



Treswell and Cottam Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement



1.1 Why have we produced this Statement?

An underlying principle in this Neighbourhood Plan is to have local people actively involved in ongoing consultation on important planning issues. The Neighbourhood Plan steering group has been committed in undertaking consistent, transparent, effective and inclusive periods of community consultation throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and associated evidence base.

The Neighbourhood Plan Regulations require that, when a Neighbourhood Plan is submitted for examination, a statement should also be submitted setting out details of those consulted, how they were consulted, the main issues and concerns raised and how these have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Plan.

Legal Basis:

Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations sets out that, a consultation statement should be a document containing the following:

- Details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan;
- Explanation of how they were consulted;
- Summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- Description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

1.2 Our Consultation Summary

This statement outlines the ways in which have led to the production of the Treswell and Cottam Neighbourhood Plan in terms of consultation with local residents, businesses in the parish, stakeholders and statutory consultees.

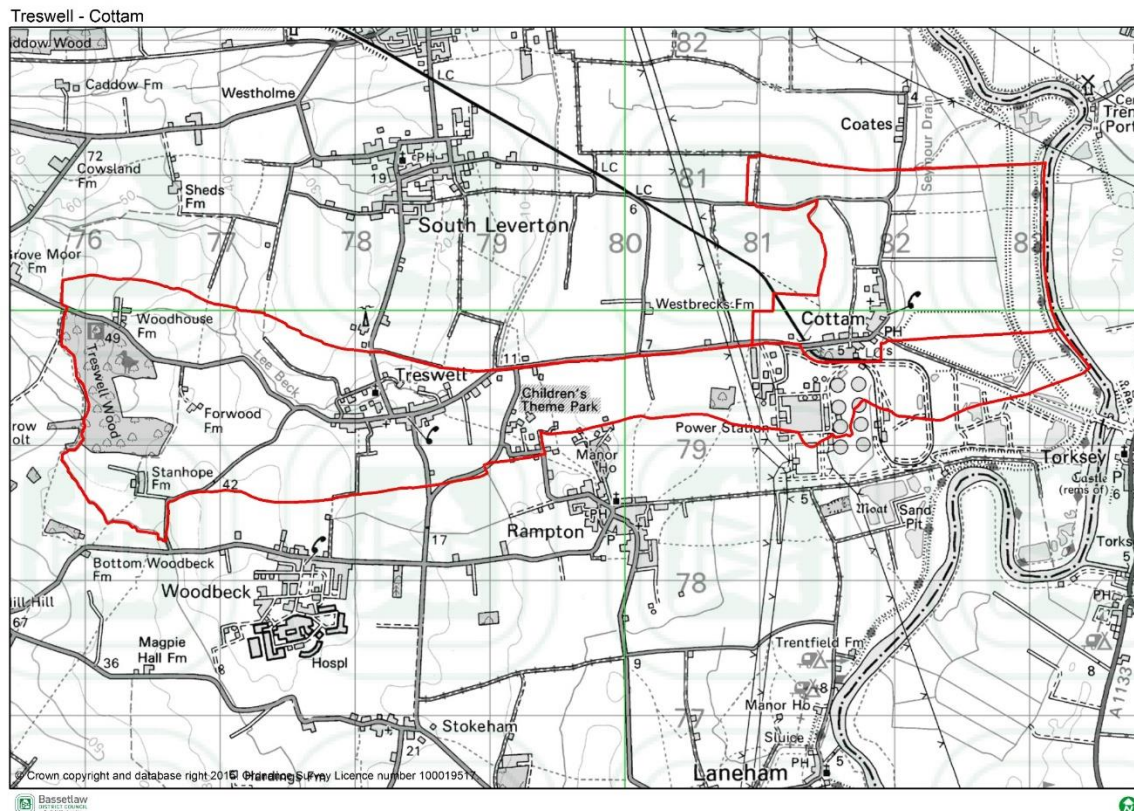
In addition, this summary will provide a summary and, in some cases, detailed descriptions of the numerous consultation events and other ways in which residents and stakeholders were able to influence the content of the Plan. The appendices detail certain procedures and events that were undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan group, including; producing questionnaires, school events and running consultation events.

1.3 The Neighbourhood Plan designation

As part of the process, a Neighbourhood Plan area needs to be designated to allow a scope of work to be produced. The neighbourhood plan area covers the entire Parish of Treswell and Cottam which allowed the Parish Council to act as the quantifying body to lead and manage the Neighbourhood Plan process.

