

Hanley Castle Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

Material Review

Pre-submission Consultation Statement

29 January 2024

Introduction

A material review does not change policies or allocations within a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and consequently the extent of consultation required is reduced.

However, the NP committee undertook an extensive consultation prior to this submission.

The current NP is available on the Hanley Castle Parish website (www.hanleyparish.org).

Consultation activities

Consultation activities began on 21 November 2023 and the deadline for all submissions was 29 December 2023.

Social media

A post was published on the village Facebook site on 21 November 2023, advising recipients that a review was in progress, and that a representative from the NP committee would be present at the Café Market – held in Hanley Swan village hall – to receive representations.

Two replies to the Facebook post were received. One was an enquiry about where the current plan could be accessed; the second was from a representative of a newly registered property development company, Marches Homes, advising that they could not attend the Café Market event and that no web-based information could be found.

Café Market, a monthly community event, 25 November 2023

Nine in-person representations were made, seven supporting the review, one expressing specific concern about the extent of development and boundary growth, and one making enquiries about the process being followed. A theme common to all these consultations was pride in the villages coupled with an appreciation of the historical and rural context of the parish.

Hanley Castle parish website post, 25 November 2023

The process for the review was explained and a dedicated email address was listed for those wishing to respond. It also stated that for those without access to email, arrangements were made for written submissions to be left at the village shop in Hanley Swan and the Three Kings public house in Hanley Castle.

Two emails were received.

- 1) From a resident in Hanley Swan highlighting the considerable growth in the village of Hanley Swan and the consequent resultant strain on services. Specific mention was made of a community 'consultation questionnaire' from a developer in advance of a planning application for 40 homes at Ambleside – Roberts End in Hanley Swan.
- 2) From a developer (Ambleside – Roberts End site). Their substantive argument was that because it is proposed that the SWDP plan period is to be extended by 11 years, it would be prudent to similarly extend the planning period. [This would require a substantial review and a referendum.]

The Parish Link (the parish magazine, 10 issues per annum)

The December 2023/January 2024 issue of the magazine was distributed to some 500 homes in the Hanley Castle parish. The magazine published the same information about the NP as was posted to the parish website. The majority of households in the parish subscribe, or have access to the magazine.

The Hanley Swan village shop and the Three Kings public house

For those without access to email, or unable to attend the Café Market, arrangements were made for any written submissions to be left at the village shop in Hanley Swan and the Three Kings public house in Hanley Castle.

No written representations were received via these sites.

SUMMARY

All reasonable efforts were made to contact all parishioners and to advertise the consultation.

Useful discussions arose where face-to-face contact was made, and helpful comments were received from the Facebook post and via the parish website.

The need to synchronise the SWDPr and the NP is a recognised and valid consideration and this will be addressed by a further, probably substantial review, once the SWDPr is made.

The key themes for this current material review will be:

- a) To update the NP to accommodate changes in the parish since January 2016, of which there have been many;
- b) To add additional details to those aspects of the parish's history that serve to characterise the parish and which are regarded as of particular value to the community;
- c) To add additional details to features that underscore the rural nature and traditions of the parish and are of value to the community; and
- d) To recognise and recommend that a further review will be required following adoption of the revised SWDPr.