauxley continues to be visually and physically distinct and separate from the urban area.

The distinctive and rich natural, built and historic environmental character of the parish will have been conserved and enhanced for future generations by ensuring new developments are appropriately located and their scale and design fully reflects the local area.

Our neighbourhood objectives and policies

Objective 1 - Rich natural environment

Conserving and enhancing the tranquil and valued nature of the coastal environment of the parish

- **Policy H1:** Local green space - proposes the allocation of 16 sites to be protected from development
- **Policy H2:** Green gaps - identifies areas which are important to protect and enhance the rural character of the parish



Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan

Objective 2 - Distinctive built and historic environment

Ensuring new development maintains and enhances local distinctiveness and contributes positively to the built and historic environment of the plan area.

- **Policy H3:** Local distinctiveness - describes the special character of the parish that will be required to be conserved and enhanced through the planning process
- **Policy H4:** Residential design codes - identifies principles to be used to influence the design of new development

Objective 3 - Sustainable and cohesive community

Ensuring new development is sustainable and supports the delivery of development needed by the local community whilst protecting the intrinsic character and beauty of the surrounding countryside.

- **Policy H5:** Sustainable location of new development - proposes tight settlement boundaries around Low and High Hauxley to protect the countryside, this would limit any new future housing development

Community actions

As part of preparing the plan, several areas were identified by the community which cannot be addressed through the planning system. These have been identified as community actions and include:

- Environmental enhancement projects
- Supporting renewable energy installation projects
- Creation of a conservation area in Low Hauxley
- Identification of wildlife corridors
- Improving access to local services for parish residents.

Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan

Your feedback

You can submit comments in the following ways:

- Use the online form available on our website <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/hauxley> (or scan the QR code below)
- Attend the drop in event on Saturday the 29th of April between 10.30am and 12.30pm at Hauxley Village Hall;
- By email to: hauxleynp@gmail.com
- By letter to: Hauxley Parish Clerk, 14 Oswald Street, Amble, Northumberland, NE65 0EG



Next steps

- We will make changes to the plan following feedback and submit it NCC, who will organise further consultation.
- The plan will then be examined by an independent examiner who will assess whether it meets the various legal requirements.
- There will then be a referendum where everyone who is registered to vote in the parish will be asked if they are in favour of the plan. If the majority of those voting are in favour of the plan it will be adopted by NCC and the policies used to make decisions on planning applications.



We need your comments by the 4th of May 2023

Appendix 11: Pre-submission engagement - response form

Pre-Submission Draft Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan Response Form

You can use this response form to provide feedback on the Pre-Submission Draft Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan. If you have any questions, please contact the parish council by email hauxleynp@gmail.com or call 07786255649.



Vision and objectives

The vision sets out what the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan intends to achieve over the plan period to 2036 and to deliver the vision three objectives have been developed on the themes of: a rich natural environment; distinctive built and historic environment; and sustainable and cohesive community.

The vision for Hauxley in 2036 is:

"Our vision for the parish of Hauxley in 2036 is that its rural community remains sustainable and cohesive. The close and important links with the neighbouring parishes have been maintained, whilst the parish of Hauxley continues to be visually and physically distinct and separate from the urban area. The distinctive and rich natural, built and historic environmental character of the parish will have been conserved and enhanced for future generations by ensuring new developments are appropriately located and their scale and design fully reflects the local area."

1. Do you agree with the vision?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on the vision, please add them below.

The plan includes three objectives:

- Objective 1 – Rich natural environment: *"Conserving and enhancing the tranquil and valued nature of the coastal environment of the parish";*
- Objective 2 – Distinctive built and historic environment: *"Ensuring new development maintains and enhances local distinctiveness and contributes positively to the built and historic environment of the plan area";*
- Objective 3 – Sustainable and cohesive community: *"Ensuring new development is sustainable and supports the delivery of development needed by the local community whilst protecting the intrinsic character and beauty of the surrounding countryside".*

2. Do you agree with the objectives?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on the objectives, please add them below.

Planning policies

Neighbourhood plans set out guidance on how new development will be managed. They do this by creating land use 'planning policies'. Plans can deal with a wide range of issues like housing, employment, heritage and transport. In some cases, they may only focus on one or two issues that are of particular importance in a local area. Policies within neighbourhood plans cannot block development or support less than already committed in the statutory development plan. What they can do is help shape where that development will go and what it will look like.

The draft Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan proposes five planning policies. Alongside the policies in the Northumberland Local Plan, these policies would be used to assess planning applications in Hauxley Parish.

Policy H1 – Local green space

- 3. This policy proposes to allocate 16 sites that would be protected from development (as defined on the policies map). Do you agree with the proposed policy and allocations?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy H1, please add them below.

Policy H2 – Green gaps

- 4. This policy proposes to allocate areas as green gaps to ensure the rural character of the parish is protected and enhanced. Do you agree with the proposed policy and allocations?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy H2, please add them below.

Policy H3 – Local distinctiveness

- 5. Policy H3 requires new development to conserve local distinctiveness. It defines character areas and key considerations for each area. Do you agree with the proposed approach?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy H3, please add them below.

Policy H4 – Residential design code

- 6. Policy H4 includes several design criteria against which new development should be assessed. Do you agree with the proposed policy?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy H4, please add them below.

Policy H5 – Sustainable location of new development

- 7. Policy H5 proposes to identify tight settlement boundaries around Low and High Hauxley to protect the countryside from unsustainable development. This would limit the amount of housing development that could take place in the parish. Affordable housing may be supported adjacent to the settlement boundaries where it meets the requirements of local plan policy HOU7. The settlement boundaries are illustrated on the policies map. Do you support the draft policy and boundaries?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on policy H5, please add them below.

Community actions

As part of the process of developing the neighbourhood plan several aspirations and issues that cannot be addressed through the planning system were identified. These have been listed as 'community actions' all of which related to the policy areas of the neighbourhood plan and are supported by Hauxley Parish Council. Whilst it may be possible for the parish council to take forward some of these on its own initiative, others will require collaboration with other bodies and, in some cases, funding will be required. These actions are only likely to happen, however, if there is sufficient community support and the parish council would welcome offers from residents willing to assist in delivering these actions.

