

Amport Parish Neighbourhood Plan



Consultation Statement

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INTRODUCTION

This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. It has been prepared by Amport Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on behalf of Amport Parish Council, with support from Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) and consultants, Bluestone Planning LLP.

Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement is:

- a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan [F14¹ or neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified.];*
- b) explains how they were consulted;*
- c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and*
- d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan [F15² or neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified.]*

CONSULTATION AIMS

The consultation process for the Amport Neighbourhood Plan was designed to:

- involve the community as fully as possible at every stage of the Plan's development, ensuring that the views of residents and other stakeholders shaped the Plan from the outset;
- reach a broad cross-section of the community by using a range of communication methods and consultation techniques;
- hold consultation events at key stages in the process where important decisions were required; and
- share the outcomes of consultations promptly with residents, both in printed form and online via the Neighbourhood Plan website.

Throughout the preparation of the Amport Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Group engaged with local residents, TVBC and other relevant stakeholders. A detailed summary of consultation activities is provided in Table 1.

¹ Words in reg. 15(2)(a) inserted (31.1.2018) by [The Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) and Development Management Procedure \(Amendment\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1243\), regs. 1, 5\(8\) \(with reg. 13\)](#)

² Words in reg. 15(2)(d) inserted (31.1.2018) by [The Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) and Development Management Procedure \(Amendment\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1243\), regs. 1, 5\(8\) \(with reg. 13\)](#)

BACKGROUND

The Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area

Amport Parish Council submitted an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, which was considered and approved on 18th February 2022.

The Amport Neighbourhood Plan area encompasses the whole of Amport Parish, which is situated in the Test Valley district of Hampshire, England. For planning purposes, Amport Parish is covered by TVBC.

The designated area has a population of around 1,244 residents, mainly in three settlement areas, Amport, East Cholderton and Weyhill. There are also many countryside areas which have small pockets of settlement, including parts of Quarley (Lains Farm) and Cholderton Park in the West.

Initiation of Neighbourhood Planning

To ensure that any future development took place in keeping with the needs of the community, whilst being in accordance with The Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan (DPD) 2011 – 2029, work was initiated in 2022 on a Neighbourhood Plan for Amport Parish. This included the creation of a Steering Group made up of residents and Parish Councillors.

An initial public meeting was held at Weyhill Fairground Village Hall on 13th September 2023 to discuss what a Neighbourhood Plan is, outline the Neighbourhood Planning process and invite residents to volunteer. Subsequent meetings were held in Thruxton Memorial Hall on 14th December 2023 and Amport Primary School on 27th February 2024.

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS - SUMMARY

Ongoing Communication and Community Engagement

Throughout the development of the Amport Parish Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council ensured that residents were kept informed and engaged through a range of communication channels. Regular updates were provided via three social media sites for Amport, Weyhill and East Cholderton, at Parish Council Meetings and through discussion with residents after regular Steering Group and Working Group meetings.

In addition to this, a dedicated 'Neighbourhood Plan' section was created on the Amport Parish Council website to:

- explain what a Neighbourhood Plan is and why it is important,
- encourage volunteers to take part in its preparation,
- keep the community informed of progress,
- provide access to engagement materials and survey results, and
- share the draft Plan and supporting documents during the later stages of the process.

Minutes from Steering Group meetings were also published on the website for full transparency. In addition, a Facebook group for Amport Parish was used to further promote updates and publicise

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community engagement activities, including the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation.

Community Surveys

To ensure broad participation and gather a wide range of views, two surveys were carried out.

The main surveys were as follows:

- Initial Residents' Survey - conducted in April/May 2023, this survey invited residents to contribute their ideas and express interest in being involved in shaping the Plan. It gathered views on what the Neighbourhood Plan should address, residents' priorities for the future of the Parish and what they would like to see improved. The results of this survey were shared on Amport Parish Council website as well as at an exhibition.
- Housing Needs Survey – finalised by TVBC in April 2024, this paper-based survey was distributed to 560 households in the Parish. It aimed to gather information on local housing requirements to inform relevant planning policies within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Regulation 14 – Pre-Submission Consultation

Following the initial stages of engagement and the analysis of survey findings, a draft Pre-Submission version of the Amport Neighbourhood Plan was produced. In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a formal consultation period took place from Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 2:00 PM to Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 2:00 PM.

During this period, residents and stakeholders were invited to review and comment on the draft Plan. Feedback was collected using both a Google Form and hard copy response forms, which could be submitted by email, post or in person.

Regulation 16 – Submission Consultation

The next formal stage of consultation, Regulation 16 (Submission), is scheduled to commence in due course, following the incorporation of feedback received during the Regulation 14 process.

INITIAL COMMUNITY SURVEY

In April to May 2023 the Amport Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, in collaboration with Bluestone Planning LLP, conducted an initial community survey. The purpose of the survey was to encourage residents to participate in shaping the Neighbourhood Plan and to gather their views on key issues to inform the Plan's vision, objectives and potential policy themes.

Before the survey was made available, in February 2023 a flyer was sent out by Chair of Amport Parish Council notifying residents of, and explaining, the survey.

The survey was made available online via Survey Monkey and was also distributed in hard copy for those without internet access. Completed forms could be returned via email, post or in person at Tanglewood, Stanbury Road, Thruxton, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 8NR. While the vast majority of responses were submitted online, a number were also received via email or hard copy (in person).

In total, 285 responses were collected, representing 22.9% of the parish population (based on 1,244 residents). The survey featured both quantitative questions (e.g. tick-box responses, generating percentages) and qualitative questions (open-text responses), allowing for a rich and varied dataset. Examples of both are shown in Figures 1 and 2 below.

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Q8: In terms of priorities, what do you feel is important for the future of the Parish? Please rate all that apply

Answered: 247 Skipped: 38



Figure 1. Community Survey - Question 8 (Quantitative Data)

Q9: Asked people to list other priorities which they have

Answered: 65 Skipped: 220

Common responses to this question included affordable housing and appropriate scale housing shared across the parish, retaining the rural setting of the village, traffic calming measures and improvements to footpaths to school. Other responses mentioned improvements to communications (mobile reception and internet speed), having flexibility within the NP for the different settlements, maintenance of roads, stronger community, improved area drainage and utilities.

Figure 2. Community Survey - Question 9 (Qualitative Data)

Survey Content and Topics

The survey explored a range of topics relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan, including:

- what residents liked about living in Amport Parish (used to shape the draft vision and objectives - see Figure 3);
- residents' priorities for the future and what they most valued about the parish (used to inform key themes for policies - see Figure 4); and
- specific topic areas such as:

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- housing,
- road safety and transport/connectivity,
- heritage,
- important views,
- local green spaces,
- community facilities, and
- local employment opportunities.

Q6: What do you like about living in the Parish? Please tick all that apply

Answered: 251 Skipped: 34

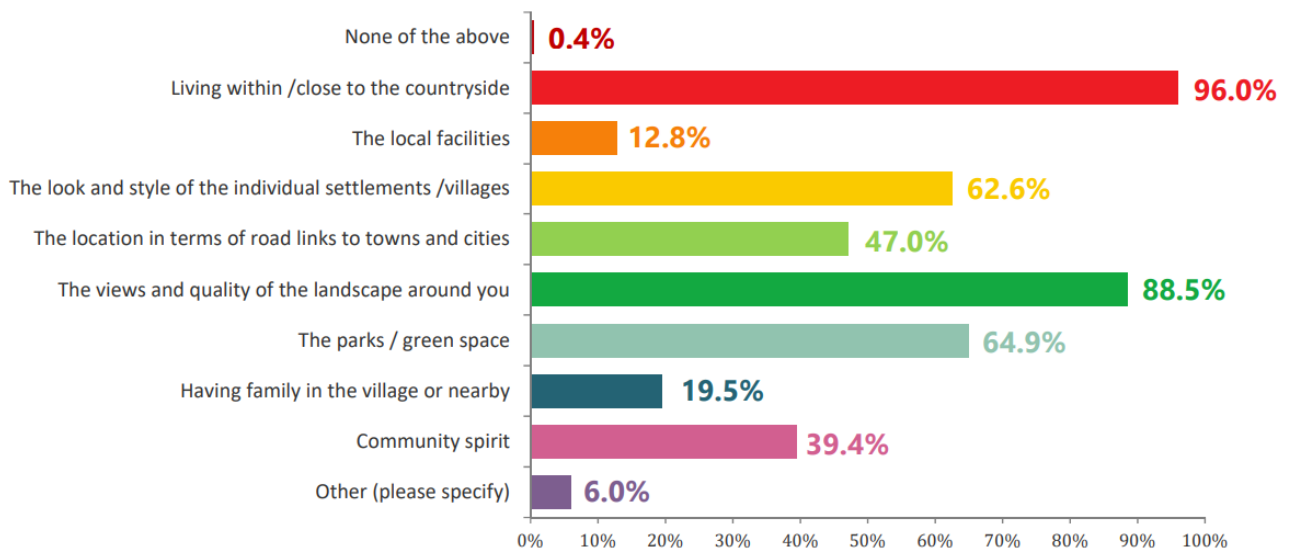


Figure 3. Community Survey - Question 5 (Shaped Vision and Objectives)

