#### **Tattenhall and District Neighbourhood Plan**

#### **Consultation Statement**

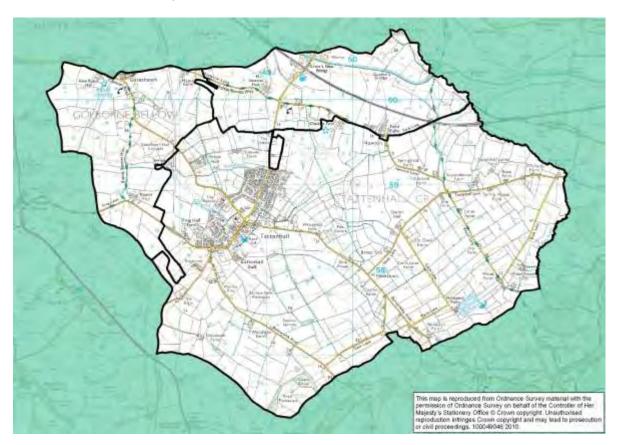
To: Cheshire West and Chester Council

By: Tattenhall and District Parish Council

#### 1 Overview

#### a) Area

The Parish of Tattenhall and District is situated in south west Cheshire, 13 Km (8 miles) south east of the City of Chester and includes the village of Tattenhall and the two smaller settlements of Gatesheath and Newton-by-Tattenhall.



#### b) Introduction

This consultation statement provides the details of the consultation process undertaken as part of the development of the Tattenhall and District Neighbourhood Plan, as set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Tattenhall and District Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group have been working on the development of the NP since mid 2011 and have undertaken a series of public consultations, as outlined below. The consultations identified a range of issues which have all been

recorded, considered and where possible addressed as part of the development of the draft neighbourhood planning document.

#### c) Consultation undertaken

In Summer 2004 Tattenhall, in common with many parishes decided to produce a Parish Plan. During the preparation of this a survey, in which every fifth house in the Parish was selected was undertaken. Following analysis of the data received the writing of the Plan took place in Autumn of 2005. It was ratified by the PC at its meeting of December of that year and the final document published in 2006.

As a follow on from that, in 2006, the parish began the preparation of a Village Design Statement (VDS). A slightly different group of Parish Councillors and residents was formed to work on this and further community consultation took place. Following a period of statutory consultation during August and September of 2008 the VDS was adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) by Chester City Council and published in 2009.

It was apparent from the work done to produce these documents that local housing was a big issue and in February 2008 the Parish Council held a housing open day which was attended by over 150 residents. As a result, a housing Registered Provider obtained grant money's from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and following community consultation on the type, tenure and design of properties 14 affordable homes to rent in perpetuity were built and allocated to local people in Summer 2011.

Therefore, Tattenhall and District Parish Council has experience of consultation through the development of their Parish Plan and the Village Design Statement and the consultation process for the NP has built upon this. Consultation was undertaken at every stage of the development of the plan, with the aim of establishing the issues affecting the local community, and the longer term vision for the development of the Parish.

#### 2 Details of persons and bodies consulted

#### a) Raising awareness

During the Summer of 2011 members of the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group attended several village events such as the Village Fete, the Garden Show, the Beer Festival and Allotments open day informing residents of the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan project. Using large scale maps and post-it notes residents were asked to put a note on where they lived and give some comment or feedback about their area or the parish

#### b) Stage one – pre-vision consultation

In September and October 2011 the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group held five public open meetings at 3 different venues across the Parish (see table below) to ensure it was accessible for all those in different parts of the Parishes.

Around 100 people attended these sessions and were asked four questions as part of a round table discussion. The four open questions were:

- 1. What do you a) like about living in the Parish of Tattenhall?
  - b) could any of these be improved upon?
- 2. Is there anything the Parish lacks or you dislike?
- 3. How would you like to see the Parish evolve over the next 10 years?
- 4. Inevitable there will be development in the future. What benefits would you like it to bring to the community?

In order to ensure the views gathered were representative of a cross section of the local community, members of the NP Steering Group sought answers to the questions from children attending the Primary School (ages 5 to 11 years) and local youth (aged between 15 and 20 years), as well as businesses at the local business forum.

The responses from this consultation were collated and prioritised to identify the issues which were of most concern to local residents, a summary of these are included in Annex C.

#### c) Stage two – vision and objectives

The NP Steering Group analysed the findings of the pre-vision consultation to formulate the vision and objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan, attached in Annex D. The findings were grouped into 7 themes and the following headings:

- Homes to meet the needs of local people
- Protecting the built environment
- Better facilities for local people
- Supporting the local economy
- Transport and communication
- Encouraging and supporting local distinctiveness
- Protecting landscape and nature conservation interests

Each section identified the issues with proposed actions and an opportunity for local residents to agree or disagree with each proposal.

The Vision and Objectives document was sent to every household. Residents were able to return their responses by posting them into boxes which were placed around the Parish (the Barbour Institute, Alison's Country Kitchen, the Post Office and the Village Green Fruit and Vegetable shop), and 298 responses were received and analysed (included in Annex E).

#### d) Stage three – Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Together with the responses of the pre-vision consultation and the preferences from the Vision and Objectives consultation, the policy proposals were developed for inclusion in the draft neighbourhood plan. The draft NP revised the policy headings to include:

- Housing growth homes to meet the needs of local people
- Local character
- Local facilities
- The local economy
- Transport and communications
- Landscape and environment

The draft NP was issued to every household in the Parish, along with the neighbouring Parish Councils (Broxton and District; Handley and District; Beeston; Burwardsley and Huxley) and within the draft document was a page for 'comments and responses' which can be detached and returned. Again responses were asked to be returned to the NP Steering Group and boxes were available throughout the parish (the Barbour Institute, Alison's Country Kitchen, the Post Office and the Village Green Fruit and Vegetable shop). 110 responses were received and the feedback collated as per Annex G.

#### 3 How they were consulted

The following table provides the detail of how the consultation was undertaken.

| Summary of how the consultation was undertaken |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Consultation stage                             | How consultation undertaken   |  |
| 1) Pre-vision consultation                     | An invitation sent to every household (see Annex A) to attend one of 5 open public meetings, 3 at the Barbour Institute (Tattenhall); 1 in Carriages (Gatesheath); and 1 at the Ice Cream Factory (Newton-by-Tattenhall). The events were advertised on the website and on notice boards across the Parish (inside and outside the library; Tattenhall newspaper shop; Post Office; NISA Supermarket; Parish Council notice boards; community notice board; Alison's Country Kitchen; inside and outside the Barbour Institute; and Gatesheath notice board). |  |
|  | Attendees were asked 4 open questions questions as part of a round table discussion.  Children attending the local Primary school were asked the  |  |
|  | same questions and an event was held by a partner for the local youth where attendees were asked to complete the questionnaire.   |  |
|  | Undertook a presentation at the local business forum and handed out questionnaires.   |  |
|  | The questionnaire was available for completion on the website.  |  |
| 2) Vision and objectives                       | Draft document sent to all households in Parish with opportunity to respond to the proposals  |  |
|  | Attended local High School (Bishop Heber) and worked with the student cohort of Tattenhall to complete the feedback on the vision and objectives.   |  |
|  | Copies of the document were also available on the Parish Council website.   |  |

| 3) Draft Neighbourhood Plan | A copy of the draft neighbourhood plan was delivered to all of             |
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|                             | the households in the Parish, including the businesses in the              |
|                             | High Street.   |
|                             | Copies of the draft plan were also available on the Parish Council website |

## 4 The outcome of the consultation

The following table provides the key issues raised during the different stages of consultation and how the NP Steering Group have taken them into account.

| Policy area  | Summary of the key issues / concerns  | How the issues have been addressed   |
|--|---|--|
| Housing growth – homes to meet the needs of local people | <ul> <li>Any new development should:</li> <li>Respect the current village character</li> <li>Add value and vitality to the community</li> <li>Add housing choice and meet local needs</li> <li>Comply with Village Design Statement</li> <li>Include 35% affordable homes</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>The housing policies that have been drafted include the following (among others) ensuring the issues raised are addressed.</li> <li>Development should be of proportionate and appropriate scale. Housing growth is supported which is in keeping with the village, so that Tattenhall meets local housing need and responds positively to national requirements for the supply of new homes but retains its village character.</li> <li>Delivery of affordable housing to meet local need – this should include a range of housing opportunities, including an ideal 35% of all housing being affordable.</li> <li>Securing the highest quality design.</li> </ul> |
| Local character  | <ul> <li>Any new development should:</li> <li>Match the grain and quality of the Character Zones</li> <li>Not to spoil the views into and out of the Village and Parish</li> <li>Enhance the Character Zones</li> <li>Utilise brownfield sites as a priority</li> <li>Be at a measured pace to enable infrastructure expansion</li> </ul> | Policies developed under 'local character' proposed that:  Development of a scale and pace compatible with the grain of the village over the plan period to see a steady and comfortable growth.  Utilise previously developed land and buildings where possible to bring them back into economic use.  Early ratification of the revised Conservation Area Appraisal document  Full and thorough use of the VDS by developers and this to be clearly  |