Natural environment

Seven actions have been identified as helping to deliver the natural environment objective:

1. Develop environmental enhancement projects e.g. planting wildflowers on verges and in hedgerows and installation of bird and bat boxes;
2. Tree planting schemes;
3. Protection of the natural environment from the negative impact of visitors;
4. Consider options for rewilding projects;
5. Consider opportunities to reduce light pollution;
6. Consider projects to support the installation of renewable energy;
7. Work with the Northumberland Wildlife Trust and NCC Ecology Team to explore opportunities to identify wildlife corridors across the plan area.

8. Do you support the natural environment community actions?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on the natural environment community actions, please add them below.

Built and historic environment

Two actions have been identified to assist in the delivery of the distinctive built and historic environment objective:

8. Work with the conservation team at NCC to discuss options to establish a conservation area for Low Hauxley;
9. Identify non designated heritage assets that are of importance to the local community which are not currently included on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record and work with the conservation team at NCC regarding their addition;

9. Do you support the built and historic environment community actions?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on the built and historic environment community actions, please add them below.

Sustainable and cohesive community

Two actions have been identified to assist in the delivery of the sustainable and cohesive community objective:

10. Work with the conservation team at NCC to discuss options to establish a conservation area for Low Hauxley;
11. Identify non designated heritage assets that are of importance to the local community which are not currently included on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record and work with the conservation team at NCC regarding their addition;

10. Do you support the community actions for the sustainable and cohesive community objective?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have any comments on the actions for the sustainable and cohesive community objective, please add them below.

Other comments

11.If you have any other comments on the plan, policies map or its supporting documents, please add them below.

Contact details

Name:

Address:

Email:

Any personal data supplies will only be used in relation to the preparation of the neighbourhood plan and will be maintained in accordance with the data protection regulations and the Hauxley Parish Council privacy policy <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/hauxley/documents/policy-and-procedure>

Completed response forms must be received by Thursday the 4th of May 2023.

Please send completed response forms to: Hauxley Parish Clerk, 14 Oswald Street, Amble, Northumberland, NE65 0EG or by email to: hauxleynp@gmail.com.

An online version of this form is available on the parish council website: <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/hauxley/documents/neighbourhood-plan> or by scanning the QR code.



Thank you for taking the time to give us your comments on the draft plan.

Appendix 12: Pre-submission engagement - display boards used at drop in event

Neighbourhood Planning



What is a neighbourhood plan?

Since 2011 the government has allowed communities to produce neighbourhood plans for their local area. These enable people living and working in an area to guide where and how future development happens. Neighbourhood plans can help deliver the types of development that local people would like to see in their area.

What will a plan do?

The purpose of neighbourhood plans is to create locally distinctive planning policies to manage and guide development within a defined neighbourhood area.

They are important documents in the planning system because decisions on planning applications must be made in accordance with planning policies, including those in a neighbourhood plan.

What issues can a plan cover?

Neighbourhood plans can create planning policies to cover land use planning issues that are important to the local community. This could include:

- Housing e.g. allocating sites for development and identifying the types of homes that are needed
- Natural environment e.g. designating important open spaces
- Historic environment e.g. identifying important heritage assets
- Design e.g. producing a design code to shape development

What can't a plan do?

- It can't prevent development already agreed in the Northumberland Local Plan.
- It can't include policies for matters that don't require planning permission.
- It can't cover strategic planning matters i.e. major infrastructure or minerals and waste matters.

Neighbourhood plans must be supported by the local community through a referendum

Background to the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan



Vision and objectives

The vision sets out what the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan intends to achieve over the plan period to 2036. It informs all the plan objectives and draft planning policies.

A vision for Hauxley in 2036

Our vision for the parish of Hauxley in 2036 is that its rural community remains sustainable and cohesive. The close and important links with the neighbouring parishes have been maintained, whilst the parish of Hauxley continues to be visually and physically distinct and separate from the urban area.

The distinctive and rich natural, built and historic environmental character of the parish will have been conserved and enhanced for future generations by ensuring new developments are appropriately located and their scale and design fully reflects the local area

To deliver the vision, three objectives have been developed. These clearly relate to the issues identified through early engagement with the local community and other stakeholders, as well as the evidence base supporting the plan. The draft planning policies and community actions contained within the plan, should deliver the objectives.

Objectives

Objective 1 – Rich natural environment:

- Conserving and enhancing the tranquil and valued nature of the coastal environment of the parish.

Objective 2 – Distinctive built and historic environment:

- Ensuring new development maintains and enhances local distinctiveness and contributes positively to the built and historic environment of the plan area.

Objective 3 – Sustainable and cohesive community:

- Ensuring new development is sustainable and supports the delivery of development needed by the local community whilst protecting the intrinsic character and beauty of the surrounding countryside.

Draft planning policies

The draft neighbourhood plan contains 5 planning policies:

Policy H1 - Local green space

The following areas, as defined on the policies map, are designated as local green space which will be protected from development in a manner consistent with the protection of land within the Green Belt:

- LGS01 Dunes, north of High Hauxley;
- LGS02 Dunes, east of Low Hauxley and Silver Carrs Caravan Park;
- LGS03 Dunes, east of Hauxley Nature Reserve;
- LGS04 Hauxley Nature Reserve;
- LGS05 Woodland to the west of Hauxley Chapel;
- LGS06 Low Hauxley Allotments;
- LGS07 Pond to the west of Hauxley Allotments;
- LGS08 Woodland to the west of Silver Carrs Caravan Park;
- LGS09 Woodland to the south of High Hauxley;
- LGS10 Land to the south of Hauxley Hall;
- LGS11 Woodland to the south of Hauxley Lane (1);
- LGS12 Woodland to the south of Hauxley Lane (2);
- LGS13 Woodland to the east of the A1068;
- LGS14 Woodland to the west of the A1068;
- LGS15 Land to the east of Kirkwell Cottages;
- LGS16 Watercourse running to nature reserve.

Policy H2: Green gaps

Development within the green gaps identified on the policies map will only be supported where it does not conflict with the purposes of designation, which are to:

- a. Protect and enhance the rural character of the parish;
- b. Prevent the coalescence of Amble and High Hauxley;
- c. Protect the important landscape character and visual amenity of the area particularly the following important views: between Low and High Hauxley, High Hauxley and Amble and those out to sea, of Coquet Island along the coastline and across Hauxley Nature Reserve; and
- d. Retain a valuable wildlife corridor and habitat.