The area designation request from Treswell and Cottam Parish Council was submitted to Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) on the 5th November 2015 and there was consulted on for a 4-week period, ending on the 15th January 2015. No objections were received, and the Council granted the Neighbourhood Plan Area on the 20th March 2015.

Figure 1: Treswell and Cottam Neighbourhood Plan Area



As previously stated, BDC consulted people who live, work or carry out business in the area about the Neighbourhood Plan designation request along with the proposed area. The full application and relevant information on how to make representations was made available on the Council's website www.bassetlaw.gov.uk and within the Retford Times and local newsletter.

During the six-week consultation period, no objections were received to the proposed Neighbourhood Plan area and on that basis, BDC granted Treswell and Cottam Parish Council the right to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan.

1.4 Establishing a Neighbourhood Plan steering group

People from our community will be making the plan. Everyone who offers their opinion, idea, argument or hands on help is part of making the Plan. At the time of writing the Neighbourhood Planning Group consists of people who have volunteered to work together to begin the process. They meet once a month, or more if needed, to report on progress and

to review comments and ideas, as well as look at new ways to engage with our community. The group often report back to the wider Parish Council when appropriate.

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- More focus on priorities identified by our community;
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- An improved local understanding of the planning process; and
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The Neighbourhood Plan process has clear stages in which the steering group has directly consulted the community on aspects of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, including events, surveys and workshops. The public were also kept up-to-date on the progress of the Plan through minutes of meetings and regular updates on the Parish Council website:

<http://data.bassetlaw.gov.uk/browse-the-catalogue/parish-councils/treswell-with-cottam-parish-council.aspx>

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The development of the Neighbourhood Plan involved an inclusive consultation process. The issues that the community expressed concerns over at the consultation events and through the community questionnaire have formed the vision and objectives for the plan area. From the Vision and Objectives, the necessary policies have been developed to achieve these.

The events and publicity received a good turn out from residents and many were interested in either being part of the process or just to be 'kept-up-to-date' with progress. Figure 6 identifies the activities and events that were arranged throughout the process.

Figure 2: Example of Consultation material and publicity

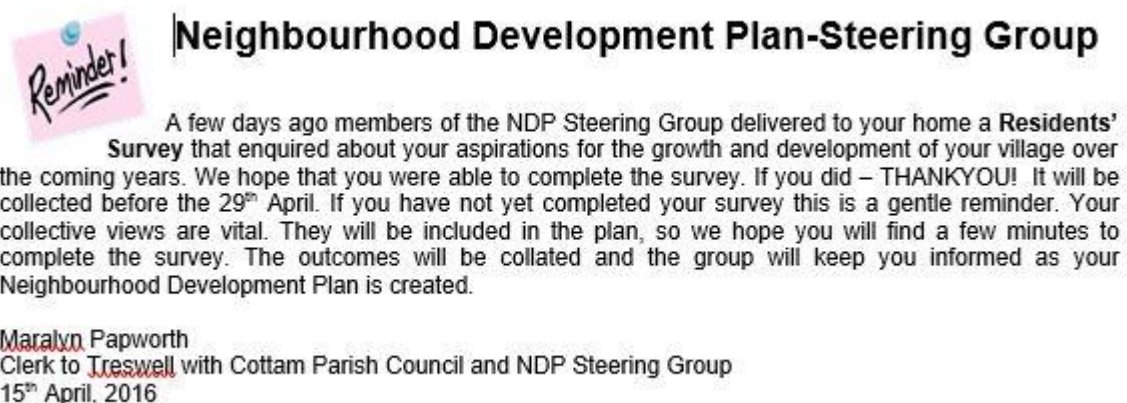


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Figure 6: Overview of consultation stages and methods

Event	Date	Attendance	Comment
Introduction to Neighbourhood Planning	September 2015	39 people	First public event
Public Event in the village hall	1 st December 2015	24 People	Public drop-in session
Public Event in the village hall	3 rd December 2015	12 people	Public drop-in session
Public Event in the village hall	8 th December 2015	13 people	Public drop-in session
Neighbourhood Plan Survey	March/ April 2016	152 returns = 58%	Village Survey
Public event in the village hall	20th June 2016	33 people	Public drop-in session
Feedback from recent survey event	26 th July 2016	22 people	The NDP group provided an update to residents.
Draft Plan presentation	7 th December 2016	27 people	The NDP presented the draft Plan to the community.
Revised Draft Plan and Character Work event	22 nd March 2017	46 people	The revised NDP was presented to the community

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Regulation 14 Public consultation Event	9 th September 2017	43 people	
Final Plan and Character Assessment Public Event			

