

**WEST LAVINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2017 – 2026  
DECISION STATEMENT (PROCEEDING TO REFERENDUM)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. Pursuant to the Wiltshire Council constitution and in particular Part 3B, the Corporate Director for Growth, Investment and Place, within whose remit Spatial Planning falls is authorised to make decisions on Neighbourhood Plan proposals following the examination of a Neighbourhood Plan proposal in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and all other relevant legislation.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. The designated area for the West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan comprises the whole of the parish of West Lavington. On 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 Wiltshire Council formally approved that the West Lavington Neighbourhood Area (i.e. the land within the parish of West Lavington) be designated in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 2.2. West Lavington Parish Council – the ‘qualifying body’, submitted the draft West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2017 – 2026, along with supporting documents, to Wiltshire Council in April 2018 for consultation, independent examination and the remaining stages of the draft Plan’s preparation in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 2.3. Following submission of the draft West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan (WLNP), Wiltshire Council publicised the Plan and supporting documents and invited representations during the consultation period 11<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- 2.4. In September 2018 Wiltshire Council appointed an independent examiner, Mr Nigel McGurk to examine the Plan and consider whether it should proceed to referendum.
- 2.5. The examiner’s report was received in November 2018 and concluded that subject to making the modifications recommended in the report, that the draft Plan meets the Basic Conditions as set out in legislation and should proceed to referendum. The examiner also recommended that the West Lavington Neighbourhood Area (the parish area) is an appropriate area within which to hold a referendum.
- 2.6. In accordance with legislation, Wiltshire Council, as the Local Planning Authority (LPA), must consider each of the recommendations made in the examiner’s report, decide what action to take in response to each recommendation and what modifications should be made to the draft Plan in order to be satisfied that it meets the Basic Conditions and is compatible with Convention Rights. If the authority is satisfied, then a referendum must be held. Consideration also needs to be given as to whether to extend the area to which the referendum is to take place.

- 2.7. In order for Wiltshire Council to decide what action to take in response to each recommendation made by the examiner's report, the local planning authority and the qualifying body agreed to a prescribed date of 29th March 2019, in line with Regulation 17A (5)(a) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

### 3. DECISION AND REASONS

- 3.1. Wiltshire Council must be satisfied that the neighbourhood plan meets the Basic Conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights and complies with the provision made by or under sections 61E(2), 61J and 61L of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, or that the draft order would meet those conditions, be compatible with those rights and comply with that provision if modifications were made to the draft order (whether or not recommended by the examiner).
- 3.2. The examiner's report, received in November 2018, concluded that '*the West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and ... that, subject to modifications, it should proceed to Referendum.*' However, in December 2018 a change to the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations resulted in an amendment to one of the Basic Conditions in relation to the Habitats Regulations<sup>1</sup>. Whilst Wiltshire Council did not disagree with the examiner on his view at the time of examination, in light of this change in basic conditions, further consideration was needed by the Council on this matter.
- 3.3. In January 2019, the HRA screening decision of the WLNP by Wiltshire Council was reviewed, and it was concluded that an 'Appropriate Assessment' (AA) was required due to potential impacts on the Salisbury Plain Special Protection Area (SPA), which in this case triggered the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the WLNP.
- 3.4. Subsequently, an Appropriate Assessment (AA) under the Habitats Regulations and an Environmental Assessment under the SEA Regulations were carried out and the necessary consultation was undertaken.
- 3.5. The AA concluded beyond reasonable scientific doubt, that there would be no adverse effects on the Salisbury Plain SPA, alone or in- combination with other plans and projects. Therefore, no changes were required to be made to the WLNP because of the AA. Natural England agreed with this conclusion.

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<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 sets out the Basic Conditions. On 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018 the Government changed the Basic Conditions for neighbourhood plans to clarify that: "*The making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.*" This change was made by the Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018 and came into force on 28 December 2018. It is a direct response to the People over Wind judgement.

- 3.6. The SEA identified that the WLNP could have potential significant environmental effects and it concluded by making recommendations to enable mitigation of the effects identified. Consultation was carried out and responses were received, which have been considered by the Council. The consultation comments and any consequential changes to the WLNP arising will need to be documented in the SEA adoption statement as per the SEA Regulations.
- 3.7. The revised Screening Decisions, the subsequent HRA Appropriate Assessment and SEA report are available on the Wiltshire Council website, along with comments submitted during the consultation<sup>2</sup>.
- 3.8. Wiltshire Council has considered the examiner's recommendations and reasons for them. Wiltshire Council has decided to make the examiner's modifications with additional modifications proposed by the Council to the draft West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan, for the purpose of correcting errors (which includes amendments necessary to achieve accuracy and consistency in the wording of policies and supporting text) and to ensure that it meets legal requirements, including the Basic Conditions as set out in legislation. **Appendix 1** sets out these modifications, together with the reasons for them.
- 3.9. Wiltshire Council is satisfied that the WLNP and supporting documents already consider the environmental effects that were identified through the SEA. These together with the modifications as set out in Appendix 1, appropriately take into consideration the recommendations of the SEA Environmental Report.
- 3.10. The Council is therefore satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan, as modified, complies with the legal requirements and can proceed to referendum.
- 3.11. The Council also agrees with the examiner that the referendum area should reflect the extent of the West Lavington Neighbourhood Area.
- 3.12. I declare that I have no private interest in respect of this matter that would prevent me from making this decision.

**Signed:**



**Alistair Cunningham**  
Corporate Director  
Growth, Investment and Place  
Wiltshire Council

**Dated:** 29 March 2019

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-latest-news>

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#### Guidance for using this document

The following table sets out the changes that are required to be made to the West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2026 (Submission Plan April 2018), together with the explanation and reason for the change. This should be read alongside the Report of the Independent Examiner (Nigel McGurk) to Wiltshire Council on the West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan (November 2018).

Throughout the table, specific changes that are required are shown as follows:

- text in **bold and underlined** identifies new text to be added to the Plan.
- text that is shown as ~~strike through~~ identifies text to be deleted from the Plan.

