



ALWOODLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

CONSULTATION STATEMENT



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Alwoodley Parish Council

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1. INTRODUCTION

In July 2013 a group of interested residents met with members of Alwoodley Parish Council to discuss the possibility of developing a neighbourhood plan for Alwoodley Parish. The Parish Council did not have the resources to write a plan but were willing to support a group in the development of a plan. A steering group comprising residents of the Parish and representatives of the Parish Council was set up to monitor the work of the volunteers. The Parish Council was kept informed of progress and gave approval to each stage of the work. The Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan is the outcome of the work of the volunteers and the Parish Council.

This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 Section 15(2). Part 5 of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should contain:

- (a) contain details of persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- (b) explain how they were consulted;
- (c) summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- (d) describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

2. AIMS OF THE CONSULTATION

From the outset, the intention of the Steering Group was to include as many interested parties in the process as possible. Minutes of the Steering Group meetings would be available on the Parish Council website; the annual Parish Meeting would have an agenda item on the plan and the Parish Council noticeboards would give updates. Local free press and the Alwoodley Community Association newsletter were also used to disseminate information. Residents and organisations would be consulted via questionnaire in the early stages and by letter, summary leaflet and an Open Day once the plan had reached a draft

stage. Copies of the draft plan would be available at the local Library and Community Association. An e-mail address was set up so that the Steering Group could be contacted directly.

The aims of the consultation process were:

- To involve residents, local organisations and businesses inside the Parish along with organisations outside of the Parish, but with an interest in any proposed policies, from the start of the process
- To communicate to residents at regular intervals on the progress of the plan and to invite contributions
- To use a variety of communication methods

3. BACKGROUND TO THE CONSULTATION ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Alwoodley Parish is a suburban parish which forms part of the wider area known as Alwoodley in Leeds. The Parish includes wide areas of open countryside, farmland, and woodland much of which is protected by Green Belt and other designations. The countryside is well used by the residents of the Parish and Leeds population as a whole and is a defining feature of the Parish. It was felt by residents that a plan should be written which protects this special environment and which would also allow residents of the Parish to continue to live there throughout their lives.

The background work using published sources was completed by members of a sub-committee of the Steering Group. From this a picture of the history, economy, environment and demography of the Parish was drawn up and a SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis prepared.

In April 2014 the views of residents and other interested bodies were then sought via a questionnaire (Appendix A) delivered to all households and business/organisations in the Parish and interested parties outside of it. From these two stages a list of policies was drawn up. The draft plan comprising the background work done earlier and the proposed policies was placed on the website in December 2014.

Updates on the plan were included in the annual Parish Newsletter and followed up by presentations to three annual Parish Meetings in April of 2014, 2015 and 2016. At the meetings a display of the key issues and the questionnaire responses were set out to invite comments.

Meetings were held with LCC in October 2014 and May 2015 to keep the Planning Department informed of progress on the plan and to seek advice. At the meeting in May 2015 it became clear that there was insufficient expertise on planning matters in the Steering Group and that the expertise of a planning consultant would be needed.

A consultant in was appointed in November 2015 to assist with the drafting of the plan

A summary of the proposed policies was circulated in July 2016 and an Open Day to canvass opinion was held on 24th July 2016

Consultation on the proposed policies took place between 4th July and 31st August 2016

A meeting was held with LCC in November 2016 to discuss the changes made to the plan as a result of the consultation

A more detailed description of the stages follows.

4. INITIAL CONSULTATION

An application was made to Leeds City Council for the designation of the Parish to be the Alwoodley Neighbourhood Area was made in November 2013 and approved in February 2014.

It was decided that the whole population of the Parish should be consulted. The main tool was a questionnaire (Appendix A) which asked for views on what was liked and disliked about living in Alwoodley but also, importantly, what residents and organisations would like to see preserved and improved. In April 2014 the questionnaire and a reply paid envelope was delivered to every household and business in the Parish and posted to potentially interested parties outside. The Parish Council was also consulted on issues that had been raised with members of the Parish Council and the questions they had faced when making decisions about planning matters and developments in the Parish.

A meeting was also held with the student representatives of the local high school. This lies just outside the Parish boundary but the pupils come primarily from the Parish and it was felt that their views should also be taken into consideration.

Members of the Steering Group produced background information on the economy, demography, history and environment of the Parish. The development of the Parish has been such that there are quite different character areas. A walking and photographing survey was made of the different areas of the parish to describe the characteristics of each.

The response rate to the questionnaire was 17.6%. A detailed breakdown of the responses can be seen in Appendix B.

From this work it became clear the principal concerns were that green spaces should be preserved, steps should be taken to manage the problems of traffic and parking and that potential housing development should not damage the character of the Parish. There was a perceived lack of facilities for young teenagers and a feeling that there was little community identity.

5. THEMES

None of the issues raised in the questionnaire differed from those already identified by the Steering Group. However, some of the issues raised could not be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan but were obviously of importance to those who mentioned them. It was decided to acknowledge the issues by including them in the Plan but as Aspirations.

The main themes that emerged were preserving the countryside and natural environment, maintaining the character of the different parts of the Parish, controlling the possible new development including ensuring that housing stock met the needs of the Parish. Parking, traffic, recreation and sporting facilities were also of importance.

The resident's questionnaire did not raise the issue of the local economy and business and none of the local businesses consulted had responded. The wider consultation which took place in late July and August 2016 did raise questions about future development and therefore an economy and business theme was added to the plan.

Policies were designed that it was hoped would address these themes.

6. DEVELOPING AND TESTING THE POLICIES

The proposed policies were first discussed by the Parish Council and as a result of this, minor amendments were made. The revised policies were presented in a leaflet which, along with a letter explaining how comments could be made, was distributed to all households and organisations within the Parish along with other organisations who might have an interest in the contents of the plan. The full draft plan was sent to Leeds City Council and all Statutory Bodies. A full list of those consulted can be seen at Appendix C.

An Open Day was held on 14th July 2016 at which the full plan could be seen along with maps of the Parish, the green spaces and the proposed housing development. Those attending were asked to fill in a questionnaire asking for their agreement or otherwise and making any comment they wished.

Copies of the full draft plan were available at the local library and the plan and the questionnaire were also available on the website. Comments could be made by letter, the plan e-mail address or via the website.

As a result of the Open Day and the general consultation, a number of issues were raised regarding green spaces, ownership of land, traffic problems at the new site and the need for primary school provision. Natural England raised concerns over the impact on the SSSI at Eccup Reservoir of the possible new development and the need for an environmental survey to be completed before the development took place. The National Farmers' Union raised issues about supporting development by farmers. Leeds City Council provided a very full

critique of the plan. As a result of all the responses, amendments were made to strengthen the presentation of the plan and the wording of the policies.

The issues that were raised were dealt with by letter, amendment to the policies or by the Parish Council where the issue fell outside of the Neighbourhood Plan. A full list of the comments and the action taken to address them is contained at Appendix D.

The Parish Council agreed the final version of the plan at its meeting in January 2017.

7. PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION – 4th JULY – 31st AUGUST 2016

Alwoodley Parish Council undertook the Regulation 14 pre submission consultation by:

- Placing the draft plan on the website and hard copies in the Library and in the Community Association
- Sending e-mail copies to Leeds City Council and all Statutory Bodies
- Circulating all households and businesses, community groups and sports association with the leaflet setting out the policies and the letter asking for comments
- Holding an Open Day so that those writing the plan could be questioned and comments could be collected
- Sending neighbouring Parish Councils and an adjoining Neighbourhood Forum a copy of the policies
- Consulting Leeds City Council Planning Department

The results of the consultation are contained in Appendix 4 where the verbatim written submissions are contained alongside the Group's responses. A summary of the responses received from residents and businesses are shown below.

The responses to the written submissions were analysed by the Steering Group and responses formulated which were agreed before the final Submission Draft Plan was formulated.

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Feedback Survey at the Open Day – 14 July 2016

	Yes	No	Don't know	
CNE1	22	0	0	Do you agree with our policy for protecting woodlands?
CNE2	20	1	0	Do you agree with our Eccup reservoir policy?
CNE3	20	0	0	Do you agree with our street trees policy?
CNE4	21	0	0	Do you agree with our countryside character policy?
BE1	22	0	1	Do you agree with our Local Green Spaces policy?
BE2	20	0	0	Do you agree with our local character and design policy?
BE3	17	0	3	Do you agree with our car parking policy?
BE4	18	0	3	Do you agree with our connectivity policy?
CRF1	20	0	1	Do you agree with our policy for protecting existing community facilities?
CRF2	17	0	2	Do you agree with our provision of new community facilities policy?
CRF3	21	0	0	Do you agree with our sport and recreational facilities policy?
EB1	19	0	0	Do you agree with our neighbourhood shopping centres policy?
EB2	20	0	1	Do you agree with our support for small business policy?
H1	20	0	0	Do you agree with our responding to local needs policy?
H2	13	0	6	Do you agree with our location of new homes policy?
H3	15	0	2	Do you agree with our incorporating green technology policy?
H4	19	0	0	Do you agree with our green spaces and recreational areas policy?

APPENDIX A

QUESTIONNAIRE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALWOODLEY PARISH



The Parish Council is preparing a neighbourhood plan for submission to Leeds City Council. If accepted, the plan will form a compulsory part of the planning framework for Alwoodley Parish. In order to write the plan, the Parish Council wishes to take account of the views of those who live in the Parish. We should be grateful if you would complete the questionnaire below and return it using the enclosed freepost envelope or send to The Clerk, Alwoodley Parish Council, 60 the Avenue, Leeds LS17 7NZ by **FRIDAY 16 MAY 2014**.

All answers will be treated confidentially.

1. Please give your post code _____

2. How long have you lived here? (*tick as appropriate*)

0 - 5 years 6 - 10 years 11 - 20 years 20+ years

3a. What do you most like about living in Alwoodley Parish? (*tick as many as applicable*)

Nearness to Leeds Community Association Schools
 Near to countryside Choice of Housing Quietness
 Access to sports facilities Good public transport links to Leeds

Any other reason(s)? _____

3b. Which of the above is the most important to you?

4a. What do you least like about living in Alwoodley Parish? (*tick as many as applicable*)

Poor play facilities for pre-school children No feeling of community Few social facilities for teenagers
 Difficulty in accessing community facilities from much of the Parish Poor public transport links to places other than Leeds Poor choice of shopping
 No centre Speed of Traffic Parking congestion

Any other reason(s)? _____

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4b. Which of the above is the most important to you?

5. How do you think Alwoodley Parish has changed over the past five years? Circle response as appropriate.

Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> More <input type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Less	Trees/flower beds	<input type="checkbox"/> More <input type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Less
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/> More <input type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Less	Bus services	<input type="checkbox"/> Better <input type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Worse
Conversion of family homes to flats	<input type="checkbox"/> More <input type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Less		
Quality of roads, footpaths & pavements	<input type="checkbox"/> Better <input type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Worse		

Other(s)? _____

6a. Inevitably, there will be developments in the future. What would you like to see happen to improve living in Alwoodley Parish?

<input type="checkbox"/> Safer areas around schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities for young teenagers
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Centre	<input type="checkbox"/> Improved parking

Other(s)? _____

6b. Which of the above is the most important to you?

7a. What would you like to see protected?

<input type="checkbox"/> Adel Woods	<input type="checkbox"/> Green spaces	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical features
<input type="checkbox"/> Area around Eccup Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Bungalows from conversion into two storey homes	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Playing Fields	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Homes from demolition so that flats can be built	

Other(s)? _____

7b. Which of the above is most important to you?

8. Have you any comment you would like to make relating to planning issues for the Parish?

YOUR FEEDBACK IS MUCH APPRECIATED!