Figure 7: Consultee Responses to Regulation 14 Public Consultation

Consultee	Response	Group Response
Severn Trent Water	<p>Position Statement</p> <p>As a water company we have an obligation to provide water supplies and sewage treatment capacity for future development. It is important for us to work collaboratively with Local Planning Authorities to provide relevant assessments of the impacts of future developments. For outline proposals we are able to provide general comments. Once detailed developments and site specific locations are confirmed by local councils, we are able to provide more specific comments and modelling of the network if required. For most developments we do not foresee any particular issues. Where we consider there may be an issue we would discuss in further detail with the Local Planning Authority. We will complete any necessary improvements to provide additional capacity once we have sufficient confidence that a development will go ahead. We do this to avoid making investments on speculative developments to minimise customer bills.</p> <p>Sewage Strategy</p> <p>Once detailed plans are available and we have modelled the additional capacity, in areas where sufficient capacity is not currently available and we have sufficient confidence that developments will be built, we will complete necessary improvements to provide the capacity. We will ensure that our assets have no adverse effect on the environment and that we provide appropriate levels of treatment at each of our sewage treatment works.</p>	Noted. No Change to the Plan.

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	<p>Surface Water and Sewer Flooding</p> <p>We expect surface water to be managed in line with the Government’s Water Strategy, Future Water. The strategy sets out a vision for more effective management of surface water to deal with the dual pressures of climate change and housing development. Surface water needs to be managed sustainably. For new developments we would not expect surface water to be conveyed to our foul or combined sewage system and, where practicable, we support the removal of surface water already connected to foul or combined sewer.</p> <p>We believe that greater emphasis needs to be paid to consequences of extreme rainfall. In the past, even outside of the flood plain, some properties have been built in natural drainage paths. We request that developers providing sewers on new developments should safely accommodate floods which exceed the design capacity of the sewers.</p> <p>To encourage developers to consider sustainable drainage, Severn Trent currently offer a 100% discount on the sewerage infrastructure charge if there is no surface water connection and a 75% discount if there is a surface water connection via a sustainable drainage system. More details can be found on our website:</p> <p>https://www.stwater.co.uk/building-and-developing/regulations-and-forms/application-forms-and-guidance/infrastructure-charges/</p>	

	<p>Water Quality</p> <p>Good quality river water and groundwater is vital for provision of good quality drinking water. We work closely with the Environment Agency and local farmers to ensure that water quality of supplies are not impacted by our or others operations. The Environment Agency's Source Protection Zone (SPZ) and Safe Guarding Zone policy should provide guidance on development. Any proposals should take into account the principles of the Water Framework Directive and River Basin Management Plan for the Severn River basin unit as prepared by the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Water Supply</p> <p>When specific detail of planned development location and sizes are available a site-specific assessment of the capacity of our water supply network could be made. Any assessment will involve carrying out a network analysis exercise to investigate any potential impacts.</p> <p>We would not anticipate capacity problems within the urban areas of our network, any issues can be addressed through reinforcing our network. However, the ability to support significant development in the rural areas is likely to have a greater impact and require greater reinforcement to accommodate greater demands.</p> <p>Water Efficiency</p> <p>Part G of Building Regulations specify that new homes must consume no more than 125 litres of water per person per day. We recommend that you consider taking an approach of installing specifically designed water efficient fittings in all areas of the</p>	
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	<p>property rather than focus on the overall consumption of the property. This should help to achieve a lower overall consumption than the maximum volume specified in the Building Regulations. We recommend that in all cases you consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single flush siphon toilet cistern and those with a flush volume of 4 litres. • Showers designed to operate efficiently and with a maximum flow rate of 8 litres per minute. • Hand wash basin taps with low flow rates of 4 litres or less. • Water butts for external use in properties with gardens. <p>To further encourage developers to act sustainably Severn Trent currently offer a 100% discount on the clean water infrastructure charge if properties are built so consumption per person is 110 litres per person per day or less. More details can be found on our website:</p> <p>https://www.stwater.co.uk/building-and-developing/regulations-and-forms/application-forms-and-guidance/infrastructure-charges/</p> <p>We would encourage you to impose the expectation on developers that properties are built to the optional requirement in Building Regulations of 110 litres of water per person per day. We hope this information has been useful to you and we look forward in hearing from you in the near future.</p>	
The Coal Authority	Thank you for consulting The Coal Authority on the above.	Noted. No Change to the Plan.

