



Whitegate and Marton Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement

Reg.15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Introduction

This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2)1 which defines a “consultation statement” as a document which –

- (a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- (b) explains how they were consulted;
- (c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- (d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Scope

This statement summarises the consultation procedures undertaken by Whitegate and Marton Parish Council for the Whitegate and Marton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations requires Whitegate and Marton Parish Council to produce this Consultation Statement and submit it alongside the Whitegate and Marton Neighbourhood Plan.

Background

In 2013 a Neighbourhood Plan Development Group (NPDG) was set up by the Parish Council and began work on a Neighbourhood Plan. Outcomes of an initial questionnaire delivered to all residents and two open meetings to raise the profile of the process and to bring residents together for discussion provided the basis for developing the vision, objectives and policies for the Neighbourhood Plan.

All the NPDG minutes are posted on the Whitegate and Marton website for access by members of the public. The NPDG reported to The Parish Council at monthly meetings and full council minutes are also on the website. The NPDG write monthly updates for publication in the Parish magazine.

In January 2013 initial publicity was published in the local press and via the Parish Council’s Twitter and Facebook accounts. A dedicated page was set up on the Whitegate and Marton website.

On 6th February 2013 the Parish Council applied for designation of the parish as a Neighbourhood Area, which was agreed by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C) on 17th April 2013.

Following this the work of drafting and reviewing began, with support from Cheshire Community Action and a professional planning consultant and with a £4000 grant from the Community Development Foundation.

Consulting The Public

Note: there are 490 households in Whitegate and Marton and 1,172 residents.

An initial questionnaire was distributed to all households in December 2012 to establish how residents felt about the area and what they saw as priorities for the future.

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Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaires: Summary of responses

Number of responses received: Total= 44 (7 by email, 37 as written questionnaires)
(Repeat similar comments shown as x number)

Q1 What do you like most?

- Village life & sense of community/Friendly people (x15)
- Easy access to short country walks, footpaths, countryside & wildlife (x20)

- Close to amenities, rail & shops in nearby towns (x17)
- Quiet & rural beauty of countryside & views (x25)
- The Plough (x3)
- St Mary's church
- Whitegate School (x3)

Q2 What do you like least?

- Speed & Volume of traffic (x14) Dalefords Lane, The Beeches, Whitegate Road. Extend 40 limit to Beauty Bank junction. Whitegate Lane too narrow. Maintain Whitegate Lane as narrow road to keep speed down. Chester Lane Brook should be 40mph limit
- Use of Whitegate Lane/Dalefords Lane as commuting route into Winsford/Police HQ (x5)
- Car Park at Recreation Room scruffy/needs resurfacing (x2)
- Nothing significant (x6)
- No/minimal bus service or public transport (x7)
- No footpaths or cycle-paths on Whitegate Road/Whitegate Lane/Dalefords Lane or pathway connection to school (x12)
- Litter/Fly-tipping (x6) Grange Lane- CCTV needed. Rubbish in the hedgerows
- Worry about mobility as we get older (x3)
- No gas available/oil fuel prices (x2)
- No shop (x9)
- No more caravan sites
- Slurry tankers off Whitegate Lane Traffic hazard
- Overgrown hedges intruding onto paths & roads
- Poor socio-economic integration (low & high cost housing segregated)
- Poor broadband speed (x3)
- Lack of youth facilities
- Apathy of villagers – poor attendance at village functions
- Light pollution
- Skip on St Mary's Drive
- The Plough is more of a restaurant than a pub

Q3 What can be done to improve the quality of life?

- Village shop/Post Office (x17)
- Don't want a local/community shop (x4). Many shops close by and it won't be viable
- Speed reduction (x7) eg The Beeches and Whitegate School, A54 Chester Lane Brook.
- Redirect commuter traffic away from Village /Dalefords Lane (x5). Resist any increase in through traffic . Restrict width of vehicles on main road through village
- Hall4All/community centre for village activities (x3)
- Grange Lane/school car parking (x8) – block further development until done
- Bus service to neighbouring towns (x7)
- Beauty Bank road repairs /get road adopted
- Low cost /small housing developments/mix of housing to encourage young people into village and older to downsize(x9). Beauty Bank area may be suitable.
- Social events/Entertainment/Mixed age group community events/community cafe (x4)
- System to ensure elderly living alone are contacted regularly
- A play area for children/toddlers (x3)-perhaps at Football field
- Repair of footpaths/pavements - PC employ someone to inspect?
- Local charter to set standards & responsibilities. Litter picking

- Seating at Church Green
- Make better use of Whitegate Station – possible bar/café
- Open up Newpool to the public

Q4 How would you like to see Whitegate and Marton develop?