APPENDIX B

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRE

SURVEY RESULTS									
2. How long have you lived here?									
70	0-5 yrs	94	6-10 yrs	102	11-20 yrs	328	20+ years		
3a. What you most like about living in Alwoodley Parish?									
375	Nearness to Leeds	99	Community Association	183	Schools				
525	Near to countryside	203	Choice of housing	406	Quietness				
66	Access to sports facilities	276	Good pub transport to Leeds						
Other									
3b. Which of the above is most important to you?									
65	Nearness to Leeds	15	Community Association	54	Schools				
225	Near to countryside	40	Choice of housing	121	Quietness				
5	Access to sports facilities	70	Good pub transport to Leeds						
Other									
4a. What do you least like about living in Alwoodley Parish?									
38	Poor play facilities for pre-school children	111	No feeling or community	125	Few social facilities for teenagers				
31	Difficulty accessing community facilities from much of the Parish	175	Poor public transport links to places other than Leeds	158	Poor choice of shopping				
154	No centre	222	Speed of traffic	230	Parking congestion				
Other									
4b. Which of the above is the most important for you?									
14	Poor play facilities for pre-school children	31	No feeling or community	22	Few social facilities for teenagers				
1	Difficulty accessing community facilities from much of the Parish	40	Poor public transport links to places other than Leeds	36	Poor choice of shopping				
39	No centre	97	Speed of traffic	94	Parking congestion				
Other									
5. How do you think Alwoodley Parish has changed over the past five years?									
Traffic	More	Same	Less	Trees/flowers	More	Same	Less		
	390	133	1		483	46	5		
Allotments	More	Same	Less	Bus services	Better	Same	Worse		
	55	216	14		147	258	81		
Conversion of family homes to flats	More	Same	Less						
	272	157	13						

Quality of roads, footpaths & pavements

Better	Same	Worse
49	142	334

Others

6a. Inevitably, there will be developments in the future. What would you like to see happen to improve living in Alwoodley Parish?

195 Safer areas around schools 204 Facilities for young teenagers

307 Health centre 269 Improved parking

Others

6b. Which of the above is most important to you?

45 Safer areas around schools 44 Facilities for young teenagers

175 Health centre 96 Improved parking

Others

7a. What would you like to see protected?

468 Adel woods 512 Green spaces 331 Historial features

450 Area around Eccup Reservoir 196 Bungalows from conversion into two storey homes

311 School playing fields 380 Family homes from demolition so that flats can be built

7b. Which of the above is most important to you?

139 Adel woods 285 Green spaces 47 Historial features

98 Area around Eccup Reservoir 34 Bungalows from conversion into two storey homes

46 School playing fields 120 Family homes from demolition so that flats can be built



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QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

Along with the Parish 2014 Newsletter all households in the Parish were sent a copy of a Questionnaire seeking their views on what they thought about living in Alwoodley to help identify key issues for the Neighbourhood Plan. Some 645 responses were received – 17% of those surveyed.

The following is a summary of the responses. The majority of the returns were from those who had lived in the Parish for more than 20 years.

The percentages given below are of those respondents who gave an answer to the question. Respondents were able to give more than one response to each question.

- ✓ The most common reasons given for enjoying living in the Parish was its nearness to countryside (93%) and its quietness (70%). When asked which reason was the most important to them, the nearness to the countryside (39%) and quietness (21%) were again the most popular.
- ✓ The perceived drawbacks to the Parish were speed of traffic (39%) and parking congestion (39%). Other shortcomings were the lack of social facilities for teenagers (21%) and the poor choice of shopping (28%).
- ✓ When asked to indicate which of the drawbacks was of most importance, speed of traffic and parking again were the most commonly given answers, underlined by the high percentage of answers to the question ‘How has Alwoodley Parish changed in the last 5 years?’. 67% of respondents said more, 23% said the same and only 3 households reported feeling there was less traffic.
- ✓ Respondents were asked to identify what they would wish to see protected in the future.

To be protected	No. of responses	% of responses
Adel Woods	530	82%
Area around Eccup reservoir	505	78%
School Playing fields	349	54%
Green Spaces	576	89%
Bungalows from conversion into two storey homes	219	34%
Family homes demolished so that flats can be built	425	66%
Historical features	366	57%
<i>Total responses</i>	<i>2,970</i>	

- ✓ When asked to rank which of these was of most importance, the protection of green spaces and Adel Woods; and protecting houses from demolition to provide flats were ranked highest.
- ✓ The questionnaire also asked what developments residents would like to see happen. Improved parking, safer areas around schools and facilities for young teenagers

received almost identical numbers of responses. The most popular demand was for a new Health Centre, but this is already approved and will be built near to, but not in, the Parish.

Comments made by respondents have been passed to the Parish Council. The Neighbourhood Plan is now being drafted using the results from the questionnaire. The proposals, along with a questionnaire will be circulated seeking resident's views. There were some concerns that we cannot address in the Plan because the problems identified did not lie within the Parish boundary.

If you have any queries, please email us at alwoodley.np@gmail.com.

Thank you to all who took the trouble to reply.

4 August 2014

APPENDIX C

THOSE CONSULTED ON THE PROPOSED POLICIES

A: Statutory Consultees/Interested Parties

Leeds City Council
Harewood Parish Council
Bramhope Parish Council
Arthington Parish Council
Shadwell Parish Council
Adel Neighbourhood Forum
The Coal Authority
The Homes and Communities agency
Natural England
The Environment agency
Historic England
Highways England
Yorkshire Water
British Telecom
National Farmers Union
Country Landowners Association
Ramblers Association
Harewood Estate
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
Alwoodley In Bloom
Friends of Adel Woods

B: All households in the Parish

C: Schools and Nurseries

St Pauls Catholic Primary School
Brodetsky Primary School
Leeds Jewish Free School
Deborah Taylor Nursery (Brodetsky Primary School)
Primley Park Children's Nursery

D: Doctors/Dentists

The Avenue Surgery
Primley Park Dentistry
Nursery Lane Dental Practice

E: Restaurants/Licensed Premises

Charley Bretts
Olive Branch
Merinella's Restaurant
Cleggs Truffles
The New Inn

F: Churches

St Paul's Roman Catholic Church
St Barnabas Anglican Church
Alwoodley Park Methodist Church

G: Businesses

Premier Hair
Avenue Beauty
Carmen's Kitchens
Alwoodley Park News
Ownf- Dress Shop
The Avenue Fish Bar
St Gemma's Charity Shop
Executive Lets
Cooplunds Bakers
Fetch – Pet Shop
HRH Beauty Salon
Regency cleaners
Craggs Shoe Repairs
Alwoodley Barber Shop
Plush Nails and Beauty
Lloyds Pharmacy
Hair and Nails Metzz
Stay Inn Take Away
Chris Bell Associates (Financial Management)
Tesco Express
Shell Filling Station
Adel Kennels
Bank House Farm
Brookland Farm

H: Community Facilities/Associations and Clubs

Alwoodley Community Association
Scout, Guide and Brownie Groups
Alwoodley Football Club
Old Leodensian RUFC
Moortown RUFC
Alwoodley Tennis Club
Old Leodensian Cricket Club
Alwoodley Cricket Club
Sandmoor Golf Club
Moortown Golf Club
Headingley Golf Club
Herd Farm Activity Centre
Lineham Farm (Riding for the Disabled)
Donkey Sanctuary
Walkabout

APPENDIX D - ALWOODLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PRE SUBMISSION CONSULTATION (REGULATION 14) FEEDBACK ASSESSMENT

Ref	Respondent	Summary of comments	Initial response to Respondent	Proposed Response	Action
1E	Chris Hesketh Moortown RUFC	<p>I am surprised that Moortown RUFC is not considered a community facility and yet Leodensian RUFC seems to have made the list on your leaflet.</p> <p>Perhaps you could let me know the difference? Both have been long established in the area and offer facilities for the community.</p>	<p>The facility that Moortown RUFC uses is Far Moss Sports Ground and that is listed. We have not listed the clubs that use the facilities; nor have we listed all the clubs that use the Community Association facilities nearby.</p> <p>It does seem inconsistent with the Leodensians, but we didn't have an alternative title for their facilities.</p> <p>The Plan will not be finalised until after the end of the consultation period, the end of August.</p> <p>The full Plan should be on the Parish Council website sometime on Monday.</p>	<p>The facilities have been listed, but not the clubs that use them.</p> <p>Include the information in Character Assessments as appropriate.</p>	<p>Include further information in Character Assessments.</p>
2E	Resident 1	<p>Thank you for the leaflet that has been delivered today. I have read the information you have provided in the literature and praise the efforts your making to protect and enhance Alwoodley; however, in the section entitled " The built environment " you mention all the green spaces/ woodlands in Alwoodley, apart from the one's in "the forgotten corner of Alwoodley."</p> <p>I have contacted you previously and did feel and still feel that the area of Alwoodley in which I live rarely gets any focus from yourselves. The main focus of your attention in all aspects of the work you do does appear to be around Kinglane/The Avenue end of Alwoodley.</p> <p>There is often no mention or improvements made in other parts of Alwoodley. You have planted bulbs/ perennials etc in a few small areas of the Turnberry's, Wentworths, Primley Parks in recent times and the new Christmas lights on Harrogate Road were a delight last winter, but what about protecting the old Heath Nurseries woodland and field too? This area of woodland runs from the back of St Andrews Croft, St Andrews Walk, behind Brodetsky Primary school, alongside Primley Park Road/ The Grange and Moortown Golf Course- all clearly within the Alwoodley boundaries? The wild life which inhabits the woods- from foxes, birds, butterflies, rabbits and the visiting deer which we frequently get and the environment needs the same protection and guarantees as the rest of Alwoodley.</p> <p>There is also a green space accessible from Turnberry Rise, St Andrews Drive and Wentworth Way, as well as a small green wooded area on Wentworth Crescent which have also been omitted from your list.</p> <p>I would appreciate it if these areas could be added to your policies- to protect the WHOLE of Alwoodley, not just some of it.</p>	<p>The area known as Heath Nurseries is listed, but called Moss Woods and covers both the woods and field. This is the name given by Leeds CC on their listing of Green Spaces.</p> <p>The area you refer to at the back of St Andrews Drive wasn't listed by Leeds CC and we didn't either. The purpose of designating them is to prevent them being used for building. That patch does not have space for a road to go into the area so is unlikely to be built on, certainly in the life of the Neighbourhood Plan of around 15 years.</p> <p>However, if you wish to make a submission for it to be listed during the Consultation Period I am sure the Parish Council will consider it.</p> <p>The full draft Plan will be on the PC websites from sometime on Monday and there will be an opportunity to talk to us on the 14 July at the Community Centre.</p> <p>I will be there in the afternoon and I will try to remember to bring a copy of the Leeds CC map showing the green spaces they propose. It was on display at the PC annual meeting.</p>	<p>The green areas that are not included in the proposals for Leeds Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan have been reviewed. There are some thirteen of these, all relatively small and all within the Golf Course estates and Grange Court.</p> <p>As they are generally part of the street scene and not of a size or accessible for development it has been decided not to add them to the proposals as designated green space, but to list them in the document.</p> <p>Heath Nursery is included in the Plan, but called Moss Wood as in LCC description.</p> <p>We have now revised the name.</p>	<p>Change name of Moss Wood to "Heath Nursery/Moss Wood"</p>

Ref	Respondent	Summary of comments	Initial response to Respondent	Proposed Response	Action
3E	Resident 2	<p>1. You mention a minimum car park spaces of three for houses with four bedrooms and over. There is already precedent for significant number of vehicles parking outside larger houses built on small plots parking on the road. The passing of planning permission for such overuse of the size of plots thus has a knock on effect on parking and potentially issues of highway safety. The highways dept has to date not seemed to appreciate and only three weeks ago a car travelling down Alwoodley lane crashed into a car parked outside a house.</p> <p>My concern is that a small plot, with a potential 11 bedroom house proposal may argue that they have adequate parking with three spaces.</p> <p>2. Is there anything we can put in about overuse of small plots and suitable houses being knocked down to building too large ones for the plot size</p> <p>3 can anything be put in re. Parking on kerbs and verges - many verges have been destroyed.</p> <p>4. The proposed development of 285 houses near sovereign court will decide enviably lead to traffic chaos , esp at the gsal roundabout and traffic lights at alwoodley gates. There have already been a significant number more of accidents at the traffic lights and this is certain to increase. In addition, it will increase the danger to schoolchildren crossing the roads. I feel strongly that this development should be rejected on safety grounds.</p> <p>5 can a conservation inclusion be added to the development plan (local character and design, buckstone estate)for susceptible roads to unacceptable development eg alwoodley lane. I do not believe it should be limited to the buckstone estate.</p>	<p>(1) This is a thorny one. However, whilst one property might have many cars I don't think we can apply the exception to all properties. The Parish Council has expressed concern about parking on a number of occasions, especially on road parking where there is space on drives.</p> <p>(2) There is something in the Plan about the effect of replacing both bungalows and houses with larger houses/blocks. The Parish Council is limited by the effect of permitted development.</p> <p>(3) This is an issues which concerns the Parish Council. However, this is not an issue that can be dealt with by the Development Plan.</p> <p>(4) This issue has been raised at the annual parish meeting. To my knowledge no one has suggested that this proposed development be rejected, although at two successive annual parish meetings and in the parish newsletter this site has been highlighted. In the plan we draw attention to the effect of traffic (Policy H2).</p> <p>(5) Consideration was given to conservation status in parts of the parish. Alwoodley Lane has an eclectic mix of properties and Leeds CC has no current plans for further development in the life of the Plan other than the above mentioned site.</p>	<p>(1) One cannot apply the exception to all properties. The Parish Council has expressed concern about parking issues.</p> <p>(2) The Plan already includes restrictions on replacing bungalows with houses and houses with larger blocks.</p> <p>(3) This is not an issue that can be dealt with in the Development Plan.</p> <p>(4) Enhance the Plan with regard to the impact of traffic from the proposed estate on Alwoodley Gates.</p> <p>(5) The Plan already includes provision for sympathetic finishes to infill development. Alwoodley Lane has a eclectic mix of properties.</p>	<p>Include addition to Plan re impact of traffic from Site 2053b on Alwoodley Gates.</p>
4E	Resident 3	<p>On the whole I fully support the contents and vision, and thank you for your ongoing work. However, I have one major concern that I feel needs addressing.</p> <p>Point H2 states that up to 285 new homes are to be developed on site 2053b. No doubt many of these will be bought by those with young families. I am extremely concerned that no mention of school provision is made. As I'm sure you are aware, Alwoodley is already in somewhat of a 'black hole' particularly with primary schools. For the last few years many parents in the area have not been able to find places for their children locally, with bulge classes as temporary solutions. This situation will only drastically worsen with new housing.</p> <p>I think I, and many residents, would like more information about how this will be accommodated.</p>	<p>We have been told by Leeds CC that they have plans for a school on that site although we have no details. Whilst that site is proposed for development in the draft Leeds Local Plan, no further details have been given. There is no guarantee that the development will actually take place in the Plan period.</p> <p>Development on that site may give rise to traffic problems on Alwoodley Lane and by the Grammar School roundabout, which will need to be taken into account at the time.</p>	<p>Include reference to the need for primary school places.</p>	<p>Include reference to the need for primary school facilities on site 2053b and the parish as a whole.</p>