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	<p>Having reviewed your document, I confirm that we have no specific comments to make on it.</p> <p>Should you have any future enquiries please contact a member of Planning and Local Authority Liaison at The Coal Authority using the contact details above.</p>	
Historic England	<p>Your Neighbourhood Plan includes a number of designated heritage assets including 1 GI listed building, and 5 GII listed buildings. It will be important that the strategy you put together for this area safeguards those elements which contribute to the importance of those historic assets. This will assist in ensuring they can be enjoyed by future generations of the area and make sure it is in line with national planning policy</p> <p>At this point we don't consider there is a need for Historic England to be involved in the development of the strategy for your area.</p> <p>If you have not already done so, we would recommend that you speak to the staff at Nottinghamshire County Council who look after the Historic Environment Record and give advice on archaeological matters. They should be able to provide details of not only any designated heritage assets but also locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the Heritage Gateway (www.heritagegateway.org.uk) It may also be useful to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society, local history groups, building preservation trusts, etc. in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>Noted. No Change to the Plan. Bassetlaw District Council's Conservation Officer has been consulted on the draft Plan.</p>

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	<p>Your local authority might also be able to provide you with general support in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan. National Planning Practice Guidance is clear that where it is relevant, Neighbourhood Plans need to include enough information about local heritage to guide planning decisions and to put broader strategic heritage policies from the local authority's local plan into action at a neighbourhood scale. If appropriate this should include enough information about local non-designated heritage assets including sites of archaeological interest to guide decisions.</p> <p>Further information and guidance on how heritage can best be incorporated into Neighbourhood Plans has been produced by Historic England. This signposts a number of other documents which your community might find useful in helping to identify what it is about your area which makes it distinctive and how you might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. These can be found at:- http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-yourneighbourhood/</p>	
The National Grid	<p>An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus.</p> <p>National Grid has identified the following high voltage overhead powerlines as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary:</p>	Noted. No Change to the Plan.

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	<p>ZDA Route – 275kV from Cottam substation in Bassetlaw to West Burton in Bassetlaw</p> <p>4VE Route – 400kV from Cottam substation in Bassetlaw to West Burton in Bassetlaw</p> <p>National Grid has identified the following substation as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary: Cottam 400kv Substation</p> <p>From the consultation information provided, the above overheads powerline does not interact with any of the proposed development sites.</p>	
Natural England	<p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.</p> <p>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	Noted. No Change to the Plan.

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Nottinghamshire County Council	<p>Thank you for your letter dated 8th August 2017 requesting strategic planning observations on the above informal enquiry. I have consulted with my colleagues across relevant divisions of the County Council and have the following comments to make. Landscape and Visual Impact from a landscape perspective the information set out in the neighbourhood plan is generally acceptable. However, the document fails to make any clear reference to the Bassetlaw Landscape Character Assessment 2009 or more specifically the individual policy zones that the plan covers.</p> <p>These being Trent Washland policy zones TW21, TW22, TW48 and Magnesian Limestone Ridge policy zones ML06 and the very eastern edge of policy zone ML04 which clips over Treswell Wood. All of the Landscape Character policy zones mentioned were evaluated as either Conserve or Conserve and Reinforce which are the higher categories of the assessment where the landscape is in good condition with a higher sensitivity to change. While the Landscape Character Assessment policy zones do not need to be referred to in detail, it would strengthen the document if some of the recommended Landscape policy actions were tied to the neighbourhood plan policies or were at least listed as documents to be referenced when considering developments within the parish.</p> <p><i>Summary</i> The proposed Neighbourhood Plan does not appear to be any policies proposed that directly clash with the recommendations</p>	<p>Noted. Additional reference to the Bassetlaw Landscape character assessment has now been included within the revised Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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	<p>set out in the Landscape Character Assessment policy zones given above. Therefore we are supportive of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan but would recommend some inclusion or clearer reference to the Bassetlaw Landscape Character Assessment 2009 as outlined above.</p> <p>Public Health Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP</p> <p>Appendix 3 sets out the Health report for the area and identifies that Neighbourhood is small – please also note the the profile spans areas adjacent to the plan (unavoidable) many of the health indicators are similar to and no better than the England average with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relative to England average large working population for both males and females - Lower levels of deprivation than the England average - High levels of limiting long term illness or disability - Low levels of all-age emergency admissions EXCEPT High levels of Hospital admission for self-harm this may be attributed to patients residing at Rampton Hospital. - Overall mortality rates than England average, premature (u75) and Life Expectancy is NOT SIGNIFICANTLY to England average. <p>The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) seeks to promote healthy communities. Paragraphs 69-78 of the NPPF sets out ways in which the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and create healthy inclusive environments. Planning policies should in turn aim to achieve places which promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _ Safe and accessible environments 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> _ High quality public spaces _ Recreational space/sports facilities _ Community facilities _ Public rights of way <p>The Nottinghamshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) provides a picture of the current and future health needs of the local population: http://jsna.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/insight/Strategic-Framework/Nottinghamshire-JSNA.aspx. This states the importance that the natural and build environment has on health. The Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out the ambitions and priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Board with the overall vision to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Nottinghamshire: http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/caring/yourhealth/developing-health-services/health-andwellbeing-board/strategy/ The 'Spatial Planning for Health and Wellbeing of Nottinghamshire' document approved by the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board in May 2016 identifies that local planning policies play a vital role in ensuring the health and wellbeing of the population and how planning matters impact on health and wellbeing locally. In addition a health checklist is included to be used when developing local plans and assessing planning applications: http://www.nottinghamshireinsight.org.uk/insight/news/item.aspx?itemId=44.</p>	