Draft planning policies

Policy H3: Local distinctiveness

Development should conserve local distinctiveness by demonstrating high quality design which both respects existing character and responds to the distinctive character of each part of the plan area.

- a. Within the Low Hauxley Beach Houses area, as defined on the policies map, development will be supported where it:
 - i. Maintains the open and informal character of the area, particularly retaining the spacing between buildings;
 - ii. Uses materials which complement the existing palette within the area, which is typically whitewashed weatherboard cladding for elevations and slate roof coverings;
 - iii. Reflects the single storey form of the area;
 - iv. Retains front boundaries of timber fencing with no formal rear boundary treatment;
- b. Within the Low Hauxley area, as defined on the policies map, development will be supported where it:
 - i. Maintains the historic terraced layout and single storey (incorporating dormer windows and skylights) form of the area;
 - ii. Uses materials which complement the existing palette within the area which include stone, render and pebbledash elevations, stone window surrounds, with slate roofs;
- c. Within the Kirkwell Cottages area, as defined on the policies map, development will be supported where it:
 - i. Maintains the formal cul-de-sac layout of the area;
 - ii. Uses materials which complement those of adjoining and surrounding buildings;
- d. Within the High Hauxley area, as defined on the policies map, development will be supported where it:
 - i. Reflects the diversity of building styles and materials within the area, including stone elevations, with gable and hipped slate roofs;
 - ii. Respects established building lines, particularly that dwellings are set back behind short front gardens with either stone wall, hedgerow or timber fence boundary treatments.

Draft planning policies

Policy H4: Residential design codes

Development will be supported where it has been demonstrated that it responds positively to the character of the area in terms of: building heights, roof forms, materials and detailing, frontages, and boundaries. Where appropriate and relevant to the development it should accords with the following design codes:

- a. Any new buildings should adhere to a maximum height of 2 storeys, with 1 and 1.5 storey buildings also appropriate heights. Single storey buildings may be more appropriate where a building will impact heavily on views to or from the surrounding landscape;
- b. Roof types should reflect the typical styles within the neighbourhood area which are predominantly: gable with chimneys on gable ends, hipped, projecting gable roof and wall dormer window, gable roof with roof dormer windows and skylight windows;
- c. Materials and detailing should complement those of adjoining and surrounding buildings. Typical and appropriate materials and detailing include: uncoursed and coursed stone elevations, rendered elevations, slate roofing, stone windowsills lintels and surrounds, stone quoin corner detailing, gable and coping stones;
- d. Boundary treatments should reflect the boundaries of adjacent plots. Typical and appropriate frontages and boundaries include: stone wall and timber fence boundaries and setting buildings back from the road behind a front garden or grass verge;
- e. Parking should generally be provided on the application site. Permeable surfaced driveways will be supported. Where hard surfaced driveways are provided these should be balanced with areas of soft landscaping to reduce the level of rainwater runoff. Garages should be set back from the main frontage to avoid large blank garage doors dominating the front elevation;
- f. Development should optimise solar orientation of buildings for solar gain, solar energy and natural daylighting; and
- g. Where planning permission is required, retrofitting roofs with solar panels and the installation of other renewable energy and energy efficiency measures will be supported.

Policy H5: Sustainable location of new development

Development within the Low and High Hauxley settlement boundaries, as defined on the policies map will be supported provided it complies with relevant policies contained within the development plan. Outside the settlement boundaries development will be supported where it meets the requirements of local plan policy STP1 with regard to development in the countryside.

Community actions

As part of the process of developing the plan, several areas were identified by the local community which cannot be addressed through the planning system. These have been identified as 'community actions' – they do however relate to one or more of the policy areas.

These community actions are supported by the parish council. However, many of them will be delivered by, or in conjunction with, other bodies and community groups.

The community actions are grouped under the three plan objectives.

The parish council want these projects to be taken forward. This will only happen if there is enough community support, including (but not only) hands on support

Objective 1 - Rich natural environment

1. Develop environmental enhancement projects e.g. planting wildflowers on verges and in hedgerows and installation of bird and bat boxes;
2. Tree planting schemes;
3. Protection of the natural environment from the negative impact of visitors;
4. Consider options for rewilding projects;
5. Consider opportunities to reduce light pollution;
6. Consider projects to support the installation of renewable energy;
7. Work with the Northumberland Wildlife Trust and NCC Ecology Team to explore opportunities to identify wildlife corridors across the plan area.

Objective 2 - Distinctive built and historic environment

1. Work with the conservation team at NCC to discuss options to establish a conservation area for Low Hauxley;
2. Identify non designated heritage assets that are of importance to the local community which are not currently included on the Northumberland Historic Environment Record and work with the conservation team at NCC regarding their addition.

Objective 3 - Sustainable and cohesive community

1. Explore opportunities to improve access to local services for residents of the parish.
2. Work with NCC on priorities to improve footpaths to enhance accessibility.

How to comment

**View the documents
today and complete a
feedback form**

**The consultation
documents are available
online**



**Complete our online
questionnaire**



**Send us an email with
your comments:
hauxleynp@gmail.com**

**Send us a letter
Hauxley Parish Clerk,
14 Oswald Street,
Amble, NE65 OEG**



Next steps

Help to shape our plan

- The draft plan sets out planning policies to address issues that you told us are important. Once it is finalised it will be used to make decisions on planning applications in the parish. This is your chance to have your say on those policies.
- Public consultation runs from 15 March to 4 May 2023 we would like to hear your views on the plan.

What will we do with your comments?

- All of the written comments you provide are important to us. We will prepare a report which will contain all of the comments received and how we have responded to these. This will be available on our website
<https://northumberlandparishes.uk/hauxley/documents/neighbourhood-plan>

What happens after this consultation period?

- We will update the plan taking account of comments made. We will then submit the plan to Northumberland County Council.
- The county council will publicise the submission plan for six weeks and invite further comments.
- The county council will then arrange for the plan to be independently examined. The examiner will review all comments on the submission plan.

Progressing the neighbourhood plan

- The examiner submits a report to the county council advising whether the plan meets the legal requirements. The county council will publish this report.
- If the plan passes examination the county council will arrange a referendum to give local people the final say on whether it should be adopted.
- If more than 50% vote in favour of the plan, it will be adopted and used to make decisions on planning applications.