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		I look forward to more information, and apologies that I cannot attend the meeting on July 14th. Please feel free to contact me on this email address at any stage.			
5E	Resident 4	<p>Firstly I would like to say what great work you are doing in Alwoodley, I have lived in here all my life and really notice & appreciate the developments and changes that have taken place in the area.</p> <p>However, I do have a concern with one point in the plan and it is in regards to Point H2 which states that up to 285 new homes are to be developed on site 2053b. With Alwoodley being such a desirable place to live in Leeds, I am sure that there would not be a problem in selling all these and I am in no doubt many will be purchased by people with young families. As you know, Alwoodley is already stretched thin with school places particularly with primary places and I know many friends & parents that have not been able to place their child into a primary school in the Alwoodley area or who are worried about getting a school when the time comes for the child.</p> <p>In the Neighbourhood Development plan there is plans set out for traffic congestion but no mention of any provision for new schools, the building of these new houses without the plans for new schools would surely worsen the already poor situation the area is in.</p>	<p>We have been told by Leeds CC that they have plans for a school on that site although we have no details. Whilst that site is proposed for development in the draft Leeds Local Plan, no further details have been given.</p> <p>When the Steering Group considers all the responses from the Consultation they may need to consider the inclusion of school places as you suggest.</p>	<p>Include reference to need for new primary school facilities for site 2053b and for the parish as a whole.</p>	<p>Include reference to the need for primary school facilities on site 2053b and the parish as a whole. Add separate Policy for parking near schools.</p>
6E	Andrew Stephenson NFU	See separate message. Appendix A	Acknowledged	Consider including some of the points in support of farming, eg conservation, diversification, landscape and supporting farming businesses.	Include points in support of farming, eg conservation, diversification, landscape and supporting farming businesses.
7E	Paula Bradford Asset Manager Highways England	Please find attached Highways England response to your Neighbourhood Plan pre submission consultation. See separate letter. Appendix B	Acknowledged	None	None
8E	Resident 5	<p>Enjoyed reading through the DP. Very interesting and informative - there's been a lot of work done! Just one thing though - it's out of date re medical surgeries - mentions the two that have been closed (King Lane and Nursery Lane) and doesn't mention the new medical centre (with its awkward vehicular access!).</p> <p>Second message: You're right - King Lane (Moorallerton) surgery isn't mentioned, but the Avenue Surgery is listed on page 28 & 82. Just a minor point! I wondered if the new one wasn't mentioned because out of parish. A lot of fascinating information. I will be interested in trying to find where the listed buildings are!</p>	<p>Exchange of emails explaining that the two surgeries she mentions are not mentioned in the Plan and that the one in The Avenue has not moved. The new Medical Centre is outside the parish.</p>	<p>The Plan is factually correct</p>	<p>None</p>
9E	Resident 6	I attach a contribution to the views on the Alwoodley Neighbourhood Development Plan. See separate letter. Appendix C	Thank you for your detailed contribution, which will be put to the Steering Committee.	Refer to traffic in Eccup Lane However, the role of the Plan does not include	Include mention of traffic conditions in Eccup Lane. Referred to Leeds CC who

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			There are many references to traffic in the full Plan, which is available to download from the Parish Council website, although they do not specifically mention Eccup Lane. It is useful to get evidence from someone living at Adel Mill.	making proposals for dealing with traffic in existing roads serving existing developments. Refer to the roads serving Eccup Treatment Works and Herd Farm Activity Centre. Understand there are restrictions on the access over the dam.	said that surveys indicate there is not a problem.
10L	Resident 7	Ref: Objective 4 1) Footpath (or lack of it) between 5-Lane Ends and Alwoodley Lane is positively dangerous in places. 2) Congestion in the area The Avenue/The Lane on Sunday match days making access to the Methodist Church very difficult. Moortown Rugby Club has been approached about this with no response, but given the area of the premises they could provide more on site parking. Whilst accepting that this falls within the remit of the City Council there is nothing to lose urging these issues.	None	Not an issue for the Neighbourhood Plan, but the Parish Council is aware and is concerned.	Parking as a general issues is included in the Plan.
11V	Verbal Comment at Open Day	Green Spaces. "Moss Woods" should be renamed "Heath Nurseries"	Good point	Agree	Change name of Moss Wood to "Heath Nursery/Moss Wood"
12V	Verbal Comment at Open Day	Green Spaces. "Crag Lane Rec" should be renamed "Village Green"	Good point	Agree	Change name of Crag Lane Rec to "Village Green/Crag Lane Rec"
13V	Verbal Comment at Open Day	Alwoodley Cricket Club missing from Facilities. Leo's includes both Cricket and Rugby.	Will review	Agree	Add Alwoodley Cricket Club to facilities
14O	Written Comment at Open Day	We live in the Buckstones and would like a concrete answer to the issue if the Shaft (Green Space) in Buckstone Grove. We would like a proper path to make sure the street is fully accessible to all the home owners – currently walking through the mud path is quite intimidating and not safe for young children and the elderly living in the area.	None	There is no known owner of this Green Space to arrange for the area to be improved.	Withdraw designation of Green Space in view of operational needs of Yorkshire Water. PC to consider access complaint.
15O	Written Comment at Open Day	I would be concerned at any plans for a duck pond on the village green (suggestion). Whilst attractive a lot of dog walkers use the Green and would probably cause a lot of ducks to be injured/killed.	None	The Parish Council have considered this and rejected on Safety grounds.	None
16O	Written Comment at Open Day	Hope this development incorporates improved public transport and cycle lanes.	None	There is a regular bus service along Harrogate Road every 20 mins. The development is relatively small and would not warrant specific provision of cycle lanes within the site.	None
17O	Written Comment at Open Day	Concerned about influx of traffic to Alwoodley Lane once housing has been built. Also would like to see improved bus/transport.	None	Refer to effect of traffic on Alwoodley Lane.	Reference to effect of traffic included.

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				There is a regular bus service along Harrogate Road every 20 mins.	No action on bus services.
180	Written Comment at Open Day	<p>1) History: Romans</p> <p>2) Green Spaces: Heath Nurseries field – Rename. The Buckstone, Grange Court Copse – is it big enough.</p> <p>3) Community Facilities: Headingly Golf Club. Childrens Nursery on Primley Park Road.</p> <p>4) Local Character & Design: New development 2 storeys – modern houses are often town houses of three storeys. No more tower blocks like Sandmoor Court. Car parking: 2 spaces/3 bedrooms; 3 spaces/4 bedrooms – good. Should drives on new developments be semi-permeable to reduce run off? Power Points for electric cars. Mark out street parking bays to deter “greedy parking”.</p> <p>5) Should all new houses be oriented to accommodate solar panels? le south or west facing.</p> <p>6) No more block paved streets – problems with maintenance.</p> <p>7) Nursery Lane: Chain link fenced off area – better now that the linesman keeps t cut back. Who owns the land – garden fences in poor condition – area fenced off gives additional security. Why was fence put up originally?</p> <p>8) Site 2053b: Do we really need this development? School plus convenience store plus community hall needed. How will additional traffic be accommodated on Harrogate Road/King Lane. Typo – This area is in SE corner – not SW corner.</p>	None	A number of these suggestions are either not practical or are restrictive.	<p>(1) None</p> <p>(2) Amend Plan - Done</p> <p>(3) Amend Plan - Done</p> <p>(4) Amend Plan to 3 storeys - Done</p> <p>(5) None</p> <p>(6) None</p> <p>(7) Referred to Parish Council</p> <p>(8) Reference made to impact of traffic from the site and school. Typo corrected.</p>
190	Written Comment at Open Day	<p>1) Development area (2053b) needs to have access points as far as possible from the Harrogate Road Alwoodley Lane/Wigton Lane junction and the Grammar School junction.</p> <p>2) Part of Moss Woods (Heath Nursery) is an open space (east end) which will become overgrown with trees from the wood if not maintained.</p>	None	<p>Reinforce the reference to impact on traffic of Site 2053b.</p> <p>State of Heath Nursery green space is not a matter for the NP.</p>	<p>(1) Included impact of traffic.</p> <p>(2) Referred to Parish Council</p>
200	Written Comment at Open Day	<p>1) Map of Green Spaces: Improve Parish Map (reduce green spaces?).</p> <p>2) Aspirations: Hides for bird watchers on Eccup Reservoir.</p>	None	<p>(1) Seek better map from LCC</p> <p>(2) This is land owned by YWater and a SSSI and access should remain restricted.</p>	<p>(1) Replaced map</p> <p>(2) None</p>
210	Written Comment at Open Day	I believe that there are some Roman remains on Site G692 off The Valley.	None	Refer to Parish Council	Referred to Parish Council
220	Written Comment at Open Day	The Birkdale & Sunningdale estate is distinctive because we have a number of small copses at the end of several roads. I would like to see these listed as part of the policy to preserve green spaces.	None	These green spaces are part of the street scape and too small to be developed.	Add to Characteristics and list in main document
230	Written Comment at Open Day	Marion Simon: Alwoodley Lane:	None	Include in Plan	Included in Plan.

