

Silkstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Information / Consultation Activity on the Issues and Options Paper

A steering group was established of interested local residents to prepare the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), which held its first meeting in November 2019. A total of 11 meetings were held up to the publication of the Issues and Options paper in late January 2021.

The idea of an NDP was first publicised in the Parish Newsletter in Autumn 2019. Further articles on the work being undertaken followed in the subsequent three newsletters, including an invitation to join the steering group. The steering group has 11 active members, including all the Parish Councillors and four local residents.

The Parish Council set up a separate website, www.silkstoneplan.co.uk, to host information and documentation about the work on the NDP. This went live in January 2021. This included minutes of the steering group.

The steering group decided that informal consultation on the Issues and Options paper for the NDP should take place between 5th April and 17th May 2021. In the event, the paper was available somewhat earlier than this, but the steering group decided to keep the end date for the consultation.

A special Parish Newsletter was delivered to all 1,380 households in the Parish between 27th February and 20th March 2021. The newsletter set out the proposed Vision and Objectives in the Issues and Options paper, summarised the issues associated with each policy area and outlined the consultation arrangements. The newsletter incorporated a questionnaire, which residents were asked to complete with the views on the Vision, Objectives, Issues and Options and return by 17th May.

The newsletter asked that residents return written questionnaires to the Clerk to the Parish Council or deposited in boxes at Silkstone Pharmacy, Silkstone Co-op Store or The Cottage Bakery, Silkstone Common. The newsletter also directed residents to the www.silkstoneplan.co.uk website where more information could be found, including the full Issues and Options paper and questionnaires that could be returned electronically. The electronic questionnaires were provided as downloadable / editable PDF forms and as a Google Form for completion on-line.

The boxes for return of the questionnaires included a QR code, which residents could scan to access the www.silkstoneplan.co.uk website. The reverse of the box included the contact telephone number for the steering group chair, so that the store owners / managers could make contact but also to be passed on to residents if they requested it.

The newsletter also included contact details for each member of the steering group, encouraging residents to make contact if they had any queries. Although residents were encouraged to complete a questionnaire, it was also made clear that they could simply email or comment on one issue or aspect, especially regarding issues not specifically covered in the Issues and Options paper.

The steering group chair also wrote directly (emails or letters) to 46 voluntary groups, community organisations, businesses and other stakeholders in the parish informing them of work on the NDP. The email / letter directed them to the website, asking that they complete a questionnaire or make contact on individual / specific issues. Some of the voluntary group / community organisations agreed to contact their “members” to encourage them to make comments by one means or another.

The steering group also engaged a number of young people in the parish to seek their views on the NDP. As well as a written submission responding to each of the draft objectives in the Issues and Options paper, the youth group produced a brief video, which highlighted parts of the parish that young people liked or felt could be improved.

A brief video was produced, summarising the work being done on the NDP and encouraging residents to engage in the consultation. This was posted on the Parish Council YouTube channel and shared to the Facebook and Next Door pages for Silkstone / Silkstone Common. This followed on from previous posts through those channels by members of the steering group, highlighting the work being done. Further Facebook posts were made by members of the steering group throughout the informal consultation period.

The steering group contacted local media outlets informing them of the work being done on the NDP. The Barnsley Chronicle published an article on 9th April 2021 (page 5) encouraging residents to engage in the process.

The steering group originally planned to hold drop-in sessions for residents to ask questions about the Issues and Options paper. These were to be held on 10th April 2021 at Silkstone Common Methodist Church and 11th April 2021 at the Huskar Rooms, Silkstone. However, continuing government restrictions on public gatherings due to the covid-19 pandemic resulted in these being cancelled, with residents offered the opportunity for Zoom sessions on the same days. Residents were asked to indicate that they wanted to join one or other of these sessions by 2nd April 2021, with the sessions cancelled if there was a lack of interest.