- Flower boxes at entries to village
- Create a heart/centre for the village (x6)
- More houses in the middle range to attract younger people with children. Develop Cinder Hill area to create village centre/social facilities
- Improve the area by the old post office (Swamp pool) + affordable housing here
- Should not become a suburb of Winsford
- No further development wanted (x16)
- Minimal development (x10) – small housing projects and infill development and perhaps Mill Lane, Beauty Bank or brown field sites. Avoid green field sites. Maintain semi-rural nature of the village.
- No Hall4All as it would increase traffic, noise, vandalism, litter
- No further street lighting
- Strict enforcement of the VDS
- Development of small park/public open space

Other Comments Received:

Doubt that the neighbourhood plan will have any teeth (x2)

Concern about the size of houses (relative to plot size) already approved

Concern that Neighbourhood Plan will limit contemporary design – Dalefords Lane housing all the same

Parking in Grange Lane/dangerous turn into Whitegate Lane

Village Design Statement is excellent as base for Neighbourhood plan

Concern about proposed new 100 house development in Cuddington (x3)

Clear Petty Pool area of Rhododendrons – preventing natural regeneration of flora

No further increase in school pupil numbers

The NPDG organised two public meetings, one in the in the afternoon and one evening, both held in the village hall in November 2013.

The meetings were well advertised with banners and posters featuring the new Neighbourhood Plan logo and invitations posted to every household. Just over 100 people attended the meetings and they received a presentation on the subject of Neighbourhood Planning and took part in workshops that involving rating their village. There was also a Q&A session. Feedback about the meeting was mainly positive and residents welcomed the opportunity to be consulted.



YOU ARE INVITED

All residents of Whitegate and Marton are invited to an event about the Whitegate and Marton Neighbourhood Plan on Wednesday 20th November in the Recreation Room. The event will be held twice, once at 4pm and again at 7.30pm. Choose the best for you.

The Neighbourhood Plan will give Parishioners a major say in how the area develops, including location of new housing, how to preserve the character and heritage of Whitegate and Marton and how to protect our local green space.

You are invited to a community workshop, where leaders of the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Development Group will talk through the plan's progress and explain the consultation process. It's a chance to ask questions, give us your views, and talk about how we see the future of our village.

Gary Cliffe, Chairman of the NPDG said:

"The Neighbourhood Plan is making excellent progress so far, thanks to the hard work and engagement of local people. This event is a chance for the residents to talk about the plan and to find out more about the process - I hope to see all of you there at one of the sessions on November 20th when there will also be free refreshments for you to enjoy!"

For more info about the Whitegate and Marton Neighbourhood Plan follow us @whitegatevision, tel 01606 888530, www.whitegatemarton.weebly.com or see the Parish Magazine for regular updates.

During the course of the workshops, at least 6 people expressed an interest in volunteering to help prepare the Neighbourhood Plan. The NPDG agreed to contact them individually to assess what skills they could bring to the process.

At the end of the workshop exercises comments were asked for in terms of what people liked and what they didn't like about the parish and any ideas that they had for taking the plan forward. Post-it notes were left on each table for people to fill in and stick on six topic-based posters that were displayed around the room.

In total, 48 separate comments were received. The 'Transport' and 'Connectivity and Social and Community' posters received the greatest number of comments.

The event also acted as an exhibition for data already collated by the NPDG as part of the plan. Various posters and maps were displayed showing information about the parish and the results of the initial household questionnaire were summarised. Sticky dots were provided for people to mark where they lived on maps and a sign in sheet was also left on each table for people to record their contact details, age group and location in the parish.