Photos from event



Appendix 13: Pre-submission consultation responses and proposed amendments

Consultee	Comment	Response/ proposed change
General		
Northumberland County Council	<p>Thank you for consulting the County Council on the Pre-Submission Draft Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan. Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Parish Council and its Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on reaching this stage in plan preparation and for creating a well-considered draft plan for the future of Hauxley Parish.</p> <p>I have consulted colleagues throughout the County Council on the draft plan and have received a number of comments from various service areas. The County Council's comments are presented in the schedule that follows this letter.</p> <p>Comments have been made about both the supporting text, which sets the context for the policies, and on the policies proposed for inclusion in the Plan.</p> <p>There are a number of areas where we have identified concerns in terms of how well the Plan currently meets the 'basic conditions'. We would hope that you will see these comments as critical support. They are intended to inform modification to the Plan so that it best meets the expectations of the Parish Council in terms of the future determination of development proposals, and, crucially, that the Plan can proceed to independent examination once it has been submitted, with a greater expectation of a positive outcome.</p> <p>I hope the comments made by the County Council are helpful in reaching a conclusion to plan preparation. We will, of course, continue to support the Parish Council and the Steering Group with advice as necessary and with practical support on any modifications required to the Plan once you have had a chance to review all of the representations received in response to the current consultation.</p> <p>Finally, I would advise that the comments made by the County Council in response to this consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft Plan do not constitute a formal opinion about whether the Plan as currently drafted meets the 'basic conditions'. The County Council is not required to issue a decision statement in respect of that matter until the independent examination has been completed. We would therefore reserve the right</p>	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan: Consultation Statement (September 2023)

Consultee	Comment	Response/ proposed change
	to make further representations as necessary following the submission of the Plan to the County Council.	
Natural England	<p>Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 15 March 2023. Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</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 made.</p> <p>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.</p>	Noted, no amendments required.
Amble Town Council	<p>Amble Town Council has considered the documents included within the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan and has provided the following comments.</p> <p>Amble respects the current boundaries of the parish of Hauxley and does not expect development to change these.</p> <p>They agree it is important to protect and conserve the natural environment within Hauxley parish.</p>	Noted, no amendments required.
National Grid (Electricity Transmission)	<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, so it can reach homes and businesses.</p> <p>National Grid no longer owns or operates the high-pressure gas transmission system across the UK. This is the responsibility of National Gas Transmission, which is a separate entity and must be consulted independently.</p> <p>National Grid Ventures (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. NGV is separate from</p>	Noted, no amendments required.

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	<p>National Grid's core regulated businesses. Please also consult with NGV separately from NGET.</p> <p>Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to NGET assets: An assessment has been carried out with respect to NGET's assets which include high voltage electricity assets and other electricity infrastructure. NGET has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.</p> <p>NGET provides information in relation to its assets at the website below. www2.nationalgrid.com/uk/services/land-and-development/planning-authority/shapefiles/</p>	
National Gas Transmission	<p>National Gas Transmission 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>Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets. An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure.</p> <p>National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.</p> <p>National Gas Transmission provides information in relation to its assets at the website below. https://www.nationalgas.com/land-and-assets/network-route-maps</p>	Noted, no amendments required.
The Coal Authority	<p>Thank you for your notification received on the 15th March 2023 in respect of the above consultation.</p> <p>The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. As a statutory consultee, The Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas.</p>	Noted, no amendments required.

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	<p>Our records indicate that within the identified Neighbourhood Plan area there are recorded coal mining features present at surface and shallow depth including: mine entries, shallow coal workings and coal extraction by surface mining methods. These recorded features may pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety.</p> <p>The Coal Authority's records also indicate that surface coal resource is present in the area, although this should not be taken to imply that mineral extraction would be economically viable, technically feasible or environmentally acceptable. As you will be aware those authorities with responsibility for minerals planning and safeguarding will have identified where they consider minerals of national importance are present in your area and related policy considerations. As part of the planning process consideration should be given to such advice in respect of the indicated surface coal resource.</p> <p>It is noted however that the draft Neighbourhood Plan does not propose to allocate any new sites for future development. On this basis the Planning team at the Coal Authority have no specific comments to make on this document.</p>	
Marine Management Organisation	<p>Thank you for emailing the MMO team and allowing us to comment on this consultation. I am aware that this has just passed yesterday's deadline however I hope that you are still able to accept these comments as our response.</p> <p>Please consider these further comments regarding the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2036. We advise that you take note of any relevant policies within the North East Marine Plan documents in regard to areas within the Neighbourhood plan that may impact upon the marine environment. Some suggestions of policies which may be more relevant to the Neighbourhood plan include: NE-HER-1, NE-SCP-1, NE-ACC-1, NE-CC-1, NE-CC-3, NE-SOC-1, NE-BIO-2, NE-BIO-3.</p> <p>These are provided only as a recommendation and we suggest you make your own determination of which are relevant. Our policies can be referred to as a guide, demonstrating your regard to the marine plans, under the Marine and Coastal Access Act, 2009. It is important to note that marine plan policies do not work in isolation, and decision-makers should consider a whole-plan approach.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The majority of issues contained within the NE Marine Plan policies are captured within the strategic policies of the local plan. However, in order to better recognise the importance of the seascape and coastal habitats, policies H2 and H4 will be amended to incorporate appropriate references. Also amend the plan to include a community action regarding working with other stakeholders to enhance public knowledge, understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the marine environment.</p>