|                      |  | evidenced through Design and Access Statements and development proposals.  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Local facilities     | <ul> <li>Any new development should:</li> <li>Support or enhance existing services and facilities</li> <li>Show how it will contribute to increasing service capacity</li> <li>Provide easy, safe access to facilities and services</li> <li>Provide facilities for young people</li> <li>Encourage community engagement</li> </ul>          | <ul> <li>Policies developed under 'local facilities' proposed that:</li> <li>Retain, support and enhance important existing local community infrastructure possibly through the use of community trusts.</li> <li>Ensure that new development fully meets the impacts created through investment in community infrastructure where necessary.</li> <li>Support local shops and businesses by achieving a balanced housing offer and sustaining a balanced community within the context of a wider ageing population.</li> <li>Ensure safe and accessible connections particularly walking and cycling to new and existing village facilities, particularly from new developments.</li> <li>Engage with the voluntary and community sectors to improve access to services and facilities for the community and engage the community in the activities of the Parish.</li> <li>Understand the needs of young people, provide facilities for them, and ensure that their views are heard and needs addressed as far as possible.</li> </ul> |
| The Local<br>Economy | <ul> <li>Any new development should:</li> <li>Work alongside existing, thriving businesses</li> <li>Be considered on merit</li> <li>Support business in the countryside</li> <li>Extend rural land use</li> <li>Encourage employment / apprenticeships for local people</li> <li>Encourage the installation of a high street bank</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Policies developed under 'local economy' proposed that:</li> <li>Support a thriving economy.</li> <li>Applications for new development or change of use of existing premises or buildings for the provision of retail, hospitality and employment use will be considered on their merits.</li> <li>Support business in the countryside</li> <li>Applications to extend existing commercial, tourism or leisure uses in the rural areas within the Parish will be supported provided that the proposal has no unacceptable impact.</li> <li>Work with local businesses through the Tattenhall Business Alliance to encourage them to offer employment and apprenticeships for local people.</li> </ul>   |

## Transport and Communications

Any new development should:

- Include local traffic repercussions and mitigations
- Show how pedestrian and cycle facilities will be improved
- Improve footpaths / bridleways to surrounding hamlets
- Improve public transport, look to reopen the railway station
- Work to improve high speed broadband

 Engage with high street banks to encourage them to consider Tattenhall as a viable location.

Policies developed under 'transport and communication' proposed that:

- All applications for development should identify and demonstrate the additional level of traffic that they are likely to generate. They should assess the potential impact of this traffic on pedestrians, cyclists, road safety, parking and congestion within the Parish and include within their proposals measures to mitigate the impact. Proposals which are likely to increase the impact of traffic on road users will need to demonstrate how that traffic will be managed.
- New development in the village or in the outlying settlements should demonstrate how it will improve safe and enjoyable movement by pedestrians and cyclists to the services and community facilities within Tattenhall village.
- Value generating development should also explore how they might enhance and/or provide new footpaths and bridleways to connect the outlying hamlets into the main village.
- Investigate ways to improve public transport including engaging with Network Rail and other stakeholders to consider the feasibility of reopening Tattenhall Road railway station.
- Work with CWaC and appropriate infrastructure providers and developers to deliver on high speed broadband at the earliest opportunity.

## Landscape and Environment

Any new development should:

- Not harm wildlife corridors
- Minimise visual and landscape impact
- Conform with landscape and nature conservation policies
- Enhance, maintain and create new wildlife corridors
- Protect, restore and create existing/new wildlife sites

Policies developed under 'landscape and environment' proposed that:

- All proposals for development in the buffer zones and wildlife corridors must not harm or impact on these protected habitat areas.
- All applications for development on sites or land in the rural area of the parish should demonstrate within their Design & Access Statements how the need to minimise any negative visual

| or landscape impact will be addressed  |
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| in the scheme design   |
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| Ensure that all development proposals  All and the protional proposals  All and the protonal |
| adhere to national government  |
| landscape and nature conservation  |
| policy.  |
| <ul> <li>Enhance, maintain and create new</li> </ul>   |
| wildlife corridors in the Parish and   |
| work with landowners and other   |
| stakeholders in the Parish to create   |
| new wildlife corridors on Keys Brook   |
| and Golborne Brook.  |
| Protect and, wherever possible,  |
| restore, create and manage other   |
| actual and potential wildlife sites in   |
| the Parish.  |
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#### 5 Conclusion

The Neighbourhood Plan has been a standing item on the Parish Council agenda since work began, and regular updates on progress have been given. The Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group has been putting updates in each monthly edition of the Parish News and information on the Tattenhall and District Parish Council website to ensure it is accessible for all local residents <a href="http://www.tattenhallpc.org/">http://www.tattenhallpc.org/</a>

In addition several public meetings have been held in the Parish in the last 12 months and these have always started with a Powerpoint presentation giving an update on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and informing residents of next steps

#### Annexes

| Annex A | Invitation to attend first consultation events (attached as separate document) |
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| Annex B | Summary of findings from first consultation                                    |
| Annex C | Vision and Objectives consultation document (attached as separate document)    |
| Annex D | Summary of consultation responses from Vision and Objectives                   |
| Annex E | Comments and responses form from NP Consultation document                      |
| Annex F | Summary of NP draft consultation responses                                     |

# TATTENHALL NEWTON BY TATTENHALL and GATESHEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

#### PLANNING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

More Houses? More Shops? More Jobs? More Car Parking? A Safer Environment? A Swimming Pool? A Wind Turbine?

What do you want Tattenhall, Newton and Gatesheath to be like in the future?

It's YOUR community –
how do YOU want it to develop?
It's time for YOU to give YOUR views...

Earlier this year, the Parish Council was proud to learn that the parish had been selected as one of the pilot communities to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.

#### So what does this mean?

It means that you now have a say in how your parish develops.

### What happens next?

Take this opportunity to speak out. Contribute to the Plan. Comment on it as it develops. Vote when the final Plan goes to a referendum. If a majority says "yes", the Plan will be adopted.

#### Now it's up to YOU.

Have **YOUR** say at one of the meetings the dates, times and venues are on the back of this leaflet.

Call Carol Weaver Pat Black or Graham Spencer (see back page for telephone numbers) and tell them when you can come.

(Don't worry if you can't make these dates, there'll be other opportunities.)

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#### WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING?

Instead of people being told what to do, the Government thinks that local communities should have genuine opportunities to influence the future of the places where they live. The Decentralisation and Localism Bill published in December 2010 will introduce a new right for communities to draw up a "neighbourhood development plan".

Neighbourhood planning will allow communities to come together through a local parish council or neighbourhood forum and say where they think new houses, businesses and shops should go - and what they should look like. Neighbourhood development plans can be very simple, or go into considerable detail where people want.

Provided a neighbourhood development plan is in line with national planning policy, with the strategic vision for the wider area set by the local authority, and with other legal requirements, local people will be able to vote on it in a referendum. If the plan is approved by a majority the local authority will bring it into force.

To further strengthen the role of local communities in planning, the Bill will introduce a new requirement for developers to consult local communities before submitting a planning application for very large developments. This will give local people a chance to comment when there is still genuine scope to make changes to proposals.

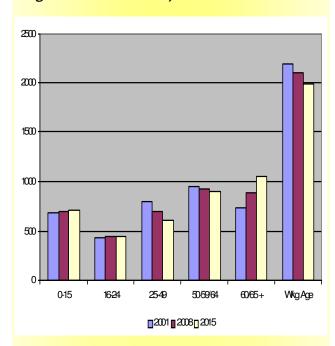
The Bill very clearly states that neighbourhood planning cannot be used to stop development in your area; development will take place.

Neighbourhood planning is about consulting with the community about what level of development they would like to see, where they want it and over what length of time.

#### THE COMMUNITY

The level of overall growth within the parish of Tattenhall has been somewhat greater than that for the rural area as a whole by around 2%. This has been primarily driven by growth in the retirement age population which increased by 21% between 2001 and 2008 from 734 to 890. This rate of growth significantly exceeded the ward and national trends. Between 2001 and 2008, at the local level, the school age population (based upon the 0-15 age group) also increased marginally, which was counter to the trends for the local authority area as a whole where it declined by 8%. In addition the working age population declined by 4%, with an 11% decline in the 30-44 year old sub-group. Figure 1 below illustrates these trends.

Figure 1: Population trends 2001 – 2015 (source: Neighbourhood Statistics)



Currently the population of the parish has a good proportion of dependant children and adults of working age. However, the trend between 2001 and 2008 clearly shows a decline in the population aged between 25 and 49 years and an increase in the retired population. If this trend were to continue the balance of the population would be heavily weighted towards people aged over 50 years which has implications for the long term sustainability of the Parish.

#### THE BUILDINGS

Although agriculture remains the principal land use in the parish, buildings also define the character of the local landscape. Evidence of settlement dates back to the 10<sup>th</sup> century and the oldest buildings existing in the parish date back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Substantial development occurred in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries with the construction of many buildings of significant historic and architectural importance which are now protected within the Conservation Area making Tattenhall one of the most attractive and least spoilt of the larger villages in Cheshire West.

Since the 1960s significant areas of new housing have been developed leading to a doubling of the local population. Just outside the village boundaries the two smaller settlements of Newton-by-Tattenhall and Gatesheath contribute to the form and function of the parish and are complemented by numerous farmsteads which were heavily influenced by 19<sup>th</sup> century estate improvements.