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	<p>It is recommended that this checklist is completed to enable the potential positive and negative impacts of the neighbourhood plan on health and wellbeing to be considered in a consistent, systematic and objective way, identifying opportunities for maximising potential health gains and minimizing harm and addressing inequalities taking account of the wider determinants of health.</p> <p>Obesity is a major public health challenge for Nottinghamshire. Obesity in 10-11 year olds in this area is not significantly different than the England average. It is recommended that the six themes recommended by the TCPA document 'Planning Health Weight Environments' – http://www.tcpa.org.uk/data/files/Health_and_planning/Health_2014/PHWE_Report_Final.pdf</p> <p>are considered to promote a healthy lifestyle as part of this application. The six themes are:</p> <p>Movement and access: Walking environment; cycling environment; local transport services. Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP</p> <p>Open spaces, recreation and play: Open spaces; natural environment; leisure and recreational spaces; play spaces.</p> <p>Food: Food retail (including production, supply and diversity); food growing; access.</p>	

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	<p>Neighbourhood spaces: Community and social infrastructure; public spaces.</p> <p>Building design: Homes; other buildings.</p> <p>Local economy: Town centres and high streets; job opportunities and access.</p> <p>Heritage The community objectives seem appropriate and with regards to number '3' are welcomed. ☐ The identification of local heritage assets is welcomed. Cottam power station is recorded on the Nottinghamshire HER and is worthy of reference as a non-designated heritage asset in the plan.</p> <p>The reference in the section 9. 3 'Making a Place', to 'vernacular' within the context of local distinctiveness is welcomed, but would benefit from further expansion in the following section 'local character' and probably the phrase 'vernacular architecture' would be more explanatory.</p> <p>Section 14 'Aspiration 1: Road Safety and Traffic, I would recommend that the recent work of Linby Parish Council (In Gedling Borough) during the preparation of their Neighbourhood Plan is reviewed.</p> <p>Their 'Road Management Strategy' was developed by experts and addresses some of the same issues identified in section 14 as</p>	

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	<p>affecting Treswell. The Linby approach offers a comprehensive set of measures that have the potential to resolve serious highway safety issues while retaining rural character and sense of place, and is relevant to Treswell in particular.</p> <p>Travel and Transport</p> <p>The Transport Act 1985 places a duty on Nottinghamshire County Council to secure a “Socially necessary” bus network. Local bus operators provide services that they consider as commercial, and the Council provide revenue subsidies to provide additional services to ensure communities have access to essential services including education, work, shopping and leisure.</p> <p>The level of revenue funding available to the Council to provide supported services is diminishing. Therefore other funding sources are required to enable the council to maintain a socially necessary and sustainable network.</p> <p><i>Current Treswell and Cottam Bus Network</i></p> <p>The draft plan doesn’t make reference to the local bus services which can be summarised as follows:</p> <p>Service 95 - Gainsborough - Retford Stagecoach East Midlands</p> <p>Service 190 - Retford - Rampton - Darlton - GEM Mini Travel</p> <p>Service 190 - Retford - Rampton - Tuxford -GEM Mini Travel</p> <p>(Phone a Bus)</p> <p><i>Neighbourhood Plan</i></p> <p>It is noted that Section 10 of the plan refers to the Neighbourhood Plan survey and that residents suggested that</p>	