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	<p>Within the consultation statement, we welcome the reference to the MMO and that the North East Marine Plan Documents were reviewed as part of the preparation of the plan. We would however like to see this translated into the neighbourhood plan with references to marine plan policies. Specific reference to the North East Marine Plan and its policies could also be made in the Habitats regulations Assessment (HRA), for example within section 4 under the following headings: Air Quality, Water Quality, Tourism & Recreation, Climate Change and Invasive Species.</p> <p>Should you require Marine Licences, please consider signposting to the Coastal Concordat. Each council should considering signing up to the Coastal Concordat by 2021, as per the 25-Year Environment Plan: “The government’s 25 Year Environment Plan includes a commitment for all local authorities with a coastal interest in England to be signed up to the coastal concordat by 2021. The concordat will be periodically reviewed, as was done in 2018 and 2019 to monitor the progress of this commitment.”</p> <p>An MMO standard response for this consultation should have been received when you originally sent the email to us, however I have also attached this below for your information.</p>	
Amble Rotary Club	Thanks for contacting us; I have forwarded your letter to all our members. At this point we do not have any members residing in Hauxley, so it may be difficult to make any constructive, meaningful comments.	Noted, no amendments required.
Sustrans	Thanks for sending this through but as we have no National Cycle Network improvement aspirations in this area, I cannot release sufficient staff time capacity to engage in your consultation. All the best with your plans and thanks for hosting such a beautiful section of the network.	Noted, no amendments required.
Northumberland Wildlife Trust	Thank you for consulting Northumberland Wildlife Trust on the proposed parish plan. Broadly, NWT is satisfied with the plans.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Amble Development Trust	Thank you for the opportunity of reading through the Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan and offering comments on its content. I forwarded it to our Board of Trustees who met last night and I am able to confirm that while they thought it was a worthwhile report they had no additional comments to make.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Hauxley Church Congregation (8 members)	<p>We the undersigned as congregation members of Hauxley Church wish to express our support for the draft Hauxley Neighbourhood Plan as circulated in April 2023, and its aims to conserve and enhance the unique character of the Hauxley area.</p> <p>We particularly support any measures that can limit the excessive number of holiday cottages in the village, which erode the very community we are trying to serve throughout the year.</p>	<p>Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. It is not possible to control the change of use of existing dwellings to holiday or second homes. Local plan policy HOU10 will, in parishes identified in the most up to date census, as having 20% or more household spaces with no usual (permanent) residents, only support new housing where the occupation is restricted to being a principal residence. The 2011 census highlights that 18.2% of dwellings were second/ holiday homes. Figures from the 2021 census are not yet available.</p> <p>In addition, policy H5 proposes a tight settlement boundary around both villages which would limit any future development.</p>
Michael Farrell (resident)	Clearly a lot of work has gone into this and as a recent resident of High Hauxley I would like to express my thanks for the work involved. It seems to be to be a concise and well-structured plan.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Tom Lloyd (Amble resident)	I note there are different versions of the parish boundary on different maps, some of which (wrongly?) include Amble Sewage Treatment Works and the Persimmon housing development off Percy Drive. The boundary also bisects the few houses remaining from the Radcliffe village on the A1068. Surely Radcliffe should be wholly within the parish or wholly outside, as it will be ignored by both parishes as it stands?	Noted, no amendments required. The policies map and maps/ figures included within the plan itself use parish boundary information provided by the OS (via NCC mapping). None of the maps show the

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		treatment works or persimmon homes development within the parish.
Stephen and Dorothy Oake (residents)	The team who have worked so hard in compiling the Hauxley Neighbourhood Draft Plan have, in our opinion, produced a potentially sound and robust way forward for our parish. We thank them wholeheartedly for their time and effort.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mary Pringle (resident)	I fully support the plan, the team have done a great job and should be well commended for their efforts and hard work.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Anna Williams (resident)	Very well researched.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
John McDermott (resident)	I agree with the main thrust of this plan.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Y Walker (resident)	Thank you to the team pulling the plan together to this stage. Much appreciated.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Policies Map		
Northumberland County Council	The outline of the settlement boundaries and Local Green Spaces are shown in black, which is confusing. It is suggested that the black outline is removed from the Local Green Spaces to make this clearer. The legend on the Policies Map identifies Settlement Boundaries under Policy H6. This should read "Policy H5".	Noted, amend policies map to ensure that there is clarity.
Section 2 – Background to Hauxley Parish		
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 2.6-2.10	
Northumberland County Council	Question whether this needs to be included since it does not relate to any policies in the NP. Also, if this section is kept in the Plan, it will need to be fully updated to take account of the forthcoming 2021 Census data.	Noted , it is considered important to include this information to provide context. Amend to include the initial 2021 census data (with a caveat that this is interim).

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Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 2.12	
Coquet Churches Together	The mention of “other faiths” – (possibly should be “other denominations” ?although I am not suggesting that this should be changed. There is obviously little opportunity to engage with those of non-Christian faiths, but there is an idea there for an occasional event in the future!) The Wildlife Centre is not only significant in its own right, but provides a focus for local protection of nature – Christian stewardship of Creation.	Comments noted, amend as suggested.
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 2.13	
Northumberland Wildlife Trust	One point of correction – Hauxley Nature Reserve has just been designated as a Local Wildlife Site, and so the local plan would benefit from being updated to reflect that. Whilst the LWS designation is still non-statutory, it does offer the site further protection in planning matters.	Comments noted, amend as suggested.
Policy/ paragraph	Key issues	
Coquet Churches Together	And the phrase about maintaining links while remaining distinct – residents (including local schoolchildren) of areas such as Amble and Hadston can benefit from the physical and mental well-being of engagement with nature, so the distinct and protected nature of the Wildlife Centre, and the many nearby areas of nature and beauty, alongside links with local settlements, can encourage this engagement – and this fits with the Christian message of social justice.	Noted, amend to ensure clarity that the reference is regarding visual/ physical separation in terms of built development.
Section 3 – Vision and objectives		
Policy/ paragraph	Vision	
Michael Farrell (resident)	Support the vision. This seems to be a succinct statement of vision and I particularly like the stress on being ‘visually and physically distinct and separate from the urban area’. The environment is distinctive and I approve of the stress on conservation for future generations.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Tom Lloyd (Amble resident)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Stephen and Dorothy Oake (residents)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Katrina Howell (resident)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Beswick (resident)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Claire MacKarill (resident)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Janet and Vince Hall (residents)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary and Keith Pringle (residents)	Partly (see comments re LGS14-15)	Noted, no amendments required in response to this element of the representation.
Karen Burdon (resident)	We feel it is important to maintain the whole environment of High and Low Hauxley and we feel this has been addressed.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mary Pringle (resident)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dickon Howell (resident)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
JW Pringle (resident)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Support the vision. We need to ensure wild habitats are protected but also the villages remain real communities not holiday cottages and promote sustainability objectives.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The plan cannot control the change of use of existing residential dwellings to second and holiday homes.