In Tattenhall, retail services have been largely maintained along the High Street and are well patronized by the local community as are recreational facilities including restaurants, meeting places, public houses, places of worship and the primary school which all provides a distinctive sense of place.

In terms of business premises, the sensitive refurbishment of older buildings and attractive new developments in the heart of the village such as Barbour Square provide an attractive working environment for local people and those commuting into the parish.

The Tattenhall and District Parish Plan (2006) and Tattenhall Village Design Statement (2009) provided a vision for the local community and these two documents remain an important source of reference for both the built environment and the wider countryside. In this context the Village Design Statement considerations included:

- Enhance local distinctiveness which contributes to a sense of place and community
- Retain and enhance hedges, ponds, woodlands, streams, geological features and promote and extend wildlife corridors
- Large areas of new housing are out of character with the gradual historic growth that characterizes the village
- The design of buildings should be appropriate to the setting of adjacent buildings
- Views and vistas are an integral part of the parish character.
- New building should not dominate existing historic buildings

#### THE WIDER COUNTRYSIDE

The parish is characterized by the Cheshire Plain, a gently rolling pastoral landscape separating the Sandstone Ridge from the Clwydian range of hills in North Wales. It lies on the watershed separating the Dee and the Mersey. The Keys Brook and the Mill Brook flow into the River Dee and, the River Gowy flows into the Mersey near Ellesmere Port.

Tattenhall is located on boulder clay which has resulted in heavy soils and sub-soils that, after land drainage works, have produced the typical lush pasturelands for which this intensive dairy farming area is renowned. The land is dominated by medium scale pastoral fields defined by hedges interspersed with a large number of oak trees. With modern agriculture, hedgerows have been removed to increase field size, often leaving the trees intact in the middle of open fields giving the false impression of a parkland landscape. The distinctive local landscape has significant wildlife value.

- Open fields support a population of brown hare and, in the damper patches, birds such as snipe and mallard can be found.
- Traditionally, the parish was characterized by broadleaved woodland blocks of around one hectare which were managed as fox coverts and where these remain they still provide an important habitat for many bird species including tawny owl, great spotted woodpecker together with woodland flowers such as native bluebells, wood anemone and wild garlic.
- Hedgerows are typically hawthorn or blackthorn with occasional hedgerow trees such as oak and ash and, together with the water courses, form important wildlife corridors.
- The 120 field ponds in the parish provide vital stepping stones for wildlife providing a significant habitat for amphibians, aquatic invertebrates; a food source for a number of bats species; aquatic plants; and nesting sites for birds such as reed bunting, sedge warble, water rail and moorhen.
- The Keys Brook and Mill Brook flow through the heart of the parish and to the west of the village become the Golborne Brook before flowing into the River Dee. Water voles have been recorded in the Keys Brook and the presence of otters on the Golborne Brook has been noted.
- The local designation of the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor provides an opportunity for these and other species such as barn owls and kingfishers to reach the heart of the village.
- A network of public footpaths cross the parish.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

# COME ALONG TO ONE OF THE SESSIONS— THE DATES ARE SHOWN BELOW EACH MEETING SHOULD LAST NO MORE THAN 1<sup>1/2</sup> HOURS

#### **TATTENHALL**

Monday 19th September 7.30 pm Main Hall, Barbour Institute
Thursday 22nd September 7.30 pm Main Hall, Barbour Institute
Thursday 29th September 2.00 pm Main Hall, Barbour Institute

#### NEWTON-BY-TATTENHALL

Wednesday 21st September 7.30 pm Cheshire Ice Cream Farm

(Drumlan Hall)

## GATESHEATH (GOLBORNE BELLOW)

Monday 26th September 7.00pm Carriages

Please contact Carol Weaver 01829 771443
Pat Black 01829 770483
or Graham Spencer 01829 770980
by 16th September, to book your place.

Refreshments will be available

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## Annex B Summary of findings from first consultation

Questionnaire Responses Barn House Project - (approx 13-20) 63 Responses

| Nice People             | Xxx     |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Nice Views              | Xxxxx   |
| ∟ots of Facilities      | Xx      |
| Friendly Village        | Xx      |
| Great Sports Facilities | Xx      |
| Great Food Outlets      | xx      |
| Clean & Tidy            | Xxxx    |
| Plenty of Transport     |         |
| Community Spirit        | Xxxxxxx |
| Relaxed                 | Xx      |
| Aesthetically Pleasing  | Xx      |
| Good Retail             | Xxx     |
| Close to Chester        | Xx      |
| Feels Safe              | X       |
| lice Place              | Xxxxxx  |
| ce Cream Farm           | Xxx     |
| Nice Countryside        |         |

| Could Any of the Points Be Improved Upon         |                 |
|--|-----------------|
|  |                 |
| More Facilities for Young People                 | xxxxxxxxxxx     |
| Better Night Life                                | Xxxxx           |
| Accept the Young People                          |                 |
| Fine as it is                                    | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx |
| More Junior Team Sports                          | Xx              |
| More Jobs for Young People                       |                 |
| Better Travel Opportunities inc Buses to Chester | Xx              |
| More Social Clubs                                | Xx              |
| Astro-turf at Sports Club                        |                 |
| More Barn House Project (rave)                   | Xx              |

| Is There Anything the Parish Lacks or that You Dislike |                |
|--|----------------|
|  |                |
| Not Much For Young People to Do                        | xxxxxxxxxxxxxx |
| Better Public Transport                                | Xxxx           |
| Public Transport too Expensive                         | Xxxxx          |
| No Change  | xxxxxxxxx      |
| More Retail  |                |
| More Night Life  | xxxx           |

| How Would You Like to See The Parish Evolve in the Next 10 Years |                |
|--|----------------|
|  |                |
| Realign Demographic Balance                                      |                |
| Better Facilities for Young People                               | xxxxxxxxxxxxxx |
| Night Club   |                |
| More Activities for Young People                                 |                |
| Become Bigger  |                |
| More Housing   | Xx             |
| No Change  | Xx             |
| Better Bus Service   | xxxx           |
| Better Community Spirit  | x              |
| More Sports Facilities   |                |
| Bank   |                |
| Railway Station  |                |
| More Retail  | xx             |
| Cheaper Bus Service  | xx             |
| Intergenerational Communication                                  | xx             |
| Musical Facilities   |                |
| Better Sporting Facilities                                       |                |
| Continue to Address Issues Locally                               |                |
| Annual Street Festival   |                |

| Inevitably There Will Be Development in the Future. What Benefits Would You Like It To Bring to the Community |              |  |
|---|--------------|--|
|   |              |  |
| More Events and Facilities for Young People   | xxxxxxxxxxxx |  |
| Community Spirit  | xxx          |  |
| More Housing Estates  | xxxx         |  |
| Better Sports Facilities Astro-turf / 5 A side  | xx           |  |
| Better Retail   |              |  |
| Night Club  | xx           |  |
| More Jobs   | xx           |  |
| Less Youths Hanging About   |              |  |
| Business Creation   | xx           |  |
| More Community Integration  | xxxxxxx      |  |
| Cheaper Bus Service   |              |  |
| Safer Community   |              |  |
| More Retail   |              |  |
| Better Bus Service  |              |  |
| Traffic Calming Measures  |              |  |
| Safe Cycle Lanes  |              |  |
| No Change   |              |  |

Questionnaire Responses Primary School - 66 Individual Responses from Reception, Yr 4 & Yr 6. Years 1,2,3 & 5 sent in a group class response

| What Do You Like About Living in The Parish Of Tattenhall |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| The Park Primary School                                   | xxxx              |
| Calm & Peaceful   | xxxxxxx           |
| Community Spirit  | xxxx              |
| Lots of facilities  | xx                |
| Good Retail   | xxxxxxxx          |
| The Park  | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx |
| Good Restaurants  | xxxxx             |
| The Doctors   |                   |
| Sports Facilities   | xxxx              |
| Millennium Mile   |                   |
| Wide Open Space   | xx                |
| Small   |                   |
| Clean & Tidy  |                   |
| Countryside   |                   |
| No Busy Roads   |                   |
| Close Knit Community                                      | xxx               |
| Good For Walking People and Pets                          | xxxx              |
| Living Close to School                                    | xx                |
| The Library   | xxxx              |
| Tree Climbing   |                   |
| What Would You Like to have in Tattenhall                 |                   |
| Roundabout (Play area)                                    |                   |
| Community Pond  | xxxxxxx           |
| Swimming Pool with Water Slide                            | xxxxxxxxxxxx      |
| Bigger School   |                   |
| More Shops  | xxxx              |
| Playground for Bikes                                      |                   |
| Chip Shop   | xxxx              |
| Wildlife Area   |                   |
| More Play equipment on play area                          | xxxx              |
| Joke Shop   |                   |
| Petrol Station  |                   |
| Bouncy Castle   |                   |
| Chocolate Factory   |                   |
| Statue of Liberty   |                   |
| Railway around the park                                   |                   |
| Trampoline  |                   |
| Hotel   | xx                |
| Skate Park  |                   |
| Rugby pitch   | xx                |
| Milk Shake Shop / Juice Bar                               |                   |
| Bike Shop   | xx                |
| Museum  |                   |
| Boxing Facilities   |                   |
| Fairground  |                   |
| Book Shop   | xxx               |
| Cinema  |                   |
| Adventure Park  |                   |
| Clothes Shop  |                   |