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		Trees and wall opposite to be retained. If site developed.			
24O	Written Comment at Open Day	Parking around The Avenue/King Lane shops	None	Not an issue for the N Plan	Referred to Parish Council
25E	Resident 8	My concern is regarding the Buckstones is the recent trend of allowing rendered extensions to brick houses. One on Buckstone Cresnet and one on Buckstone Green. I have no objection to people having extensions but surely it would be in keeping if they were brick.	Thank you for your contribution. I will put that forward for consideration. However, some extensions are classed as permitted development and may not have to go for planning approval. Will investigate.	Investigate if possible to control.	Refer to Parish Council
26E	Resident 9	I think it is important that you protect the copses and green spaces on the Sunningdale, Birkdale and Wentworth Estates from any future development. It would be possible to infill these areas with say, a pair of semi-detached houses or small block of flats or a detached house. This would be extremely detrimental to the area as these copse and green space areas are of great benefit to the estate.	Thank you. I will put it before the Steering Group	Thanks. Already policy to designate these green spaces. Areas too small to be developed will be added to Characteristics	Add small areas to Characteristics and list in main document
27E	Resident 10	Although not sure this fits into the plan, or can be raised separately but can anything be done re car parking – particularly around Tesco on King Lane and the shops at the corner of The Avenue and regarding bus stops on The Avenue. A lot of the time its chaos. Could bus stops be moved away from junctions or moved into the car parking and not actually on the road?	Thank you for your contribution. I will forward to the Steering Group.	Parish Council is aware of the problem and is looking for ways to improve the situation.	Referred to Parish Council
28E	Resident 11	I can find no mention of a designated Green Space for the area of field and woods behind Grange Court.	The area of field and woods behind Grange Court is proposed for designation as Green Space. It is listed as G75 Moss Woods. This is the name given by Leeds CC and we used the same designation although local residents know it better as Heath Nursery. You are not the first to raise it. We propose to make it clearer on the Neighbourhood Plan document at the next stage.	The relevant table has been updated to show it named as Heath Nursery.	Change name of Moss Wood to "Heath Nursery/Moss Wood"
29E	Resident 12	Thank you for the time and care you have put into such a carefully prepared document. I did wonder about a couple of aspects of planning: (1) The 'footprint', for replacement buildings should there perhaps be a limit on how much this is increased? You have protected the boundaries but maybe more on overall size of construction in relation to the size of the plot? (2) Front gardens. We know these are under constant threat in terms of replacement to make parking spaces. Should there again be some element of retained green space in front of houses? Whilst the	You make a couple of interesting suggestions which I will pass to the Steering Group. There is a limit to the extent of control that can be exercised as much development of existing buildings is subject to "permitted development". Advised by e-mail 3/8/16: I took up your points with the Chairman	Covered by the Leeds CC Householder Design Guide. Not appropriate to include in the N Plan.	None

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		<p>proposed trees will look good the overall impression will be rather sparse and utilitarian if we lose the gardens. I realise this may clash with the need for off-street parking but a sensible compromise might be followed?</p> <p>Follow up: Thank you. I wrote as a 'victim' of the development of 6A Primley Park Avenue which overlooks my garden and dominates its neighbouring houses, seeming very large for its plot. I know the Planning Committee worked hard to try to control this but sadly permission was granted. Should I wish to extend I will certainly look carefully at the full regulations.</p>	<p>of the Parish Council Planning Committee. He drew my attention to the Leeds CC Householder Design Guide. Page 25 following covers the building of extensions. Page 34 covers Parking. As I mentioned previously, extensions are now permitted development, subject to certain restrictions, and therefore not subject to Planning Permission. You will find a copy of the Design Guide on line if you Google Leeds Householder Design Guide. As the requirements are covered by the Council Design Guide it is not appropriate to include them in the Neighbourhood Plan. Hope that helps.</p>		
30E	Yorkshire Water Re Green Space	<p>(1) I write with reference to your letter of 8th July, concerning ownership of Johnson's shaft, that has been passed to me for response. Having checked Yorkshire Water's land ownership record I can confirm that we do own the land in question. Additionally, there is a live raw water main crossing the site i.e. the New Blackmoor Tunnel (as well as an abandoned one) which has the benefit of a protective easement. I have spoken to both our property manager and our operations team and both are strongly of the view that as the land is held for operational purposes it should not be designated as Local Green Space.</p> <p>(2) This is one of the matters that we're discussing with Leeds. If our view changes regarding designation, I will of course let you know.</p> <p>(3) We don't own Verity's shaft just have a wide easement over the pipeline so I'm not really in a position to request its non-designation although we would prefer it if it wasn't designated. The easements preclude any development where they apply. Johnson's shaft is different in that we do own the whole site, rather than deeds of easement only. We also own Smith's Shaft and the reasons for not owning Verity's have I'm afraid been lost in the mists of time!</p>	<p>(1) Thank you for your prompt reply which I will pass back to the Parish Council. The Parish Council had proposed this land be so designated as it is included in the draft proposals for Green Space for the Leeds Local Plan. Has Yorkshire Water raised a similar objection to Leeds City Council? (2) Thank you. Useful to know. Following your last message it has been suggested in the Steering Group that we withdraw the proposed green space designation from Verity's Shaft (discussed previously). It would be helpful to have your comments on that bearing in mind that having it designated as Green Space protects it from development and keeps it clear for any operational activities by YW. We cannot find who the owner is for Verity's shaft and wonder if the record has been lost. The logic is that it is YW's in the same way as Johnson's Shaft. There is another Shaft known as Smith's Shaft by Lakeland Drive, off Alwoodley Lane. We have not proposed to designate</p>	Subject to discussions with Leeds CC, and liaison between YW and Leeds CC, agreed to remove Verity's Shaft and Johnson's Shaft from the list of designated Green Space.	Remove Verity's Shaft and Johnson's Shaft from the list of designated Green Space.

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			that as it is in the Green Belt so already has protection.		
31E	Resident 13	<p>(1) I note that all the activity of the Parish Council appears to be at the King Lane end of the area. For instance, support it being given to site 2053b which will ruin the Harrogate Road end of Alwoodley Lane if brought into fruition. This was designated a site of natural beauty.</p> <p>(2) When will that be (<i>Meeting of Steering Group</i>)?</p> <p>(3) Some time ago, we objected to the land being used for a park and ride. Unfortunately I no longer have a copy of the decision. I recall one of the reasons for refusal of planning was based on the area also being of natural scientific interest. I will try to recover the details</p> <p>(4) That is a shame. How can the designation be extended? I believe there is a drainage problem affecting the reservoir.</p>	<p>(1) Thank you for your comments. These will be considered by the Steering Group at the end of the Consultation period.</p> <p>(2) The Consultation period ends on 31 August. The Steering Group meets after that to consider all the comments and to make any necessary changes to the Plan for consideration by the Parish Council. I have made some enquirers with the PC Planning Committee and there is no knowledge that the land proposed for site 2053b has been designated as a site of natural beauty. Can you please enlighten us on this designation and the source of the information?</p> <p>(3) The reservoir and the strip of woods around it are designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest but the designated area does not include site 2053b.</p> <p>(4) Natural England is responsible for designating Sites of Special Scientific Interest in England. It gives legal protection to the best sites for wildlife and geology.</p> <p>I a not aware of a drainage problem affecting the reservoir. Any drainage from the land around Eccup Reservoir does not go into the reservoir but into the drainage channels on either side of the reservoir, which bypass it.</p>	<p>The various parts of Alwoodley parish are being treated equally as far as possible, eg Alwoodley in Bloom, Christmas lights and planting.</p> <p>Work done to the west of King Lane, eg on the Village Green is located there as it is the only available green space on which to enhance community facilities.</p>	None
32E	Resident 14	<p>We met briefly at your Open Day event on the 14th July. You indicated that I should drop you an email detailing an issue of concern.</p> <p>Firstly, I'd like to congratulate the APC on their proposals and how sympathetically they have balanced the need for development and new housing alongside the preservation of our green spaces which make Alwoodley such a unique and wonderful place to live.</p> <p>I particularly welcome the polices in respect of preserving Eccup Reservoir and improving and maintaining the connectivity of non-motorised routes. (Refs: CNE2, BE4 and H2(D))</p> <p>It was with this in mind that I came to your open day to raise the issue of how engaged you were with other stakeholders in the area – particular Yorkshire Water (YW) given the size of the area they</p>	<p>I recall our discussion and referred the matter to one of the Parish Councillors. Your note is much more detailed and I will pass this on to the Parish Council. Most of what you describe are matters for the Parish Council rather than the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>There must be a misunderstanding as we have no problems in contacting Yorkshire Water regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>This issue has been passed to the Parish Council.</p> <p>The road in question is a bridleway and should not be used for through traffic, other than that for YW Treatment Works, local housing, Herd farm Activity Centre and farm traffic.</p>	Referred to Parish Council.

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		<p>manage at the Eccup Reservoir site? You had indicated that you had some difficulty getting any kind of response from them. I have provided some contact details below.</p> <p>Residents in the area have been raising an issue with them for some time but YW are refusing to address our concerns. As discussed, you indicated you knew the 'bridleway' I refer to that that runs the length of the north-side of Eccup Reservoir from outside Dalby Farm to the Harrogate Road. No Entry signage was posted at both of these access points and has been for very many years. Its legal status as a bridleway has been confirmed to us by YW yet they now are allowing motorised access and have in effect changed the status from being a bridleway with access restrictions into a public road.</p> <p>This bridleway is used by a multitude of people for recreational purposes such as walking, running, dog walking, cycling, horse riding and bird watching etc. It is a valued and important resource for visitors and residents of Alwoodley. It also serves as the access road to the YW treatment works, Herd Farm Children's Activity Centre and the 4 cottages next to the farm.</p> <p>YW suggest that they want to improve public access to the site and have therefore removed the No Entry signage. However the result of which is that cars are now constantly and dangerously in conflict with all the aforementioned pursuits. If anything, this will have the opposite effect as they are likely to deter people who currently use the site for pleasure when they feel compromised from the increased volume of traffic. It's completely counter-intuitive thinking and makes no sense.</p> <p>There are no footpaths which separate pedestrian from motor vehicle. There are also high hedges and blind bends and naturally a minority of motorists drive at excessive speeds. Being a bridleway there are obviously no speed limit indicators anywhere so drivers assume it to be the national speed limit. With the No Entry signage removed drivers now simply assume it to be an extension of Eccup Moor Road and drive accordingly. A serious accident is entirely foreseeable.</p> <p>YW are effectively taking this resource away from those who use it for such purposes. Why would those who want to run, cycle, ride a horse or walk a dog choose to do so on a public road?</p> <p>As you are also aware Eccup Reservoir is a SSSI site and has protected status. It's a significantly important area for the wildlife. The increase in the volume of traffic is detrimental to that status. People don't simply drive though, they stop, park up (anywhere) and go trampling everywhere. They bring picnics and takeaways and generally leave those wherever they please. However as this is not council property they won't remove the litter. YW seem not to care about the accumulation of litter which is now found the length of the site and floats in the</p>			

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		<p>reservoir. In the 3-4 months since they removed the No Entry sign there has been a marked and noticeable increase in both traffic and litter....not to mention the numerous anti-social aspects that I won't detail here for the sake of brevity and focus.</p> <p>I understand a key driver for this change has been one small organisation which has pushed YW to remove the signs. Their motivation is underpinned by a purely commercial self-interest. Herd Farm is generally recognised as a children's activity centre and they provide a valuable service to vulnerable and disadvantaged children from around the city. However, under current management there is a strong focus on supplementing the income they get from the Leeds City Council by undertaking increased volumes of corporate and private wedding functions. They make the ridiculous claim that these clients get confused by the No Entry signage – ridiculous because it's a single lane with no turn-offs and the signage that Herd Farm has at each end of the lane should be sufficient to guide even the most bewildered of clients.</p> <p>Their actions even endanger the children who attend the Farm for council-run activities. On the one hand they are taking 15-20 children out on foot on in groups cycling along the bridleway to enjoy the beauty of the area. Yet on the other hand they're wanting their corporate clients (and any other uninvited Joe Bloggs) to use the same route that they are pressing to become a public road. It makes no sense – unless their primary concern is their funding than for the welfare of their young charges.</p> <p>YW have bowed to pressure from them and have allowed the signs to be removed. Following repeated concerns raised by local residents they still remain adamant that they will not be replaced. It would be extremely helpful if the APC could make representation to YW in order to seek their help in upholding the proposals you laid out in your development plan for the Parish in improving and maintaining such non-motorised routes. It's a scandal that one single organisation can seemingly have such a disproportionate influence on how a protected area is managed to the detriment of every other legitimate user. This is a valuable resource for visitors and residents of Alwoodley. Surely it is not right that one organisation can blight the whole area just to prop up their bottom-line?</p> <p>It would be helpful if you could put forward a few questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the route's legal status is as a bridleway – what right do YW have in opening it up to vehicular access without an appropriate consultation? - No Entry signs are such a simple solution – why are they refusing to act (even if they add 'Access to Herd Farm' under each sign)? 			