The relevant paragraph, policy and page numbering relates to the draft West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan 2017 – 2026 (Submission Plan April 2018), hereafter referred to as the 'WLNP', as submitted to Wiltshire Council. For each change, the table sets out the examiner's recommendation as set out in his report together with the modification that is required to be made to the neighbourhood plan.

The final WLNP, to be published for the purposes of the referendum, will need to renumber the policies and paragraphs as appropriate following the insertion of modifications and make any consequential changes.

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Required modification Ref no	Page in Examiner's Report	Related page / section in WLNP	Recommendation and required modifications	Reason for modifications
<b>'Introduction' and 'The Development Plan' sections</b>				
R1	Page 17	Page 10, Para 1	<p>EXAMINER'S COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change to "...area. <i>Neighbourhood Plans should not promote less development than set out in the strategic policies for the area or undermine those strategic policies. Neighbourhood Plan policies must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan. They must also have regard to national policy.</i>"</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend Paragraph 1 to read as follows:</p> <p>"The Localism Act 2011 introduced a new type of Community Led Plan. Communities now have the right to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, setting out policies on the development and use of land. Developing a Neighbourhood Plan is a way for communities to play a greater role in determining the future of their area. <b><u>Neighbourhood Plans should not promote less development than set out in the strategic policies for the area or undermine those strategic policies. Neighbourhood Plan policies must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan. They must also have regard to national policy.</u></b>"</p>	To ensure that the Plan is clear about its positive and practical approach as sought by the NPPF.
R2	Page 17	Page 11, Para 8, line 9  And Para 9	<p>EXAMINER'S COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change text to "...for <b>a</b> Neighbourhood..."</li> </ul> <p>WILTSHIRE COUNCIL COMMENTS Amend paragraph 9, as per the following text, to reflect that an HRA and SEA were carried out on the WLNP.</p>	<p>Typographical error.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council require an additional modification is made in the interest of accuracy following the</p>

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			<p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION:</p> <p>Paragraph 8: Every Neighbourhood Plan needs to consider the need for a Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) for the Neighbourhood Plan. SA is a mechanism for considering and communicating the impacts of an emerging plan, and potential alternatives in terms of key sustainability issues. The aim of SA is to inform and influence the plan-making process with a view to avoiding and mitigating negative impacts. Through this approach, the SA where it is undertaken for <del>the a</del> Neighbourhood Plan seeks to maximise the Neighbourhood Plan's contribution to sustainable development. The early stages of the Neighbourhood Plan production were informed by an SA Scoping Report.</p> <p>Paragraph 9: <del>The Steering Group on behalf of the Parish Council considers that there will be no significant environmental effects arising from the West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan and has sought a SEA Screening Assessment for the Neighbourhood Plan from Wiltshire Council which has demonstrated that a SEA is not required. <b><u>A neighbourhood plan must also comply with the Habitat Regulations which aim to protect and improve Europe's most important habitats and species. An HRA and SEA were carried out. It was considered that the West Lavington Neighbourhood Plan documents had considered the environmental effects.</u></b></del></p>	completion of HRA and SEA.
R3	Page 17	Page 14 & 15, Para 21, 25 and 26	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete Paragraphs 21, 25 and 26</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Delete Paragraphs 21, 25 and 26.</p>	To avoid duplication and for clarity and precision.

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R4	Page 17	Page 15 & 16, Para 27 to 29	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete Paragraphs 27 to 29</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATIONS: Delete Paragraphs 27 to 29.</p>	For clarity and precision.
R5	Page 18	Page 3	<p>EXAMINER'S COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete reference to "Housing Site Allocation Development Brief" from green box and create a new supporting document, in purple, under "Evidence Base" entitled "<i>Site Development Brief</i>"</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend diagram as per Examiner's recommendations.</p>	In the interest of accuracy in relation to the role of the Development Brief document.
R6	Page 18	Pages 16 & 17, Para 33	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete "Supplementary Document – Housing Site Allocation Development Brief" (end of page 16)</li> <li>Delete "Housing Site Allocation Development Brief and" (page 17)</li> </ul> <p>WILTSHIRE COUNCIL COMMENT: Update the list of 'associated documents' to include Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) documents.</p> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Delete the first bullet point, and text from Paragraph 33, as follows: "The Neighbourhood Plan has a number of associated supporting documents as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Supplementary Document – Housing Site Allocation Development Brief</del></li> <li>Policies Map</li> <li>Designated Area Plan</li> <li>Consultation Statement</li> </ul>	In the interest of accuracy in relation to the role of the Development Brief document, and in relation to the HRA and SEA being carried out.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Conditions Statement</li> <li>• SEA Screening</li> <li>• HRA Screening <b><u>and Appropriate Assessment</u></b></li> <li>• Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (incorporating SEA requirements)</li> <li>• <b><u>SEA Environmental Report</u></b></li> <li>• Evidence Base Links Document</li> <li>• Housing Needs Survey</li> </ul> <p>The <del>Housing Site Allocation Development Brief</del> and the Policies Map together with this document collectively form the Statutory Neighbourhood Plan.”</p>	
R7	N/A	Page 3, and Page 16-17	<p>WILTSHIRE COUNCIL COMMENTS:</p> <p>Ensure that the diagrams on page 3 align with the bulleted list in paragraph 33 and include the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) documents.</p>	Consequential change following Modification numbers R5 & R6, and to reflect the HRA and SEA being carried out, in the interest of accuracy and consistency.
R8	Page 19	Page 21, Para 50-52	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delete Paragraphs 50-52.</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Delete Paragraphs 50-52.</p>	The content of these paragraphs has been overtaken by events.
<b>'Built Environment' section</b>				
R9	Page 22	Page 28, Policy BE1	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change Policy BE1 to “<i>The settlement boundary of West Lavington and Littleton Panell, within which development will be supported subject to it respecting local character, residential amenity and highway safety, is shown on Map 3.</i>” (delete rest of Policy)</li> </ul>	To improve the clarity and precision of the policy, and to ensure it has regard to national policy.