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Anna Williams (resident)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
John McDermott (resident)	Support the vision. Its good to look forward and plan for the future rather than just accept random individual development. The vision is well thought out.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Y Walker (resident)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Alan Stewart (resident)	Support the vision.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Objectives (general)	
Stephen and Dorothy Oake (residents)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Katrina Howell (resident)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Beswick (resident)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Claire MacKarill (resident)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Janet and Vince Hall (residents)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary and Keith Pringle (residents)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Karen Burdon (resident)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary Pringle (resident)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Dickon Howell (resident)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
JW Pringle (resident)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Need objectives to be SMART. Strategic, measurable, achievable, realistic, timeframe. So we can report on progress or lack of it.	Noted, no amendments required. Whilst it is acknowledged that objectives relating to projects should be SMART, it is not considered essential in the case of a neighbourhood plan. The objectives flow from the vision and it is considered that they are clear, realistic, locally distinctive and in spatial planning terms. The key test will be monitoring the success of the policies within the neighbourhood plan.
Anna Williams (resident)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
John McDermott (resident)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Y Walker (resident)	Support the objectives. Prefer green gaps are protected from development. Keep visual gaps.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. This is the intention of policy H2.
Alan Stewart (resident)	Support the objectives.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Objective 1 – Rich natural environment	
Michael Farrell (resident)	Agree completely	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

Consultee	Comment	Response/ proposed change
Policy/ paragraph	Objective 2 – Distinctive built and historic environment	
Michael Farrell (resident)	Agree and necessary as it does not seem to have been always the case in the past.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Objective 3 – Sustainable and cohesive community	
Michael Farrell (resident)	Agree, though I could anticipate some conflict in relation to sustainable energy-solar panels, heat pumps, mini wind turbines which may intrude on the character of the village/surrounding countryside.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. Domestic scale renewable energy often does not require planning permission. Where permission is required, there are policies within the local plan (e.g. HOU9, QOP1, REN1) that would ensure these matters are fully considered.
Section 4 – Rich natural environment		
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 4.2	
Northumberland Wildlife Trust	One point of correction – Hauxley Nature Reserve has just been designated as a Local Wildlife Site, and so the local plan would benefit from being updated to reflect that. Whilst the LWS designation is still non-statutory, it does offer the site further protection in planning matters.	Comments noted, amend as suggested.
Policy/ paragraph	Paragraph 4.6	
Northumberland County Council	Typo: “...track of land” should read “...tract of land”	Comments noted, amend as suggested.
Policy/ paragraph	Policy H1: Local green space	
Northumberland County Council	The County Council considers that the Local Green Spaces identified in this policy have been sufficiently assessed and evidenced in the Local Green Space Background Paper (November 2022) which accompanies the Plan.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Michael Farrell (resident)	Agree. These seem to be well placed and together with Green Gaps should allow corridors for movement of wildlife eg Deer-though mapping out of these corridors might be a worthwhile task in relation to wildlife movement.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Stephen and Dorothy Oake (residents)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Katrina Howell (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Beswick (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Claire MacKarill (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Janet and Vince Hall (residents)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary and Keith Pringle (residents)	Partly. LGS14-LGS15 Burn – should this be marked green to protect from more development. Concerns of building in field next to Kirkwell Cottages.	Support welcomed and comments noted. Amend LGS Background Paper to include assessment of the site proposed. The outcome of the assessment will inform whether or not the site is proposed as a LGS in the updated submission draft plan.
Karen Burdon (resident)	We agree with the allocation of local green space and the beach chalets have been addressed separately.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mary Pringle (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dickon Howell (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
JW Pringle (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Agree with the policy. However need to try and extend these. Also encourage local landowners to promote wildlife. I know we can't stop development for tourism but that is ridiculous and we should fight it.	<p>Support welcomed and comments noted.</p> <p>There are specific requirements for sites which are proposed for allocation as LGS to meet – one of which is that they cannot be an extensive tract of land. It is considered that the sites proposed meet this criterion, however, if they were to be increased in size, it is likely that this would not meet the required test.</p> <p>It is not possible to include a requirement within a planning policy to encourage local landowners to promote wildlife. Amend the plan to include a community action on this issue.</p> <p>New tourism development proposals would need to comply with the requirements of local plan policy ECN15. This states that in the open countryside (so outside settlement boundaries) visitor accommodation should, where possible, be limited to the reuse of buildings or to chalets and caravans (where they are in accessible locations). They are also required to demonstrably improve and diversify the tourist offer and/ or clearly provide necessary accommodation along an established route and be located as close as possible to existing development.</p>
Anna Williams (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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John McDermott (resident)	Agree. Green spaces are important: along the dunes; to screen off the caravan site; to act as a break to development.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Y Walker (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Alan Stewart (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Policy H2: Green gaps	
Northumberland County Council	As currently worded, this policy is very restrictive and there does not seem to be the evidence to justify this approach. Is it the intention to identify an area of landscape value? Or an area of green infrastructure? We would be happy to work with the Parish Council to advise on appropriate evidence and the drafting of a suitably worded policy.	<p>Noted, no amendments required. It is considered that the policy is not very restrictive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criterion ‘a’ which seeks to ensure that new development would protect and enhance the rural character of the parish would accord with local plan policies: STP1i (sensitivity of the open countryside), ENV3 (protecting the character of the landscape), ENV4 (referring to protecting rurality); • Criterion ‘b’ preventing the coalescence of Amble and High Hauxley would accord primarily with local plan policy STP1; • Criterion ‘c’, to protect the important landscape character and visual amenity would accord primarily with local plan policy ENV3; • Criterion ‘d’ to retain a valuable wildlife corridor and habitat would accord with local plan policies STP6 (protecting/improving green infrastructure) and ENV2 (biodiversity and geodiversity).

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		<p>The evidence for the approach is clearly set out within the design code (elements regarding the important character and views) and wildlife corridor and habitat (given the relationship with the internationally designated sites on the coast and habitats – see Defra Magic Map). In addition, the issue of potential coalescence is very relevant given the significant expansion of Amble.</p> <p>The intention of the policy is to ensure an important part of the local landscape character of the area is protected. There are other examples of such approaches in the north east, for example in Darlington and Stockton.</p>
Michael Farrell (resident)	I agree with the gaps identified but wondered why the Green Gap to the east of Kirkwell Cottages did not extend to the north west of the Cottages to the woodland area-this would seem to give a natural and more substantial gap which would prevent extension of the new housing being built into the north west of the parish.	<p>Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The location of the proposed green gaps was informed through the design code work. This was mainly influenced by the character of the landscape and important views.</p> <p>As the fields surrounding Kirkwell Cottages would lie outside the settlement boundary, any future residential development would only be supported if it was a small rural exception site that was delivering affordable housing, where there was a clearly identified need or where it was for a rural worker (see local plan policies HOU7 and HOU8).</p>

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Stephen and Dorothy Oake (residents)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Katrina Howell (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Beswick (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Claire MacKarill (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Janet and Vince Hall (residents)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary and Keith Pringle (residents)	Partly.	Noted, no amendments required.
Karen Burdon (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary Pringle (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dickon Howell (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
JW Pringle (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Agree. Need more green gaps. You can't tell wildlife or vegetation where it can or can't be. Need to remember species rely on each other. Liaise with Hauxley Nature Reserve.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The plan includes a community action to work with Northumberland Wildlife Trust regarding wildlife corridors.