| Is There Anything the Parish Lacks or that You Dislike           |            |
|--|------------|
| LACKS  |            |
| Railway Station  | YOU        |
| Junior Sports Teams  | XXX        |
| Basketball Court   |            |
| Youth Counselling Service  | VVV        |
| Don't feel safe on Bike  | XXX        |
| Teenage vandalism / hanging about                                | VVVVV      |
| Litter   | xxxxxxx    |
| Need less pubs   |            |
| People smoking   | xxxx       |
| Anti-Social Behaviour  | ****       |
| No   | VVV        |
| Parking issues   | XXX        |
| Vandalism of Cars  |            |
|  | vvv        |
| Drug Taking Scared in the Spinney                                | XXX        |
| School   |            |
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| Netball  |            |
| Indian & Chinese   |            |
| Bullies  |            |
| No Lights at Night   |            |
| Strangers  |            |
| Robbers  | XX         |
| Speeding Vehicles  |            |
| Dog Poo  |            |
| Its Dirty  |            |
| No Clothes Shops   |            |
| Smell from Ice Cream Farm  |            |
| How Would You Like to See The Parish Evolve in the Next 10 Years |            |
| More Shops   | XXXXXXXXXX |
| Really Peaceful  |            |
| More Eco-friendly  | XXXX       |
| Safer  |            |
| Less Litter  |            |
| More Houses  | XXX        |
| Bigger Play area   |            |
| Speed Limit  |            |
| Book Shop  | XX         |
| Skate shop / Toy shop  |            |
| Pet shop   | XX         |
| Vets   |            |
| More restaurants   |            |
| Same as Now  | XXXXXXXXX  |
| Less Traffic   |            |
| Two Libraries  |            |
| Much Bigger  |            |
| Better Weather   | XX         |
| More trees to Climb  |            |

# TATTENHALL NEWTON BY TATTENHALL and GATESHEATH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### VISION AND OBJECTIVES

More Houses? More Shops? More Jobs? More Car Parking? A Safer Environment?

A Swimming Pool? A Wind Turbine?

We've taken the comments made in the first round of consultation and identified seven sections to form the vision of how Tattenhall will develop over the next 15 years.

## Now it's up to YOU again

We want **YOUR** thoughts on the objectives we've identified. Send us your views and help us shape future policy.

Your opinions are valuable 
It's YOUR community – how do YOU want it to develop?

It's time for YOU to give YOUR views...

If you want more information or another copy, call Carol Weaver or Graham Spencer (see inside for contact details) and they will do their best to help you.

**Shaping Future Development for the Parish** 

#### **About the Neighbourhood Plan**

The Neighbourhood Plan should cover a 15 year time period with a review every 5 years. It allows communities to exert more control over where development takes place, to influence the type and quality of that development, and to ensure that the change it brings meets local objectives. The alternative to adopting our own Neighbourhood Plan is to live with continued development pressure: to be forced into a reactive approach responding to each application for development as it is made.

- We aim to make Tattenhall and District an even better place to be, now and for future generations.
- Instead of people being told what to do, the Government thinks that local communities have genuine opportunities to influence the future of the places where they live.
- Neighbourhood planning will allow us to determine our future, to say where we think new houses, businesses and shops should go and what they should look like.
- Working with the support of our local authority Cheshire West and Chester our Neighbourhood Plan will be in line with national planning policy.
- At this stage local people will through a local referendum be able to vote on the Plan and, if approved by a majority, will be brought into force by the local authority.
- To further strengthen our role further, developers will have to consult our local community before submitting a planning application for any large development. This will give all residents of Tattenhall and District a chance to comment when there is still genuine scope to make changes to proposals.













#### What Tattenhall and District will be like in the next 15 years

- A sustainable, thriving and prosperous community that supports a high quality of life for all its
- Residents
- A distinctive and flourishing settlement that exhibits a distinctive vitality and dynamism.
- Safe from flood risk, adaptable to climate change and have a reduced carbon dependence.
- An area with a high quality natural environment and protected important wildlife interests

#### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO NOW

In this booklet we have set out the key issues, as identified by the first round of public consultation, under seven headings. Alongside each set of issues, we have proposed options for you to consider and we would like you to respond by completing the boxes with numbers from 1-5. Number 5 means that you agree strongly with our proposals, and number 1 means that you disagree strongly.

When you have done this, please cut out the comment boxes and return them to one of the boxes which you will find in the Post Office, Alison's Coffee Shop and Village Greens. The consultation period runs for 6 weeks from ...June until ... July.

If you want to add your own comment on the proposals, please use the back of the cut out part, or, if there isn't enough space, use a separate sheet of paper and attach the colour coded cut out to it.

You don't have to comment on each issue, but your opinions will be most important in forming the document which will become the Neighbourhood Plan.

There will be a prize draw into which each comment box returned will be entered. There will be two prizes of £50 vouchers which you will be able to redeem in local shops, pubs and restaurants. You will need to put your name and address on the comment box to enter the draw, and we would also like to know what age you are, and whether you are male or female. If you don't want to give us this information, you can still return the comment boxes but will not be entered into the prize draw.

If you would like further information, or the answer to a question, please contact Carol Weaver on 771443/email carol@weaver2541.freeserve.co.uk or Graham Spencer on 770980/email spencercjj@btinternet.com.













#### HOMES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE

Our objective is to enable the provision of a choice of new homes to meet the needs of all sections of the community including:

- People who wish to live in family homes.
- First time buyers.
- People who wish to rent.
- Young families with a restricted income who need a larger property
- Older people and others who wish to downsize.

#### The issues you identified:

- Better mix of housing (tenure and price)
- Increase in affordable homes
- No major developments in the parish
- Any development must be phased over a number of years
- Maintain an appropriate social balance
- Need for sustainable housing development
- Small scale housing development

#### Our proposals:

- 1. Proposals for new market and affordable housing on the sites identified for housing development must ensure that the scale and type of housing provided and the profile of construction will enable proportionate growth, will not undermine the character of the settlement and will respect the form and nature of the conservation area.
- 2. All new market and affordable homes across the Parish should maintain and add to the vitality of the community. Developers should demonstrate how their proposals will help to maintain a balanced and thriving community into the future.
- 3. All new housing should help to broaden the range of stock available in the parish. It should complement and add to the existing stock, broadening choice and extending the opportunity to own a house or live in the village to a wide range of people. The type, tenure and cost of new housing should meet the evidenced housing needs of the local area, in particular those of newly formed households for people of all ages.
- 4. The NP will identify sites suitable for housing development. Proposals for new housing developments should adopt the approach to design, siting and layout set out in the Village Design Statement
- 5. To achieve this there will need to be a mix of sizes and tenures with at least 35% of all housing being affordable to local people, as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

| Please say whether you agree with the proposals by completing the boxes with 1-5; 5 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly: |
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#### PROTECTING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It is important that any new development is accommodated in a way that maintains and enhances our built environment and that it improves the quality of life of all current and future residents.

The policies suggested are designed to ensure that new development respects the existing form and function of the settlements within the parish.

#### The issues you identified:

- No major developments in the parish
- Any development must be phased over a number of years
- Development to use brownfield sites first
- New building reflects the character of the village
- Better mix of housing (tenure and price)
- Increase in affordable homes

#### Our proposals:

- 1. New development should not be prominent in scale, visually dominant or significantly change the character of the village or outlying hamlets. New development should reflect the grain, density, quality and materials as identified in the Character Zone map in the Village Design Statement.
- 2. All new development should be of a height, massing and appearance that does not adversely affect key distinctive views into and out of the Parish. Particular attention should be given to views to and from listed buildings, open space within villages, the conservation area and key landscape features.
- 3. Any development in or adjacent to a specific Parish Character Zone should seek to enhance the character of that zone.
- 4. Developers should give consideration to any suitable brownfield sites before putting forward plans to build on open countryside, provided that it is not of high environmental value.
- 5. New development should be incremental to allow for gradual expansion and evolution of facilities.

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#### **BETTER FACILITIES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE**

It is vitally important that facilities and activities are maintained and protected where-ever possible. The policies are aimed at ensuring that the current level of services enjoyed in the village are retained and that where appropriate, new services and facilities can be added in the future.

Facilities include the thriving Barbour Institute which is regularly used as a venue for concerts, local dramatics, art and beer festivals, adult education and hosts many of the 40 clubs that operate in the Parish.

A wide range of sporting facilities are based at the Recreation Club and Facilities for older people are available at a variety of venues including the Barbour Institute.

The development of the Care Village will provide an additional community resource for local people.

For young people, the Recreation Club and Barbour Institute provide excellent venues and the Boneyard at Newton by Tattenhall is very popular.

#### The issues you identified:

- Maintain and ,wherever possible, extend community and social facilities
- Encourage clubs, societies and other recreational facilities
- Provide better facilities for young people
- Support elderly residents in the community.

#### The proposals:

- 1. Ensure that facilities such as the primary school, GP surgery, community buildings (such as the Barbour Institute and the sports pavilion) are supported and retained.
- 2. It is apparent that any development will have an impact on facilities and developers should be able to explain what that impact will be and how the facilities can be enhanced to meet proposed growth.
- 3. Where necessary, developers should ensure that there is safe and easy access for residents from their site to local facilities and services. (HFT3 Village Design Statement)
- 4. Engage with the voluntary and community sectors to improve access to facilities for the community.
- 5. Understand the needs of young people:
- 6. Investigate how to provide facilities for young people, and ensure that their views are heard and needs addressed as far as possible.
- 7. Offer members of the community every opportunity to get involved in the activities of the parish.