The steering group did consider if work on the NDP should be delayed until public gatherings were permitted again. It was noted that progress had already been delayed from 2016/17. The steering group therefore decided to hold outdoor drop-in sessions at Pot House Hamlet in Silkstone on 8th May 2021 and Christine's Place in Silkstone Common on 9th May 2021, when covid-19 restrictions had been relaxed. These sessions were both held from 11 am to 1 pm. The change in drop-in arrangements was publicised on the www.silkstoneplan.co.uk website.

Reminders of the consultation were issued in the form of large banners displayed at key locations in the parish, during the period 6th to 17th May. These contained information about the closing date for the consultation and the website address, including a QR code. Banners were displayed on the MUGA at Silkstone Recreation Ground (outside the Huskar Rooms, which were being used as a polling station on 6th May), on the notice board outside Silkstone Parish Church, and outside the Station Inn public house in Silkstone Common. A5 leaflets, bearing the same information as the banners, were posted out to parents by both Silkstone and Silkstone Common primary schools. The leaflet was also distributed to several households in Silkstone and Silkstone Common.

The consultation resulted in 54 individual responses being received, either online or in paper form. These responses were all collated on to the Google Form for analysis. The steering committee considered the comments made and the response to each of the comments, in relation to preparing the draft NDP is given in appendix J.

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Extracts of Articles in Parish Newsletters

Autumn 2019, front page

A word from the Chair

Welcome to your autumn newsletter. It seems no time since we were looking forward to summer and here we are getting ready for winter. Chef Damien's recipe on page 5 is an ideal chutney to prepare now, ready for Christmas, which is just around the corner. We held the summer fair (page 2) the weather wasn't as kind to us this year, but it did bring the community together as an event for all.

Looking forward, the Parish Council is hoping to get enough parishioners together to develop and deliver the Neighbourhood Plan, if you are interested there is a meeting at the Pavilion Silkstone Playing Field on Monday 23 September at 6:30pm when a representative for Kirkwells Town & Planning Consultancy will be there to advise the best way forward, please come along. This is something that the Parish Council can support but needs to be led by the community.

Finally, I must address the usual issue of dog walkers, please pick up your dog's business and either take it home with you to dispose of or put it in one of the many litter bins provided.

The next time I speak to you Christmas will be almost upon us, Wonderfully Made in Yorkshire (page 4) will have taken place at Silkstone Church and we will all be looking forward to and preparing for Christmas.

Meryl Liddell
Chair Silkstone Parish Council

Autumn 2019

Why we need a Neighbourhood Plan

What is neighbourhood planning?

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead.

What can communities use neighbourhood planning for?

Local communities can choose to:

- set planning policies through a neighbourhood plan that forms part of the development plan used in determining planning applications.

- grant planning permission through Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders for specific development which complies with the order.

Neighbourhood planning is not a legal requirement but a right which communities in England can choose to use.

What are the benefits?

Neighbourhood planning enables communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work and in supporting new development proposals. This is because unlike the parish, village or town plans that communities may have prepared, a neighbourhood plan forms part of the development plan and sits alongside the local plan prepared by the local planning authority. Decisions on planning applications will be made using both the local plan and the neighbourhood plan, and any other material considerations.

Meryl Liddell

Silkstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan

So, here is the latest update.

There is now a 'steering group' who will ensure the plan moves along and meets all the necessary criteria. At the last meeting Ian Turner was voted as Chair of the group, if you wish to contact Ian you can email him on

NPSCS199@gmail.com. A decision has been made to apply for grant funding, which will fund the hiring of a consultant to ensure the plan, both includes how parishioners wish to see the parish develop over the next number of years and it meets all the legal requirements.

The group will be meeting every third Tuesday in the month, the next meeting is Tuesday 19 November 7pm at Silkstone Pavilion (through the gate and up the path), please feel free to come along.

As we move forward we will still need lots of help and involvement of the community to ensure the plan is developed, written and eventually being accepted by Barnsley Council and become statutory planning, meaning that when plans are lodged with BMBC, our plan will carry as much weight as all the other planning regulations.

Please watch the Parish Council website, Facebook page, twitter and the notice boards in the villages, if fact anywhere we can put up a poster up inviting you to various consultation events, because without you it won't happen. If you do not have a computer but would like further information, please call Meryl Liddell on 01226790509.

