

Report No. TC03320 Appendix: D Agenda Item No. 11	Meeting: Council Date of Meeting: 28th October 2020
Oakham Town Council	
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Subject: NHP Alignment with the Local Plan and Government Planning White Paper, NHP Reg 16	
Strategic Aim. Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups.	

1. Rutland County Council (RCC) requested that the Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) was adjusted due to a White Paper on Planning and the Local Plan.

The steering group discussed the minor amendments to the draft Neighbourhood Plan that bring it in line with the RCC Local Plan and Planning White Paper, this was suggested by Roger Ranson and this helps ensure the NHP is as accurate and up to date as possible.

RCC have had to align the Local Plan with a White Paper that came out recently to do with Planning. If any Councillor wants to read that White Paper, please advise.

The changes made at this stage relate mostly to Policy 4, Town Centre and Visitor Economy, and Policy 5, Employment and Business Development, which have both been amended to align as closely as possible with the recent changes to the Use Classes Order, without changing the overall intent and scope of the policies.

Roger Ranson at RCC has been asked for any comments that RCC may have, informally, on the approach that is being taken.

The adjustments that have been undertaken do not change the fundamental basis on which the Oakham & Barleythorpe NHP had been established and as you recall RCC asked for a comment form OTC in regard to the Local Plan and the White Paper.

A further comment could now be submitted to RCC explaining that the O&B NHP has now been aligned with the Local Plan after consideration of the Planning White Paper and whether or not Council support the changes, and that the O&B NHP having been sense checked again with input from RCC since the White Paper was presented and feel confident it still reflects the overall NHP ideals and objectives subject to ongoing reviews as the NHP is an evolving document.

The O&B NHP is still set ready for Regulation 16 and OTC are working with RCC on timelines.

2. The NHP Terms of Reference states, the membership should include two elected Oakham Town Councillors on the NHP group. Due to a resignation, there is now one vacancy.

Decisions

- To accept the changes and allow the NHP to remain at the Regulation 16 Phase.
- To make an additional comment to RCC regarding the Planning White Paper and the Local Plan.
- To appoint another Councillor to the Steering Group.