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Q8: In terms of priorities, what do you feel is important for the future of the Parish? Please rate all that apply

Answered: 247 Skipped: 38

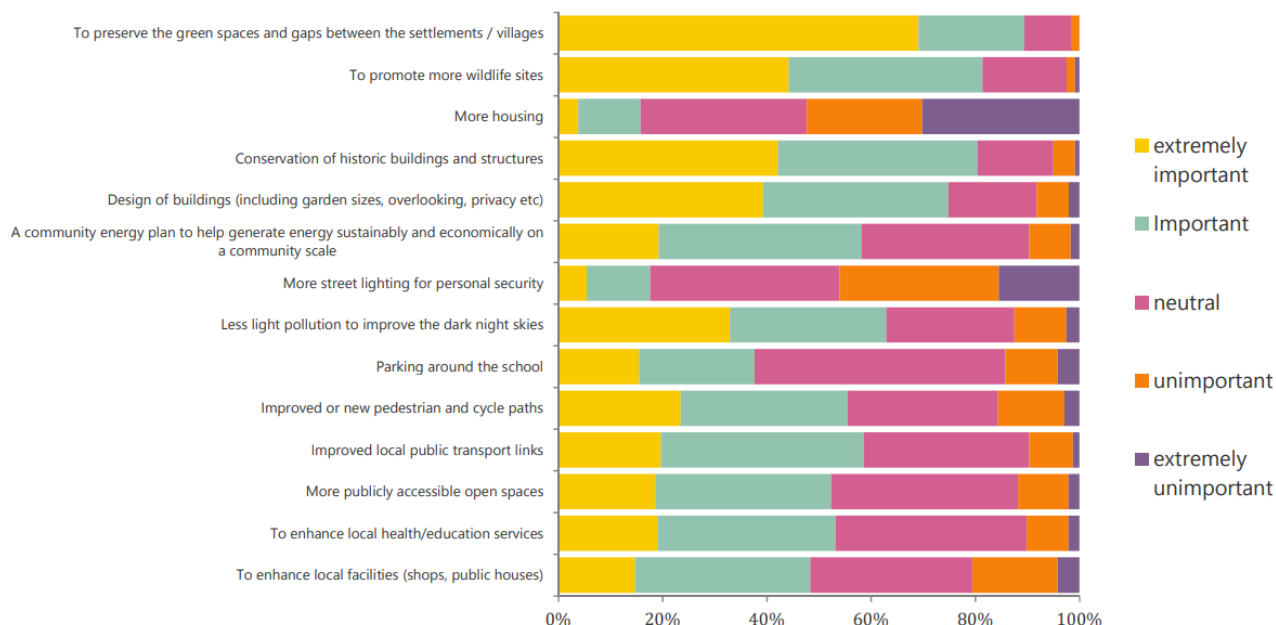


Figure 4. Community Survey - Question 8 (Shaped Key Themes/Policies)

Publicity and Promotion

The survey was publicised using a variety of methods to ensure broad reach and participation:

- a leaflet was designed and displayed around the Parish (see Figure 5 below) on noticeboards in Amport, East Cholderton and Weyhill - the latter of which was installed for the purpose of Neighbourhood Plan updates. This was in addition to public places such as The Hawk Inn, The White Horse Pub, the local garden centre and the Hawk Conservancy;
- an online post was published in Amport Parish Facebook Group; and
- direct links to the survey were provided online and printed on physical promotional materials.

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What Happens Next?

The Steering Group (SG) led by the Parish Council will be asking you for your thoughts via an upcoming survey.

The questions will be regarding your views on the current issues within the Parish & the future needs. We will report the feedback to the community once we have collated the responses.

The survey will be accessible via the Parish Council website by clicking the Neighbourhood Plan tab:

www.amportparishcouncil.org.uk/

We would be grateful if you visit the Parish website and take the time to complete the survey. It will take between 20-30 minutes of your time. We realise that there are a number of questions, but this will ensure that we represent your opinions accurately.

If you can't access the online form, please get in touch below or with the Parish Clerk and we can provide you with a printed form.

Survey available from 15th March 2023

Any Questions?

Please email Tim Grimshaw or Diana Stephenson (members of the SG) on: npsg@amportparishcouncil.org.uk

Would you like to be kept informed with new developments in the Neighbourhood Plan and continue to be involved?

The best way to get involved is to join the steering group or become a volunteer. By taking part it will give you a chance to voice your opinions and consult on Neighbourhood Plan options.

We are grateful for any feedback you can provide. Your support is essential for a positive Plan for our area to 2040.

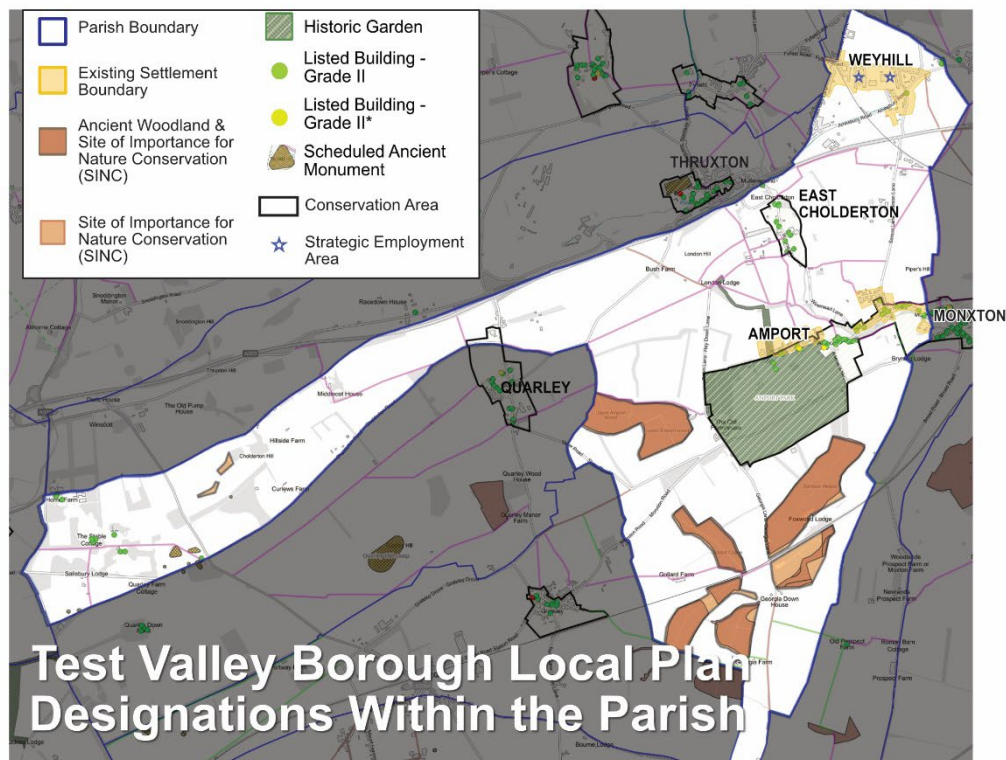


Figure 5. Publicity Material - Initial Community Survey Leaflet

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Sharing Results and Follow-Up Engagement

Once the survey closed, all responses were compiled, analysed and published on the Amport Parish Council website. To further engage residents and explore emerging themes, the Steering Group hosted three in-person events, as listed below, to present key findings and gather feedback.