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			<p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Change the wording of Policy BE1 as follows:</p> <p><del>“The settlement boundary of West Lavington and Littleton Panell, <u>within which development will be supported subject to it respecting local character, residential amenity and highway safety, is shown on Map 3.</u> serves the purpose of containing the growth of the settlements, protecting the countryside from encroachment and preventing coalescence.</del></p> <p><del>Within the settlement boundary planning permission will be granted for small-scale development on sites not allocated for development which do not adversely affect the structure and form of the existing settlement geography, the landscape setting of the settlement or the transitional edge between the settlement and the surrounding rural areas.</del></p> <p><del>The land outside of the settlement boundary is designated as the countryside. Development outside the settlement boundary will be strictly controlled and planning permission will only be granted for proposals:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>• Which require a countryside location, such as agriculture, horticulture or forestry; or are related to community, leisure or recreation use; or</del></li> <li><del>• Which are educational facilities within the areas safeguarded for educational facilities under Policy CF2 of this Neighbourhood Plan.</del></li> </ul>	
R10	Page 22	Pages 27 & 28, Para 2.3	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy BE1 Supporting text. Delete Paragraph 2.3.</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Delete entire paragraph 2.3.</p>	The content has been overtaken by events.

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R11	Page 22	Page 28, Para 2.4	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change para 2.4 to <i>“Information pertaining to the settlement boundary established in this Neighbourhood Plan is contained in background evidence to the Neighbourhood Plan, in a document entitled “Settlement Boundary Methodology.” The methodology was drawn from principles established by Wiltshire Council in the emerging “Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan.” The settlement boundary designated in Policy BE1 allows for the allocation of land made in this Neighbourhood Plan. It also excludes the historic core part of West Lavington, which has been excluded from the settlement boundary in successive plans over many years.”</i></li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION:</p> <p>Change Paragraph 2.4 to read:  <b><u>“Information pertaining to the settlement boundary established in this Neighbourhood Plan is contained in background evidence to the Neighbourhood Plan, in a document entitled “Settlement Boundary Methodology.” The methodology was drawn from principles established by Wiltshire Council in the emerging “Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan.” The settlement boundary designated in Policy BE1 allows for the allocation of land made in this Neighbourhood Plan. It also excludes the historic core part of West Lavington, which has been excluded from the settlement boundary in successive plans over many years.</u></b> Details of the changes made to the settlement boundary in this Neighbourhood Plan are set out in the Settlement Boundary Methodology document. The methodology is drawn from the principles established by Wiltshire Council in the emerging Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan, although a number of alterations have been made to the settlement boundary through applying local knowledge to the application of the criteria set by Wiltshire Council in the draft Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan will under Policy H1 allocate a site for housing. In order to ensure internal consistency within the Neighbourhood Plan, the Wiltshire</p>	In the interests of clarity and accuracy.
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			<p>methodology that housing allocations should not be included in an alteration to the settlement boundary is considered to be illogical. Consequently the Neighbourhood Plan Settlement Boundary Methodology adds an additional criteria to include areas allocated for residential development. The southern historic core part of West Lavington has been excluded from the settlement boundary in successive plans over many years. The Neighbourhood Plan does not change this longstanding approach.</p>	
R12	Page 22	Page 28, Para 2.5	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete paragraph 2.5 and replace with: <i>“Land outside the settlement boundary comprises countryside, where development will be carefully managed in accordance with a combination of Wiltshire Core Strategy Core Policies 1 and 2, by “exception” Policies referred to in paragraph 4.25 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and by the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which provides for sustainable development in rural areas.”</i></li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Delete entirety of Paragraph 2.5 and replace with:</p> <p><b><u>“Land outside the settlement boundary comprises countryside, where development will be carefully managed in accordance with a combination of Wiltshire Core Strategy Core Policies 1 and 2, by “exception” Policies referred to in paragraph 4.25 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and by the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which provides for sustainable development in rural areas.”</u></b></p>	In the interests of clarity and accuracy
R13	Page 24	Page 32, Policy BE2.	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change first line to “All new development <i>should</i> demonstrate”</li> <li>Delete second paragraph (“Development...Panell”).</li> </ul>	The recommended change will make the policy more precise and, with regard to NPPF (2012) paragraph 193,

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			<p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION:</p> <p>Change Policy BE2 to read: "All new development shall <b>should</b> demonstrate good quality design that reinforces local distinctiveness and complements the fabric of the existing built up area, uses good quality harmonious materials and respects views around the village with reference to the height, scale and density of new buildings.</p> <p><del>Development proposals which have the potential to impact negatively on the boundary treatment or open frontages which make a positive contribution to the public realm will be resisted. Any new development will be expected to demonstrate, appropriate to the scale of development, how they will contribute to high quality streets, pavements and other publicly accessible areas (the public realm) within West Lavington and Littleton Panell.</del></p>	removes requirements that would not necessarily apply to all planning applications.
R14	Page 26	Page 35, Policy BE3	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete first paragraph and change wording of the remainder of the Policy to "<i>Development should incorporate adequate on-site provision for parking. The parking...will not be supported. New development should incorporate adequate onsite provision for storage and collection of refuse bins. Refuse collection storage...point.</i>"</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION:</p> <p><del>Where new development negatively impacts on the highway network, developers will be required to mitigate these impacts by highway improvements or contributions towards their mitigation. Contributions will be used to mitigate the impacts associated with the development to ensure there is no detriment in terms of congestion or safety conditions. Proposals that maintain or improve, where necessary, the highways, access, pedestrian and cycle infrastructure, whilst maintaining the character of the area will be particularly supported.</del></p> <p><b><u>Development should incorporate adequate on-site provision for parking.</u></b>  <del>Planning permission will only be granted for new development that incorporates adequate on-site provision for parking. The parking standards for residential development is as follows:</del></p>	To have regard to national policy in relation to transport impacts and mitigation. To remove text that seeks to direct the Local Authority's planning decisions.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Bedroom Dwelling – 1 Car Parking Space</li> <li>• 2 Bedroom Dwelling – 2 Car Parking Spaces</li> <li>• 3 Bedroom Dwelling – 2 Car Parking Spaces</li> <li>• 4 Bedroom Dwelling or larger – 3 Car Parking Spaces</li> <li>• Additional Visitor Parking – 0.2 unallocated Car Parking Spaces per Dwelling</li> </ul> <p>Additional visitor parking will only be required on proposals involving 5 or more new dwellings. Development proposals which would result in the displacement of parking provision to on-street will not be supported.</p> <p><del>Planning permission will only be granted for new development that incorporates adequate on-site provision for the storage of refuse collection bins.</del> <b><u>New development should incorporate adequate onsite provision for storage and collection of refuse bins.</u></b> Refuse collection storage should be screened and easily accessible to the collection point.”</p>	
R15	Page 26	Page 34, Para 4.10	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delete from “Where new development ...” to the end of the paragraph.</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Delete text in Paragraph 4.10: “Access to and from any development would be governed by the design standards set out by Wiltshire Council as the Highway Authority. These standards set out the requirements for highway infrastructure for new development in terms of access and internal layout. <del>Where new development negatively impacts on the highway network, developers will be required to mitigate these impacts by highway improvements or contributions towards their mitigation. Contributions will be used to mitigate the impacts associated with the development to ensure there is no unacceptable detriment in terms of congestion or safety conditions. Through the planning application process a Transport Study may be necessary to demonstrate the impacts and the appropriate changes to the proposal or contributions that would need to be negotiated. Proposals that maintain or</del></p>	To remove wording that reads as a policy from the supporting text.