Meryl Liddell

Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

The last newsletter reported that we had set up a steering group to make progress on a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the Parish. The steering group has met four times since October, and we felt now was a good time to explain a bit more about the task ahead of us.

The idea of NDPs is that they give local people a greater say in planning decisions that affect their area. Barnsley Council already has a local plan and other documents with policies to guide the development of the borough. The NDP complements those documents with policies at the neighbourhood level and is designed to reflect the needs and priorities of the local community. Unlike earlier documents produced by the Parish Council, the policies in the NDP must be considered when Barnsley Council takes decisions on planning applications in that area.

NDPs can identify where development should take place, set out local design principles so that buildings respond positively to local character, and protect important facilities, historic buildings, the natural environment and open spaces. However, the NDP cannot contradict policies in other statutory planning documents, both for Barnsley and nationally, so we must consider these as we prepare the NDP policies.

The steering group has agreed a Draft Vision for Silkstone Parish up to 2033 as the starting points for the NDP:

"To maintain the character of the villages by ensuring that any development is sensitive to the existing built and natural environment but recognises the need to support 21st century living in a sustainable way."

From this draft Vision, we currently have eight (again draft) Objectives, providing themes for a range of NDP policies:

1. To support the development of housing provision to meet local needs that is in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.
2. To support the protection and improvement of community leisure, sports and recreation facilities.
3. To protect, enhance and develop the Parish's biodiversity, natural assets and amenity areas, including the Trans Pennine Trail, the green belt, green open spaces, open farmland, and community allotments.
4. To protect and enhance the Parish's built industrial and residential heritage and history.
5. To preserve and improve accessibility and connections to the Trans Pennine Trail, the Wagonway, local beckside, local footpaths and bridle paths.
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The next piece of work is for the steering group to develop the Vision and Objectives into an Issues and Options document. We are working with Kirkwells consultants on this document together, setting out what we suggest the NDP should include. This will then give something on which local residents and businesses and other stakeholders can give their views and add their own ideas. We hope to kick off this process with a consultation event the date will be announced and promoted across the parish. We will be providing updates on the "Your community" section of the Parish Council website and publishing the steering group minutes with the Parish Council papers, so you can find up-to-date information there.

I hope this provides an insight into the work we're doing. If you would like to be involved in the work of the steering group, either joining the meetings or providing initial thoughts about specific sites, facilities or buildings, please email npsc19@gmail.com

*Ian Turner
Chair Silkstone Parish
NDP Steering Group*

Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

In the Spring newsletter, I wrote about the steering group we had set up to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the Parish. Unfortunately, covid-19 has intervened to slow our progress! However, the steering group met 'virtually' in June to try and get us back on track.

You'll remember that the idea of NDPs is that they give local people a greater say in planning decisions that affect their area. NDPs can identify where development should take place, set out local design principles so that buildings respond positively to local character, and protect important facilities, historic buildings, the natural environment, and open spaces. However, it cannot contradict the planning policies set by national government or by Barnsley Council.

To give this some focus, the steering group has agreed a draft Vision for the parish up to 2033:

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The steering group has also developed eight draft Objectives, providing themes for a range of NDP policies:

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The steering group is continuing its work to produce an Issues and Options

paper. This will set out what policies Barnsley Council has included in the local plan and other documents, affecting development of the whole borough. It will also set out how we might use the NDP to complement those documents with policies at the neighbourhood level. It will set out the options that the steering group has looked at and ask local people for their views.

We want to do public consultation on the Issues and Options paper as soon as the covid-19 restrictions are fully lifted. It seems unlikely this will be before the Autumn. In the meantime, the steering group is keen to hear your ideas on what policies we might include under each of the draft objectives in the paper, or your views on specific issues or problems that need attention. It would help if these comments took account of the draft Vision and Objectives, but the steering group would welcome any views you have.