- Weyhill Fairground Village Hall on 13th September 2023.
- Thruxton Memorial Hall on 14th December 2023.
- Amport Primary School on 27th February 2024.

At the event:

- exhibition boards (see Figure 6) displayed survey results, particularly those used to develop the vision, objectives and policy themes;
- residents were invited to respond to follow-up questions based on initial findings, for example:
 - should a housing site allocation be included in the Plan?
 - do proposed local green spaces and important views reflect community priorities?

While the survey results were not revisited in full, this session provided an opportunity for more detailed consultation on specific elements raised during the initial engagement.

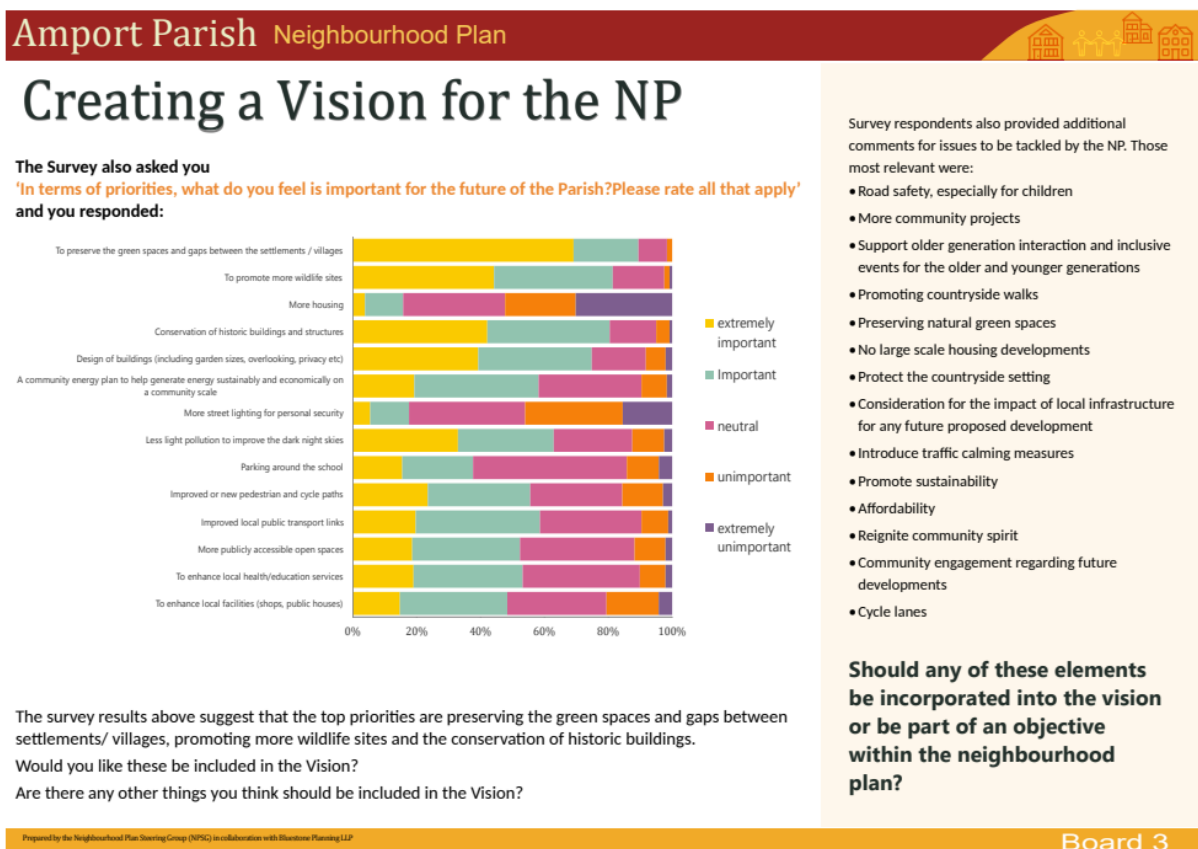


Figure 6. Exhibition Board 3 - Initial Community Survey Results

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

At the request of the Steering Group, a Housing Needs Survey (HNS) was carried out by TVBC in March 2024 to assess the housing requirements of Amport Parish residents over the next five years and

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beyond. The findings were intended to inform the development of locally appropriate housing policies within the Neighbourhood Plan.

TVBC distributed 560 questionnaires to households across the Parish, achieving a response rate of approximately 30%, with 165 completed surveys returned.

Part 1 of the survey was completed by all respondents and focused on general housing information whilst Part 2 was designed for individuals or households who were planning to move to the Parish over the next five years.

Following feedback from the Steering Group, including a request to incorporate contextual information such as average property prices in Amport, TVBC amended the draft report. The final Housing Needs Assessment report was finalised in April 2024 and is available in full on the [Amport Parish Council website](#).

REGULATION 14 – PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the Steering Group conducted a formal Pre-Submission Consultation on the draft Amport Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents, including the Character Appraisal, Design Code and Housing Needs Assessment.

Publicity and Promotion

To promote the consultation and encourage public participation, the Steering Group developed a flyer/poster (see Figure 7) which was displayed across the Parish on noticeboards in Amport, East Cholderton and Weyhill. A social media visual was also shared via the Amport, East Cholderton and Weyhill Facebook Groups and the Parish Council website (see Figure 8).

6 Weeks Pre-Submission Consultation

2nd December 2024 – 13th January 2025

Need Assistance?

For any questions or help accessing the plan, please contact us at:

 **+44 1264773976**

 **clerk@amportparishcouncil.org.uk**

View the plan and have your say by visiting:

<https://forms.gle/6AihCJdKkARQq8Zm8>

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Figure 7. Publicity Material - Pre-Submission Consultation Poster