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			improve, where necessary, the highways, access, pedestrian and cycle infrastructure, whilst maintaining the character of the area will be particularly supported.	
R16	Page 26	Page 34, Para 4.12.	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete Paragraph 4.12</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Delete the entirety of paragraph 4.12.</p>	To remove text that reads as though it is setting a requirement for Local Planning Authorities
R17	Page 28	Page 42, Policy BE4	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete wording of policy and replace with "<i>The Neighbourhood Area's heritage assets will be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance.</i>"</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Delete the entirety of the Policy text (BE4) and replace with:</p> <p><b><u>"The Neighbourhood Area's heritage assets will be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance."</u></b></p>	For clarity and precision and to have regard to national policy.
R18	Page 28	Page 38, Para 5.5	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete last two sentences "This document is now ... and materials."</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend Paragraph 5.5 to read: "The West Lavington and Littleton Panell Conservation Area Statement<sup>14</sup> was adopted in January 2003 by the former Kennet District Council. This is a character appraisal whose purpose is to identify and record those special qualities of West Lavington and Littleton Panell that make up their architectural and historic character. This Neighbourhood Plan draws upon this Statement as part of its evidence base. The West Lavington and Littleton Panell Village Design Statement<sup>15</sup> was adopted by the former Kennet District Council as</p>	For clarity and precision.

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			Supplementary Planning Guidance in September 2004. <del>This document is now dated in some respects, for example in relation to aspects of green space and setting where the Neighbourhood Plan reflects a new approach. However the document still provides useful information on aspects such as building form and materials."</del>	
R19	Page 28	Page 36, list of Grade II Listed Buildings	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add "<i>The Old Manor, 9 All Saints Road, West Lavington</i>"</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Add "<b><u>The Old Manor, 9 All Saints Road, West Lavington</u></b>" to the list.</p>	Factual update in response to consultation.
<b>'Housing' section</b>				
R20	Page 29	Page 48, para 7.13 and 7.14	<p>WILTSHIRE COUNCIL COMMENTS</p> <p>In the interest of accuracy, minor modifications are required to ensure that paragraphs 7.13 and 7.14 are read correctly due to the passage of time.</p> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION</p> <p>Amend para 7.13 to read: The Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan Pre-submission draft plan Topic Paper 3 Housing Land Supply (June 2017), as at April 2017 <b>identified</b> confirms that the Devizes Community Area Remainder which covers a number of parishes including West Lavington <del>still has</del> an indicative housing requirement to be met. This can be met through the emerging Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan and through Neighbourhood Plans including this plan. <b>It represented the housing land supply position at the time of drafting the neighbourhood plan.</b> <del>The indicative housing requirement for the plan period is as follows:</del></p>	Modification identified by Wiltshire Council in the interest of accuracy.

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			<p>Add the following text as a footnote, at the location indicated in paragraph 7.13 above:</p> <p>7.14 <b><u>At the time of drafting the neighbourhood plan,</u></b> <del>the</del> emerging Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan <del>was</del> proposing to allocate 80 dwellings in Market Lavington, although the emerging Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan <del>suggested</del> 65 dwellings. In addition, other Neighbourhood Plans <b><u>were</u></b> <del>are</del> looking to allocate housing sites. However, the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan <b><u>and the Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan were</u></b> <del>is</del> still under preparation and at <del>this</del> <b><u>that</u></b> stage there <del>is</del> <b><u>was</u></b> no certainty that the proposed housing sites in Market Lavington will actually be allocated. Consequently, the steering group <del>considered</del> <b><u>deems</u></b> it prudent to allocate land for housing to contribute towards the indicative housing requirements prescribed in the Wiltshire Core Strategy. These housing requirements in the Core Strategy are a minimum and not a maximum. In addition, the Housing Needs Survey undertaken for the Parish has demonstrated a local need for housing in West Lavington.</p>	
R21	Page 31	Page 51, Policy H1	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change title to "<i>Policy H1 - Site Allocation</i>"</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Change policy title as follows: "Policy H1 - <del>New Housing</del> <b><u>Site Allocation</u></b>"</p>	For precision and accuracy.
R22	Pages 30, 31	Page 51, Policy H1	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy H1, change wording to: <i>"Land South of Lavington Lane, West Lavington, identified below, is allocated for up to 50 dwellings. Proposals for the development of the site must be accompanied by a masterplan and demonstrate that the following principles have been taken into account: i) The proposal must demonstrate high quality design and make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness.</i></li> </ul>	To avoid repetition with provisions of Policy BE1; to improve precision and clarity; and to avoid policy text that runs the risk of pre-determination. Additional consequential