If you have anything you want to say about this work, or if you just want to receive updates about the work of the steering group, please let us know by emailing npsc19@gmail.com

Ian Turner
Chair Silkstone Parish NDP Steering Group

Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

As I reported in the Autumn newsletter, the Neighbourhood Plan steering group has got back on track since June following its covid-19-enforced hiatus. The group has made good progress in preparing the Issues and Options paper, setting out the points we would like residents to think about. These are linked to each of the eight themes mentioned in the previous newsletter - you'll find more detail on the Parish Council website.

Briefly, the themes cover housing provision, improvements to leisure, protecting biodiversity and natural assets, preserving industrial / residential heritage and history, accessibility to local footpaths and bridle paths, supporting a sustainable local economy and maximising local tourism assets, better traffic management, and improving access to local public transport networks.

We're hoping to finalise the Issues and Options paper early in the New Year and publish it on a special "Neighbourhood Plan" website. A summary will also be circulated to residents in a special Parish Council newsletter. This will include a questionnaire so you can give the steering group your views on the issues raised. We're also planning to produce an on-line version of the questionnaire. More information on how and where to respond will be available in the special newsletter.

The steering group hopes that the covid-19 restrictions will have changed by then to allow drop-in events where you can ask us questions in person. If so, these will be at

- Silkstone Common Methodist Church on Saturday, 10th April 2021 and the

- Huskar Community Rooms at Silkstone on Sunday, 11th April 2021, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

If government restrictions are still in place, we're planning to hold virtual drop-in sessions using Zoom on the same two days. Again, the steering group will issue more information nearer the time.

I'm looking forward to hearing residents' views when we circulate the questionnaire. However, in the meantime, if you have anything you want to say about this work, or if you just want to receive updates about the work of the steering group, please let us know by emailing npsc19@gmail.com

Ian Turner
Chair Silkstone Parish NDP Steering Group

Neighbourhood Plan

You should have received a newsletter all about the Neighbourhood plan.

You can find out more on the website <http://www.silkstoneplan.co.uk/>

Or email npscs19@gmail.com for more information.

Summer 2021

Silkstone Neighbourhood Plan - Update

You may know that our consultation on the Issues and Options for the neighbourhood plan closed on 17th May. First of all, the Steering Group on behalf of the Parish Council, would like to thank all those who responded to the consultation. Around 54 individuals and local groups completed the questionnaire, and many gave very detailed comments with their thoughts and ideas on the locally important issues that the Plan should consider. Overall, there was widespread support for the document, but there were also many issues that need further work.

In addition, a group of local young people made a short film about the Parish and local facilities, highlighting positive and not so positive issues. We hope that the video can be made available soon on the Parish Council YouTube channel.

All of the responses are now being very carefully reviewed by the Steering Group and will be used to shape the policies and proposals in our Draft Plan.

We hope to consult formally on the Draft Plan in the Autumn. This means local residents and stakeholders, as well as statutory bodies such as Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England, will all have an opportunity to comment on our Plan. It will then be submitted to Barnsley Council, who will consult again, before being examined by an independent examiner. All being well, we hope to have our Neighbourhood Plan ready for a referendum by Summer 2022, and a Yes vote will mean that the Plan will be used to help determine planning applications in the Parish.

Thank you again for your support. We hope local residents and groups will continue to be involved so that the Silkstone Neighbourhood Plan truly reflects local residents' planning priorities. If you would like more information about the plan, please visit the website at www.silkstoneplan.co.uk or email npscs19@gmail.com

Ian Turner
Chair, Silkstone Parish Neighbourhood
Plan Steering Group

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Welcome

Here you will find information about our work to prepare the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Silkstone and Silkstone Common. This includes our latest thoughts on what the plan should include, as well as the supporting information and documents we have referred to.

The Silkstone NDP gives residents a one-in-a-generation chance to make their voices heard on planning issues. An adopted NDP has statutory effect - it becomes planning for our Parish. [A video explaining the importance of the NDP is available on the Parish Council's YouTube channel.](#)

Latest News

[Informal Consultation now closed](#)

Published: 23 May 21

Informal consultation on the Issues & Options closed on 17th May 2021

[May drop-in sessions announced](#)

Published: 26 Apr 21

Outdoor drop-in sessions announced for 8th and 9th May 2021

[Zoom sessions cancelled](#)

Published: 4 Apr 21

Zoom drop-in sessions cancelled - Outdoors session planned for May!