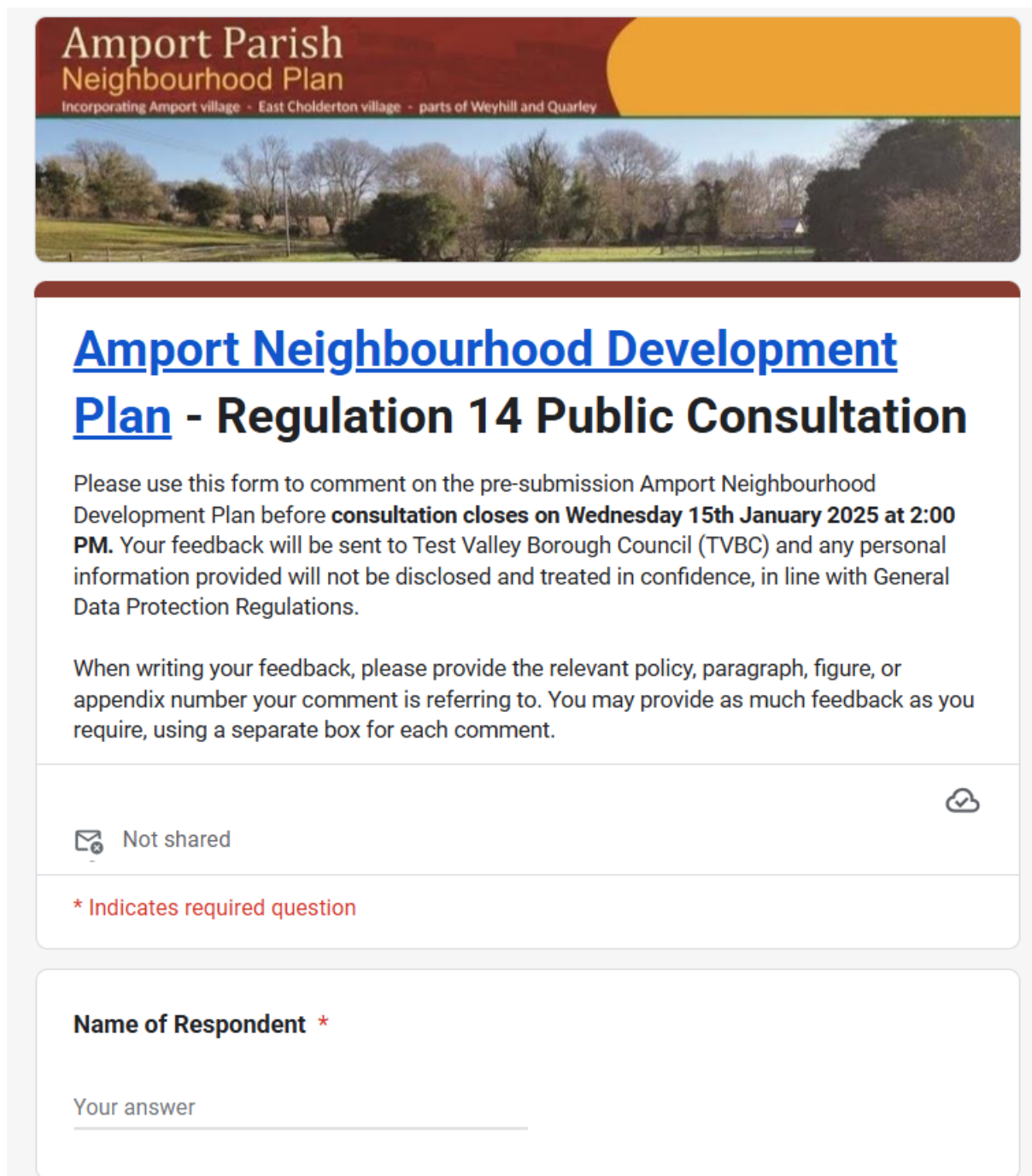


Figure 8. Publicity Material - Pre-Submission Consultation Social Media Visual

All consultation documents were made available online through the Parish Council website for easy public access. Comments could be submitted in two ways:

- online, via a dedicated Google Form (see Figure 9); and
- offline, using a downloadable Word version of the consultation response form (see Figure 10), which could be returned via email, post or delivered in person.

In addition, all statutory consultees were contacted directly via email at the start of the consultation period. A full list of consultees is visible in Table 2.



The screenshot shows a web-based consultation form. At the top is a header banner with the text 'Amport Parish Neighbourhood Plan' and 'Incorporating Amport village - East Cholderton village - parts of Weyhill and Quarley' over a landscape image. Below the banner is the main title 'Amport Neighbourhood Development Plan - Regulation 14 Public Consultation' in blue and black text. The form contains two paragraphs of instructions: one about the deadline (Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 2:00 PM) and another about providing feedback with specific references. Below the text is a section with a 'Not shared' status and a cloud icon. A red asterisk indicates a required question. The form has a label 'Name of Respondent *' and a text input field with the placeholder 'Your answer'.

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Incorporating Amport village - East Cholderton village - parts of Weyhill and Quarley

Amport Neighbourhood Development Plan - Regulation 14 Public Consultation

Please use this form to comment on the pre-submission Amport Neighbourhood Development Plan before **consultation closes on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 2:00 PM**. Your feedback will be sent to Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) and any personal information provided will not be disclosed and treated in confidence, in line with General Data Protection Regulations.

When writing your feedback, please provide the relevant policy, paragraph, figure, or appendix number your comment is referring to. You may provide as much feedback as you require, using a separate box for each comment.

Not shared

* Indicates required question

Name of Respondent *

Your answer

Figure 9. Pre-Submission Online Response Form

Review and Response to Regulation 14 Consultation Feedback

All responses and comments received during the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation were systematically recorded in a consultation response spreadsheet created by the Steering Group. This spreadsheet served as a central log for assessing the feedback and determining whether amendments to the draft Neighbourhood Plan were required.

Each individual comment was carefully reviewed and categorised according to the Steering Group's agreed decision-making framework:

- noted but not actioned - where a comment was acknowledged but no change was deemed necessary, a clear explanation was provided outlining the rationale.

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- actioned in part or in principle - in some cases, comments were only partially incorporated. These were accompanied by an explanation of which elements were taken forward and how they were reflected in changes to the draft Plan.
- fully actioned - where a comment led directly to a revision, the specific amendments made to the draft Plan were recorded.

This structured approach ensured transparency, accountability and a clear audit trail of how community and stakeholder input shaped the Plan. The Steering Group's objective throughout was to respond constructively to all feedback, while balancing community priorities with planning constraints and the wider evidence base.

For a full summary of the comments received, alongside the Steering Group's response and details of any resulting amendments to the draft Plan, please refer to Table 3.

MEETING THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with the legal obligations set out in Part 5, Section 15(2) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. It demonstrates how the statutory requirements for consultation have been met throughout the development of the Amport Neighbourhood Plan.

The document has been compiled by the Amport Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee, on behalf of Amport Parish Council, with support from TVBC) and Bluestone Planning LLP, consultants to the Parish Council.

In compliance with Section 15(2), this Consultation Statement:

- a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan [F10 or neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified.];*
- b) explains how they were consulted;*
- c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and*
- d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan [F11 or neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified.]*

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND HABITATS REGULATIONS ASSESSMENT

Given the presence of environmentally sensitive areas within Amport Parish, a key step in the Neighbourhood Plan process was to assess whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and/or a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) would be required. This determination, referred to as a screening, is the responsibility of the Local Planning Authority, TVBC.

To support this screening process, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group prepared and submitted a screening report, compiling the relevant environmental evidence. This report included a summary of findings, primarily in map form, gathered during the preparation of the Plan's evidence base. The full report is available on the Amport Parish website.

Following review, TVBC issued a formal screening determination in July 2025, confirming that a SEA and HRA was not required.

TABLES

Table 1: Community Engagement

| No. | Event or activity | Date |
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| 1 | Initial Residents' Survey - this survey invited residents to contribute their ideas and express interest in being involved in shaping the Plan. It gathered views on what the Neighbourhood Plan should address, residents' priorities for the future of the Parish and what they most valued or would like to see improved. | April - May 2023 |
| 2 | Post-Residents' Survey Exhibition - the results of the initial residents' survey were presented at three in-person exhibitions in Weyhill Fairground Village Hall, Thruxton Memorial Hall and Amport Primary School, giving residents the opportunity to share their opinions on the topics discussed and ask any questions they may have. | -13 th September 2023 -14 th December 2023 and -27 th February 2024 |
| 3 | Housing Needs Survey - delivered by TVBC. It was a paper-based questionnaire distributed to 560 households in the Parish. It aimed to gather information on local housing requirements to inform relevant planning policies within the Neighbourhood Plan. | April 2024 |
| 4 | Regulation 14 Pre-Submission - a draft Pre-Submission version of the Amport Neighbourhood Plan was produced and in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a formal consultation period took place. | 4 th December 2024 – Wednesday 15 th January 2025 |

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Table 2: Statutory Consultees for Regulation 14

| Organisation | Contacted | Responded |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Parish/Town Councils</i> | | |
| Abbotts Ann Parish Council | Y | N |
| Ampfield Parish Council | Y | N |
| Amport Parish Council | Y | N |
| Andover Town Council | Y | N |
| Appleshaw Parish Council | Y | N |
| Ashley Parish Meeting | Y | N |
| Ashmansworth Parish Council | Y | N |
| Awbridge Parish Council | Y | N |
| Barton Stacey Parish Council | Y | N |
| Abbotts Ann Parish Council | Y | N |
| Bossington Parish Council | Y | N |
| Braishfield Parish Council | Y | N |
| Broughton Parish Council | Y | N |
| Bullington Parish Council | Y | N |
| Charlton Parish Council | Y | N |
| Chilbolton Parish Council | Y | N |
| Chilworth Parish Council | Y | N |
| Cholderton Parish Meeting | Y | N |
| East Dean Parish Council | Y | N |
| East Tytherley Parish Council | Y | N |
| Enham Alamein Parish Council | Y | N |
| Facombe Parish Meeting | Y | N |
| Fyfield Parish Council | Y | N |
| Goodworth Clatford Parish Council | Y | N |
| Grateley Parish Council | Y | N |
| Houghton Parish Council | Y | N |
| Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council | Y | N |
| Kimpton Parish Council | Y | N |
| Kings Somborne Parish Council | Y | N |
| Leckford Parish Meeting | Y | N |
| Little Somborne Parish Council | Y | N |
| Lockerley Parish Council | Y | N |
| Longparish Parish Council | Y | N |
| Longstock Parish Council | Y | N |
| Ludgershall Parish Council | Y | N |
| Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council | Y | N |