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		<p>- Isn't their position on this matter contrary to the APC development plan and its aspirations for the protection of the area?</p> <p>- Do YW have to comply to specific standards/requirements/duties in order that the site is maintained as an SSSI site?</p> <p>- Who has a duty to remove litter from the site – specifically given the danger to the wildlife in a protected area?</p> <p>Are the APC able to gather any data or survey their parish residents as to the number of incidents/near misses they have had in the 3-4 months since the removal of the No Entry signage? Your support on this matter would be greatly appreciated. By way of assistance I can provide the following contact points. These people are already familiar with this issue. As they will confirm, our only request has been to have the No Entry signs reinstated. This is a very simply matter so we do not see why this cannot be resolved amicably.....unless there is a hidden agenda/other significant driver? Neil Dowker neil.dowker@yorkshirewater.co.uk</p> <p>Darren Lynch is the main man for the area. They would not give us his direct contact details so you have to go via Jeannie Ellis (Customer Care) contact_us@yorkshirewater.co.uk</p>			
33E	Resident 15 Refers to 34E	<p>Karl, focussed, to the point, I agree completely. Additional note, the recent night time raid at Herd Farm, with goods stolen occurred with children and teachers present, presumably researched thro visits that now go unnoticed thro the day. Security appears to have been totally negated at this children's centre.</p>	<p>Your message, together with Karl's was discussed yesterday at an informal meeting of three members of the Steering Group. It was agreed that the issue would be forwarded to the Clerk of the Parish Council with a view to it being discussed at the next meeting in September. It isn't directly relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	See 32 above	See 32 above
34E	Audrey Hirst Secretary Alwoodley in Bloom	<p>As a group we feel the only concern we had was any threat to the existing green spaces in the parish. Having looked at the plan it appears this area has been fully covered although we understand there are a few small areas still to be included in the final plan.</p>		Areas of green space too small to be developed to be listed but not designated.	Small areas listed in Plan and added to Character Assessments
350	Written Comment from Open Day Resident 16	<p>Eccup Reservoir: The north bank should remain closed to the public to protect the birds who breed there, both in the water margins and the surrounding woods, from disturbance of children and dogs running wild, and bikes churning up the ground. It would be more to the point to stop people cycling on the south bank. The notices have been either removed entirely or the word</p>		Not an issue for the N Plan. Refer to PC	Referred to Parish Council

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		"No" scrapped off. It is the only place locally where dogs can run free from traffic, livestock (ie sheep) etc.			
36S	Arthington P C Hannah Hay Clerk – Arthington Parish Council	We are concerned about the support of 285 new homes (HG2.36.2053b) in relation to local infrastructure and road networks.	Thank you for your contribution.	Beef up aspects relating to traffic and school provision.	Impact of traffic and school provision included in Plan.
37V	Resident 17	Can a restriction be applied in the time taken to complete a building project, once it has started?		PC has investigated with Leeds CC, who have replied saying it is not possible.	None
38W	NK	We strongly support the Eccup reservoir policy given its importance to our wildlife		Noted	None
39W	NK	Regarding car parking policy, parking on (existing, not just new development) grass verges and pavements should be strongly discouraged		Not a matter for the N Plan	Include in Concerns
40W	NK	I feel this is a well thought through document. I would add only one observation and this concerns the road of King Lane between the avenue and alwoodley lane . There have been previous accidents including a fatality of a cyclist. The road is too narrow for the existing volume of traffic and no developments should be undertaken which increase existing volumes unless a solution to widening it without loss of trees can be found. One of the things that makes Alwoodley so special is its access for cyclists. They risk there lives ascending and descending this stretch, I believe the council planning have an obligation ideally to reduce risk but certainly not to increase it.		Referred to Parish Council.	Include in Concerns.
41W	Residents 18, 19	<p>(1) We live on Primley Park View in a semi-detached bungalow and although we don't drive, one of our main issues on the street is the impact of parking on traffic movement, and people parking on the pavement despite having driveways - especially in winter this affects pedestrian safety as people (including mothers with prams and older residents) chance it by walking in the road as there's no sufficient room to pass on the pavement.</p> <p>(2) A second issue (we both work but, as I said above, don't drive) is punctuality of buses.</p> <p>(3) Thirdly, we agree with your point on the Weaknesses part of the SWOT analysis - lack of quality shops in a, generally, affluent area, including a Post Office (elderly residents have to get all the way to Moortown (Co-op) to post a letter or buy stamps), and more ATMs - the recent introduction of an ATM at the Shell Petrol Station at the top of our street has been definitely welcomed but other areas suffer still!</p> <p>(4) As someone who works from home a lot (I am a Communications Manager for a large bank and my husband also works from home as a commercial photographer), we suffer from bad phone signal and not too good 3G and 4G Wi-Fi connectivity. Thank you!</p>		<p>(1) Refer to PC</p> <p>(2) Refer to PC</p> <p>(3) No comment</p> <p>(4) Not a N Plan Issue. Add to Concerns</p>	<p>(1) & (2) referred to Parish Council.</p> <p>(4) Add to concerns</p>

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		Mr & Mrs Oakes, Primley Park View			
42L	The Coal Authority	See letter – Appendix D	Acknowledged by email.	No impact on Coal Authority	None
43E	St Barnabas Church	<p>The plot designated as G691 as a "local green space" is occupied by St Barnabas and Church Hall. The land is owned by the Church of England with the Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance acting as custodian trustee. The District Church Council acting as managing trustee will respond to the plan shortly and by the deadline of 31st August 2016.</p> <p>All legal matters will need to be addressed to Michael Lindley, MRICS at michael.lindley@leeds.anglican.org who acts as the Diocesan Surveyor and Property Manager.</p>	<p>Thank you for your reply.</p> <p>We wait for the response from the District Church Council.</p> <p>See 45E</p>	See 45 below	See 45 below
44E	James Chadwick Highways LeedsCC	<p>I have received your letter regarding a request to look at the vehicle usage on Church Lane / Eccup Lane, Adel.</p> <p>This is an issue that has been raised numerous times over the years, and as a result of requests various works have been undertaken such as amendments to parking near the church and an extension to the 30mph speed limit near the church.</p> <p>Eccup Lane is subject to a 40mph speed limit and a review of surveys undertaken along it in recent years showed that the mean speed of vehicles is around 37mph. There has only been one recorded injury accident (involving a cyclist travelling on the wrong side of the road) along this length in the last 3 year period.</p> <p>The results of previous investigations showed that there are no further engineering measures that need to be implemented on this length to alter the traffic using it. There are no safety concerns and traffic is traveling within the prescribed speed limit.</p> <p>I trust that the above is of assistance.</p>		Send these comments to Parishioner who raised the concerns	None
45E	St Barnabas Church	<p>Please find attached the response to the above from St Barnabas DCC.</p> <p>I will also hand deliver a hard copy to the ACA today.</p> <p>See letter Appendix E</p>	<p>Thank you for your letter. This will be considered by the Steering Group and Parish Council.</p> <p>The land at St Barnabas was included in the list of proposed Green Spaces to reflect Leeds City Council's proposals to include the same in the Leeds Local Plan.</p> <p>You may wish to consult Leeds City Council Planning Department on this if you have not already done so. Our contact on this is Ian Mackay at <ian.mackay@leeds.gov.uk>.</p>	Subject to discussion with Leeds CC, remove from list of designated Green Space.	Removed from List of designated Green Space.
46E	Peter Rishworth Moortown Golf Club	<p>Please find attached the completed feedback forms in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan, I have also forwarded a hard copy in the post.</p> <p>See Appendix F.</p>	<p>Thank you for your contribution.</p> <p>I will pass this onto the Steering Group and Parish Council.</p>	Steering Group felt that such a restriction would not be acceptable. It is up to the Golf Club to install prevention measures to stop golf balls entering adjacent	None

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				land if there is a risk to persons. The orientation of buildings will not protect people in their gardens.	
47E	Craig Broadwith Historic Places Adviser, Yorkshire Planning Group Historic England	Please find attached Historic England's response to the Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission Draft Consultation. See Appendix G.		Consider adding a local list not covered by Listed Properties. May include the Milestone at junction of Alwoodley Lane and King Lane; old farm houses; stone walls. Steering Group members to take a Characteristics Area and review any significant items. Amend Plan to make it clear that infill refers to built up area.	After consideration it was decided not to include any list of additional features as there are so few. Stone walls are included in the Policies and farm houses are subject to Planning permission.
48E	Resident 20	Thank you for the enormous amount of work that has gone into this document. Overall I think that it is excellent. I have some detailed comments as below which I hope are helpful. CNE2: Eccup Reservoir (1) Are the fences around the reservoir necessary? They detract from the view from the path along the south east side the reservoir and hence from appreciation of it. CNE3: Street Trees (2) Should the desirability of planting additional Street Trees in locations where there are currently none or gaps also be included? CNE4: Countryside Character (3) Can the need for a proper footpath and cycle way on King Lane north of Alwoodley Lane be included as a 'priority project'. BE3: Car Parking (4) This section states "Traffic levels at peak periods are exacerbated by the number of cars passing through the parish to and from Leeds City Centre". Other factors affecting the volume of traffic using roads within the parish which are of similar importance are use of Alwoodley Lane / Wigton Lane as an alternative to the Ring Road and to avoid gridlock the on it, and secondly traffic using e.g. King Lane / The Avenue / Alwoodley Lane access to GSAL. (5) Number of spaces per dwelling: Suggest that it should be clarified whether this includes spaces both on a driveway and in garages. Spaces should not be provided by paving over garden area. On Road Car Parking Bays: If this approach is seen as desirable can it be extended to existing roads and not just new developments?	Thank you for your detailed comments. I will forward these to the Steering Group and Parish Council.	(1) The fence is necessary for safety and to prevent access to the water. However there may be merit in asking Y Water to lower the fence in the medium term. (2) Refer to PC. May be issue with Statutory undertakers in verges where there are no trees at present. (3) Already considered and rejected by Leeds CC on cost grounds. (4) Add to list of roads. (5) No action. Affected by permitted development and Leeds policies. (6) The life of the Plan is 15 years so leave as is. (7) Amend, although the junction is outside the parish. (8) By being prescriptive as he suggests may defeat what he is proposing. The Planning Authority will judge an application beyond permitted development and	(1) Add reducing fence height as an Aspiration. (2) Referred to Parish Council (3) Add to Concerns. (4) Add to list of roads. (5) None (6) None (7) Amended Plan to include impact of traffic on Alwoodley Gates. (8) None

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		<p>However car parking is a difficult issue and it needs to be recognised that there may be exceptional circumstances e.g. need for delivery vans, removal vans and construction vehicles to park.</p> <p>CRF1:</p> <p>(6) Whilst I agree with the spirit in which this section is intended I can see that it could be problematic to freeze such facilities as community requirements may change in the future e.g. if say rugby became less popular.</p> <p>H1:</p> <p>H2: Location of New Homes</p> <p>(7) Proposals for development to include detailed proposals for minimising the effect of traffic on Alwoodley Lane. Suggest amend to refer to the Alwoodley Gates junction which is the 'problem'.</p> <p>BE2 C) Local Character and Design</p> <p>(8) I have left this to last as it is the one that I have concerns about! This appears to rule out any developments that are not covered by "permitted development". I think that this is too sweeping. It is not necessarily the case that all permitted developments are 'good' – just because someone can do something doesn't mean that they should! Similarly there may be developments that are beyond what is classed legally as 'permitted' and so need planning permission but which are perfectly reasonable. For example the situation for 'corner' properties might be different to mid-street properties. I wonder whether not being within permitted development could be open to challenge as unreasonable grounds of itself to reject a planning application.</p> <p>People's requirements from houses have changed and it needs to be recognised that needs, lifestyles and expectations have changed in the 80 years since the houses were built. There is pressure to make more intensive use of the sites due to house price rises and with modern life pressures many people do not want the work involved from larger gardens. There is also a desire for an enclosed back garden for both enhanced security and safety of children. Ideally modern houses are expected to have downstairs toilets, larger kitchens / kitchen diners and en suite master bedrooms. Therefore it is entirely reasonable that people may wish to make modifications or extend their houses to meet these expectations.</p> <p>Also, as someone who has undertaken quite a large extension 8 years ago I feel that it would be hypocritical for me to support this aspect of the plan if my extension would not have complied with it! I was very unhappy with my experience of how the application for my extension was handled by the city council. It seemed to be at the whim of the individual planning officer as to what he / she considered an appropriate development for approval. It was only when plans for my extension were submitted that criteria for what would and what would be acceptable emerged.</p>		<p>judge whether it is restricted by our policies.</p>	