[Changes to drop-in sessions](#)

Published: 17 Mar 21

Changes announced to the drop-in sessions in April

[New Video Launched](#)

Published: 16 Mar 21

A short video explaining the NDP process has been launched today

[Special Parish Newsletter](#)

Published: 1 Mar 21

A Special Parish Newsletter summarising the Issues & Options for the NDP will be delivered shortly

[Issues and Options Paper](#)

Published: 10 Feb 21

The paper on Issues & Options for the NDP is now available

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Silkstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan



Welcome to a summary of the Issues and Options document for the Silkstone Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)



What is an NDP

Neighbourhood Development Plans (or NDPs) are locally led planning policy documents and are used to help determine planning applications in a parish or other defined area. They are informed by consultation and engagement with local residents and stakeholders and must sit within the wider national and local authority planning framework:

Government planning policy is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Barnsley Borough Council's planning policies are set out in the adopted Barnsley Local Plan and Policies Map.

At the end of the process everyone on the electoral register in the Parish is invited to vote in a referendum on whether the Plan should be used to help determine planning applications.

What are we consulting about?

As a first step, an Issues and Options document has been prepared by a Committee of local residents and parish councillors on behalf of the Parish Council. It sets out the key planning issues identified so far as relevant to Silkstone Parish (which includes the villages of Silkstone and Silkstone Common). It builds on previous work undertaken by the Parish Council including the Parish Plan (2004) and Parish Design Statement (2006).

This document is a summary of the key issues and invites you to complete a short questionnaire. The full Issues and Options document and other background information are available on the Parish Council's NDP website at www.silkstoneplan.co.uk or can be borrowed as paper copies from members of the steering committee listed on page 3. Your responses will be considered carefully and used to inform the next version of the NDP - the Draft Plan.

Please complete the questionnaire on page 7 and return it using one of the options on page 6.

Welcome to this special edition of the Parish Newsletter. It is dedicated to the promotion and the start of the consultation on the Silkstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan. Please take time to read it and complete the questionnaire in the end of the newsletter letting us know your thoughts. There are numerous ways to return your questionnaire which can be found on page 6. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read the newsletter, completing the questionnaire and returning it to us. We hope that there will be more community consultation in April 2021, social distancing and government guidelines allowing

The back page is a reminder of the community group within the parish you can turn to if you need a helping hand with your shopping, walking your dog, or if you are feeling anxious and simply in need of a chat to someone. Also, the parish pantry is available for those in need within the parish.

Stay safe and well

Meryl Liddell
Chair Silkstone Parish Council



The website will be live from early Feb. www.silkstoneplan.co.uk
If you have problems accessing it email npscsl9@gmail.com

Designated Neighbourhood Area and Parish Boundary

The Silkstone Parish NDP can only include planning policies to guide development within the parish or designated neighbourhood area. This is shown on the Map below.





Draft Vision for Silkstone Parish up to 2033

To maintain the character of the villages by ensuring that any development is sensitive to the existing built and natural environment but recognises the need to support 21st century living in a sustainable way.

Draft NDP Vision and Objectives

Draft Objectives

Objective 1.

To support the development of housing provision to meet local needs that is in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.

Objective 2.

To support the protection and improvement of community leisure, sports and recreation facilities.

Objective 3

To protect, enhance and develop the Parish's biodiversity, natural assets and amenity areas, including the Trans Pennine Trail, the green belt, green open spaces, open farmland, and community allotments.

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Objective 6.

To support the development of a sustainable local economy, with particular emphasis on maximising local tourism assets.

Objective 7.

To better manage local traffic to reduce highway congestion and increase road safety.

Objective 8.

To support better access to local public transport networks.

Who to contact

The following Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee can be contacted if you would like to borrow a paper copy of the full Issues and Options paper, or discuss any issues raised in it:

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Key Planning Issues and Policy Options

1. Housing

The Parish is not in an area identified for housing growth in the Local Plan, but the NDP has to plan positively for development.