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		<p><i>ii) Landscaping – the layout to be landscape-led, demonstrating: respect for the sites setting, including Manor House Woods and the river corridor; the creation of landscape buffers along the northern part of the site, including to the ancient woodland and its eastern edge to the river corridor; conservation and where possible, enhancement of heritage assets.</i></p> <p><i>iii) Housing – Provide a mixed development of small/medium family houses and smaller accommodation for downsizing, including bungalow and other types of accommodation capable of providing for elderly and disabled people in an open, well-designed layout.</i></p> <p><i>iv) Parking – Provide off street parking to serve the new housing and to supplement provision at the Primary School</i></p> <p><i>v) Lighting – demonstrate that there would be no increase in lux levels impacting on Manor House Woods and the Semington Brook corridor and that ambient light, particularly upward spill above the site, is managed in order to minimise impact on bats.</i></p> <p><i>vi) Flooding – the area has high groundwater and a Flood Risk Assessment and drainage strategy must be submitted. Runoff rates should reflect or improve upon existing greenfield rates.</i></p> <p><i>vii) Movement – provide for connectivity across the site and with the local footpath network. Provide a safe crossing opportunity across Lavington Lane.</i></p> <p><b>WILTSHIRE COUNCIL COMMENT:</b>          The Examiner has recommended modifications to ensure that the detail of the development (such as ‘vehicular access’) is appropriately addressed at the application stage and through the preparation of a detailed masterplan (paragraph 108). Additional consequential modifications in the interest of accuracy and consistency will therefore also be required to the policy and its supporting text to ensure that such matters can be appropriately addressed as intended by the Examiner, and in the interest of sustainable development. For clarification, reference to the community and local planning authority being involved in the preparation of the master plan is retained.</p>	<p>modifications identified by Wiltshire Council in the interest of accuracy and consistency and sustainable development.</p>
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		<p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION:</p> <p>Delete and replace policy H1 text with the following text, as follows: “Small-scale residential development within the settlement boundary that does not impact adversely on the surrounding area will be supported. Sites will be expected to have a direct highway frontage and safe highway access.</p> <p>Planning permission for proposals for backland residential development will not be granted where the existing character of the settlement is adversely affected.</p> <p>Proposals for residential development on the Site H1(A) — Land South of Lavington Lane, West Lavington will be supported for residential development of up to 50 housing units. Proposals for this allocated site should be accompanied by a masterplan developed in collaboration with the community, the Parish Council, the local Planning Authority. The masterplan and the proposed development should reflect the development principles set out below and detailed further in the Development Brief published as a Supplementary Document to this Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Principles of Development</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vehicle Access — Provide a new access from Lavington Lane and also create a drop-off/collection parking area to service the Primary School.</li> <li>2. Pedestrian Movement — Provide footways across the site to link with local pavement and footpath routes. Provide a safe crossing opportunity on Lavington Lane.</li> <li>3. Housing and Design — Provide a mixed development of small/medium family houses and smaller accommodation for downsizing including bungalow and other types of accommodation for elderly and disabled people in an open, well designed layout. The provision of affordable housing should meet the need identified in the 2017 West Lavington Parish Housing Needs Survey.</li> <li>4. Parking — Provide adequate off street parking both to serve the new housing and to supplement provision at the Primary School.</li> </ol>	
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		<p>5. Landscaping – Provide landscaping belts on the northern and eastern perimeter of the site.</p> <p>6. Drainage – Provide drainage systems that are pollution free and minimize surface water run off to the surrounding area.</p> <p><b><u>“Land South of Lavington Lane, West Lavington, identified below, is allocated for up to 50 dwellings.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Proposals for the development of the site must be accompanied by a masterplan developed with the community, the Parish Council and the Local Planning Authority and demonstrate that the following principles have been taken into account:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>i) The proposal must demonstrate high quality design and make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>ii) Landscaping – the layout to be landscape-led, demonstrating: respect for the sites setting, including Manor House Woods and the river corridor; the creation of landscape buffers along the northern part of the site, including to the ancient woodland and its eastern edge to the river corridor; conservation and where possible, enhancement of heritage assets.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>iii) Housing – Provide a mixed development of small/medium family houses and smaller accommodation for downsizing, including bungalow and other types of accommodation capable of providing for elderly and disabled people in an open, well-designed layout.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>iv) Parking – Provide off street parking to serve the new housing and to supplement provision at the Primary School</u></b></p> <p><b><u>v) Lighting – demonstrate that there would be no increase in lux levels impacting on Manor House Woods and the Semington Brook corridor and that ambient light, particularly upward spill above the site, is managed in order to minimise impact on bats.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>vi) Flooding – the area has high groundwater and a Flood Risk Assessment and drainage strategy must be submitted. Runoff rates should reflect or improve upon existing greenfield rates.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>vii) Movement and Site Access - provide for suitable vehicular access and egress arrangements, as well as pedestrian and cycling connectivity across</u></b></p>	
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			<b><u>the site and with the local footpath network. Provide a safe crossing opportunity across Lavington Lane.</u></b>	
R23	Page 31	Page 52 / after Policy 1	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a new Map after the Policy, clearly showing the boundary of the allocation.</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Provide a new Map after the Policy, clearly showing the boundary of the allocation.</p>	For clarity.
R24	Page 32	Pages 47 & 49, Paras 7.8 and 7.17	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove references to H1(A)</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend third sentence of Paragraph 7.8 as follows: "As a housing allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan Site 7 has been renamed <del>Site H1(A)</del> Land South of Lavington Lane, West Lavington which better describes its location."</p> <p>Amend second sentence of Paragraph 7.17 as follows: "In addition the Neighbourhood Plan is taking into account the previous results of community consultation which has demonstrated support for the provision of additional housing in West Lavington; and that the site 7, now known as H1(A) <b><u>Land South of Lavington Lane, West Lavington</u></b>" is the community's preferred location for new development."</p>	As a consequence of R21.
R25	Pages 19 & 32	Page 50 & 51, Para 7.22	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Para 7.22 delete from "This additional community benefit..." to the end of the para;</li> <li>Para 7.23 delete from "The community benefits from the site allocation include..." to the end of the para (delete bullet points)</li> </ul>	<p>In the interest of consistency with modifications to Policy H1 (R22).</p> <p>Additional modifications identified</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Para 7.23 add new sentence "...terms. <i>The Parish Council has produced a Site Development Brief which can provide a basis for discussions with Wiltshire Council, the developer and the community on design matters. In addition...</i>"</li> </ul> <p>WILTSHIRE COUNCIL COMMENTS</p> <p>In the interests of consistency with the modifications to Policy H1 (R22) and accuracy, further modifications are required to paragraph 7.22, whereby reference to community opinion regarding site access and parking is retained (as a statement of fact) and additional text added to reference the masterplan and its relationship with the policy.</p> <p>Further modification is also required to paragraph 7.23 to delete the second and third sentences. This is consistent with the Examiner's recommendation to delete the remainder of the paragraph and as a consequential change to R22 which requires certain matters to be addressed at the planning application stage. New wording is therefore required, as follows, also in the interest of accuracy to clarify that up to date technical documents will need to be provided to support a planning application:</p> <p><i>"Up to date technical documents will be produced to inform the development of the masterplan and submitted in support of the planning application to demonstrate alignment with the development principles in Policy H1. These will include a Design and Access Statement and a full Transport Assessment."</i></p> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION:</p> <p>Amend paragraph 7.22 and 7.23 as follows:</p> <p>7.22 "In addition the site has a clearly defined site boundary which is a logical and rational development area. In addition the community is also seeking the additional community benefit of provision of a new access, drop off point and car parking for Dauntsey Academy Primary School. <del>This additional community benefit further supports a higher number of dwellings above that required purely to meet the needs in the West Lavington Housing Needs Survey.</del> Access to the site from Lavington Lane has attracted continuous community support throughout the</p>	<p>by Wiltshire Council are consequential to R22 and required to achieve accuracy and consistency.</p>
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		<p>Neighbourhood Plan process, allied to the community objective of addressing vehicular access and parking for Dauntsey Academy Primary School. <b><u>The masterplan process required by Policy H1 will consider how the site should be accessed and will enable community preferences to be taken into account, alongside addressing other policy requirements.</u></b> In addition Sandfield is only 4.90m in width with a footway of 1.85m along one side and a 1.85m verge on the other side. As Sandfield already serves approximately 135 dwellings from a single point; to meet the Wiltshire highway standards it would need to have the following dimensions to serve any additional development: Carriageway width of 5.5m; and Footway width of 2.0m (on both sides). There is no additional space along Sandfield to meet the overall 0.8m extra width that would be needed.”</p> <p>7.23 “The proposed housing allocation like any site has a number of potential benefits and potential impacts. The various technical documents produced to support the allocation make it clear that the potential impacts are acceptable in planning terms. <b><u>Up to date technical documents will be produced to inform the development of the masterplan and submitted in support of the planning application to demonstrate alignment with the development principles in Policy H1. These will include a Design and Access Statement and a full Transport Assessment. The Parish Council has also produced a Site Development Brief which provides a basis for discussions with Wiltshire Council, the developer and the community on design matters.</u></b> In addition the potential benefits are considered to significantly and demonstrably outweigh the limited residual potential impacts. The community benefits from the site allocation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of a new safe pedestrian crossing facility to Lavington Lane for pedestrians; including in particular pupils who reside in West Lavington walking to Lavington School; pupils of Dauntsey School walking between the boarding house at Dauntsey Manor and Dauntsey School; and parents walking children to Dauntsey Academy Primary School and Lavington Pre-school;</li> </ul>	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Securing additional development to help justify a reduced speed limit along Lavington Lane between Market Lavington and West Lavington; thereby improving safety especially for pedestrians moving between West Lavington and Market Lavington;</del></li> <li>• <del>Provision of an access point off Lavington Lane with associated access, drop off point and car parking for Dauntsey Academy Primary School. This would alleviate congestion and inappropriate parking on Sandfield which is narrow and below the standards required for the housing it serves;</del></li> <li>• <del>The provision of new affordable housing to meet the identified local needs; and</del></li> <li>• <del>The opportunity to provide a mixed development including some smaller and medium sized homes as part of the housing mix in order to meet the needs of the parish."</del></li> </ul>	
<b>'Economy' section</b>				
R26	Page 33	Page 55, Policy E1	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delete first sentence ("Existing...uses.") and last sentence ("Where...D2)."</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend Policy text as follows: <del>"Existing established employment sites and premises sites will be protected from change of use to non employment alternative uses.</del></p> <p>Change of use of existing employment sites or premises to non-employment alternative uses will only be supported where the applicant has demonstrated that there is no reasonable prospect of the site or premises being used for employment uses. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate that the existing or allocated use is no longer viable and that the site has been marketed for a reasonable period of time for alternative employment uses.</p>	For clarity and precision, in order to provide a decision-maker with a clear indication of how to react to a development proposal.