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#### SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Tattenhall has a large number of businesses based in the locality who contribute significantly in terms of local employment and the provision of services. The changing nature of the agricultural industry has allowed the release of farm buildings which have been adapted by the Bolesworth Estate and others to provide a variety of business premises.

Maintaining a thriving local economy ensures that jobs and enterprise opportunities are available for local people of all ages. It also provides a strong customer base for our retail and hospitality businesses which enables the community to maintain a thriving High Street. Our local economy is important to us, the policies proposed are designed to encourage it to thrive.

### The issues you identified:

- Improve local employment opportunities
- Lack of banking facilities
- More jobs for young people
- ·more retails shops on the High Street

#### The proposals:

- 1. Support a thriving economy.
- 2. Applications for new development or change of use of existing premises or buildings for the provision of retail, hospitality and employment use will be considered on their merits.
- 3. Support business in the countryside
- 4. Applications to extend existing commercial, tourism or leisure uses in the rural areas within the parish will be supported provided that the proposal does not disadvantage local residents.
- 5. Work with local businesses through the Tattenhall Business Alliance to encourage them to provide employment and apprenticeships for local people.
- 6. Engage with high street banks to encourage them to consider Tattenhall as a viable location.

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#### TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

Tattenhall is distant from the major road network and is served by a number of minor roads, two of which connect to the A41 trunk route. Other roads link to surrounding villages and hamlets. Roads between the village and the outlying hamlets lack pavements and there is no provision for cyclists.

National speed limits apply outside the village with a 30 mph limit in the built up area where there is street lighting.

There is currently a reasonable and regular bus service throughout the day and early evening.

Improving accessibility to, and around the village, will be a consideration in all residential development applications.

#### The issues you identified:

- Need for more footways particularly to outlying hamlets
- Traffic issues, i.e. speed, parking congestion, HGVs
- Re-open Tattenhall station
- Availability and cost of local public transport service
- Need for better broadband and telecommunication systems

#### The proposals:

- 1. All applications for development should identify and demonstrate the additional level of traffic that they are likely to generate. They should assess the potential impact of this traffic on road safety, parking and congestion within the parish and include within their proposals measures to mitigate the impact.
- 2. The ability for people to walk and cycle around the parish is important to local residents. Proposals which are likely to increase the impact of traffic on roads, pedestrians and cyclists will need to demonstrate how the traffic which they generate will be managed.
- 3. All applications for development in the village or in the outlying settlements should demonstrate how they will improve safe and enjoyable movement by pedestrians and cyclists to the services, shops, pubs and community facilities within Tattenhall village.
- 4. They should also explore how they might enhance and/or provide new footpaths and bridleways to connect the outlying hamlets into the main village.

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#### **ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARACTER**

Local distinctiveness contributes to a sense of place and community and all development proposals will fully embrace this concept. Natural features such as small woodlands, in-field trees, hedgerows, ponds, streams and the occasional geological outcrop are significant landscape components which distinguish the Parish.

Our policies are designed to enact the approach and requirements set out within the Village Design Statement and to help applicants and developers deliver against our objectives.

#### The issues you identified:

- Maintain views and vistas across open countryside
- Retain the 'village feel'

#### Our proposals:

- I. To protect our distinctive landscape, applications for development in the Parish should include an assessment of their potential impact on woodlands, hedgerows, ponds, streams, verges/ditches and geological features as well as the views identified within the Village Design Statement.
- 2. The use of boundary features within any development should respect local tradition, materials and /or species mixes.
- The use of Cheshire native species in hedgerows, trees and other soft landscaping will be encouraged.

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## PROTECTING LANDSCAPE AND NATURE CONSERVATION INTERESTS

The Parish is a focus for nature conservation with the development of the Mill Brook Wildlife Corridor providing the first of a number of important natural pathways through the heart of the community and the wider Parish.

Our natural environment and the biodiversity that it supports are important. All proposals for development must necessarily comply with European, National and Local (Cheshire West & Chester) policy in respect of its protection and conservation.

The proposals are aimed at providing an additional layer of protection and ensuring that development within the parish is encouraged to mitigate any harmful impact.

#### The issues you identified:

- Protect local wildlife sites and habitats
- Supporting the development of wildlife corridors
- Extending green space and new nature conservation areas wherever possible
- Keeping dogs under control and clearing up along footpaths

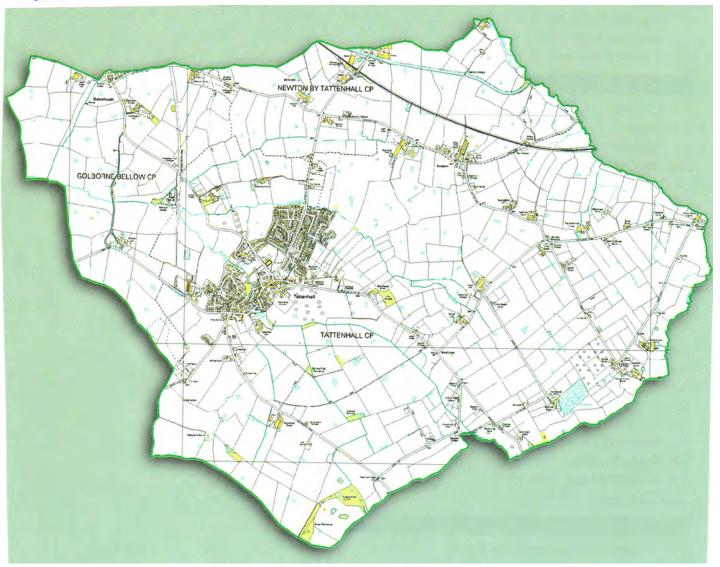
#### Our proposals:

- 1. All proposals for development in the areas identified as "buffer zones" and "wildlife corridors" must carry out an assessment to identify possible harm or impact on these protected habitat areas and wildlife corridors
- 2. All applications for development on sites or land in the rural area of the parish should demonstrate within their Design & Access Statements how the need to minimise any negative visual or landscape impact will be addressed in the scheme design
- 3. Ensure that all development proposals adhere to national government landscape and nature conservation policy.
- 4. Enhance, maintain and create new wildlife corridors in the Parish and Work with landowners and other stakeholders in the Parish to create new wildlife corridors on Keys Brook and Golbourne Brook.
- 5. Protect and, wherever possible, restore, create and manage other actual and potential wildlife sites in the Parish
- 6. Participate in the Local Nature Partnership (LNP)

| Please say whether you agree with the proposals by completing the boxes with 1-5; 5 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly: |
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## **Tattenhall & District Parish Council**



#### Annex D Visions and Objectives Survey

#### Introduction

As part of the process in developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Tattenhall and District, a Visions and Objectives survey was completed by members of the local community during the summer of 2012. In addition to the structured questions, there was an opportunity for local people to express their views on the seven actions contained within the questionnaire. The seven actions identified contained a series of statements which required respondents to indicate their strength of feeling. Just under 300 questionnaires were completed and the results are included below. Of these completed questionnaires many included comments about particular actions and they are what form the basis of this brief report.

#### Methodology

In the majority of cases formal questionnaires leave us in the dark about 'human experience' and the 'richness of life'. Often there is no chance for the respondent to elaborate on particular questions for which the answer lacks any real detail, and this can lead to false impressions when the data is analysed. The Visions and Objectives Survey required respondents to express their strength of feeling to specific statements relating to each of the seven actions and this has provided some quantitative data useful for statistical analysis.

Individual comments from respondents provide an opportunity to express more personal feelings which support, enhance and enrich the statistical findings of the structured survey. It allows a more detailed discussion upon particular topics, particularly those which are deemed important to the local community.

Action 1 Homes to meet the needs of local people

| HOMES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE  | 5   | 4   | 3   | 2  | 1  | n   |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| New Development should                   |     |     |     |    |    |     |
| Respect the current village character    | 79% | 12% | 6%  | 1% | 2% | 292 |
| Add value and vitality to the community  | 77% | 13% | 7%  | 1% | 2% | 292 |
| Add housing choice and meet local needs  | 70% | 16% | 10% | 3% | 1% | 290 |
| Comply with the Village Design Statement | 76% | 12% | 8%  | 2% | 2% | 289 |
| Meet a target of 35% affordable housing  | 65% | 16% | 13% | 3% | 3% | 288 |

#### KEY

- 5. Strongly agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neither agree or disagree
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly disagree
- n. Total respondents

"I do not believe this is a 'starter' village and therefore it's not as important to provide affordable housing."

"These days, the majority of people understand and accept the need to work their way up the property ladder until they can live in a more expensive area."

"Although offering affordable housing is a nice thing to do, I do not believe it should have the degree of importance it currently has."

"There are a number of 3 and 4 bedroom houses which have still not sold in the village."

"No green field sites should be considered until <u>all</u> the brownfield sites have been considered."

"I have loved growing up in Tattenhall because it is a  $\underline{village}$  . . . not a city !!!. Over development could ruin this for future generations

"There should be more housing in the affordable range for younger people."

"I think 50% of any development should be affordable to local people at both ends of the scale – to first time buyers and to people who wish to downsize."