Comments received from the post-it note exercise

Topic Area	Comments
Housing and Built Environment (3)*	New housing should blend in with existing development
	Affordable housing – need 'family affordable housing' i.e. 3-bed not just 1 or 2-bed
	Outside Rec – zebra crossing/lights
Transport and Connectivity (16)	Build safe car park for school
	Better footpaths especially from Recreation Room to the school
	Reduce 40mph speed limit on local lanes
	Improved bus services
	Cars speeding on Sutton Field, Whitegate also cutting the corner at Mill Lane junction to Sutton Field
	Better footpaths/cyclepaths within village and to neighbouring towns
	Traffic speeds need enforcing
	Lanes constantly flooding. Also footpaths needed.
	Positive direction of commuter traffic and police cars to Winsford down A49 – not via Sandiway and Dalefords
	Viable village bus service needed – to connect with

	the outside world
	Footpaths and cycle paths
	Speed restrictions throughout the area to preserve the rural nature of the area
	Real need for a more frequent bus service
	Footway/cycleway on Dalefords Lane to Sandiway
	Spread out nature of parish will always mean car transport for many to any 'village centre'
	Need an inclusive bus service. Will this plan be influential enough to make the bus companies do this
Environmental (4)	Prevention of litter. Plan to keep village clean – involve community
	Traffic in the centre remains a (worsening) problem
	Promote preservation of countryside and local assets, to enhance quality of life
	Control of planning permission for shelters/stable blocks on green belt land – concrete foundations are not necessary! Moveable shelters a good alternative
Economy (3)	A craft brewery? Dairy?
	Space for start-up units?
	Faster broadband? Local wireless?
Social and Community (13)	Ask The Hollies Farm Shop to open a sub branch in Whitegate
	Keep the school to help maintain the community and social networks
	The community consultation needs to involve some young people too
	A village shop – either served or run by village independent would be my priority
	Improve public transport
	A small proportion of new cheaper houses in infill sites to accommodate elderly/young
	A community shop selling local produce at the old post office – bakers/butchers/coffee shop
	Buy shop and run as community shop and post office
	Baker, butcher, coffee shop, 'cultural epicentre', village green
	Neighbourly community cohesion needs to be encouraged and developed
	Development of the school's hall for all – for community. Sports activity centre
	Café at Whitegate Station would be a good idea
	Look to develop rural benefit/activities
Utilities and Services (8)	Broadband fibre optic line
	Local village shop (not supermarket!)
	Surface water drainage a problem (Grange Lane)
	Village shop run by the community and providing coffee/meeting facility as well
	Improve modern services – internet access – to promote business opportunities for local population
	Mains and footpaths for Dalefords Lane to Sandiway
	Flooded lanes need addressing with drainage in some parts of the village
	Broadband needs to be better, quicker and more reliable. Also mobile is poor

*The figures in brackets represent the number of comments left per topic area.

Coverage of the meeting was published in the Northwich Guardian.

A full analysis of the feedback and comments made was undertaken by the NPDG and formed the main objectives when writing the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

A draft of The Whitegate And Marton Neighbourhood Plan was designed, printed and distributed in February 2104 and was widely publicised. The draft plan outlined the main objectives and what we should do to achieve them.

Copies, with details of the open days, were distributed to every household in the Parish, delivered to local schools, and put into all public places including the church, village hall and the village pub.

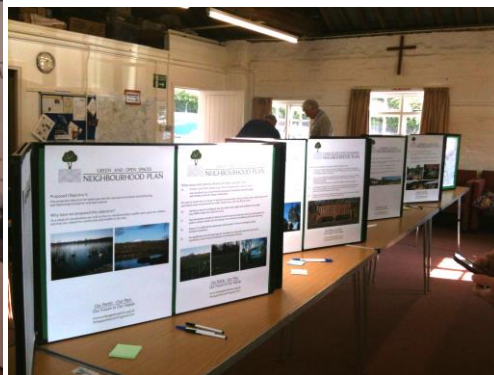
A number of local businesses and local consultees were sent copies of the draft plan. No responses were received from them.

Consultees:

Councillor Lynda Jones, Councillor Don Beckett, Councillor Tom Blackmore, Graham Evans M.P
Whitegate Church of England Primary School, Whitegate Pre School Nursery
Churchwood Conservation Group, Greenspace Team Leader (CW&C),
Forestry Commission, Mersey Forest
Vale Royal Golf Club, Nunsmere Hall Hotel, Cheshire Polo Club, The Plough Inn
The Acorns Caravan Park, Shay's Farm Camping and Caravan Site, Lamb Cottage Caravan Park, Daleford Manor Caravan Park,
Cheshire Carpet Services, The Garden Groom, Whitegate Stud & Livery Yard, Whitegate CE Church, Winsford and District Angling Club, Lymm Anglers, Warrington Anglers
Neighbouring Parish Councils: Hartford, Davenham, Moulton, Winsford, Little Budworth, Delamere and Oakmere, Cuddington and Sandiway, Weaverham

The plan was accompanied by a second questionnaire.