House prices in the parish are higher than average for the Barnsley borough area, reflecting the Parish's status as a popular and highly desirable area, with delightful surrounding countryside, highly-regarded schooling and good commuting links.

The Neighbourhood Planning Committee would like to use this consultation to explore whether local residents would like the NDP to include a planning policy to guide house types and sizes in Silkstone Parish, or whether we should rely on policies in the recently adopted Barnsley Local Plan. Recent developments for new housing in the Parish have tended to provide larger scale, family housing for private sale.

It is proposed that the NDP leaves decisions about house sizes, types and tenure to the policies in the adopted Barnsley Local Plan and the most up to date Barnsley level housing needs assessment. However, the NDP could include a local policy which supports the principle of new housing, provided locally appropriate criteria are met. Such a policy could include for instance supporting small scale development in areas up to 0.4 hectares, provided that new houses are not built in existing gardens, footpaths are preserved, density is consistent with adjacent areas and there is no detrimental impact of the landscape or visual amenity.

2. Community and Leisure

Silkstone Parish is fortunate to have a range of local community and recreation facilities. These include 2 schools, a play school, post office, a store with a petrol station and off-licence attached, a bakery, 2 churches, 2 restaurants and 2 public houses. Community Groups based within the villages include luncheon clubs, a number of football and cricket clubs, mother and toddler groups, children's music groups, a history group (Roggins), a CARE (Community Action in the

Rural Environment) group, Guide and Scout Groups, and a Village in Bloom Group.

The area also has the Recreation Ground in Silkstone with a football pitch and a cricket pitch. Membership of the clubs is open to non-Silkstone residents. Other areas of importance are the children's play areas located at Manor Park, Broad Gates and Martin Croft. In Silkstone Common the Recreation Ground has a football pitch and the children's play area known as 'Mike's Place'. Both recreation grounds have a "M.U.G.A. (Multi-Use Games Area)



The M.U.G.A. in Silkstone Common rec.

The Neighbourhood Planning Committee would like to know local residents' and stakeholders' views about whether the Silkstone NDP should include a Policy to support investment in provision in local community and recreational facilities. Such a Policy could add more detail to the Policies in the Barnsley Local Plan by working with local sports clubs to address specific provision needed locally.

Local residents and representatives of sports clubs are invited to explain where they think investment in local provision is required and what sort of facilities are needed.

The NPPF allows local communities to protect from development important small scale open spaces which have a particular significance. These are called 'Local Green Spaces'. In order to qualify for such protection, Local Green Spaces have to comply with a set of criteria set out in the NPPF. Paragraph 100 explains the criteria which have to be met:

'The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:



- a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds 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; and
- c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.'

The Parish Design Statement identified a number of important green spaces. The list of green spaces are the main ones within the villages, but there are a substantial number of smaller green spaces. These are of equal importance to the open rural feel of the villages. The Neighbourhood Planning Committee would like to know if there are any additional small, incidental areas of open space in either of the two villages which should be considered for protection as a Local Green Space.



3. Landscape Character and Wildlife

The Parish has its own distinctive landscape character including gently rolling hills and broad valleys, small, medium sized and large woodlands, mainly deciduous and some coniferous, substantial areas of intact agricultural land, both in arable and pastoral use, irregularly shaped small, medium sized and large fields bounded by hedgerows, stone walls and fences, stone farmsteads, often with large modern outbuildings, villages and hamlets set in open countryside, large stone country houses set within designed parkland landscapes and urban encroachment visible to the east.

The Silkstone NDP could include a policy which protects local landscape character by identifying those features which

contribute to the local distinctiveness of the Parish and requiring development to protect and enhance them.

The Parish Design Statement identifies and describes areas of biodiversity importance in Silkstone Parish. Pye Flatts Meadow on the Hoylandswaine boundary of the Parish is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Its special attributes arise from the fact that its sward has not been disturbed over many years, has not been ploughed or fertilised, and the wide range of plant species found there are entirely native species. Another area of significance is Knabbs Wood, which includes some ancient woodland, and is in the ownership of the Woodland Trust. It is highly likely that the site of the Huskar Disaster lies in this woodland.