"New development should respect the current village character."

"The developments already approved should be included in the numbers for the next five years."

"Why do we need to have more houses? Where is the need for them?"

"There are plenty of properties not selling that are for sale now."

"Will the neighbourhood plan really work towards managing speculative development ?"

"I think that 50% of any development should be affordable housing."

"There is a need to provide smaller properties for older people wishing to downsize."

"Any houses built should be for local people living or working in this area otherwise Tattenhall will become a commuter village which would be environmentally wrong."

"Addressing the needs of local people in the area should be the main criteria for any development."

"The Village Design Statement should be used as a reference point."

"I believe that low-cost rental homes should be the priority – such as at Grakle Croft."

"New homes should be as eco-efficient as possible."

"People will be living longer in the future and this should be addressed in any future community development."

"So called low cost housing should be built by local landowners where the price of the land reflects the final cost of the houses and not by major speculative developers where extortionate house prices reflect the cost of land purchase."

"Since 1950, 583 houses have been built. On this basis, future builds should be 25-50 over a five year period."

"Affordable housing should be situated together not mixed with other development."

"We need more rentable housing such as at Grakle Croft."

"We <u>must</u> ensure that all major developments (greater than five houses) are delayed until the Neighbourhood Plan is finalized."

"I would hate to see another 'Redrow' or 'Barratt' development. These are town ghettoes entirely inappropriate to a village like Tattenhall."

"It is essential that we support brown field sites before <u>any</u> green field sites are considered."

"Whilst further development is inevitable, it should not be to the detriment of the existing community. Recent developments (e.g. Rean Meadow) have failed in this respect.

"Further development should be against proven need – what proof is there of any need at present?"

"It should be stated that the quantity of 'affordable' housing is to satisfy identified local need and not to satisfy the demands of the CWaC housing list."

"Development must be small scale to preserve the character of the village so as not to put too great a strain on the village infrastructure."

"People have chosen to live in Tattenhall because it is a pleasant village. It should not be turned into a town because large developers have purchased pieces of land here. The community should have a say in what is required."

"Tattenhall is a village – don't allow it to be developed into a small town."

#### Action 2 Protecting the Built Environment

| PROTECTING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT                         | 5   | 4   | 3  | 2  | 1  | n   |
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| New Development should                                   |     |     |    |    |    |     |
| Match quality of the Character Zones                     | 84% | 9%  | 5% | 1% | 1% | 296 |
| Not spoil views into and out of Parish/Village           | 82% | 11% | 5% | 1% | 1% | 296 |
| Enhance the Character Zones                              | 79% | 10% | 9% | 0% | 2% | 293 |
| Utilize brownfield sites as a priority                   | 85% | 9%  | 4% | 1% | 1% | 296 |
| Be at a measured pace to enable infrastructure expansion | 80% | 11% | 5% | 1% | 3% | 297 |

#### **KEY**

- 5. Strongly agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neither agree or disagree
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly disagree
- n. Total Respondents

"Development on brownfield sites should be considered on their merits, not just to avoid building on green fields."

"Brownfield sites should be a priority when considering future development"

"Recent developments on Rean Meadow and Chester Road have been out of character with the village. Can we stop more of these type of buildings. Please make any new buildings fit in."

"Any new developments should not encroach on existing properties to reduce light, privacy etc. by being built too close."

"Brownfield sites that are available in the village should always take priority over green fields."

"To preserve the character of the village and the local environment planning outside the existing envelope of the village should be opposed."

"Brownfield sites must be the first option, followed if need be by green field within the existing village boundary."

<sup>&</sup>quot;No new building in Tattenhall."

<sup>&</sup>quot;I don't want them to build any new houses."

<sup>&</sup>quot;No large scale developments should be considered!"

<sup>&</sup>quot;I feel very strongly about the need to protect views and open spaces in and around the village."

"Any growth must be incremental to allow the village to absorb the increased numbers and assess how any further growth could be managed."

"No more three storey town houses!"

"It is extremely important that of the areas which have been designated for building, brownfield sites are used before any Greenfield sites.

Action 3 Better Facilities for Local People

| BETTER FACILITIES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE                     | 5   | 4   | 3   | 2  | 1  | n   |
|--|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| New Development should                                 |     |     |     |    |    |     |
| Support or enhance existing services & facilities      | 93% | 5%  | 1%  | 0% | 1% | 298 |
| Show how it will impact on/enhance facilities          | 84% | 10% | 5%  | 1% | 0% | 298 |
| Provide safe, easy access to facilities & services     | 80% | 13% | 5%  | 1% | 1% | 298 |
| Engage with voluntary and community services           | 73% | 17% | 7%  | 3% | 0% | 298 |
| Provide facilities for the young/listen to their views | 78% | 13% | 7%  | 1% | 1% | 297 |
| Encourage community involvement                        | 77% | 12% | 10% | 0% | 1% | 298 |

#### **KEY**

- 5. Strongly agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neither agree or disagree
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly disagree
- n. Total Respondents

#### Action 4 Supporting the Local Economy

| SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY                                      | 5   | 4   | 3   | 2  | 1  | n   |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| New Development should  |     |     |     |    |    |     |
| Support a thriving economy  | 81% | 12% | 5%  | 0% | 2% | 295 |
| Should be considered on its merits                                | 67% | 25% | 6%  | 2% | 0% | 296 |
| Support rural business  | 69% | 19% | 9%  | 2% | 1% | 296 |
| Support extension of existing commercial, tourism or leisure uses | 65% | 19% | 11% | 3% | 2% | 295 |
| Encourage employment/apprenticeships for local people             | 80% | 11% | 5%  | 2% | 2% | 297 |
| Encourage the opening of a High Street bank                       | 62% | 17% | 15% | 3% | 3% | 297 |

#### **KEY**

- 5. Strongly agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neither agree or disagree
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly disagree
- n. Total Respondents

"We need to take into account the agricultural traffic that impacts on the roads."

"The recycling activity at Tudor Griffiths is <u>not</u> appropriate for the country roads around Tattenhall."

"I appreciate that a thriving local economy is good for all of us, but the volume of traffic at times in the High Street is <u>not</u> a good thing."

"It would be a good thing to have a bank to save going into Chester particularly for the growing number of older people who will be living in the care village as well."

"Keep the existing shops, but I don't feel the need for any more. A bank would be useful, however"

"The parking issue needs to be addressed."

"A balance needs to be struck – not all business in the countryside is beneficial. Expansion of the ice-cream farm has had a detrimental effect on the quality of life for residents of Newton. We need to preserve the quiet character of the countryside as well."

"Local businesses have created dreadful traffic conditions here – no more of them!"

"The High Street can't cope with the traffic now – parking and speed are all issues."

"The only business that has a place in the countryside is farming. We need to devote resources to food production."

"New business development from outside the parish needs to indicate likely new jobs for local residents."

"There are some banking facilities at the Post Office."

"I strongly support development of local businesses. The 'working village' character of Tattenhall is one of its strongest qualities."

"We just need to ensure that no one single business becomes dominant. For example the recent significant increase in the scale of the ice-cream farm which is having a significant and detrimental effect on local traffic."

"Supporting the local economy is vital to maintaining the vibrant character of the village."

"Business must accept that its growth may be constrained by the need to preserve the character and the footprint of the village."

"Growth for growth's sake which results in excessive levels of activity in and around the village will weaken the argument against large scale planning applications."

"Growth in business activity and new development must be consistent with the preservation of the character and scale of the village."

"If excessive expansion is permitted, it will increase the number of commuters in the village. These people have less time to be part of the village and are likely to use retail services outside of the village or rely on major supermarket delivery services."

"We do not need any more food outlets in the village."

"We are a thriving economy already – we don't want any more pressures."

"I'm concerned about the impact of larger businesses such as the ice-cream farm and the impact that it has upon local traffic."

"Approved planning applications in the past have had and continue to have an unacceptable impact upon the quality of life of local residents. For example, the rapid expansion of the ice-cream farm and the waste transfer station at Tudor Griffiths."

"We believe that there are enough retail outlets in the High Street – what else is needed?"

"We used to have two banks in the village which were closed down. It is hard to see how you can persuade banks to open again when the national trend is to close them down,"

Action 5 Transport and Communications

| TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS   | 5   | 4   | 3  | 2  | 1  | N   |
|--|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
| New Development should   |     |     |    |    |    |     |
| Consider the impact of increased road traffic  | 87% | 8%  | 3% | 1% | 1% | 297 |
| Provide safe pedestrian and cycle access   | 82% | 12% | 4% | 1% | 1% | 295 |
| Improving footpath access from hamlets to village  | 74% | 16% | 6% | 2% | 1% | 297 |
| Engage with transport providers to improve services and investigate opening of railway station | 67% | 16% | 9% | 6% | 2% | 298 |
| Work with CWaC to deliver high speed broadband   | 71% | 16% | 8% | 3% | 2% | 296 |

#### **KEY**

- 5. Strongly agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neither agree or disagree
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly disagree
- n. Total Respondents

#### Action 6 Encouraging and Supporting Local Distinctiveness

| ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING LOCAL DISTINCTIVENESS                            | 5   | 4   | 3  | 2  | 1  | N   |
|---|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
| New Development should  |     |     |    |    |    |     |
| Minimise impact on hedgerows/trees and views                                | 87% | 8%  | 3% | 1% | 1% | 294 |
| Ensure boundaries respect/reflect local tradition, materials, species mixes | 83% | 10% | 5% | 1% | 1% | 295 |
| Include native Cheshire species in landscaping                              | 81% | 11% | 6% | 1% | 1% | 297 |
| Minimise unnecessary tree felling   | 84% | 10% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 297 |

#### **KEY**

- 5. Strongly agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neither agree or disagree
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly disagree
- n. Total Respondents

"It's not enough to have developers saying there will be wonderful views from the new estates – they should be honest and admit that they will be destroying the views of current residents."