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| Michelmersham & Timsbury Parish Council | Y | N |
| Monxton Parish Council | Y | N |
| Mottisfont Parish Council | Y | N |
| Nether Wallop Parish Council | Y | N |
| North Baddesley Parish Council | Y | N |
| Nursling & Rownhams Parish Council | Y | N |
| Over Wallop Parish Council | Y | N |
| Penton Grafton Parish Council | Y | N |
| Penton Mewsey Parish Council | Y | N |
| Quarley Parish Council | Y | N |
| Romsey Town Council | Y | N |
| Sherfield English Parish Council | Y | N |
| Shipton Bellinger Parish Council | Y | N |
| Smannell Parish Council | Y | N |
| Stockbridge Parish Council | Y | N |
| Tangley Parish Council | Y | N |
| Thrupton Parish Council | Y | N |
| Tidcombe & Fosbury Parish Meeting | Y | N |
| Tidworth Town Council | Y | N |
| Upper Clatford Parish Council | Y | N |
| Valley Park Parish Council | Y | N |
| Vernham Dean Parish Council | Y | N |
| Wellow Parish Council | Y | N |
| West Dean Parish Council | Y | N |
| West Tytherley and Frenchmoor Parish Council | Y | N |
| Wherwell Parish Council | Y | N |
| <i>Borough and Unitary Councils</i> | | |
| Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council | Y | N |
| East Hampshire District Council | Y | N |
| Eastleigh Borough Council | Y | N |
| Fareham Borough Council | Y | N |
| Gosport Borough Council | Y | N |
| Hart District Council | Y | N |
| Havant Borough Council | Y | N |
| New Forest District Council | Y | N |
| Rushmoor Borough Council | Y | N |

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| Southampton City Council | Y | N |
| Test Valley Borough Council | Y | Y |
| Winchester City Council | Y | N |
| County Councils | | |
| Hampshire County Council | Y | Y |
| Hampshire County Council Economy, Transport and the Environment | Y | N |
| Hampshire County Council Estates Practice | Y | N |
| Hampshire County Council Highways | Y | N |
| Hampshire County Council Property Services | Y | N |
| Hampshire County Council Transport Policy | Y | N |
| Hampshire County Council Development | Y | N |
| West Berkshire Council | Y | N |
| Wiltshire Council | Y | N |
| Utilities | | |
| Bournemouth Water | Y | N |
| British Gas | Y | N |
| BT | Y | N |
| Cholderton & District Water Company | Y | N |
| EE | Y | N |
| O2 | Y | N |
| Three | Y | N |
| Vodafone | Y | N |
| National Grid | Y | N |
| National Grid Electricity Transmission | Y | N |
| Network Rail | Y | N |
| SSE Telecoms | Y | N |
| Scottish & Southern Energy | Y | N |
| Southern Gas Networks | Y | N |
| Southern Water | Y | Y |
| Virgin | Y | N |
| Central and Local Government Agencies | | |
| Environment Agency | Y | Y |
| Highways England | Y | N |
| Historic England | Y | N |
| Homes England | Y | N |
| Natural England | Y | Y |
| New Forest National Park Authority | Y | N |
| NHS West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group | Y | N |
| North Wessex Downs AONB | Y | N |
| Tourism South East | Y | N |
| NGOs and Other Campaigning Groups | | |

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| Campaign to Protect Rural England | Y | N |
| Hampshire Couty Council Economy, Transport and Environment | Y | N |
| Hampshire Chamber of Commerce | Y | N |
| Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust | Y | N |
| National Trust | Y | N |
| Unity (was Test Valley Community Services) | Y | N |
| TVBC Councillors - Anna Ward | | |
| Cllr S Hasselmann | Y | N |
| Cllr M Flood | Y | N |
| TVBC Councillors - Anna Ward | | |
| Cllr C Donnelly | Y | N |

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Table 3: Regulation 14 Responses

Note 1. Headings, sub-headings, policies, paragraphs and figures relate to the Pre-submission Draft Plan and not the Submission Draft - in many cases these have changed in latter draft.

Note 2. In a few instances personal names or details which would identify an individual which is given in comments have been redacted

| Reference | ID | Comment | Steering Group Response to Comments | Changes to Plan |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1.1.4 | The Silverwood Partnership | The Neighbourhood Plan fails to recognise that the Draft Local Plan will not be taken forward in its current form as the housing requirement in the revised NPPF has been increased by 70%. This also means TVBC can no longer demonstrate it has a five-year housing land supply, making all policies in the adopted Local Plan out of date, including all settlement boundaries. | Action. | Neighbourhood Plan amended to reflect revised circumstances of Local Plan and NPPF. |
| 1.5.1 | The Silverwood Partnership | The Draft Local Plan is not being taken forward, TVBC says 'The announcement of the Government's reforms and consultation on draft changes to the NPPF propose a significant increase to our housing need and transitional arrangements that mean we cannot take forward the draft Local Plan in its current form. The Council is currently considering the implications and consequences for taking forward the draft Local Plan, but inevitably this will lead to a revised timescale in due course'. | Noted. | No action. |
| 2.1.1 | The Silverwood Partnership | This is an out-of-date version of the NPPF. | Action. | Neighbourhood Plan amended to reflect revised NPPF. |

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| 3.1.5 | The Silverwood Partnership | Where is the evidence of 'industrial creep'? | Evidence is qualitative in the form of community perception from public consultation discussions. However, we can revise text to clarify potential for industrial creep. | Revised to reflect potential for 'industrial creep'. |
| 3.3.7 | The Silverwood Partnership | The average house price of £488,000 is significantly higher than the National Average House Price of £282,000. The Plan does not include any policies to address affordability. | The average house price in Amport Parish is based solely on recently sold property prices in the area, which may skew data depending on the type and number of properties sold. Additionally, using the national average house price is not a relevant comparison given the disparity in prices depending on location within the country. Moreover, community consultation demonstrates that the want for affordable housing did not score particularly high (see Question 10 of the Survey Results). Consequently, there is not sufficient qualitative and quantitative evidence to support a policy to address affordable housing. | No action. |
| 3.5.2 - Bullet Point Three | The Silverwood Partnership | This is a land use issue, so it should be deleted. | Community aspirations are allowed to be included in a Neighbourhood Plan where they are highlighted as such. | No action. |

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| 2.4.1 | The Silverwood Partnership | The Parish Wide Vision has not been subject to any consultations as recognised by the Weyhill Steering Group. | The vision was an emergent approach. The Weyhill Working Group (and East Cholderton and Amport WGs) provided a vision and objectives that were collated and approved by the Working Groups, for inclusion in the Plan. | No action. |
| Parish Wide Objectives Natural Environment 13 | The Silverwood Partnership | To be discussed. | Noted. | No action. |
| Parish Wide Objectives Built Environment 2 | The Silverwood Partnership | The largest brownfield site (SHLAA Ref 143) in the Plan area is in Weyhill and is the most appropriate for development. The Plan fails to consider this. | <p>HLAA Ref 143 was originally put forward for employment use and rejected by TVBC. The SHLAA summary states "The site is adjacent to the village of Weyhill which is identified as a Rural Village in the Local Plan Settlement Hierarchy. Rural Villages do not contain the range and number of facilities and services or have the same accessibility as larger settlements".</p> <p>The Parish Council's approach to identifying specific sites for new development is to work with TVBC and local developers who have submitted proposals to ensure that they are</p> | No action. |