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		<p>I suggest an alternative approach to ensuring preservation of local character and avoiding 'terracing' would be to establish criteria for extensions in the neighbourhood plan. This would ensure a consistent approach to approval of planning applications and would avoid waste of time and money in development of plans that are unlikely to be approved. Residents could provide their architects with these criteria to work with. For permitted developments application of the criteria would presumably have to be voluntary as there would presumably be no legal sanction to ensure adherence to them – however many people would probably choose to follow them. For developments requiring planning permission they would be used to decide what developments would be approved.</p> <p>Some suggested criteria are: A minimum of 1 metre space to be maintained at the side of a property to prevent a terracing effect. Integral garages to be permitted so long as the above is maintained. Extensions on the side of properties to be slightly set back / offset. In undertaking loft conversions change of the style to a gable end to be encouraged, as this looks better than a 'box' at the side. For semi-detached houses residents of the two semis to be encouraged to collaborate to see if a similar approach to development be taken to both semis. No more than 50% of a site to be used for house, garage and car spaces / driveway to maintain the character of house with gardens.</p>			
49E	<p>Ian Mackay Leeds City Council</p> <p>Heather Suggate Leeds City Council</p>	<p>See Appendix H</p> <p>I just wanted to give a brief update on progress of the SEA/HRA screening of the draft Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan. It is almost complete, however the comments received from Natural England are still an outstanding issue. The original comments advised that an SEA was required – see the extract below:</p> <p>“We have checked our records and based on the information provided, we can confirm that in our view the allocation contained within the plan will have significant effects on sensitive sites that Natural England has a statutory duty to protect. As the Leeds Site Allocations Plan has not yet been adopted, we consider that the neighbourhood plan should include an assessment in order to determine the potential impact on these sensitive sites and what</p>	<p>Acknowledged</p> <p>Acknowledged</p>	<p>Meet with LeedsCC to discuss</p> <p>Proposed amendment acceptable in order to enable submission of the Plan. LCC informed as such.</p>	<p>Meeting held with LeedsCC and clarification given on a number of points. Otherwise the Plan has been modified in line with LeedsCC suggestions.</p> <p>Plan amended in line with suggestions</p>

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		<p>possibilities exist for the avoidance/mitigation of the effects.</p> <p>The following sites have been identified as being potentially significantly affected by the plan policies/allocations/proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Eccup Reservoir Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)” <p>The allocation referred to is Site 2053B (now HG2-36) which is addressed in Policy H2 - Location of new homes in the draft Alwoodley NP. I questioned this response, pointing out that the site is proposed for allocation by Leeds City Council through the Leeds Site Allocations Plan and not through the Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan. I also reminded Natural England that the City Council has screened the site fully through the Sustainability Appraisal of the Publication Draft Site Allocations Plan and has amended the site requirements in light of comments made by Natural England during the Publication Draft consultation period. Following our discussions, Natural England revised its response to:</p> <p>“Provided allocation HG2-36 (previously named 2053b) is covered within the SA for the Leeds local plan (including the September 2016 revised mitigation measures) and the Leeds local plan is adopted before the Alwoodley neighbourhood plan, we do not believe the Alwoodley neighbourhood plan requires a SEA.”</p> <p>I anticipate that you will not want to wait until the Site Allocations Plan is adopted therefore the advice is still that an SEA is required. Ian and I have discussed this and he has suggested that Policy H2 could be revised slightly to include a reference to when site HG2-36 is allocated by Leeds City Council then Policy H2 will then apply.</p>			
50E	Roger Gilbert Friends of Adel Woods	I am attaching the response of Friends of Adel Woods to the draft Neighbourhood Plan. See Appendix J	Thank you for your contribution. I will forward to the Steering Group and Parish Council.	Include Plan showing extent of Adel Woods looked after by the Friends.	Add Plan and enhance reference to Adel Woods
510	NK	The Character Assessments have errors and omissions: Area 1: Does not mention the Scout & Guides Club. Layout does not mention Sandmoor Golf Course, the tennis courts at the Community Centre, or the Wilderness that was a beautiful well maintained golf course north of the Sunningdales. Area 6: The area for Site 2053b is South East, not South West adjacent to Alwoodley Lane. Roads: There is no mention of the heavy use of King Lane/Road by commuters to the Airport and Wharfedale etc.		(1) Include in Characteristics (2) Corrected. (3) Not relevant to add where road users are going. Impact of traffic already included.	(1) Include in Characteristics (2) Corrected. (3) None
52E	Natural England	Please find attached our response to this consultation and a feedback form.	Thank you for your comments. These will be passed to the Steering Group and	Revise N Plan to incorporate NE points as appropriate	Issues addressed

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		See Appendix K	Parish Council.		

Key to Abbreviations:

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E	Received by E-mail
O	Open Day Feedback
L	Letter
V	Verbal
W	Written on Feedback Questionnaire
NK	Not Known (Respondent)

Acknowledgements from recipients

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1	Harewood Parish Council	None
2	Arthington Parish Council	See above
3	Highways England	See above
4	Environment Agency	Consulted by LCC
5	Natural England	See above
6	Fabian Hamilton MP	None
7	Historic England	See above

Appendix A

From: **Andrew Stephenson** <Andrew.Stephenson@nfu.org.uk>
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2016
Subject: Alwoodley Neighbourhood Development Plan
To: "alwoodley.np@gmail.com" <alwoodley.np@gmail.com>

Dear Sir/madam

Thank you for your letter (5th July) in relation to the consultation for the Alwoodley Neighbourhood Development Plan. Please find below our response:

As you will be aware the farming community continues to face formidable challenges with increasing regulation, volatile markets and fluctuating farming returns. In response to these challenges farmers have had to consider the resources available to them and look at new ways of developing their businesses so that they can grow and remain competitive. This might include the need for modern agricultural buildings either to meet regulations or to change the use of existing buildings in order to respond to changing market demand.

Our members within the neighbourhood area are no exception and given that the area is largely farmed, it is clear that any form of Neighbourhood Plan must adequately address the issues and opportunities of farming. Our vision for the area is:

A sustainable rural community that is underpinned by an innovative rural economy, and thriving farming and food industry, which is profitable and supports viable livelihoods, underpins sustainable and healthier communities and enhances the environmental assets that are vital to the counties prosperity.

For the farming community this vision is to be achieved by the following themes

1. Strengthening our farming businesses to help them build profitability and respond to new opportunities
2. To create thriving localities that meet the needs of their communities, businesses and their environment.
3. Realising the value of the region's environmental assets

In addition we would see some of the key priorities for farms to include (not in order of priority):

1. The ability for the next generation to take on management of farms and to support this through the provision of affordable housing to allow succession.
2. Develop farming enterprises that can meet the challenges of food security through modernising and becoming more efficient
3. Diversifying farming enterprises to meet new opportunities such as, inter alia, business units or tourism.
4. Developing renewable energy which meets the needs of the farm and are appropriate to the location and renewable resources available.
5. Access to high-speed broadband.

Food production is a key priority for economic growth both nationally but also importantly in such a rural area. In the Government white paper 'Local Growth: realising every place's potential' the Coalition Government makes clear that the first priority "is to return the nation's economy to health". This includes creating, "the conditions that will help business and gets the economy growing" and this includes the support for farming enterprises so vital to the rural economy and enabling them to remain viable through diversified enterprises. We would expect that any proposals for developing farms will take this into account.

Diversification is in line with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) that provides that local authorities should support development that enables farmers to become more competitive and sustainable and diversify into new opportunities. A key message within the NPPF is the need for economic growth. "A positive planning system is essential, because without growth, a sustainable future cannot be achieved. Therefore, significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth through the planning system...the default answer to development proposals is yes."

In the NPPF the government makes a number of very important statements related to this the development of renewable energy. Paragraphs 95 to 98 make a number key points including: 'local planning authorities should recognise the responsibility on all communities to contribute to energy generation from renewable or low carbon sources' (para 97);

'have a positive strategy to promote energy from renewable and low carbon sources' which 'maximise renewable and low carbon energy sources'. Renewable energy represents an important opportunity for farms to reduce their energy bills and also to create revenue that can help support farming activity. We understand that this can be a contentious issue within communities and are aware that early consultation with those that are either impacted or likely to gain is crucial.

To help guide any work we have developed some principles which we believe will help to shape any activity in the area. These are:

- Food security is a crucial issue for now and the future and any actions must ensure that we do not compromise our ability to feed ourselves
- We should look to increase farm productivity and decrease impact on the environment.
- The achievement of sustainable development in rural areas through the integration of environmental, social and economic objectives.
- Meet the needs of a diverse rural population and ensure equality of opportunity.
- Maintain and enhance the areas natural asset base.
- Farmers and landowners should always be consulted and listened to with regard to developing the area.
- Support sustainable growth in the rural economy.
- Sustainable farming will support the wider community.
- Not one system of farming is the answer and all should be supported for maximum benefit to society and the environment
- Encourage links between rural areas and urban centres.

I hope that these comments are helpful and will be taken into account.

Kind regards

Andy

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For the attention of The Clerk to the Parish Council

ALWOODLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

Thank you for your consultation of 6 July 2016 on the Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission document. Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the document and the policies contained in it. We have reviewed the document with the primary area of interest of maintaining the Strategic Road Network (SRN).

The role of the Agency in the Local Plan process is set out in the Circular, which states that development proposals are likely to be acceptable *"if they can be accommodated within the existing capacity of a section (link or junction) of the strategic road network, or they do not increase demand for use of a section that is already operating at over-capacity levels, taking account of any travel plan, traffic management and/or capacity enhancement measures that may be agreed."*

With this in mind we agree that the plan has been positively prepared and supports the policies that look to retain and enhance cycle ways, footpaths, bridleways and public transport as these measures can significantly contribute towards reducing the impact on the SRN.

We always welcome the opportunity to work with neighbourhood planners and developers, prior to submission of planning applications, to ensure we understand the impact of any development on the SRN and maintain its safe and efficient operation at all times.

Where development sites will have a significant impact on the SRN and Highways England does not have committed investment they may need to deliver or contribute towards the required mitigation.

In addition, to inform our response to the Leeds Site Allocations Plan, Highways England has undertaken some high level modelling. This modelling has not taken into account any discounted sites but should these be brought forward into the plan we would need to re-assess the cumulative impact to understand how this may impact on the SRN.



Appendix C

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To Alwoodley Parish Council
Via email.

12th July 2016

Re: Alwoodley Parish Neighbourhood Plan

- I was grateful to have a copy of the summary of the draft Alwoodley Neighbourhood Development Plan delivered to my home for consultation purposes.
- Before making the specific point to which I would like to draw attention, I will note that I only moved into my present accommodation in late October 2016. I have little background therefore in the overall picture of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- I would like to address Objective 4 identified in the summary, viz 'To improve the management of traffic in the parish and the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.'
- Before moving back into the Adel area last October I had in the 1980s and 1990s lived previously in East Causeway Crescent in Adel, so I am aware of the traffic position in general. I have been taken aback by the traffic flows I have witnessed along Eccup Lane (and Church Lane – not in the Alwoodley Parish) and King Lane since moving into Adel Mill. I take the view that the character of this traffic is quite unsuitable to the country road nature of much of these highways.
- I would observe in regard to Objective 4 that many of the roads have quite unsatisfactory provision for pedestrians and cyclists. This is exemplified by the Eccup Lane-Church Lane join at the bridge over Adel Beck. Walking over the bridge is not for the faint hearted (where the speed limit is 40mph). It is positively dangerous on the Church Lane side rising up to Adel Church. This is only one of many examples of the lack of pedestrian pathways along the country roads of Alwoodley Parish.
- The safety of cyclists is also challenged by the nature of the traffic flows which I address below. I state this as an active cyclist (and walker as it happens). It is true that the consideration for cyclists by motorists has improved over the years, but the volume, nature and speed of traffic give rise to circumstances which inevitably lead to dangerous situations, particularly when motorists are held up by cyclists.
- The main point I would wish to raise is that the traffic flows and the variety of traffic which is experienced along Eccup Lane/Church Lane and King Lane is quite inappropriate for the nature of the roads for much of their length. The routes have become 'rat runs' for work commuting motorists to avoid the major traffic highways. The prevalence of satellite navigation has clearly encouraged commercial vehicles to use these roads in order to save time, again avoiding the major highways to which much of the traffic is more suited. During the period I have lived at Adel Mill I have every day seen very large commercial vehicles passing over the bridge at Adel Beck and causing mayhem with traffic coming in the opposite direction. Occasionally the traffic becomes jammed. There is often a liberal sprinkling of wing mirrors and hub caps in this area.

- Amongst the type of traffic I have seen has been Eddie Stobart lorries, double decker buses, massive Emsley cranes, enormous removal vehicles and very large commercial vehicles of a wide variety. Interestingly enough such vehicular traffic often uses the space opposite Adel Church for convenient parking.
- I would also observe that the speeds I have witnessed of some of the traffic is excessive, and on occasions dangerously so. This is particularly true of traffic coming into the Alwoodley Parish at the Adel Beck bridge. It can be quite difficult exiting from Adel Mill because of traffic speed in both directions. Indeed entering Adel Mill can be alarming with tailgating traffic. The five lane ends junction between Eccup Lane and King Lane is not easy, indeed can be dangerous, to cross because of traffic speeds.
- I have formed the view that the traffic conditions in parts of the parish are unreasonably dangerous on the country roads and that there is a high likelihood of serious, indeed fatal, accidents. It seems to me that there should be a vehicle weight limit restriction relating to Eccup Lane and parts of King Lane. I have no doubt that such traffic issues have been raised before but I think it important that the matter is kept before those who bear the responsibility and authority to take action.
- Thank you for the opportunity to make this contribution.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Taylor.