Two open days at different locations in the village were arranged during March 2014. The objectives were re-produced onto posters with opportunity for comments to be left on each one. Questionnaires were also completed and posted in a box during the events. Members of the NPDG were present to answer any questions.



COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM OPEN DAYS AND QUESTIONNAIRE RETURNS MARCH 2014

OBJECTIVE 1: HOMES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE

1a&c there has to be demonstrable need

1a disagree with market housing but agree if affordable housing

OBJECTIVE 2: PROTECTING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

No comments received

OBJECTIVE 3: ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE

- Connect the footpath from Cinder Hill to The Beeches x7
- Remind users to abide by Countryside Code
- More litter bins
- Litter is a disgrace
- Further promote Whitegate's rural aspect
- Ensure all year round walking route from the village to Foxwist Green and Beauty Bank
- 3b we need a bus service

OBJECTIVE 4: SUPPORTING LOCAL ECONOMY

- 4c-Whitegate Station for café, shop etc?
- 4a – requires better broadband
- café at station
- 4a agree if office but disagree for industry

OBJECTIVE 5: GREEN AND OPEN SPACES

- Important to preserve all remaining hedges
- Small play area required for grandchildren rather than go to Cuddington
- Small children's play area, nature walk, balance beams, monkey bars
- 5b – facility, possibly by Whitegate Way Station, – for café play area, community shop etc
- 5b small park or play area on Tesco field? More children that end of village? x2
- Support for proposed parking area near school
- 5b Whitegate station for play area
- 5b agree with creation of centre but needs to be where there is a population centre
- Whitegate village not in outlying areas

OBJECTIVE 6: CHARACTER AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- Create priority road scheme on Whitegate Lane
- New development at Sandiway junction will increase traffic using road through village to avoid increased congestion at Sandiway
- Dangerous road near Dalefords Manor - no footpath to Sandiway
- Centre of activity rather than 'village centre?'
- Footpath needed along Dalefords Lane
- Please do something about speeds on the roads x5
- Surely the centre of the village is around church/school/Mews?
- Add automated speed signs in the village
- Speed reduction on Whitegate Road
- Increased traffic with new development near Police HQ
- Agree with concentrating improvement near old village shop and Plough
- 6b Great idea to put some facilities around shop area- more central
- 6c Fully support car parking near school for safety reasons – long overdue
- How about some speed bumps like Cuddington especially if we have a playground?
- 6a this is not the centre of the village-not very green as will generate more traffic as no immediate large population.
- 6a unsustainable. WRONG PLACE AND ENCOURAGING CAR BASED TRIPS

OBJECTIVE 7: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Urgent! Footpath on Dalefords Lane. Risk life and limb everyday walking to catch bus at Sandiway!
- Bus service – even if only to pick up at Beeches to take to Sandiway for other connections.
- Improve cover for mobile phones on Dalefords Lane, Sutton Field, village centre,
- Improve Broadband connections
- Proposed Broadband does no guarantee line form Sandiway to village will be in first 3 priorities.
- Better bus service
- Better broadband needed – work from home.
- Need bus service even if just to Winsford or Sandiway
- Divert bus service 82 through Whitegate, once in morning, once in late afternoon
- Better bus services to and from Winsford and Northwich
- Urgent – sort mobile phone signal
- Sometimes without access to emergency services
- 7a – could this be better defined please

OBJECTIVE 8 : COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- I have belonged to/belong to several community groups and it is very difficult to get more than the regulars that go to everything to come.
- Litter bins in key areas

During the autumn of 2014, a representative from the NPDG worked closely with staff of the local primary school and leaders of Rainbows and other youth groups in the Parish. This gave opportunities for young people from the community to put forward their ideas about where they live. Activities concentrated on Hot Spots and Grot Spots/ Likes and Dislikes. A significant number of the school children worked with their parents on the homework task thus increasing adult interest in what the Neighbourhood Plan is about.

SCHOOL HOMEWORK PROJECT

Dear Parent/Carer

A Neighbourhood Plan provides an opportunity for local people to have a say into how they want their community to develop and change and to influence making things happen. There are opportunities for residents to tell the Whitegate and Marton Neighbourhood Plan Development Group their views and we would also like to find out what our young people think.

So, in agreement with Mr Percival and school staff, we will be inviting all pupils to take part in a homework project during the half term holiday. Finished work will be displayed at The Recreation Room at the Parish Council's Annual Meeting in April.