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	<p>they encourage and welcome new facilities into the village, including improved bus services.</p> <p>TTS welcome the draft Plan and Community Vision at Section 6 including the emphasis on sustainable development.</p> <p>Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP</p> <p><i>Development Sites</i></p> <p>It is noted Section 5 of the Draft Plan states the following: <i>“The settlements of Treswell and Cottam are classified as ‘other settlements’ in the Bassetlaw Core Strategy. Policy CS9 only supports very limited development in settlements like Treswell and Cottam – with only conversions and replacement dwellings being supported.”</i></p> <p>Whilst it is recognised that the likelihood of significant development is limited, TTS request that developer contributions towards improved public transport services and infrastructure is specified as a criterion to be met for a site to be supported by the Neighbourhood Development Plan. It is suggested that sites/schemes that afford access to existing public transport facilities should be given priority for development.</p> <p>In particular Transport & Travel Services will wish to explore with developers the provision of contributions for the provision of public transport services and waiting facilities including real time departure displays and raised kerbs, and complemented by Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) and Traffic Light Priority (TLP) where appropriate, through Section 106 agreements. A statement within the plan which supports this approach will</p>	

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	<p>complement other strategic documents, and enable the council to effectively negotiate for suitable developer contributions.</p> <p>Community Transport There is no reference in the document to the role of Community Transport. Community transport services are provided in the Cottam and Treswell area by Bassetlaw Action Centre. It is suggested that reference to their work is included within the Plan, together with the potential for Community Transport and related services i.e. taxi buses to complement the local bus network.</p> <p>Taxis There is no reference in the document to the role of taxis, which are licensed by Bassetlaw District Council and play an important role in the local economy. It is suggested reference to the role of taxis is included in the plan.</p> <p>Overall Conclusion It should be noted that all comments contained above could be subject to change, as a result of ongoing negotiations between the County Council, the Local Planning Authority and the applicants. These comments are based on the information supplied and are without prejudice to any comments the County Council may make on any future planning applications submitted for this site. Should you require any further assistance in relation to any of these matters please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>	
Bassetlaw District Council	PART 1: Basic Conditions	Noted.

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	<p>At this stage, Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) does not consider it necessary to flag the TCNP as failing to meet the requirements of the relevant basic conditions for Neighbourhood Plans as set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. However, comments in relation to Policy 1 (below) should address the issues raised in order to avoid subsequent drafts of the plan being regarded as contravening the basic conditions.</p> <p>PART 2: Comments and Proposed Changes</p> <p>Overall, the draft TCNP comes across as a positive planning document that will work within the suite of local and national policies. However, there are a number of specific recommendations and changes proposed by the Council that focus on making the draft TCNP a more legible and effective planning tool.</p> <p>Generally speaking neighbourhood plans should function as an aide to help decision makers in the assessment of development proposals. This is best summarised in Planning Policy Guidance (PPG), paragraph 41:</p> <p><i>“A policy in a neighbourhood plan should be clear and unambiguous. It should be drafted with sufficient clarity that a decision maker can apply it consistently and with confidence when determining planning applications. It should be concise, precise and supported by appropriate evidence. It should be distinct to reflect and respond to the unique characteristics and planning context of the specific neighbourhood area for which it has been prepared.”</i></p> <p>In light of this the draft TCNP should contain policies which are robust, reflect local character, act as a positive guide to</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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	<p>development and be able to be practically implemented. These general principles should run throughout the draft TCNP and are used as the basis on which the Council makes more detailed comments and proposed changes.</p> <p>It is also worth stressing that the Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan, the Bassetlaw Plan. Wherever possible the draft TCNP should try to refer to the 'strategic policies' of the Council's Local Plan where, for example, direct quotation of the Core Strategy is not essential to help future-proof the draft TCNP.</p> <p>General Comments</p> <p>The plan should include a contents page and numbered chapters/paragraphs for ease of referencing in both consultation and for Planning Officers using the TCNP to determine planning applications.</p> <p>The plan makes no mention of the significant flood risk that the River Trent poses to Cottam and, to a lesser extent, that Lee Beck poses Treswell. Flood risk is a significant constraint to most forms of development. Based on the abundance of suitable land available in other parts of rural Bassetlaw, it is unlikely that there will be a pressing need for development specifically in Cottam that cannot be delivered in sequentially preferable locations (in line with NPPF para. 101).</p> <p>Many of the maps and diagrams in the plan are difficult to read. Consider adjusting the orientation of the page to landscape and using a whole page to accommodate the plans – remembering that</p>	<p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p>