"Please help to keep our village character. Do not let the developers spoil it!"

"People can often feel that no tree felling is acceptable when in fact it is often part of recognized conservation practice."

"Sycamores and other non native tree species should not be considered significant."

"No trees over two metres high to be felled. Plans must accommodate these trees."

"New trees should be carefully sited to avoid future problems."

<sup>&</sup>quot;Maintaining views and vistas is desirable but not always practical and possible."

<sup>&</sup>quot;The felling of significant trees must be decided by reasonable common sense not emotion."

<sup>&</sup>quot;New development should not adversely impact on views for existing residents."

<sup>&</sup>quot;I would like to think that <u>no</u> trees would ever need felling."

## Action 7 Protecting the Landscape and Nature Conservation

| PROTECTING THE LANDSCAPE AND NATURE CONSERVATION         | 5   | 4   | 3  | 2  | 1  | n   |
|--|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
| New Development should                                   |     |     |    |    |    |     |
| Avoid harm to habitats or wildlife corridors             | 82% | 10% | 6% | 1% | 1% | 291 |
| Minimise visual and landscape impact                     | 82% | 11% | 4% | 2% | 1% | 290 |
| Conform with landscape and nature conservation policies  | 80% | 11% | 6% | 2% | 1% | 290 |
| Maintain, enhance and create new wildlife corridors      | 75% | 14% | 6% | 2% | 3% | 290 |
| Protect, restore, and create existing/new wildlife sites | 78% | 13% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 290 |

#### **KEY**

- 5. Strongly agree
- 4. Agree
- 3. Neither agree or disagree
- 2. Disagree
- 1. Strongly disagree
- n. Total Respondents

"Cheshire is not a wildlife rich county therefore all nature conservation efforts are valuable."

"Funding for small-scale nature conservation projects is vital."

"Developers must not just talk about new wildlife areas, but they should be expected to list what wildlife areas are being sacrificed."

"It will be impossible to minimize the impact of any large scale development on the landscape."

"Ensure that local specialist groups – such as Tattenhall Wildlife Group – are involved in the discussions."

"Could we have a more aggressive stance towards thoughtless dog owners?"

"I do not feel that ponds should be filled in and moved to other sites. They should be protected along with trees and hedgerows."

"Any proposals in the buffer zone <u>will</u> impact on habitats and wildlife corridors and should therefore not go ahead."

# Annex E Comments and responses form from Draft NP Consultation document

# YOUR COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

| Your thoughts and comments on any, or all, of the policies and strategies in this document will be welcomed |
|---|
| P10. Strategy Do you support the Draft Plan proposals? Yes No   |
| P12. Housing Growth Do you support the Draft Plan proposals? Yes No   |
| P14. Local Character Do you support the Draft Plan proposals? Yes No  |
| P16. Local Facilities Do you support the Draft Plan proposals? Yes No                                       |
| P18. The Local Economy Local Facilities Do you support the Draft Plan proposals? Yes No                     |
| P20. Transport and Communications Do you support the Draft Plan proposals? Yes No                           |
| P22. Landscape and Environment Do you support the Draft Plan proposals? Yes No                              |
|   |
| Name (antiqual)   |

Male / Female Please include additional sheets if required

## **ANNEX F** Summary of Draft Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Responses

### Introduction

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan was delivered to all 1,050 households in the Parish and by the end of the six week consultation period 110 comments and responses had been received from the local community representing a response rate in excess of 10%.

Residents were asked to respond to the strategy and draft proposals outlined in the Plan. These included:

- The strategy
- Housing growth
- Local character
- Local facilities
- Local economy
- Transport and communications
- Landscape and environment

Apart from a basic tick box to indicate approval or disapproval, residents were provided with space to comment further on each proposal if required.

In total, 97% of respondents agreed with <u>all of the proposals</u> in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan. In terms of the comments received, nearly 30% of respondents had nothing to add and were unanimously in support of both the strategy and all the draft proposals.

Of the 3% who disagreed with one or more of the proposals, (4 respondents) 3 respondents did not support the proposal for housing growth and two respondents did not support the proposals for the local economy. The other respondent was indecisive on 3 policy proposals. Proposals for all other policy areas were supported by 100% of all respondents.

Of the 72% of respondents who commented on the policy proposals, comments were fairly evenly spread. They include:

| • | The strategy                 | 35 comments |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|
| • | Housing growth               | 48 comments |
| • | Local character              | 32 comments |
| • | Local facilities             | 30 comments |
| • | Local economy                | 28 comments |
| • | Transport and communications | 48 comments |
| • | Landscape and environment    | 30 comments |

Section 1 – Community questions and responses

|   | Comment   | Response  |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Strategy  |   |
|   | a) Sites for development need to be identified on a map   | At present no specific sites have been identified by the NP Steering group        |
|   | <b>b)</b> There is a need to get a balance of small-scale development across the three main settlements in the parish | Comment noted   |
|   | c) the strategy lacks a clear vision for the future   | Comment noted   |
|   | d) All the maps are unclear   | Maps resized and relocated (p.10)   |
| 2 | Housing strategy  |   |
|   | a) Affordable housing must be a priority for local people   | Comment noted – Policy HSG 5 amended (p.12)                                       |
|   | b) Need to provide more housing for older residents wishing to downsize   | Comment noted   |
|   | c) Less houses required than identified in the Neighbourhood Plan   | Comment noted   |
|   | d) New buildings need to be eco-<br>friendly  | Comment noted – see HSG6 Securing the Highest Quality Design (p.12)               |
|   | e) Development must be driven by local need   | Comment noted   |
|   | f) There is a need for a 'current' housing review   | Comment noted – see HSG8 Review of Housing Demand & Delivery (p.12)               |
|   | g) New housing should be for rent and/or shared equity  | Comment noted   |
|   | h) All new buildings should be carbon neutral   | Comment noted - see HSG6 Securing the Highest Quality Design (p.12)               |
|   | i) Landscaping around new developments?   | This is the developers responsibility and will be enforced by planning conditions |

| 3 | Local Character  |  |
|---|--|--|
|   | a) Brown field sites must be   | Policy LC3 amended (p.14)  |
|   | developed first  |  |
|   | <b>b)</b> Tattenhall still has a 'village feel' it must not be destroyed                   | Comment noted  |
|   | c) The map showing the Conservation Area was not included                                  | This was/is not included at this time as it is currently under review by CW&C. |
|   | d) There is a need for a map of listed buildings   | This will be included as part of the Conservation Area document                |
|   |  |  |
| 4 | Local Facilities   |  |
|   | a) There is a need to improve  | Comment noted – see Policy LF5 Community Life (p.16)                           |
|   | facilities for young people (13-18)  |  |
|   | <b>b)</b> Need for dedicated cycle paths   | Comment noted – see Policy TC2 Road Safety (p.20)                              |
|   | c) Local facilities will not be able to cope with excessive development                    | Comment noted  |
|   | d) Make the village centre more pedestrian/cycle friendly                                  | Comment noted – see Policy TC2 Road Safety (p.20)                              |
|   | e) Turn the old Catholic Church into a supervised youth centre                             | Draft Plan amended (p.16)  |
| 5 | Local Economy  |  |
|   | a) Large housing estates will not enhance the local economy                                | Comment noted  |
|   | <b>b)</b> Local tourism facilities to be strongly supported and expanded wherever possible | Comment noted – see Policy LE2 Commercial Premises (p.18)                      |
|   | c) Improving local facilities for businesses must be a key priority                        | Comment noted - see Policy LE2 Commercial Premises (p.18)                      |
|   | <b>d)</b> What does the Tattenhall Marina do for the village?                              | Comment noted  |
|   | e) All local enterprises should be supported   | Comment noted – see Policy LE2 Commercial Premises (p.18)                      |
|   | f) There is a need for a local<br>Tattenhall job-site                                      | Comment noted  |