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| | | | <p>consistent with the Neighbourhood Plan and local housing needs.</p> <p>Moreover, the Steering Group has decided not to include a site allocation in the Plan, instead incorporating a supportive housing policy.</p> | |
| 6.4.6 | The Silverwood Partnership | LGS16 should be deleted from AM4. | The objections are noted. This site was put forward by community consultation and the site passes the Local Green Space methodology. | No action. |
| 6.5.4 | The Silverwood Partnership | No professional assessment of the views described as 'potentially important' has been conducted. | An assessment of the views has been conducted and is included in the Character Appraisal. | No action. |
| 6.5.6 | The Silverwood Partnership | WH4 is a view from a gate into a field with no far-reaching views of the surrounding landscape; it is not 'important' and should be deleted from AM5. | An assessment of the views has been conducted and is included in the Character Appraisal. | No action. |
| 7.3.2 | The Silverwood Partnership | 51.55% said there's not enough housing to move to. The Plan has no policies to address this. | The Housing Survey had a limited response rate (30%); therefore it is not representative of the Parish as a whole. The Neighbourhood Plan acknowledges feedback from the Survey, commissioned at the Steering | No action. |

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| | | | Group's request, and commits to supporting proposals to develop sufficient affordable housing to meet local needs, as visible in the inclusion of a supportive housing policy (AM10.1). | |
| 7.3.24 | The Silverwood Partnership | SHLAA site ref 143 should be considered as an allocated housing site for a Neighbourhood Plan policy. | Although a site has not been allocated, a supportive housing policy is included (AM10.1). | No action. |
| 7.5.10 | Wilkinsons | Haydown House should be removed from the Non-Designated Heritage list. | Action. | Haydown House removed as a NDHA. |
| | Hawk Conservancy Trust | Include protection for our views from Reg's Meadow. | Unable to incorporate as access is private/paid. | No action. |
| | Hawk Conservancy Trust | In Policy AM6.2 you note the risk of locals feeding or creating opportunistic scavenging events, but there was no mention of needing to ameliorate this in the requirements. | While this cannot be included as a formal policy, we could insert it into the Plan as an aspiration. For instance, we could state that the Parish Council and Hawk Conservancy Trust will collaborate with residents and local businesses through educational initiatives to raise awareness of the | Collaboration with residents and businesses through educational initiatives to reduce impact of feeding birds/opportunistic scavenging added as an aspiration. |

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| | | | negative impact of feeding birds. | |
| | Hawk Conservancy Trust | We are quite often referred to as the Hawk Conservancy and not our proper name of Hawk Conservancy Trust. | Action. | Reference to Hawk Conservancy Trust corrected. |
| Policy AM2 – Green and blue infrastructure, landscaping and planting | Environment Agency | We would suggest the following could be added to bullet point 3 - “River/watercourse restoration should be explored and delivered where possible”. | Action. | Edited Bullet Point 3 of Policy AM2 to include recommended text. |
| Policy AM2.1 – Protection of Pillhill Brook | Environment Agency | You could consider adding in a sentence about ensuring there are adequate undeveloped buffers between the banks of the brook and any development. For a chalk stream, twenty metres plus would be valuable. Buffers provide multiple benefits in terms of allowing the natural flows of a river, assisting with flood risk management and water quality, creating habitats and habitat corridors and increasing biodiversity. | Action. | Edited Policy AM2.1 to include recommended text. |
| Policy AM3 – Flooding and drainage | Environment Agency | We would suggest the addition of one sentence in the first paragraph which says “Development will be located in areas of lowest flood risk, and development shall not increase flood risk elsewhere. Planning applications shall be accompanied by site-specific flood risk assessments as required”. | Action. | Edited Policy AM3 to include recommended text. |

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| | Natural England | Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan. | Noted. | No action. |
| Parish Wide Objectives for the Built Environment | Southern Water | Southern Water is the statutory wastewater undertaker for the village of Amport. We can advise that the volume of wastewater draining from twenty properties into the public sewer network would not cause detriment to its current operation, therefore additional sewer infrastructure would not need be required. Further housing and business development within the Parish requires appropriate additional infrastructure to minimise impacts including flooding, sewage/drainage capacity, open space/community facilities, communications, public transport and access and highway safety improvements. However, that is solely applicable to wastewater, and it is vitally important that on site provisions are made for the management of surface water, as to avoid it running off from new development into a foul or combined public sewer network. | Action. | Edited Parish Wide Objectives to remove reference to additional sewer infrastructure. |
| Parish Wide Objectives for the Built Environment | Southern Water | Neighbourhood and Local Plans can play a key role in preventing additional surface water entering wastewater sewer networks, through policy that - i. Ensures development takes account of flood risk and coastal change through their location and design, existing flow routes and drainage features within the site should be identified and preserved e.g., ditches, seasonally dry watercourses, historic ponds. ii. Ensures that development integrates sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), to minimise and control | Noted. | No action. |

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| | | <p>surface water run-off, provide flood storage capacity and improve habitats and species migration. SuDS measures should include source control components such as rainwater re-use/harvesting, green roofs, rain gardens, trees, permeable paving. Multifunctional SuDS features should be used to meet several planning policy requirements within the same area of the site e.g., biodiversity, amenity, green infrastructure, flood risk, drainage.</p> <p>iii. Ensures that surface water from new development will not be permitted to discharge to the foul or combined sewer network, to minimise the risk of sewer flooding and protect water quality.</p> | | |
| Parish Wide Objectives for the Built Environment | Southern Water | <p>Should there be a significant increase in the number of dwellings proposed to meet the local housing need, then we can assess the capacity of the sewer network accordingly. It may be helpful to know that should a capacity assessment determine that the flows from the development will cause detriment to the operation of the sewer, we will progress the reinforcement work through our capital delivery programme.</p> <p>Note that the catalyst for progression is that the site receives outline planning approval. This is to ensure that there is an element of certainty that development will progress and therefore funding is being utilised to provide reinforcement of the network in the right locations at the right time. It also ensures that there is not misuse of funds through us delivering reinforcement work and then the development does not move forward.</p> <p>The above process will ensure that any development</p> | Action. | Noted in the Neighbourhood Plan that if there were to be a significant increase in the number of dwellings proposed, to support National Planning Policy Guidance, once a planning application has been submitted, Southern Water should be asked to assess the capacity of the sewer network. |