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	<p>they need to be of use to case officers determining planning applications.</p> <p>Introduction The last line of the first paragraph ('Unlike national planning policy ...') is not entirely clear or accurate. This should be reworded to reflect local and neighbourhood plans being subject to examination by independent inspectors. Is the timescale of 2016-2031 still accurate, given the current position for plan preparation?</p> <p>Section 1: The scope of the Neighbourhood Plan The first reference to the Bassetlaw Core Strategy should give the document its full title: The Bassetlaw Core Strategy & Development Management Policies DPD (2011). This could then hereafter be referred to as 'the Core Strategy'.</p> <p>Section 2: About Treswell and Cottam To give an accurate representation of the make-up/demographics of Treswell the plan should refer to the Treswell Park Traveller site, which has recently seen an increase in occupancy rates.</p> <p>Section 3: Social and economic issues in Treswell and Cottam The second line of the first paragraph should refer to the 'economically active' population.</p>	<p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant. The Traveller site is actually within South Leverton Parish, not Treswell and Cottam.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p>

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	<p>Section 6: Community Vision</p> <p>The tense used in the vision changes, thereby affecting the coherence of the vision. Revise as necessary.</p> <p>Section 7: Community Objectives</p> <p>Objective 5: Traffic. While the Council acknowledges the aspiration for better road safety in the plan area, it is questionable whether traffic congestion is a legitimate concern for such a small rural area and given the NPPF's clear direction for NDPs to respond to the unique characteristics of the area.</p> <p>Section 8: Residential development</p> <p>There are a number of concerns regarding Policy 1 and aspirations for new residential development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neither Treswell nor Cottam are identified as growth villages in current policy. As such, it is incumbent upon the plan steering group to build a narrative that justifies supporting growth in this area. Failure to do so will mean that BDC would flag this part of the draft plan as a non-compliant with the basic conditions for NDPs. • The Cuckney & Norton, Holbeck & Welbeck Neighbourhood Plan stands as an example of a 'made' NDP that justified sustainable growth by looking at the sustainable collective that these villages form. While it is considered that Treswell and Cottam alone cannot replicate this model, it is felt that a sustainable development narrative could be built by looking beyond the boundary of the plan area, to the likes of Rampton, Laneham and North/South Leverton. Although BDC propose that both Treswell and Cottam will be in the 	<p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan has now revised the Housing section in light of these comments. It is anticipated that due to the lack of growth in the Core Strategy, the current Neighbourhood Plan will need revising once the new Local Plan is in place. The delay in the new Local Plan has caused us an issue in how much support we can give to new developments. Through the consultation it was viewed that the current Core Strategy policy on housing development was too restrictive.</p>

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	<p>Trent Corridor ‘Functional Cluster’ (set out in the Initial Draft Bassetlaw Plan, 2016), this concept does not yet carry any material planning weight, requiring emerging plans to justify any shift in policy in the intervening period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to addressing the above matters, the background text to the policy talks about meeting specific residential needs, but the policy itself is very open ended and does not address the identified needs. The steering group should give consideration to specifically referencing the need for tied dwellings (for agriculture or other employment uses, subject to a sequential test of availability in more sustainable areas), starter homes, affordable housing exceptions, or housing/sheltered accommodation specifically for elderly residents. • The policy should avoid referencing Core Strategy policies DM2 and DM3. Rather, it should more simply refer to district wide policies relating to conversion of rural buildings and replacement of existing dwellings. Focusing on policy themes will ensure longevity in relation to the emerging Bassetlaw Plan. • Farm yards are mentioned in the background text. The NPPF excludes land that is or has been occupied by agricultural or forestry buildings from the definition of previously developed land. As such, if there are specific farm yards or other ‘brownfield sites’ that would benefit from redevelopment, it may be worthwhile allocating or at least identifying these opportunity sites on a map. <p>This section of the NDP should consider including policy wording specifically in relation to improvements to the Traveller site at</p>	

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	<p>Treswell Park, particularly now that it is occupied and becomes better established as part of the community.</p> <p>Section 9: Design principles</p> <p>It is unclear what status these design principles have if they are not included as part of policies. Many of the principles appear to be lifted from an urban/suburban context and are not readily transferrable to a rural setting (e.g. the design of streets). These principles seem to add little to the BDC Successful Places SPD and, given the scale of growth purported in the NDP, seem somewhat onerous and disproportionate. Including them in the plan considerably lengthens the document.</p> <p>The section on Local Character could be expanded to provide a more comprehensive character appraisal that could sit as an entirely separate, supporting document that would be of use to Case Officers when assessing the likely effect of development proposals. NDPs should remain concise in order to be effective tools for Development Management. The work recently undertaken for the Headon, Upton, Grove and Stokeham plan is a good example of a thorough and professional character appraisal. A concise summary of local character should precede any design principles that may be included in later drafts of the plan.</p> <p>Where photographs are used to illustrate a point, it would benefit anyone who is using the plan to see more than one example – e.g. in relation to building orientation and local detailing. Detailing such as the Wheatsheaf ventilators, along with rise and fall guttering, red pantiles, corbelling etc. are common in Nottinghamshire with</p>	<p>Agreed. The Treswell and Cottam Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group commissioned a Character Assessment following these comments to provide more clarity and detail on local character and what features, buildings and spaces are important. This document is now available and forms part of the Neighbourhood Plan as an appendix.</p>