There are also a number of traditional hedgerows close to the villages which are of significant conservation interest. Some hedgerows, within the built-up areas, serve as 'corridors' for wildlife along which birds, butterflies and small mammals travel. There are several areas of ancient woodland (woodland that has existed since 1600 or earlier) in the Parish. These allow for diversity in the general landscape and also add to the character of the villages. Watercourses such as Silkstone Beck and Huskar Dike provide important wildlife habitats.

4. Built Heritage and Design

Silkstone Parish has 24 Listed Buildings including Grade I Church of All Saints and Grade II* Knabbs Hall. The area has an interesting and important heritage linked to its industrial past and particularly coal mining. The history of the Parish is explained in more detail in the Parish Design Statement. The Parish Design Guide identifies a number of sites of local heritage interest. In addition, the Design Statement describes areas of special character and interest requiring some degree of protection.

The Neighbourhood Planning Committee has been researching important local features and buildings of heritage interest. They are working to identify and describe candidates for local list non-designated heritage assets for protection as part of work on the NDP. This work would need to take into account guidance from Historic England and



advice from Barnsley Council but should provide a degree of protection to buildings and structures which are of local interest but which are not on the national list. These have been used to develop draft Design Codes for future development, available on the website, on which we would welcome comments from residents.

The Parish Design Statement sets out a number of proposed guidelines to help ensure new development responds positively to local character. These could be reviewed and used to help inform updated local design policies in the Silkstone NDP.

The Neighbourhood Planning Committee has been working to identify and describe different character areas. Character Area Appraisals provides more information about the local character of different areas of the village and are provided as an Appendix in the full Issues and Options document.

5. Movement and Accessibility

The Parish is served by bus and train services but there is a high reliance on private cars. Levels of car ownership in the Parish are relatively high for Barnsley borough. As a result, many residential areas suffer congestion due to on-street parking, where car ownership exceeds the spaces provided within the property. High Street, Silkstone, is a particular cause for concern, with difficulties often arising in its safe navigation. This has been worsened by recent residential developments and changes in business uses increasing levels of on-street parking.

The NDP cannot propose planning policies to tackle issue such as traffic and parking management. However, the Parish Council hopes that work with partners to improve public transport will reduce reliance on car travel.

The network of rights of way from the Parish provides access to the wider network of footpaths across the borough and into Derbyshire, West Yorkshire and beyond, and are generally well sign-posted and maintained. The Parish Council will work with Barnsley Council and other partners to develop actions to preserve and improve existing public rights of way and links to long distance trails.

This will include enhanced promotional activity to enhance the local tourism offer and support the local visitor economy.

6. Rural Employment

Local employment opportunities reflect the rural character of the Parish. There are no medium to largescale employers and many businesses are service based. Nearby major urban areas such as Leeds, Wakefield, Sheffield and Barnsley provide wide ranging opportunities with national and international employers.

Parish based businesses include Pot House Hamlet and other business linked to the visitor economy and tourism as well as professional services.

Next Steps

Please respond before 17th May 2021 by:

- Completing the questionnaire at the end of this document and returning it to npsc19@gmail.com or by post to the Clerk to the Parish Council at 8 The Meadows, Silkstone Common, Barnsley S75 4SG.
- Depositing your form in the box at the Co-op Store at Silkstone Cross, Silkstone Pharmacy, High Street, or The Cottage Bakery, Ben Bank Road, Silkstone Common
- Go to the website www.silkstoneplan.co.uk and either download the PDF questionnaire which you can fill in and return by email or as described above, or simply fill in the online questionnaire.
- Coming along and completing a response form at one of our events at Silkstone Common Methodists Church on Saturday, 10th April 2021 between 1.00 and 4.00 pm and the Huskar Community Rooms at Silkstone on Sunday, 11th April 2021 between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. These sessions will be an opportunity to talk to members of the steering committee about any issues raised in the consultation document. Note: If government restrictions on gatherings associated with covid-19 are in place, these drop-in sessions will be held virtually using Zoom over the same two days. You will need to register for those sessions by contacting npsc19@gmail.com

Questionnaire

You can use this form or go to the website to complete it on-line.
www.silkstoneplan.co.uk

Draft Vision and Objectives?