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			Where it has been successfully demonstrated that the site or premises is no longer suitable for employment uses preference will be given to the change of use to community or leisure use (use classes D1 and D2)."	
R27	Page 33	Page 55, para 9.3	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting text, Para 9.3, change last sentence to "<i>The Parish Council would prefer a change of use to recreation...local employment as this will...villages.</i>"</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend last sentence of paragraph 9.3 as follows: <b>"The Parish Council would prefer a c</b>Change of use to recreation, leisure or other purposes providing some ongoing local employment will be preferred as this will result in the retention of jobs within the villages."</p>	For clarity and accuracy.
R28	Page 33	Page 55, para 9.4	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete "...or any subsequent amendment to that Policy."</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend final sentence of paragraph 9.4 as follows: "In this policy reference to 'reasonable period of time' means six months as specified in Core Policy 35 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy or any subsequent amendment to that policy."</p>	It is inappropriate for the Neighbourhood Plan to seek to include a proviso based on something that does not exist.
R29	Page 34	Page 56, Title , paras 10.1 – 10.3 and Policy E2	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete Policy E2 and supporting text</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Delete the entirety of section 10 - title, text and policy – on page 56, from "10. Employment Development" to the end of the page.</p>	The Policy does not have regard to national policy. It is imprecise and ambiguous and does not contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.