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	<p>plenty of examples cited in relevant literature and conservation publications.</p> <p>Some of the phrases used in the local character descriptions could more accurately reflect the character – e.g. the land around the church is characterised by dense tree belts/hedgerows interspersed with mature trees (rather than heavily wooded). While the Cottam power station may be recently constructed relative to some of the buildings, it is misleading to suggest it is ‘recently built’ (p. 20).</p> <p>Policy 2: Design Principles Part 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criterion (d) – relative to the scale of development that is proposed under Policy 1 it is questionable whether this is necessary. Core Strategy Policies DM4 and DM5 already provide effective policy for this issue. • Criterion (f) – Does taking advantage of key views mean to build in them or protect them? Key views could be identified on a map, with descriptions of their significance. • Criterion (h) – should explicitly refer to increasing energy efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions as these ambitions underpin national policy. <p>Part 2 – referencing Manual for Streets and BDC’s residential Design SPD largely negates the need for extensive background text about design in the NDP.</p>	<p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p>

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	<p>Section 10: Community facilities</p> <p>This section would benefit from referring to BDC's most recent rural settlement survey work to provide an accurate snapshot of services available in the locality. This section should form the basis for building the narrative of the sustainability of the area, focusing on the relationship dynamics between different settlements.</p> <p>Policy 3: Protecting existing community facilities</p> <p>While BDC support the aspiration to retain existing services wherever possible, the policy in its current form unnecessarily reiterates Core Strategy Policy CS9 Section C. In addition, some text to provide context to the photograph would be useful</p> <p>Section 11: Local Green Space</p> <p>What/where is the Green Infrastructure Project Proposal? Include a reference to this document.</p> <p>BDC supports the proposed Local Green Space (LGS) designation of the Cottam Playing Field.</p> <p>However, applying this designation to the site of the Old Village Hall is questionable. Given its current condition, the significance and value of the site is unclear. If the site is no longer viable as a village hall, redevelopment should be supported, subject to the requirements of Policy CS9 Section C. The Council recommends this is deleted as a proposed LGS.</p>	<p>Disagree. The Core Strategy policy for community facilities does not specifically identify what facilities are present in Treswell and Cottam. The Neighbourhood Plan has identified these facilities and therefore makes the policy more relevant to the area.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p>

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	<p>Section 12: Lee Beck – Green corridor</p> <p>When referencing sections of the Landscape Character Assessment please maintain consistency with BDC documents by referring to ‘Mid-Notts Farmlands Policy Zone 06: Treswell’ (abbreviated to MN PZ06).</p> <p>The Council supports Policy 5.</p> <p>Section 13: Supporting local employment opportunities</p> <p>The first line of the justification is somewhat unnecessary as this encapsulates what NDPs are meant to do – i.e. supplement district-wide policy.</p> <p>Policy 7, Section 1 – ‘<i>expansion/redevelopment of existing businesses ...</i>’ potentially involve quite different forms of development. These should not necessarily be grouped together. In particular, it would be useful to have a clear distinction of what the steering group might support under ‘redevelopment’.</p> <p>Policy 7, Section 2 – in its current form is not compliant with NPPF paragraph 22, which states that Planning policies should avoid the long term protection of sites allocated for employment use where there is no reasonable prospect of a site being used for that purpose. Similarly, Core Strategy Policy DM7 makes provision for release of such sites where they are demonstrated to be no longer viable. It is recommended that this part of Policy 7 is deleted.</p> <p>Section 14: Aspiration 1: Road safety and traffic</p> <p>This section of the plan has no planning weight if it is not a policy. If not included in a policy the group may wish to include a list of community projects that the plan can help address.</p>	<p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>Noted. Amended where relevant.</p> <p>Noted. No change.</p>

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	In addition, the photographs used to support this section do not serve to illustrate the point that is being made.	

Appendix 1: List of Statutory Consultees

- Seven Trent Water
- British Telecom
- Bassetlaw District Council
- Doncaster Borough Council
- North Lincolnshire Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Coal Authority
- English Nature
- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- Highways Agency
- National Grid
- Network Rail
- Police Authority
- Health Authority
- Rampton Parish Council
- South Leverton Parish Council
- Headon, Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council