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Anna Williams (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
John McDermott (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Y Walker (resident)	Agree. Prefer green gaps are protected from development. Keep visual gaps.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Alan Stewart (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Section 5 – Distinctive built and historic environment		
Policy/ paragraph	Policy H3: Local distinctiveness	
Northumberland County Council	<p>The County Council supports this locally-distinctive approach and considers that the requirements of the policy are clearly defined and supported by the Hauxley Design Code.</p> <p>While H3(c) supports development which uses materials which complement those of adjoining and surrounding buildings, the Design Code (section 3.3.1) states: <i>“The character of this street generally does not respond to the local vernacular architecture and the material palette of red or buff coloured brick and pebbledash is not typical of the parish.</i></p> <p>In addition, it is clear from subsequent paragraphs that there is significant variety in terms of layout, roof forms, boundary treatments and so on, in the area.</p> <p>Therefore, consideration should be given as to whether the Parish Council wish to continue the current form of development in the Kirkwell Cottages area; as currently worded, the policy would not seek to address the issues raised in the Design Code.</p>	Support welcomed and comments noted; amend to better reflect the issues raised within the design code.
Amble Town Council	There is concern that whilst policies H3 & H4 are desired by the community, they could be too restrictive to concur with NCC policy of encouraging innovative new designs.	Comments noted, it is not the intention for the policies to stifle innovative design. Even modern design should respond positively to

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		the character of an area. In order to ensure clarity, amend the supporting text to explain this.
Michael Farrell (resident)	Clear and appropriate.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Stephen and Dorothy Oake (residents)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Katrina Howell (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Beswick (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Claire MacKarill (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Janet and Vince Hall (residents)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Karen Burdon (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary Pringle (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dickon Howell (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
JW Pringle (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Anna Williams (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
John McDermott (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Y Walker (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Alan Stewart (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Policy/ paragraph	Policy H4: Residential design codes	
Northumberland County Council	<p>Policy H4(e) refers to parking being provided “<i>on the application site</i>”. However, the Design Code refers to parking being provided “<i>on-plot</i>”. It is considered that the policy should be amended to reflect the text used in the Design Code so that the policy does not result in ambiguity regarding the required location of parking associated with new development.</p> <p>Policy H4(g) appears to be supportive of the installation of solar panels or other renewable energy and energy efficiency measures regardless of their location in the Parish, with no reference to mitigation of any potential effects of such development. Policies QOP 5 and REN 1 of the Northumberland Local Plan contain relevant policy considerations.</p>	Comments noted, amend criterion ‘e’ to reflect the text used in the design code and criterion ‘g’ to ensure clarity regarding renewable energy installation.
Michael Farrell (resident)	My only concern is the one expressed earlier about the development of sustainable energy sources for individual homes which may clash with the policy. Apart from that having moved to the area and seen some of the designs allowed previously I think this is vital.	Comments noted, amend criterion ‘g’ to ensure clarity regarding renewable energy installation.
Amble Town Council	There is concern that whilst policies H3 & H4 are desired by the community, they could be too restrictive to concur with NCC policy of encouraging innovative new designs.	Comments noted, it is not the intention for the policies to stifle innovative design. Even modern design should respond positively to the character of an area. In order to ensure

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		clarity, amend the supporting text to explain this.
Stephen and Dorothy Oake (residents)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Katrina Howell (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Beswick (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Claire MacKarill (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Janet and Vince Hall (residents)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary and Keith Pringle (residents)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary Pringle (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dickon Howell (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
JW Pringle (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Anna Williams (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
John McDermott (resident)	Agree. Design is relevant to maintain the character of existing communities. Better to keep traditional vernacular trends rather than allow a free for all.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.

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Y Walker (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Alan Stewart (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Section 6 – Sustainable and cohesive community		
Policy/ paragraph	Policy H5: Sustainable location of new development	
Northumberland County Council	No comments (but see comment provided on Policies Map).	Noted, see response above.
Michael Farrell (resident)	Yes vital-too many communities nation wide have been amalgamated into urban areas losing their distinctive character.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Julia Aston (Amble resident)	From myself my thoughts are on the sustainability of the village which could be questioned. Firstly I suppose you have to determine what is meant by sustainability and how that can be tested. The plan shows a low level of young people living in Hauxley, with the majority of residents being in an older age bracket. If a village is to be sustainable does it not need to have amenities and housing that will attract and keep younger community members? How do those elderly residents access amenities if they can no longer drive and there is no public transport service?	Comments noted, the supporting text explains that local plan policy HOU7 supports the provision of affordable housing outside the settlement boundary (where specific criteria are met). For clarity, amend to include reference to the other types of development may be supported outside the settlement.
Stephen and Dorothy Oake (residents)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Katrina Howell (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Beswick (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Claire MacKarill (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Janet and Vince Hall (residents)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary and Keith Pringle (residents)	Do not agree. See comments re LGS.	Noted , see response above.
Karen Burdon (resident)	We are pleased that the beach chalets have been recognised as part of Low Hauxley village.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Mary Pringle (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dickon Howell (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
JW Pringle (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	I understand tourism development can be avoided through! This is insane. The village of Low Hauxley only has 6 houses with permanent residents out of 28. Northumberland Council now state there are maximum limits for second homes/ holiday lets and we are already way over our quota.	Noted, no amendments required. It is not possible to control the change of use of existing dwellings to holiday or second homes. Local plan policy HOU10 will, in parishes identified in the most up to date census, as having 20% or more household spaces with no usual (permanent) residents, only support new housing where the occupation is restricted to being a principal residence. The 2011 census highlights that 18.2% of dwellings were second/ holiday homes. Figures from the 2021 census are not yet available. New visitor accommodation, in the open countryside would be assessed against the requirements of local plan policy ECN15