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'Community Facilities' section				
R30	Page 35	Page 61, Policy CF1	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End first sentence "...facilities will <i>be supported, subject to their respecting local character, the amenity of neighbouring occupiers and highway safety.</i>" Delete the three bullet points</li> <li>• Policy CF1, change penultimate paragraph to "...for community activities <i>will be supported.</i>"</li> <li>• Policy CF1, change last sentence to "...Hall) will <i>not be supported</i> unless..."</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend Policy CF1, as follows: "Development proposals that result in the improvement and expansion of community facilities or the provision of new community facilities will be supported subject to <b><u>their respecting local character, the amenity of neighbouring occupiers and highway safety</u></b> the following criteria being met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>The proposal will not generate unacceptable noise, fumes, smell or other disturbance to neighbouring residential properties;</del></li> <li>• <del>The proposal will not lead to traffic congestion or adversely affect the free flow of traffic; and</del></li> <li>• <del>Access arrangements and off street parking can be satisfactorily provided"</del></li> </ul> <p>Proposals to expand, refurbish or redevelop the Village Hall and its surrounding parking, recreation and access arrangements in order for it to provide a more effective "hub" for community activities will be <del>permitted</del> <b><u>supported</u></b>.</p> <p>Development proposals that would result in the loss of community facilities (Places of Worship; Health; Facilities for children and young people; Schools; Public Houses; Post Office; Shops; and the Village Hall) will <del>be resisted</del> <b><u>not be supported</u></b> unless it can be shown that they are poorly used, not viable or adequate replacement provision is made elsewhere nearby within or close to the Parish.</p>	<p>For clarity and precision.</p> <p>The neighbourhood plan should not seek to pre-determine the planning application and decision-making process.</p>

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R31	Page 36	Page 60, para 12.5	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change fifth line to “<i>Therefore, the Parish Council supports the provision of appropriate car parking for the school associated with the housing allocation (Policy H1). This would help to alleviate...use of the village hall.</i>”</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend fourth and fifth sentence of paragraph 12.5 as follows: “Therefore <b>the Parish Council supports the provision of appropriate car parking for the school associated with the housing allocation (Policy H1)</b> through the housing allocation provision of an access point off Lavington Lane with associated access, drop off point and car parking for Dauntsey Academy Primary School will be achieved. This would <b>help to</b> alleviate congestion and inappropriate parking on Sandfield which is narrow and below the standards required for the housing it serves. It will also eliminate use of the car park of the village hall which would reduce the conflict that this use can provide with bookings and use of the village hall.</p>	For precision, and as a consequential change following the modification of Policy H1 (Modification 22).
R32	Page 37	Page 62, Policy CF2	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy CF2, change to “<i>Proposals for the expansion or alteration of educational facilities or community facilities at Dauntsey’s School and Dauntsey Academy Primary School will be supported. Playing fields in the Neighbourhood Area should not be built on unless replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quality, quantity and location; or the proposal is for alternative sports and recreation provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.</i>”</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend Policy CF2, to read: “<b><u>Proposals for the expansion or alteration of educational facilities or community facilities at Dauntsey’s School and Dauntsey Academy Primary School will be supported. Playing fields in the Neighbourhood Area should not be built on unless replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quality, quantity and location; or the proposal is for alternative sports and</u></b></p>	For precision and clarity and to align with NPPF para 74 to afford protection to playing fields.

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			<p><b><u>recreation provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.</u></b> Land at Dauntsey's School and Dauntsey Academy Primary School is safeguarded for educational use, any proposals for non-educational or community use will not be permitted. Proposals for the expansion of existing educational facilities in the Plan area will be supported where it can be demonstrated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion would not exacerbate existing access related or traffic circulation problems, or that suitable mitigation measures are being brought forward as part of the proposal;</li> <li>• Any loss of existing open space is minimised and that sufficient open space is retained to meet the needs of the users of the school;</li> <li>• The development would not result in a significant loss of amenity to local residents or other adjacent users; and</li> <li>• The development does not conflict with other Plan policies or proposals."</li> </ul>	
<b>'Natural Environment' section</b>				
R33	Page 39	Page 66, Policy NE1	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After the list of sites in Policy NE1, change to "<i>The sites listed above and shown on the plans below are designated as areas of Local Green Space, which will be protected in a manner consistent with the protection of land within Green Belts.</i>"</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend second and third paragraph of the policy (after bulleted list of sites) as follows: <b><u>"The sites listed above and shown on the plans below are designated as areas of Local Green Space, which will be protected in a manner consistent with the protection of land within Green Belts.</u></b> The policy taken towards development in these areas is consistent with that taken towards development in Green Belt. Inappropriate development will not be allowed other than in very special circumstances. Development should not adversely affect the tranquillity of the Local Green Spaces. Proposals adjacent to these sites will need to</p>	To ensure the policy wording has regard to national policy.