Appendix D



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10 August 2016

Dear Sirs

Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan – Draft

Thank you for the notification of the 5 July 2016 consulting The Coal Authority on the above NDP.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body which works to protect the public and the environment in coal mining areas. Our statutory role in the planning system is to provide advice about new development in the coalfield areas and also protect coal resources from unnecessary sterilisation by encouraging their extraction, where practical, prior to the permanent surface development commencing.

As you will be aware the Neighbourhood Plan area is outside of the defined coalfield and therefore The Coal Authority has **no specific comments** to make on the Neighbourhood Plan.

In the spirit of ensuring efficiency of resources and proportionality it will not be necessary for you to provide The Coal Authority with any future drafts or updates to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. This letter can be used as evidence for the legal and procedural consultation requirements.

The Coal Authority wishes the Neighbourhood Plan team every success with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sirs

RE – Alwoodley Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

I write on behalf of the District Church Council (DCC) of St Barnabas Church, The View, Alwoodley.

The DCC welcome this opportunity to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan and trust that the Parish Council will take note of the following.

The DCC note that the plot referred to as G691 on the proposed plan and referred to as St Barnabas Church is included in Section BE1 as a Local Green Space, and the buildings in Section CRF1 as a Community and recreational facility. We welcome the council's commitment to support the provision of additional community facilities.

The land is owned by the Church of England, the Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance (LDBF) act as custodian trustees with the DCC acting as managing trustees. The DCC are responsible for making any decisions concerning the buildings other than any sale whereby the consent of the LDBF would be required. The LDBF will act for the DCC in regard to any legal matters.

Some time ago the hall was extended to provide much needed extra accommodation to house both church and community activities. The hall is now heavily used by both church and community groups such as mothers and toddlers group, children's activities, the Women's Institute, Choirs and other societies. Bookings have increased annually following the extra provision.

Should the need arise the DCC would not wish to find that any further extension would prove problematic given the classification referred to above. Additionally a portion of the land was reserved for the erection of a vicarage by the LDBF. However these plans are currently on hold.

Clearly the inclusion of the land in the Local and Green Space classification could substantially affect any plans that the church may have in the future. Given that the land has no landscape, historical, recreational, wildlife or green infrastructure value (see appendix 2, Local Green Spaces Assessment, APCNP) the DCC request it be removed from the list of local green spaces.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours faithfully

Robert Holt
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Appendix F

Comments from Moortown Golf Club, appended to Feedback Form

BE4: The Bridleway that connects Alwoodley Lane with Primley Park Road is located on land belonging to Moortown Golf Club (MGC). It is recognised that the bridleway provides an important connection between the North and South of the Parish. However, there is easy access from the bridleway onto the golf course which allows some youths of the Parish to vandalise the course. If finances permitted MGC would like to create a tunnel to remove this problem.

H2: Site 2053b will have access onto the A61 close to the entrance to The Grammar School at Leeds (GSAL).

It is suggested that paragraph A) should read 'Proposals for development include detailed proposals for minimising the effect on traffic on the A61 and Alwoodley Lane'.

General

MGC is pleased that it is identified in the Pre Submission Consultation Draft Summary Document as a community & recreational facility to be protected. When MGC was originally created as a golf course, it was in open countryside with no adjoining dwellings. The great majority of the golf course boundaries are now adjoined by dwellings, which creates potential nuisance issues from errant golf balls.

In the late 1980s the golf course was substantially re-designed because of the conversion of what was then the neighbouring Moor Allerton golf course into a housing development. This re-design was necessary because the original layout of the golf course raised a significant risk of errant golf balls causing a danger to the occupants of the new dwellings.

All the spare land available to MGC was used in the re-design of the course and there is no spare land available for any more adjustments to the golf course.

In these circumstances, any new residential properties that are constructed adjacent to the golf course boundaries can create nuisance issues and MGC is vigilant in monitoring new planning applications to address this potential nuisance issue.

Pleasingly MGC has thus far been able to protect its boundaries, when planning applications have been made, by negotiations with the relevant developers.

It would be very helpful to MGC if wording could be included in the NP to the effect that: "any development adjacent to the MGC golf course boundaries should be located so as to avoid any issues of nuisance from errant golf balls, arising from the development.



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30 August 2016

Dear Mr. Pearlman,
Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan
Pre-submission consultation response

Thank you for consulting Historic England in connection with the draft Neighbourhood Plan prepared for Alwoodley Parish Council.

Alwoodley Parish is situated to the north of Leeds, and abuts and takes in a small area of the grounds Harewood House, a Grade I Registered Historic Park, to the north east. It contains 16 Grade II listed buildings and 1 Scheduled Monument; it also abuts Adel Conservation Area at the south west of the Parish. Additionally the area will have a number of locally important places and buildings including, for example Adel Roman Fort and Settlement and the Roman Road which Alwoodley Lane follows for parts of its length.

Historic England Advice

Heritage Policies

We note that there are no specific heritage policies in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, and the Steering Group may be of the view that other policies cover heritage issues. However, as Leeds City Council does not currently have a "Local List" policy, and none is proposed in the emerging Local Plan, you may wish to include a "Local List" policy in your Neighbourhood Plan, to protect the locally important buildings and places within Alwoodley Parish. Historic England has published guidance on "Local Lists", which is available at the following link:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/what-is-designation/local/local-designations/>

Policy BE2: Local Character and design

This policy appears to focus solely on the sub-urban area to the south of the parish, and does not address the hamlets and farms within the parish, although the document does include a Character Area Assessment of the Parishes Rural area. These hamlets and farms may be capable of accommodating small amounts of additional development. We suggest that the Evidence section is expanded, or new heritage section added, and additional policies are drafted to cover the rural parts of the parish, as well as the Local List section, mentioned above.

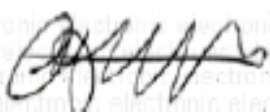
Policy BE2: Local Character and design a): refers to “infill new buildings”. It would be helpful to define exactly which part of the Parish “infill new buildings” would, and would not be accepted, given that a large part of the Parish is rural. Additionally the phrase “original or similar building materials” is a little imprecise. We suggest the policy be re-worded as follows:

“Infill new buildings within the defined area should use building materials which match as closely as possible with those used in the surrounding character area, so that local distinctiveness and character is maintained.”

We trust the advice above is helpful, but if there is anything you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to being notified about the consultation on the full Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan, following any revisions of the current draft Plan.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Sir/Madam

**ALWOODLEY PRE-SUBMISSION NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – FORMAL
COMMENTS**

Thank you for consulting the Council on the Pre-Submission Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan. There has been a good level of collaboration throughout the preparation of the plan and the plan presented is generally well considered. However, there are significant areas where the plan could be improved and made more robust and the Council is happy to work collaboratively with the parish council on these.

The Council considers the plan is in general conformity with local strategic policies and has regard to national policies. For those areas where the plan could be improved, the parish council are under no obligation to make the changes suggested. For ease of understanding, comments are grouped under the following headings:

- 1. Timing/risks** – the risk of proceeding with a neighbourhood plan in the absence of an approved Site Allocations Plan
- 2. Basic Conditions** – the neighbourhood plan will be assessed against the Basic Conditions at examination
- 3. General and other comments**

4. Planning policies – detailed comments on each policy.

1. Timing/risks

1.1 There will be consultation in the ONE area in the autumn on proposed modifications to the SAP, subject to Executive Board agreement in September. At the moment, it looks likely that the Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan could be adopted in advance of the SAP. Given this, there is a small risk that elements of the neighbourhood plan could be superseded.

2. Basic Conditions

2.1 At examination, a neighbourhood plan will be judged on whether it complies with the Basic Conditions set out in paragraph 8 (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The following are considered to be relevant to the Bardsey draft neighbourhood plan and comments are made on these in relation to the content of the draft Plan:

a) Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State

2.2 The draft Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan is considered to generally have regard to the provisions of the NPPF. It promotes sustainable development and by and large supports the strategic development needs and priorities set out in the Leeds Core Strategy. The development needs of the area have been assessed and the Plan contains policies and guidance to positively direct and shape future sustainable development to enhance and improve the area. Policies address a wide range of issues highlighted in the NPPF including housing mix, design quality, green technology, the protection of community facilities and green spaces.

2.3 The making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. Overall, sustainable development is a core theme running throughout the document and this is clearly reflected through many of the policies and backed up (to some extent) by appendices. The plan is focussed on the protection and enhancement of the existing environmental, social and economic characteristics of the parish. It contains specific reference to protecting and improving open space provision, footways, footpaths and cycle ways.

c) That making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority.

2.4 The policies contained in the draft Alwoodley Neighbourhood Plan should be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. The Core Strategy was adopted in November 2014. There are also a number of RUDP policies that are 'carried over'.

2.5 Most policies in the Core Strategy that concern a wider area than just the parish might be considered strategic. Where appropriate, comments are made on the general conformity of the draft neighbourhood plan with adopted local strategic policies.

d) The making of the order (or neighbourhood plan) does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.

2.6 Following consultation with the Environment Agency, Heritage England and Natural England it is considered that the neighbourhood plan will not have a significant positive or negative effect and so a Strategic Environmental Appraisal will not be required.

3. General and other Comments

- The plan is similar in style (and to some extent content) to a number of other emerging plans in Leeds, including Barwick in Elmet with Scholes, Kippax, Thorp Arch. Ideally and wherever possible, neighbourhood plans should be locally distinctive and not have a 'style' based on which consultant has been commissioned to prepare the plan but this is a matter for the parish council.
- May wish to provide more information on who the key stakeholders are and how they have been involved
- Be careful not to place too much emphasis on questionnaire results
- There are a significant number of policies that could be more robust (see specific comments below)
- Map 1 on Page 4 not readable and general lack of plans and maps to support the text would be helpful.
- Page 17/18 3.2.1 Countryside and recreational facilities are on the doorstep but they are not easily accessed. Perhaps focus needed on providing safe routes across busy roads. The Village Green is an excellent resource but access for residents to the east is very poor. Possible projects for future CIL spending could include a Public Realm project to link the shops with the Village Green by providing a new road

surface to denote 'pedestrian priority'. A new 'Village Centre would be created to address the 'Weaknesses' issue: 'no central focus, no village/community feel'. In addition another 'Weaknesses' issue: 'Speeding Traffic on King Lane' would also be addressed. This could be extended to include the King Lane/The Avenue junction for a greater impact on speeding traffic, with links to the community/recreational facilities on The Avenue. This seems the obvious location for a 'heart to the village'

Conservation and heritage

- The absence of heritage is surprising and this is a real opportunity with neighbourhood planning. The Council's Conservation Officer is happy to meet and discuss the opportunities.

Biodiversity Comments

It would be useful to have an updated plan showing the nature conservation designations (Eccup Reservoir SSSI, and Local Wildlife Sites, and Meanwood Valley Local Nature Reserve) as per Core Strategy Policy G8, and also show the Updated 2014 Leeds Habitat Network as per Core Strategy Policy G9 on the same plan. Appendix 1 shows designations that are no longer referred to (LNAs and SEGI – the former now replaced by the Leeds Habitat Network, and the latter now called Local Wildlife Sites).

The nature conservation designations and Updated 2014 Leeds Habitat Network can be sourced from West Yorkshire Ecology
<http://www.ecology.wyjs.org.uk/>

It would be good to have an objective or action that affords a level of protection to all these biodiversity features as well as seeking to enhance them and their connectivity. The NPPF specifically refers to coherent ecological networks – the neighbourhood plan could go a stage beyond the Updated 2014 Leeds Habitat Network and seek to identify additional local biodiversity corridors to "improve" the network shown by the Updated 2014 Leeds Habitat Network.

The Objective should not only refer to protection and enhancement of the designated sites – but also protection and enhancement of the land within the Updated 2014 Leeds Habitat Network as a minimum.

Education

The plan mentions that the long-term increase in births in Leeds has and will continue to increase demand for local school places. The plan also states that additional homes may be built in Alwoodley and that a new school site is identified within the LCC draft Site Allocation Plan to help accommodate housing generated demand. Our current projections indicate that Alwoodley is an area that will experience increased demand for school places over the coming years and new provision is likely to be required in the near future. Therefore, the parish council may wish to consider including adequate school place provision among their recognised local area concerns and as a priority alongside their other commitments detailed at section 4.0 of the plan.