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| | | <p>does not contribute to any existing flooding or pollution issues on a sewer catchment through the discharge of foul flows from the new dwellings. For development sites where capacity constraints have been identified, we will ask for planning policy and conditions that stipulate the phasing of the occupation of the development whilst we deliver the required network reinforcement.</p> <p>This is required as we have limited powers to prevent connections to our network, even when capacity is limited; for example, under Section 106 of the Water Industry Act, developers have a right to connect foul drainage on 21 days' notice.</p> <p>Using the planning process in this way is supported by the National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) section dealing with water supply, wastewater and water quality (Para 20) "If there are concerns arising from a planning application about the capacity of wastewater infrastructure, applicants will be asked to provide information about how the proposed development will be drained and wastewater dealt with...The timescales for works to be carried out by the sewerage company do not always fit with development needs. In such cases, local planning authorities will want to consider how new development can be phased, for example so it is not occupied until any necessary improvements to public sewage system have been carried out".</p> | | |
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| Pillhill Brook | Southern Water | <p>We would welcome additional wording in this section that recognises the work undertaken by Southern Water in the area to reduce the volume of ground water and surface water entering the foul sewer network.</p> <p>Recommended wording: Southern Water recognises the risk of pollution to the brook during heavy rainfall periods and has undertaken a significant amount of work in the area to reduce the volume of ground water and surface water entering the foul sewer network. This has included the sealing of 2.5km length of public sewer and 2.5km length of private sewer to stop groundwater infiltration, and the sealing of over seventy manholes to stop surface water inundation during rainfall events.</p> <p>Tankers are still occasionally required to the Abbots Ann area to help the operation of the sewer when overwhelmed by rainfall, however the frequency of tankering is reduced compared with previous winters, and over-pumping in the sewer catchment is thankfully now a thing of the past. The sewers will still become heavily surcharged during periods of heavy rain, which means that whilst the risk of pollution to the brook has been reduced, it cannot be said that the issue has been fully resolved. This will require a period of monitoring over winter periods to gauge the full benefits of the work that has been delivered.</p> | Action. | Edited section on Pillhill Brook to include recommended text. |
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| Pillhill Brook | Southern Water | <p>It may be helpful to add that the management of groundwater and surface water is a multiple agency responsibility, with local authorities managing the direct flood risk from these sources.</p> <p>The effective management of surface water and/or ground water can stop inundation/infiltration into the sewer network, thereby reducing the risk of sewer discharges during storm periods.</p> <p>Furthermore, the complexities and challenges of surface water and ground water impacting drainage, often need a collaborative approach between the responsible organisations, such as local authorities, Southern Water, the Environment Agency and community groups to adapt the urban environment to be more resilient to our changing weather patterns.</p> <p>Getting rainwater and groundwater out of sewers and returning it to the environment as close to where it falls will be a step towards resolving flooding and pollution issues</p> | Action. | Edited section on Pillhill Brook to include recommended text. |
| 6.3. Flooding and Drainage | Southern Water | <p>We support this as we believe SuDS should be a requirement for all new development. Whilst some parts of the sewer network were originally designed to accommodate surface water, the expansion of towns and cities, in particular of ‘urban creep’ can exacerbate capacity issues.</p> <p>As stated in Water UK’s 21st Century Drainage Programme; “The country’s built environment is constantly changing and “urban creep” – home extensions, conservatories and paving over front</p> | Noted. | No action. |

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| | | gardens for parking – can all add to the amount of water going into our sewers and drains. Green spaces that would absorb rainwater are covered over by concrete and tarmac that will not. In fact, studies show that “urban creep” results in a larger increase in predicted flooding than new housing, because it adds more rainwater to these systems”. Therefore, any areas utilised for SuDS should be safeguarded from future alterations or development that would impede their effectiveness. In terms of flood risk, better rainwater management is key to achieving not only a reduced risk of flooding, but also a reduction in storm overflow releases and reduced demand on water resources. To help achieve this, Southern Water supports policies that prioritise on-site surface water management through effective SuDS provision. | | |
| 6.3. Flooding and Drainage | Southern Water | We also recommend a requirement that development is not permitted to connect surface water into the foul or combined network. Unless or until Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 is enacted, we cannot refuse applications to connect surface water to the combined network. If flooding occurs due to excessive prolonged rainfall, a policy to prevent surface water from being connected to the foul/combined network will help reduce the risk that flood water is contaminated with wastewater, thereby reducing the risk of pollution. | Action. | Edited section on Flooding and Drainage to include recommended text. |
| Policy AM4 – Local Green Spaces | Southern Water | We support the inclusion of the following paragraph in Policy AM4 Local Green Spaces, which acknowledges that development on local green spaces may be required in ‘very special circumstances’, which can include the delivery of wastewater and water | Action. | Edited Policy AM4 to include recommended text. |

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| | | <p>infrastructure (engineering operations).</p> <p>The Local Green Spaces are shown in Figures 33, 34 and 35 and listed below. These spaces will be protected for the benefit of the community and development will not be permitted except in very special circumstances.</p> | | |
| Character Appraisal – Character Area (5H Pillhill Brook Valley Floor) | Southern Water | <p>In relation to the wording set out further below, we recognise the impact of pollution on the brook and as advised, we are working hard to try and address the underlying causes.</p> <p>It should be noted that there are problems with sewage pollution, light and noise pollution, which all affect the Brook and need to be addressed where possible, particularly given the sensitivity of the area.</p> <p>Further aspirations around working with the water company should also be sought. We welcome your engagement on this matter, and we are keen to work collaboratively with all stakeholders.</p> | Action. | Edited to note that the Parish Council (and others in the Pill Hill Brook Pan Parish Forum) will continue to engage with Southern Water on sewage, light and noise pollution, to identify innovative and successful solutions to current and merging challenges. |
| Design Guidance and Codes | Southern Water | <p>Southern Water welcomes and supports the inclusion of design code GBI.03 for water management and sustainable drainage system.</p> <p>In line with wording in POLICY AM3, we would recommend an additional bullet point in the code that recognises that any type of design should not allow for a discharge of surface water to the public foul sewer network after attenuation.</p> <p>We have set out some recommended wording - SuDS should be designed for the replication of natural</p> | Incorporated in Plan. However, this comment refers to the Design Code, which we are unable to edit. | To contact AECOM and request the inclusion of recommended text. |

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| | | drainage attenuation and dispersion; therefore, surface water should not be drained to the public sewer network. | | |
| Design Guidance and Codes | Southern Water | <p>We also welcome the inclusion of the following wording in design code LB.04 Parking. This design practice reduces the volume of surface water run off that could enter the public foul sewer network.</p> <p>Parking areas and driveways should be designed to minimise impervious surfaces, for example through the use of permeable paving.</p> | Incorporated in Plan. However, this comment refers to the Design Code, which we are unable to edit. | To contact AECOM and request the inclusion of recommended text. |
| | Test Valley Borough Council | Appreciate the addition of this paragraph noting that the contents of the Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan will be significantly reduced in the final version. | Noted. | No action. |
| Policy AM1 – Landscape Character and Settlement Identity | Test Valley Borough Council | This repeats Local Plan policy E2 and does not need repeating in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan could signpost to the Local Plan for the relevant policy. Remove mention of 'views' within the policy as should be covered by separate 'views' policy. | This policy contains locally specific information, therefore it is not considered duplication. | No action. |
| Policy AM2 – Green and Blue Infrastructure, Landscaping and Planting | Test Valley Borough Council | This repeats Local Plan policy E6 and does not need repeating in the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan could signpost to the Local Plan for the relevant policy. | This policy contains locally specific information, therefore it is not considered duplication. | No action. |

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| Policy AM2.1 – Protection of Pillhill Brook | Test Valley Borough Council | Consider changing the policy to cover protection of all water courses in the Parish as the following may have to be added to address the issue of impacts on the Solent and Southampton Water Special Protection Area and Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation. Refer to the wording previously provided, happy to discuss. | The policy description includes feeder streams, all of which link in to the Pillhill Brook. | No action. |
| Policy AM3 – Flooding and Drainage | Test Valley Borough Council | This repeats Local Plan policy E7 and does not need repeating in the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan could signpost to the Local Plan for the relevant policy. | Amend to include specific sites as listed in supporting text. | Edited to include specific sites that are prone to flooding in Policy AM3. |
| Policy AM4 – Local Green Spaces | Test Valley Borough Council | Figures currently used to show Local Green Spaces and views should be relabelled to Policy Maps and referred to in the wording of the policy. | Noted. | No action. |
| Policy AM4 – Local Green Spaces | Test Valley Borough Council | LGS15 is within the list included in this policy but does not appear on any of the maps. | It was previously an alternative site which was not taken forward. | Remove LGS15. |
| Policy AM6 – Biodiversity and Habitats | Test Valley Borough Council | This repeats Local Plan policy E5 and does not need repeating in the Plan. Unless there are specific local issues which need to be covered off (Amport Fen?) the Neighbourhood Plan could signpost to the Local Plan for the relevant policy. | This policy contains locally specific information, therefore it is not considered duplication. | No action. |