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			<del>demonstrate that they will not harm the Local Green Space and where possible enhance access to the Local Green Space for people and wildlife."</del>	
R34	Page 39	Page 66, Policy NE1.	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide plans after the Policy that clearly identify the boundaries (so that there can be no confusion - for example, the Policies Map is insufficient for this purpose) of each area of Local Green Space.</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Provide a plan for each site designated as areas of Local Green Space, that clearly identify the site boundaries.</p>	For clarity and precision.
R35	Page 39	Pages 65 ~& 66, paras 15.1 and 15.3	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting text, delete the second sentence of Para 15.1, which is incorrect ("Once...designated.")</li> <li>Para 15.3, penultimate line on page 65, change to "...set out in Appendix 1. More detail is also...Plan."</li> </ul> <p>WILTSHIRE COUNCIL COMMENTS: For accuracy and clarity, as a consequential change to R34 (taking into consideration R38) add sentence to new penultimate sentence to state: "<i>The Policies Map shows the location of all the Local Green Spaces, with individual plans below Policy NE1 clearly showing the boundaries.</i>"</p> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Amend paragraph 15.1 as follows: "In 2012, the Government introduced a new designation of Local Green Space through the NPPF allowing local communities to put forward green areas of particular importance to them for protection. <del>Once designated, planning permission will only be granted for the development of the sites in very special circumstances or if the development clearly enhances the Local Green Space for the purposes it was designated.</del>"</p>	For precision. Additional modification has been identified by Wiltshire Council as a consequential change to R34 and in the interest of accuracy and clarity.

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			<p>Amend paragraph 15.3, as follows:          “The sites listed in the policy have been assessed as according with the criteria for Local Green Space as set out in the NPPF and are therefore considered to be in reasonably close proximity to the community they serve; local in character and not an extensive tract of land; and demonstrably special to the local community and holding a particular local significance. A tabular assessment of each of the designated Local Green Spaces against the criteria set out in the NPPF, together with a brief summary of each of the areas is set out in Appendix 1. <del>A detailed map of each of the Local Green Spaces is also included in Appendix 1.</del> <b>The Policies Map shows the location of all the Local Green Spaces, with individual plans below Policy NE1 clearly showing the boundaries.</b> More detail is also set out in the Local Green Spaces Evidence document which accompanies this Neighbourhood Plan.”</p>	
R36	Page 41	Page 69, Policy NE2	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy NE2, change first sentence and bullet points to: “<i>The Neighbourhood Plan will support proposals to protect and enhance the natural features...populations, including: a) ...tree cover and hedgerows; b) Proposals...habitat connectivity; c) ...of woodland.</i>”</li> <li>• Policy NE2, change remainder of Policy to “<i>Development should respect views into and out of the two villages and be designed to integrate well with its surroundings. Development should retain visual separation between West Lavington/Littleton Panell and the settlements of Little Cheverell and Market Lavington. The provision of new and the enhancement of existing, green infrastructure will be supported. Development should protect existing biodiversity and pursue opportunities to secure net gains for biodiversity.</i>”</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION:          Amend Policy NE2 to read:          “The Neighbourhood Plan <b>will support proposals to</b> <del>supports proposals that</del> protect and enhance the natural features that are a key component of the</p>	<p>While Policy NE2 aims to protect and enhance natural features, much of the Policy appears ambiguous and fails to have regard to national policy.</p>

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		<p>landscape and provide habitat for West Lavington's diverse wildlife populations, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures to protect &amp; enhance our natural environment &amp; landscape character and to maintain tree cover &amp; hedgerows <del>will be promoted wherever possible</del>;</li> <li>Proposals that provide favourable conditions for biodiversity including maintenance and enhancement of habitat connectivity <del>and landscape scale conservation will be supported. Mitigation measures will be sought where any loss would be unavoidable and cause significant harm</del>;</li> <li>Woodlands &amp; hedgerows. The community support measures to increase the enhancement, reinstatement or creation of hedgerows along boundaries, and support the creation of additional pockets of woodland.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Development should respect views into and out of the two villages and be designed to integrate well with its surroundings. Development should retain visual separation between West Lavington/Littleton Panell and the settlements of Little Cheverell and Market Lavington.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>The provision of new and the enhancement of existing, green infrastructure will be supported. Development should protect existing biodiversity and pursue opportunities to secure net gains for biodiversity.</u></b></p> <p><del>Development within and on the edge of West Lavington and Littleton Panell will only be permitted where it does not adversely affect views and linkages into and out of the two villages. The following areas are considered important to the overall setting of West Lavington Parish and are identified on the Policies Map:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>• Fields West of White Street and Behind High Street</del></li> <li><del>• Strawberry Hill and Wood</del></li> <li><del>• Ramscliff</del></li> <li><del>• The Warren</del></li> <li><del>• Dauntsey Manor Woods</del></li> </ul> <p><del>New development will be supported provided that it does not adversely affect or devalue the structure, diversity or views of the streetscene and landscape. New</del></p>	
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R37	Page 42	Page 68 & 69, Paras 16.9 & 16.10 & Appendix 2	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delete Paras 16.9, 16.10 and appendix 2</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Delete Paragraphs 16.9, 16.10 and appendix 2</p>	As a consequential change to changes to Policy NE2, as set out in R36.
<b>Policies Map</b>				
R38	Page 43	Policies Map	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include the Policies Map within the Neighbourhood Plan itself (rather than appended to it).</li> <li>The Policies Map and Key should show the settlement boundary, the housing allocation, and the areas of Local Green Space (numbered on the Map and named in the Key). References to educational facilities, areas important to setting and areas of important green infrastructure should be deleted.</li> <li>NB: there should only be one Policies Map, which indicates the housing allocation and Local Green Space designations in context.</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Include the Policies Map within the Neighbourhood Plan itself (rather than appended to it).</p> <p>The Policies Map and Key should show the settlement boundary, the housing allocation, and the areas of Local Green Space (numbered on the Map and named in the Key). References to educational facilities, areas important to setting and areas of important green infrastructure should be deleted.</p> <p>There should only be one Policies Map, which indicates the housing allocation and Local Green Space designations in context.</p>	In the interest of accuracy and consistency.



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Consequential changes to numbering throughout the document.				
R39	Page 43	Whole document	<p>EXAMINER COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the Contents, Policy, paragraph and page numbering, taking into account the recommendations contained in this Report.</li> </ul> <p>REQUIRED MODIFICATION: Update the Contents, Policy, paragraph and page numbering, taking into account the recommendations contained in this Report.</p>	For precision, as a consequence of the preceding modifications.