Details of the project will follow but it will be an advantage if you could encourage children to keep their eyes open as they travel around the Parish and to think about what they see. What do they like? What don't they like? What could be done to make our village an even better place to live in and go to school.

Neighbourhood Plan Homework Task

Have a good look around the village when you are in the car, walking or cycling around Whitegate and Marton.

What are your favourite things - Hot Spots?

What don't you like – Grot Spots?

We want to know what you think.

You can draw pictures, take photographs, make a video diary, write a poem, make a collage or present your views in any way you want to.

Use your imagination. Think carefully and plan your presentation.

Your finished work will be on display for everyone to see at The Recreation Room in April when the Parish Council has an Annual Meeting.

We would also love to hear how you think the village could be better.

Let us know what you think and how or where you would do things.

Take your finished project into school after the holiday.

Thank you.

V Cotterill, Whitegate and Marton Neighbourhood Plan Development Group



Homework Example



Rainbows project :sorting photographs of the area.

The NPDG used the comments received and views presented during the open days and young people consultations to amend the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

A decision was also taken to wait until the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan Part 1 was adopted to ensure that our Neighbourhood Plan was in line with its policies.

The Local Plan Part 1 was adopted at the end of January 2015.

In April 2015, following adoption of the CW&C Local Plan, the Whitegate and Marton Neighbourhood Plan was re-printed and distributed to every household in The Parish as part of the pre-submission consultation. In addition the Plan was also sent to Cheshire West and Chester Planning Department for comments as well as local businesses and organisations.

Feedback was only received from 2 residents, and the senior Planning Officer.

Verbal feedback from residents was very positive

Whitegate & Marton Neighbourhood Plan: Comments received through pre-submission consultation of the NP Draft issued 16th May 2015:

Comments received in period May 2015 - April 2016 (issued 7th April 2016)

	Comment received from:	Comment (extract)	Response
1	Charlotte Aspinall, Senior Planning Officer, CWAC Email to Gary Cliffe dated 20/6/15: Officer level comments on draft NP	<p>Although the final designation as a local service centre, or not, is still uncertain, the general approach taken seems to be reasonable given the draft evidence base work undertaken to define local service to date which was available to the Neighbourhood Planning Group in Whitegate and Marton.</p> <p>Plan Period We suggest that a plan period of 2015 – 2030 is used as this would be in conformity with the Local Plan end date and all other neighbourhood plans which have been prepared so far within the borough.</p> <p>Local Plan Strategic Background As set out above, the Local Plan (Part Two) is yet to be adopted and the list of local service centres defined. The statement in section 4.1.2 that the parish is not a local service centre as defined in the Local Plan (Part Two) therefore need to be removed. This could instead say that due to the level of services and facilities in Whitegate and limited access to public transport that the Parish Council do not consider that Whitegate should be a local service centre.</p> <p>Final paragraph – Stables Reference to guidance for the change of use from stables to residential is not directly provided within the Local Plan as stated in your Draft NDP, rather this would be in national planning legislation. Whilst such a change of use would not be permitted development, this does not preclude stables being developed into residential property in every circumstance through a planning application. It is suggested therefore that this paragraph is removed.</p>	<p>Agreed. Done</p> <p>Agreed. Done</p> <p>Agreed. Done</p>
2	C Aspinall continued	<p>Policy 1 - Housing Stock <i>Planning applications to convert non-residential buildings or deliver new-build dwellings should predominantly provide properties that are between one and three bedrooms in size.</i></p> <p>You might consider adding more detail in relation to the application of this policy. For example you use the word '<i>predominately</i>' within the policy text. Are there any circumstances under which larger properties would be considered appropriate? You might include the particular circumstances where larger properties would be allowed and how applicants would be required to justify such proposals.</p> <p>Add: Larger properties would only be considered where spaces between properties can be maintained and the character of the area would not be harmed.</p> <p>Significant enlargement of existing properties – could give more guidance on what this means – 30% of the original dwelling has been used before in policies on house extensions. Also for clarification we would suggest separating this from the previous sentence as its dealing with a separate issue.</p> <p>Add: The significant enlargement of an existing</p>	<p>Agreed. Done</p> <p>Agreed. Done</p>