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| Policy AM6.1 – Protection of Amport Fen | Test Valley Borough Council | Amport Fen has been identified for a Local Green Space designation which will give it the necessary protection, consider merging with Biodiversity policy above. | At this stage an examiner may decide one is more appropriate than the other and both have merit. | No action. |
| Policy AM6.2 – The Hawk Conservancy Trust | Test Valley Borough Council | What is the evidence/need which can be provided to justify the introduction of this policy and the proposed Birds of Prey Flight Zone? | Respondents to the community consultation highlighted the Hawk Conservancy Trust as being of significant local and national interest, hence its incorporation as a Parish Wide Objective for the Natural Environment. Similarly, evidence provided by the Hawk Conservancy Trust itself justifies the policy criteria, such as the impact of toxic rodenticides and the threat of domestic pets. | No action. |
| Policy AM7 – Dark Night Skies | Test Valley Borough Council | What is the evidence for the inclusion of this policy? | Community consultation expressed a focus on less light pollution to enhance dark night skies, coupled with CPRE Dark Skies Mapping supporting that light pollution is an issue. | No action. |
| Policy AM8 – Historic Environment | Test Valley Borough Council | The first paragraph of this draft policy repeats Local Plan policy E9 and does not need repeating in the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan could signpost to the Local Plan for the relevant policy. Happy with the second section covering the matter of non-designated heritage assets; be sure these are displayed on a Policy Map and referred to in the policy wording. | This policy contains locally specific information, therefore it is not considered duplication. | No action. |

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| Policy AM9 – Design Principles | Test Valley Borough Council | The government has now published the National Design Model guidance, and therefore much of this does not need repeating if it is not locally distinctive to Amport. Character assessment work for the area is locally distinctive and should form the design principles for the Plan Area. | Previous Neighbourhood Plans within TVBC have requested this text. | No action. |
| Policy AM10 – Housing, Infill and Redevelopment | Test Valley Borough Council | The first section of this policy repeats Local Plan policy COM12 and does not need repeating in the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan could signpost to the Local Plan for the relevant policy. | This policy contains locally specific information, therefore it is not considered duplication. | No action. |
| Policy AM10 – Housing, Infill and Redevelopment | Test Valley Borough Council | The second section of this policy repeats Local Plan policy COM2 and does not need repeating in the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan could signpost to the Local Plan for the relevant policy. | Reference is made to the Character Appraisal and Design Code and that criteria is drawn from those documents. | No action. |
| Policy AM10 – Housing, Infill and Redevelopment | Test Valley Borough Council | With regards to dwelling extensions, how will the potential overdevelopment of a site be measured? | Plot coverage is included within the Character Appraisal for each settlement. | No action. |
| Policy AM10 – Housing, Infill and Redevelopment | Test Valley Borough Council | Final paragraph, designated heritage assets are covered by Local Plan policy E9, cover of development with the potential to impact the non-designated heritage assets you have identified in AM8 of this Plan. | This policy contains locally specific information, therefore it is not considered duplication. | No action. |
| Policy AM10.1 – Development of Housing to Meet Local Need | Test Valley Borough Council | How will this need be delivered? This would be a missed opportunity for the Plan not to allocate a site for housing which has the support of the community. Is there a reason the area of Weyhill has been identified and not Amport village? | The allocation of housing sites is a difficult and divisive matter and whilst this has been considered in detail it was felt that a supportive policy which | No action. |

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| | | | did not specifically name a site would allow suitable development proposals to be submitted and judged against the criteria therein. | |
| Figure 55 | Test Valley Borough Council | Is it possible to have a clearer map as many of the icons are overlapping, may be better to have a series of zoomed in maps. | Action. | Included a series of zoomed in maps for amenities in each settlement area. |
| Policy AM11A - Community | Test Valley Borough Council | Be sure that this is not a repeat of Local Plan policy COM14 which does not need repeating in the Plan. This is about matters which relate specifically to your local facilities. | This policy contains locally specific information, therefore it is not considered duplication. | No action. |
| Policy AM11A - Community | Test Valley Borough Council | Aspiration of future provision should be kept separate and would sit better as a community aspiration. | This is a land use matter, not community aspiration. | No action. |
| Policy AM11B – Local Economy | Test Valley Borough Council | How will this be measured? | This will need to be submitted as part of a planning application and evaluated by planning officers. | No action. |
| Policy AM11B – Local Economy | Test Valley Borough Council | This is covered off in Local Plan policy E8. | At this stage the Neighbourhood Plan will preceed the Local Plan and therefore we have covered this matter in the interim. | No action. |

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| Policy AM11B – Local Economy | Test Valley Borough Council | These matters are addressed in the design policies or the national design model guidance. | Action. | Removed 4th and 5th bullet points from Policy AM11B. |
| Policy AM11B – Local Economy | Test Valley Borough Council | The matter of rural roads and access will require input from HCC highways authority. | Action. | Included text in Policy AM11B for the need for HCC Highways Authority input. |
| Policy AM12 – Accessibility, Road Safety and Sustainable Transport | Test Valley Borough Council | This is addressed in Local Plan policy T1 and does not need repeating in the Plan. | This policy contains locally specific information, therefore it is not considered duplication. | No action. |
| | Test Valley Borough Council | Need to double check that when changes are made to the document that the text matches the relevant figure/map numbers which are being referred to. | Action. | Edited Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that Figure numbers and corresponding references are correct. |
| | Test Valley Borough Council | The National Planning Policy Framework was revised and released on 12 December, 2024. While there is not anything in the new NPPF which might necessitate changes to the draft Amport Neighbourhood Plan if the Plan is submitted for examination after 12 March 2025 it will be examined under the new NPPF and may need to have any references to the document updated (for example revised paragraph numbers etc.) | Noted. | Neighbourhood Plan amended to reflect revised NPPF. |

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| Policy AM2 - Green And Blue Infrastructure, Landscaping And Planting | | The Public Health Authority support Policy AM2 as access to, and engagement with, the greenspace and natural environment is associated with numerous positive physical and mental health outcomes. There could also be opportunities in the Neighbourhood Plan to explore enhancement of public pathways and access by working with local landowners and the public rights of way team, to improve accessibility so that access to local greenspace and woods can become more inclusive to a wider population. | Action. | Added enhancement of public pathways and access by working with local landowners and the public rights of way team, to improve accessibility, so that access to local greenspace and woods can become more inclusive to a wider population as a parish wide objective. |
| Policy AM4 – Local Green Spaces | | <p>The Public Health Authority support Policy AM4 particularly noting the protection of green spaces and the importance of retaining the views vistas (Policy AM5). All of which provide residents with opportunities for physical activity, greater social cohesion and improved air quality. They all can support a reduction in health inequalities and empower individuals to better health outcomes.</p> <p>The Plan could consider highlighting the importance of this to the community, by adding a specific objective related to increasing the access to these areas and the benefits to health and wellbeing.</p> | Action. | Added enhancement of public pathways and access by working with local landowners and the public rights of way team, to improve accessibility, so that access to local greenspace and woods can become more inclusive to a wider population as a parish wide objective. |
| Policy AM9 – Design Principles | | The Public Health Authority supports Policy AM9 and encourages the neighbourhood plan to make reference to the Building for a Healthy Life toolkit within the wording for policy AM9. | Action. | Referred to the Building for a Healthy Life toolkit in Policy AM9. |

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| Policy AM12 - Accessibility, Road Safety and Sustainable Transport | | The Public Health Authority support Policy AM12 encourages neighbourhood plans to include policies like this that support opportunities for sustainable transport and increased walking and cycling. Reference and consideration should also be given to wheeling. | Action. | Referenced wheeling in Policy AM12 |
| Policy AM10 - Housing Infill and Redevelopment | | The Public Health Authority would like to signpost the Parish Council to the County Council's Local Flood and Water Management Strategy. This document includes a Sustainable and Resilient Development Policy that features requirements that the County Council, as the Lead Local Flood Authority for Hampshire, will request for from proposed developments. The strategy also includes a Supporting Community Resilience Policy, which details how the County Council will engage with local communities in relation to flood risk management. | Noted. | No action. |
| AM3 – Flooding and Drainage | | <p>With the age demographics of Amport, to ensure that housing continues to meet the provision and requirements of the population, the HAPPI guidance could be reviewed. This ensures that site, access, building and landscape are designed to respond to the needs of an ageing demographic.</p> <p>The use of Building for a Healthy Life checklist could be a useful toolkit here.</p> <p>Public Health welcomes affordable housing options and would recommend that design is tenure blind so that homes are designed to the same high standards as open market housing.</p> | Noted. | No action. |