Policies

CNE1 – Protecting Woodlands

- These do not seem to be identified on the proposals map
- Have the landowners been involved in the drafting of the policy?
- It is unclear whether this policy would add any additional protection to existing local strategic and Green Belt policies.
- What type of development would be acceptable close to these areas that could assist in protection and improvement as the policy implies?
- This may be more suited to a project for enhancement than a planning policy

CNE2 – Eccup Reservoir

- Any development in this area is already covered by Green Belt considerations, SSSI, Core Strategy and UDP 'saved policies'.
- May wish to make this a project.

CNE3 – Street Trees

- This first part of the policy is too restrictive and should be more aspirational. It is perhaps best combined with projects.
- The second part is OK but perhaps should not only refer to street trees but trees generally.
- What type of trees?
- The evidence provided for this is weak.

- Other than ‘development proposals’ there is an opportunity to identify all possible locations for new trees.

CNE4 – Countryside Character

- Where is the “rural hinterland of Alwoodley”?
- Where are the rights of way?
- What is meant by “protecting existing boundaries and boundary treatments”?
- Where are the “viewing corridors” and what is meant by them? What evidence is there for their protection?

BE1 – Local Green Spaces

- More detailed assessments of each site may be included needed to justify the Local Green Space designation. Useful guidance on what can be identified as Local Green Space is contained in the Planning Practice Guidance Note <http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space/local-green-space-designation/> which is based on para 77 of the NPPF http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/policy/achieving-sustainable-development/delivering-sustainable-development/8-promoting-healthy-communities/#paragraph_77. Local Green Space designation must be used for reasons set out in the NPPF and *not* to resist development. In particular a site must be “demonstrably special to a local community and hold a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife.” The Open Space Society has produced some useful guidance notes which can be found at <http://www.oss.org.uk/what-we-do/protecting-open-space/> and <http://www.oss.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/C20-Local-Green-Space-Designation.pdf>
- Green space can be designated in the Green Belt. However, Green Belt provides a high level of protection therefore it should be questioned whether a green space designation would be justified and appropriate, especially where there is no public access and no intention to develop the site.

- **Sites** - Without a clearly annotated plan it is difficult to identify boundaries and, in some cases, where these sites are. More detailed comments will be provided on each once the boundaries are clear.

BE2 – Local character and design

- Local Core Strategy Policy P10 sets out a comprehensive design policy applicable throughout the Leeds area. A local neighbourhood plan policy on design should add to this and provide clarity to decision-makers or a prospective developer.
- What is the “character of the parish”? Does it not change across it? Would character areas address this?
- What is the evidence for singling out the Buckstone Estate?
- This policy is generally too restrictive and onerous
- Are there NO parts of the parish where, for example, 3 stories, would be acceptable? More evidence would be needed to support this.

BE3 – Car Parking

- Core Strategy Policy T2 states that parking provision will be required for cars, motorcycles and cycles in accordance with current guidelines. These are set out in the Street Design SPD 2009. Paragraph 3.180 of the SPD states “Car parking provision should be based on expected car ownership and the need to cater for visitors, and should be provided to suit the nature and location of the development. As a general rule the City Council will seek to ensure car parking provision is at an appropriate level, taking into account both the potential impact on the surrounding area, and the availability of public transport in the vicinity. Two methods are provided to work out an appropriate level of parking. The Leeds Parking SPD 2016 provides flexibility for other forms of development to allow the level of provision to reflect local circumstances.
- Other than questionnaire results, what is the evidence for the increased parking standards?
- This conflicts with the aspiration for reduction in speeding commuter traffic through the area. It is concerning that encouragement is being

given to 3 spaces per 4-bed dwelling. The plan should be exploring sustainable transport solutions

BE4 – Connectivity

- These objectives are commendable in principle but this is a passive policy. Connections could be shown on a plan and backed up with projects.

CRF1 – Protecting existing community facilities

- Core Strategy Policy P9 covers the provision of new community facilities and their safeguarding.
- It is not possible for planning policy to prevent the loss of community facilities. A more aspirational policy is probably the best the neighbourhood plan can do in this respect.

CRF2 – Provision of new community facilities

- This is a vague, poorly drafted and unclear policy.

CRF3 – Sport and recreational facilities

- This is well-intentioned and welcome but should be made more aspirational.

EB1 – Neighbourhood Shopping Centres

- It is appropriate for the plan to seek to seek to protect existing shops. May also wish to consider the allocation of new retail.
- May need more evidence to support the policy

- The policy could be more robustly worded

EB2 – Support for small business

- The term “nuisance to neighbours” is vague. What is a nuisance to one neighbourhood is not to another.
- This is a fairly negative and restrictive policy. A better approach would be to positively seek to make Alwoodley a more sustainable place for business.
- Have local businesses been consulted?

H1 – Responding to local housing needs

- Why 50?
- This is generally OK but the plan should consider how it can positively influence a ‘village feel’

H2 – Location of new homes

- It is recommended that this policy is deleted as the allocation of the site will be determined through the site allocations process. Instead, the plan should positively focus on design, indicative layout and other ways to shape its development. The Council is happy to work with the parish council on this.
- The purpose of Site brief: 2053b is unclear. It does not make a great deal of sense as written.

H3 – Incorporating Green Technology

- Delete reference to CSH and replace with a more aspirational policy.
- The plan may wish to consider green technology projects

- The plan could allocate a site for green technologies
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H4 – Green Spaces and recreational areas

- Agreed

We would encourage a meeting once the parish council has had a chance to consider all the representations made and to assist with any changes to the plan as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'I. Mackay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ian Mackay

City Development

Leeds City Council

**Friends of Adel Woods
Response to the draft Neighbourhood Plan**

This note is supplemental to the response of Friends of Adel Woods to your questionnaire in relation to the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Our replies to the questionnaire are limited to the questions which seem to directly affect Adel Woods. Individual members of the committee may respond individually to other questions relating to, for example, car parking provision for new developments.

As a preliminary comment, the committee of Friends of Adel Woods are very grateful for the work which has gone into the preparation of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Friends of Adel Woods look after a large tract of land known as 'Adel Woods' between the Seven Arches Aqueduct in the south and Stairfoot Lane in the north and would like to see the area identified by reference to a plan within the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Whilst the southern part of this land, to the west of the Buckstone estate, is outside the parish boundary, the remainder, and the vast majority of it, is all within Alwoodley Parish.

Friends of Adel Woods would also like the plan to record that the land they manage - together with the land now known as Alwoodley Village Green, Old Leo's Rugby Club, Alwoodley Cricket Club and other land to the west of King Lane - was acquired by Leeds Corporation in 1946 and that on purchasing the land, the Corporation covenanted with the vendors and their successors in title that the Corporation would for ever after use the property for the purposes only of agriculture, horticulture or of a public open space - ie not for development.

Friends of Adel Woods would like to see the Neighbourhood Development Plan give more emphasis to the important role Adel Woods plays in the life of the parish - not only as part of the countryside and natural environment, but also as a local green space and a community and recreational facility. The whole area is used very intensively by ramblers, by dog walkers, runners, cyclists and others for recreation. Further, not all of the area known as Adel Woods is woodland in character. For example there is a large area of heathland known as 'Adel Moor' which is the last area of heathland in Leeds. Other parts of the area known as Adel Woods are more meadowland in character."

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Appendix K

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Dear Sir or Madam

Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Alwoodley Parish (Leeds)

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 05/07/2016

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.

Both the objectives and policies outlined in the draft neighbourhood plan are mostly in line with the Natural England's ambition to conserve, enhance and manage the natural environment for the benefit of present and future generations. In particular policies CNE1, CNE2, CNE3, CNE4, BE1, BE2, BE4, CRF3, H1, H2 and H4 are progressive and make contributions towards the natural environment. I refer you to Annex 1, which covers any additional issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Of particular interest to Natural England is Eccup Reservoir Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and housing allocation HG2-38 (previously named 2053b). Natural England welcomes policy CNE2, which is specifically designed to protect Eccup Reservoir SSSI.

Natural England recently made representations to Leeds City Council about the local development plan, regarding our concerns of the potential impacts from housing allocation HG2-38 on Eccup Reservoir SSSI. An extract of this correspondence can be seen in Annex 2. It is Natural England's opinion that this same advice applies to the Alwoodley neighbourhood plan. Some of the policies in the neighbourhood plan agree and/or complement with the advice given by Natural England, including:

- CNE2 – *In the countryside surrounding the SSSI, development proposals must demonstrate through ecological surveys how any proposal would impact upon bird populations and what actions might be taken to mitigate such impacts.*
- H2 – *Development of the site should integrate new publically accessible green space and community facilities with particular focus on young people and their needs, for example through the provision of formal and informal play space for all age ranges.*
- H4 – *New housing developments of more than 50 homes, e.g. site 2053b, should incorporate open space and recreational areas with provision for play areas for younger children and young teenagers.*

However, others appear to contradict this advice, including:

- Page 35, Site brief: 2053b – *Although there are no public rights of way crossing the site presently, it would be advantageous to link the site to the footpath running along the southern boundary of Eccup reservoir, potentially following the line of the beck to achieve this.*
- Page 40, CIL, Recreation – *An off-road route to the north of Eccup Reservoir adjacent to the northern woodland strip to extend the area that can be walked would be an asset.*

This contradiction could call into question the soundness of the neighbourhood plan. Whilst we recognise the importance of promoting access to the countryside and encourage the provision of routes and infrastructure to facilitate this, the location of routes and infrastructure should be considered against the threat to birds features on Eccup Reservoir SSSI. We believe it is preferable to:

- To create green space and footpaths that encourage access but take walkers away from the SSSI;
- Encourage walkers to use the existing Public Right of Way network around the SSSI without creating any new direct links to the SSSI.
- Discourage the creation of desire lines towards the SSSI.

We recommend that you consult Leeds City Council regarding these issues and any potential changes. Natural England would welcome any efforts by Alwoodley Parish Council to reduce bird disturbance due to recreational pressures on Eccup SSSI, through the neighbourhood plan or otherwise.

For clarification of any points in this letter, please contact Liam O'Reilly on 020 802 68668. For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours faithfully

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Annex 2 – Extract of an Email to Leeds City Council from Natural England regarding housing allocations in the Local Development Plan

Eccup reservoir SSSI

An MOP enquiry recently raised the allocation close to Eccup reservoir (HG2-36) as a concern and this made us reconsider this allocation. Natural England should have discussed this site in further detail with you during the last consultation. Please accept our apologies for us not raising these concerns at an earlier stage but we consider that it would be prudent to discuss these issues now.

Originally we made the following comments:

"Housing site 2053B [now called HG2-36] is close to Eccup Reservoir SSSI. This site is important for wintering wildfowl (an identified interest feature), consequently increased recreational disturbance as a result of this allocation is a primary concern. A copy of the SSSI citation can be found at www.sssi.naturalengland.org/citation/citation_photo/1003837.pdf<http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org/citation/citation_photo/1003837.pdf>"

And LCC responded with the following text included in the allocation:

"An Ecological Assessment of the site is required and where appropriate, mitigation measures will need to be provided to ensure consideration of Eccup Reservoir SSSI to the north of the site. Consultation with Natural England required. Provide biodiversity buffer (not private garden space) adjacent to northern boundary with woodland."

We have some serious concerns about this allocation, Eccup reservoir is designated for its wintering Goosander population and the site is being impacted by recreational pressure (particularly dog walking and fishing). An additional large allocation, close to the SSSI, will add to this pressure and is very likely to cause further disturbance to the Goosander. We would like to see robust mitigation included within the plan to reduce the impacts on the SSSI, I would suggest that the Site Requirements for HG2-36 under 'Ecology' includes the following:

- A site access management measures as part of the design. The existing PRoW network serves reduces the impact of disturbance to the site by ensuring walkers stay to less sensitive parts of the site. The management measures should aim to direct residents onto the existing PRoW network without creating any new footpath direct links to the SSSI. It should discourage the creation of desire lines to the SSSI.
- Provide a large and pleasant green space for dog walkers and other recreational users, the space should be either on site or close to the site.
- Provide mitigation on the SSSI to reduce disturbance, measures could include: fencing, signage and defensive planting.
- Ensure the development does not impact of the water quality/hydrology of the site, SuDS could aid with this and provide biodiversity enhancements at the same time.

Please note I will be including similar comments regarding Eccup reservoir SSSI to the Alwoodley neighbourhood plan.