	Comment received from:	Comment (extract)	Response
		residential property is generally considered to be unacceptable (eg over 30% of the original dwelling)	
3	C Aspinall continued	Section 4.3.1 – Remove ‘ancient’ from Scheduled Ancient Monuments	Agreed. Done
4	C Aspinall continued	<p>Section 4.4 Local Economy & Employment</p> <p>The test for a neighbourhood plan is that it is in general conformity with strategic policies <i>in the development plan</i> – i.e. it must look to the relevant local plan policy, in this case STRAT9. As drafted, some of the policy objectives, explanatory text and the policies themselves within this section would not be in conformity with the adopted Local Plan.</p> <p>Employment development within the countryside (STRAT9) would be restricted to small scale and low impact/farm diversification schemes, the reuse of existing rural buildings and the expansion of existing buildings to facilitate the growth of established businesses</p>	Not added as already defined in Policy 5.1
5	C Aspinall continued	Section 4.4.1 – Add to - Many such enterprises will be as part of a home-working operation so could be facilitated through permitted development rights <i>where the overall character of the dwelling will not change as a result of the business.</i>	Agreed. Done.
6	C Aspinall continued	<p>Policy 5.1 Generating Employment</p> <p>A distinction should be made between the wording which forms the policy text and which is the explanatory supporting text.</p>	Agreed. Done
7	Resident comment Email to Gary Cliffe dated 29 th June 2015:	<p>.....Our suggested rewording of Policy 1 is in italics as follows:</p> <p>Policy 1</p> <p><i>Paragraph 1 delete</i></p> <p>Paragraph 2 retain</p> <p>Paragraph 3 amend:</p> <p><i>Planning applications to deliver dwellings should normally provide properties that are between one and three bedrooms in size.</i></p> <p>Paragraph 4 retain</p>	Agreed. Done.
8	Charlotte Aspinall, Senior Planning Officer, CWAC Email to Gary Cliffe dated 20/7/15:	Natural England confirm that it is unlikely that your plan has any significant environmental effects	
9	Charlotte Aspinall, Senior Planning Officer, CWAC Email to Gary Cliffe dated 22/7/15	Environment Agency have..... no issues with your plan in terms of the SEA	
10	Charlotte Aspinall, Senior Planning Officer, CWAC Letter to C Aspinall dated 27/7/15	Historic England: A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is not required	
11	Resident comment Email to Gary Cliffe dated 23/8/15:	<p>Further representations on the draft Neighbourhood Plan, August 2015</p> <p>Non-policy matters</p> <p>Paragraph 5.1</p>	Agreed.

	Comment received from:	Comment (extract)	Response
		<p>The example given of a recognisable “Village Centre”, to the extent that this might imply new built development in an area of open countryside, would not be compatible with the neighbourhood plan as drafted. Such a proposal would not be sustainable development in terms of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Local Plan.</p> <p>Paragraph 5.3.1</p> <p>There is no evidence set out for the demand for the proposal “to explore the availability of land near the Old Post Office for use as a public leisure space”.</p> <p>Has a play area been considered near the car park and café at the Whitegate Way or close to the school within Whitegate village? Whitegate village has always appeared to us to be the largest settlement and the recognisable centre.</p> <p>These would seem to be more logical solutions if there is a desire for another leisure space within the Parish.</p>	<p>Agreed. Done.</p> <p>5.3.1 action item 3</p> <p>Clarified non-policy proposal to develop the open space outside the old post office.</p>
12	Resident comment email to Parish Clerk date 2 nd Jan 2016The decision to delay a parish vote on the Neighbourhood Plan would appear to be a missed opportunity to establish that we want to remain a rural community before CWAC make a decision on Local Plan Part 2.....	Agreed. Proceed with final steps to complete NP before Local Plan Part 2 is adopted
13	Resident comment Email to Keith Rayner dated 29 th Feb 2016:	<p>Minor amendments:</p> <p>Section 3 Vision & Objectives – correct dates</p> <p>Section 4.1.2 – CWAC Council (rather than CWAC Planning)</p> <p>Section 4.1.2 – add: ...in line with Policy STRAT 9 and the objectives of the NPPF....</p>	Agreed. Done

On 6th April 2016 it was confirmed by Cheshire West and Chester that Whitegate and Marton would not be listed as a Local Service Centre in their Local Plan Part 2 although this will be subject to Examination as the Local Plan Part 2 is developed.

Based on this methodology Whitegate and Marton will therefore be a countryside location where Policy STRAT 9 will apply.

An open day held on 18th June 2016 and publicised via banners and posters provided the opportunity for residents to view the revised Neighbourhood Plan with the changes made following earlier consultation.

The Neighbourhood Plan was then submitted to Cheshire West and Chester in July 2016 with supporting evidence for them to publicise and invite comments during the publicity period.