|   | g) Local businesses are concerned about the cumulative effect of new developments on all aspects of the village and its infrastructure <sup>1</sup> | Comment noted   |
|---|---|---|
|   | h) Business location in Tattenhall Parish determined by its 'village feel' which is likely to be lost with large scale development.                 | Comment noted   |
| 6 | Transport & Communications  |   |
|   | a) There is a need to open a new railway station at Newton  | Comment noted – see Aspiration TCASP 1 (p.20)         |
|   | <b>b)</b> Need to consider the impact of new development on the A41 and Sainsbury's roundabout  | Comment noted   |
|   | c) No significant development should take place until congestion in the High Street is resolved   | Addition of Policy TC6 Car Parking (p.20)             |
|   | d) The High Street should be prohibited to HGVs other than delivery vehicles  | Comment noted – see TC6 Car Parking (p.20)            |
|   | e) School parking congestion needs to be resolved   | Addition of Policy TC6 Car Parking (p.20)             |
|   | f) There needs to be a footpath between Gatesheath and the village centre   | Comment noted – see TC3 Footpaths & Bridleways (p.20) |
|   | g) There is an urgent need for faster broadband   | Comment noted – see TC4 High-speed broadband (p.20)   |
|   | h) Parking problems in Tattenhall need to be addressed  | Addition of Policy TC6 Car Parking (p.20)             |
|   | i) Reduce speed limit in the village to 20 MPH  | Comment noted   |
|   | <b>k)</b> Public transport is not suitable for commuters  | Comment noted - see TCASP 1 (p.20)                    |
|   | Kissing gates need to replace stiles so as to encourage walkers   | Comment noted   |
|   | m) Need for a footpath over the railway line and canal at Newton  | Comment noted - see TC3 Footpaths & Bridleways (p.20) |
|   |   |   |

|   | n) A new railway station will<br>encourage commuters from outside<br>the parish and in so doing increase<br>local traffic congestion | Comment noted   |
|---|--|---|
|   | o) There has never been a railway station at 'Tattenhall Junction'   | Comment noted and text amended (p.6)                      |
|   | p) The bus service is inadequate   | Comment noted   |
| 7 | Landscape & Environment  |   |
|   | a) Fields with archaeological features (butts and reans; small size) should be protected   | Comment noted – see Appendix B Conservation Area (p.28)   |
|   | <b>b)</b> There is no mention of Golborne<br>Brook and Crimes Brook  | Draft Plan amended (p.6)                                  |
|   | c) Prefer to protect existing wildlife sites rather than creating new ones   | Comment noted   |
|   | d) An urgent need for tree planting across the parish  | Comment noted   |
|   | e) There is a need to extend the wildlife corridors  | Comment noted – see Policy ENV4 Wildlife Corridors (p.22) |
|   | f) Views to the Peckforton Hills<br>from Gatesheath and Newton need<br>to be included  | Added to Appendix A                                       |
|   | g) There is an urgent need to ameliorate flood risk in the heart of the village  | Comment noted   |
|   |  |   |

# <sup>1</sup> Businesses consulted included:

- Cheshire Farm Ice Cream
- RSK Environmental
- Great Bear Distribution
- Global Air Training
- Dynes Solicitors
- Leaf Spa

## Section 2 - Other consultees

Comments to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan were received from:

- Indigo Planning Ltd. (for Taylor Wimpey)
- Turley Associates (for Redrow)
- Ward Councillor (Cllr Mike Jones)

The comments are noted below:

| 1 | General Comments   |               |
|---|--|---------------|
|   | a) There is currently no up-to-date development plan for the area. It would be premature to make significant progress in terms of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan | Comment noted |
|   | b) The timing of neighbourhood plans prepared in advance of the local plan is inappropriate according to the Inspector examining the Dawlish Neighbourhood Plan.   | Comment noted |
|   | c) Only local planning authorities can determine the baseline need for housing growth, against which neighbourhood plans must be assessed.                         | Comment noted |

Comments relating specifically to the Neighbourhood Plan are noted below:

|   | Comment  | Response      |
|---|--|---------------|
| 1 | The Strategy   |               |
|   | a) Housing being delivered through<br>'small scale developments<br>dispersed across the Parish' is in<br>conflict with the Core Strategy and<br>fails the test of NPPF Paragraph 184 | Comment noted |
|   | b) "Future growth based on large-<br>scale, inappropriate development<br>along the existing village<br>boundaries will not be supported by<br>the community." This is in conflict    | Comment noted |

|   | with the Core Strategy and NPPF.  |               |
|---|---|---------------|
|   | c) Dispersed small scale development around the Parish is a less sustainable form of development, and will not yield the appropriate amount of affordable housing (and in the wrong locations) and also not deliver the necessary infrastructure and other contributions. | Comment noted |
|   | d) The hamlets of Gatesheath and<br>Newton are relatively unsustainable<br>and are less preferable to sites<br>within or at the edge of Tattenhall<br>village.  | Comment noted |
| 2 | Housing strategy  |               |
|   | a) Housing provision 'should be proportionate and appropriate scale' needs to be clarified. Housing should meet the objectively assessed needs identified in the Core Strategy.   | Comment noted |
|   | b) Reference to 'large bolt on estates' needs to be clarified given that edge of settlement sites which are appropriately designed and integrated into the urban fabric of the village, are not bolt on and are appropriate.  | Comment noted |
|   | c) New homes should be 'sequenced and phased sensitively' must be clarified to state in accordance with the housing needs and provision of infrastructure.  | Comment noted |
|   | d) Reference to 'housing not being delivered all at once' should be deleted. Actual delivery will be phased in accordance with market and affordable demand.  | Comment noted |
|   | e) 'Housing not being all in one place and not all at once' is not an appropriate way to forward plan. Rather, housing development  |               |

|   | should be lessted as the seest   | Comment noted |
|---|--|---------------|
|   | should be located on the most sustainable and suitable sites within the village.   | Comment noted |
|   | f) The proposal of a series of 'bite sized chunks of land' being released, runs at odds with the need to deliver housing within the village as set out in the Core Strategy.                                 | Comment noted |
|   | g) The Neighbourhood Plan should look forwards and positively plan for providing homes rather than focus on what has previously been provided.   | Comment noted |
|   | h) The reference to 127 dwellings having been approved but not implemented is incorrect and should be excluded because these are continuing care units which are not houses available to the general public. | Comment noted |
|   | i) The preferred scale of development being up to 35 dwellings does not have any planning policy support.  | Comment noted |
|   | k) All figures relating to housing need and delivery can only be achieved when the Core Strategy has been adopted at the end of 2014   | Comment noted |
|   | I) It is not appropriate for the plan to include policies which indicate there will be an automatic restriction on certain types of development. Such an approach is contrary to the NPPF.                   | Comment noted |
|   | m) The Neighbourhood Plan makes no attempt to identify specific sites to accommodate development   | Comment noted |
| 3 | Local Character  |               |
|   | There were no comments   |               |

| Λ | Local Facilities   |               |
|---|--|---------------|
| 4 | a) This section should state that Tattenhall is a key service centre and therefore an appropriate location for new housing development.  | Comment noted |
|   |  |               |
| 5 | a) This section identifies that Tattenhall Parish has a vibrant economy which emphasises the sustainability of the village as a location for new growth.                             | Comment noted |
| 6 | Transport & Communications  a) By approving new large scale developments, this can help deliver public transport, footpath and cycleway improvements.                                | Comment noted |
| 7 | a) Important green spaces and strategic views should be supported by specific information and evidence   | Comment noted |
| 8 | General Comments  a) There is currently no up-to-date development plan for the area. It would be premature to make significant progress in terms of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan | Comment noted |

# Appendix G

# **Statement of Additional Information on Consultation**

## **Village Groups**

During early discussion on consulting with residents consideration was given to talking to the various groups and societies in the Parish. However there are a large number of these and the NP Steering Group was not certain that they had the time or capacity to visit each one. Also, when the groups were looked at, there was concern that there was not a wide enough demograph of the population for the information gathered to be robust. It was therefore decided that any consultations would be delivered to every household and also to as many businesses as possible but if groups specifically asked us to talk to them we would be happy to do so.

Members of the Parish Council and the steering group are members of other groups and societies in the village and they disseminated information to them. And specific visits were made to Tattenhall Business Alliance, Tattenhall Over Fifties and the informal drop-in coffee morning on a Tuesday.

Older people were very good at returning the questionnaires and consultation documents but it was realised that young people would be a harder to reach group. Therefore during the first consultation those questionnaires were delivered to the primary school and the children worked with their teachers on responses. Also the "rave" were a condition of entry was the completing of the questionnaire, was held for the 16-21 age-group.

During the second consultation, the Vision and Objectives stage the steering group Chairman attended the local High School and spoke to the Tattenhall cohort of pupils. At the end of this they were able to fill in a V&O form if they wished and many did.

There are no groups in the village representing racial / ethnic / national or disabled persons.

Each month a report was given to the Parish Council which is an open meeting that members of the public can attend. Those reports were also given at the Parish Council's planning meetings. A short report of progress to date appeared in every issue of the Parish magazine which also goes to every household. And several public meetings have been held in the Parish in the last 12 months. These always began with an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and a session were residents could ask questions.

### **Statutory Bodies**

During the third consultation all the Parish Council's adjoining Tattenhall Parish were consulted on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Details of these are in the main consultation statement.

The Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England were consulted as part of the Sustainability Appraisal process and the Habitats Regulations Assessment.

In recent months Tattenhall has come under severe pressure from developers who wish to build in the Parish; therefore in the scope of the plan and the policies formulated the Steering Group has not allocated any sites for development although the plan is very clear that it will align with the figures proposed by the Local Authority in their Local Plan. Because of this the Steering Group did not feel that at this stage bodies such as The Coal Authority, The Homes and Communities Agency, The Highways Agency or the Marine Management Organisation would be affected and so they were not consulted.

It is a long term aspiration of the community that they would like to see the reopening of Tattenhall Road railway station and in the consultation for the Village Design Statement this was given a favourable response by Network Rail. At such time as serious consideration is given to this project it is the intention of the steering group to liaise with and work closely with this body.