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		which seeks to focus this on the re-use of existing buildings. New permanent buildings for accommodation would only be supported where they would demonstrably improve and diversify the county's tourist offer and be located as close as practicable to existing development.
Anna Williams (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
John McDermott (resident)	Agree. If settlement boundaries are not respected there may be piecemeal developments that join Hauxley to Amble which would lose the apparent distinctiveness of Hauxley Village.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required.
Y Walker (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Alan Stewart (resident)	Agree.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Annex 1 – Community actions		
Rich natural environment		
Community Action 1 – Environmental enhancement projects		
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Support – suggest adding reference to working with the nature reserve and hedgehog corridors through new houses.	Support welcomed and comments noted. Amend to include reference to working with the Wildlife Trust regarding the nature reserve and expand reference regarding wildlife corridors to working with relevant stakeholders.
Community Action 2 – Tree planting		
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Support – include reference to appropriate species of trees.	Support welcomed and comments noted. Amend to clarify that the trees that will be

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		planted will be appropriate to the specific scheme/ location.
Community Action 3 – Impact of visitors		
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Support	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Community Action 4 – Rewilding		
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Support. Include reference to working with the nature reserve.	Support welcomed and comments noted, amend as suggested.
Community Action 5 – Reduction in light pollution		
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Support	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Community Action 6 – Renewable energy		
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Support. I can help. I was a lecturer in sustainability at Newcastle University and have degrees in zoology and environmental engineering.	Support welcomed and comments noted; no amendments required. The parish council welcomes the offer of support.
Community Action 7 – Wildlife corridors		
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Support	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
All natural environment actions		
Michael Farrell (resident)	Support. Yes and I note the wildlife corridors that I mentioned previously is addressed here. Litter is I think a growing problem and will become more so if numbers of visitors in summer months continues to increase-should this be specifically mentioned ? Implicit I know in No 3. What would be the process for achieving these actions. Would it involve setting up community action groups-if so I would be interested. I do similar work on a voluntary basis for the National Trust but would be happy to do it in this area instead-certainly in relation to 1,2,3,4,7.	Support welcomed and comments noted amend to include a specific action on litter highlighting that the parish council schedules spring and autumn litter picks. The parish council will contact Mr Farrell regarding this issue. In addition, the plan will be amended to add more detail to the introduction of this section to explain how the parish council will look to deliver actions.

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Stephen and Dorothy Oake (residents)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Katrina Howell (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Beswick (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Claire MacKarill (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Janet and Vince Hall (residents)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary and Keith Pringle (residents)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Karen Burdon (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary Pringle (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dickon Howell (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
JW Pringle (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Additional action – better glass recycling – local facilities dreadful and tourists dump in green bins.	Comments noted, amend to include general action regarding recycling.
Anna Williams (resident)	Support. Please can we plant trees/ small woodlands if possible to form a barrier between Hauxley and Amble e.g. Kirkwell Cottages – Hauxley Grange, High Hauxley – Amble Links Caravan Site. I realise the land may be privately owned.	Support is welcomed and comments noted, no change. The land is privately owned by a local farmer. It is farmed for grass fodder for

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		cattle. However, the plan does support tree planting initiatives.
John McDermott (resident)	Support. We should support diversity. How about planting a few trees to mark the coronation?	Support is welcomed and comments noted, no change. The plan does support tree planting initiatives.
Y Walker (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Alan Stewart (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Distinctive built and historic environment		
Community Action 8 – Conservation Area		
Anna Williams (resident)	If you set this won't the residents have to replace all the UPVC windows etc?	Noted, no amendments required. No, existing UPVC windows would not need to be replaced. It would only relate to new development proposals, if a conservation area was defined.
All built and historic environment actions		
Michael Farrell (resident)	Support	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Stephen and Dorothy Oake (residents)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Katrina Howell (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Beswick (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Claire MacKarill (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Janet and Vince Hall (residents)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary and Keith Pringle (residents)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Karen Burdon (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dickon Howell (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
JW Pringle (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dr Sue Haile (resident)	Support	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Anna Williams (resident)	Support (see comment on number 8 re conservation area)	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
John McDermott (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Y Walker (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Alan Stewart (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Sustainable and cohesive community		
Community Action 11 – Footpath enhancements		
Tom Lloyd (Amble resident)	My only suggestion related to the stated objective of footpath improvements is to improve visibility and safety where the bridleway from Hope House Farm meets the	Comments noted, amend to expand the scope of the community action to cover

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	A1068 opposite Hauxley Lane within the parish. At present pedestrians and horseriders emerging from the path on the inside of a fast bend have about 2 seconds warning of traffic legally travelling north at 60mph. With all the planned housing around Amble, use of this bridleway will just keep increasing, and the Parish Council should push for improvements, either with cutting back vegetation, improved signage or maybe a suitably located mirror? A horrible accident at the main entrance junction to Hauxley within the parish is the last thing the Parish Council would want.	highway safety and to capture that the parish council has been in extensive discussions with NCC Highways over several years planning improvements in the parish. This included speed restrictions and improving footpath access between High Hauxley and the School House. The planned works have already started with posts installed at Low Hauxley to restrict parking. The parish council is hopeful that other items will be completed later this year.
Anna Williams (resident)	Balance between improving footpaths and removing grassy verges. Understand that's a difficult balance especially on road between High Hauxley and School House.	Comments noted, amend to expand the scope of the community action to cover highway safety and to capture that the parish council has been in extensive discussions with NCC Highways over several years planning improvements in the parish. This included speed restrictions and improving footpath access between High Hauxley and the School House. The planned works have already started with posts installed at Low Hauxley to restrict parking. The parish council is hopeful that other items will be completed later this year.
All sustainable and cohesive community objectives		
Michael Farrell (resident)	Support	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Stephen and Dorothy Oake (residents)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Katrina Howell (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mark Beswick (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Claire MacKarill (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Janet and Vince Hall (residents)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary and Keith Pringle (residents)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Karen Burdon (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Mary Pringle (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Dickon Howell (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
JW Pringle (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Anna Williams (resident)	Support (see also comment on CA11 – footpaths)	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
John McDermott (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.
Y Walker (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.

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Alan Stewart (resident)	Support.	Support welcomed; no amendments required.