1A: Do you agree with the Draft Vision and Objectives?

Yes	
No	

1B: Do you have any suggestions for how they could be improved?

4D: If Yes, please tell us about any areas where you would like to see improvements to support local wildlife.

Built Heritage and Design

5A: Policy Option 7: Should the NDP identify a list of locally important non-designated heritage assets for protection in a planning policy?

Yes	
No	

5B: If Yes, do you have any suggestions for buildings and features of particular local importance. Please explain why they are important.

5C: Policy Option 8: Should the NDP include local design policies to guide new development, supported by more detailed design codes?

Yes	
No	

5D: If yes, please consider and comment on the proposed draft Design Codes

Housing

2A: Policy Option 1: Do you agree that policies in the Barnsley Local Plan are sufficient to guide decisions about house types, tenures and sizes?

Yes	
No	

2B: Policy Option 2: Would you like to see a general policy for new housing in the NDP which includes local criteria to assess proposals.

Yes	
No	

2C: If Yes, please provide details of any issues you would like to see addressed in addition to those set out in the housing section above.

Community and Leisure

3A: Policy Option 3: Should the Silkstone NDP include Policies which support investment in specific local recreational / sports provision?

Yes	
No	

3B: If Yes, please explain where this is needed and what is required.

3C: Policy Option 4: Please tell us about any areas which you think would meet the criteria for Local Green Spaces and explain why they are so important.

Movement and Accessibility

6A: Policy Option 9: Should the NDP include a Policy to improve accessibility for all, encouraging developments to link to the PROW network and to support travel by walking and cycling?

Yes	
No	

Rural Employment

7A: Policy Option 10: Should the NDP include a Policy which supports appropriate rural diversification and the visitor economy?

Yes	
No	

7B: If yes, please explain what sort of facilities you would like to see supported in the Parish?

Landscape Character and Wildlife

4A: Policy Option 5: Should the NDP include a Policy to protect and enhance Silkstone Parish's distinctive local landscape character?

Yes	
No	

4B: If Yes, please tell us about any local landscape features which you think are important and which should be protected.

4C: Policy Option 6: Should the NDP include a Policy to protect and enhance Silkstone Parish's wildlife by identifying areas where developers could contribute to biodiversity net gain?

Yes	
No	

Question 8:

8: Do you have any other comments about the Issues and Options document?

Please provide your name and contact details below.

We will only use your contact details for the purposes of developing the NDP and they will not be shared with third parties

If there is not enough space here for your comments please feel free to add additional sheets of paper.

Page 6 tells you how to return your views.

List of local businesses, voluntary organisations and community groups contacted by email or letter

Name	Category	Name	Category
All Saints and St James the Great	Churches	Maria Penrose School of Dance	Sports/Activities
Silkstone Common Methodist Church	Churches	Shoot 5	Sports/Activities
Silkstone CARE Group & Silkstone in Bloom	Community	Silkstone Golf Club	Sports/Activities
Silkstone Common Good Companions	Community	Silkstone Common Sports & Recreation Assn	Sports/Activities
Silkstone Luncheon Club	Community	Shake Rattle and Roll Children's Music Group	Young children and care
Stainborough Rotary	Community	Silkstone Pre-School Playgroup Ltd	Young children and care
Roggins Local History Group (Silkstone)	Community	Shining Stars out of school club	Young children and care
Silkstone Waggonway Restoration Group	Community	Tiny Tots Toddler Group	Young children and care
Heritage Silkstone	Community	Penistone Group Practice - Silkstone Clinic	Health
Tuesday Club	Community	Red Lion	Business
Friends of TPT Barnsley West	Community	The Bells Bar & Kitchen	Business
Silkstone Common Ladies Choir	Music	The Station Inn	Business
Old Silkstone Band	Music	The Cottage Bakery	Business
Silkstone Bell Ringers	Music	The Chilli Lodge	Business
Cliffe Nursery Silkstone	Schools	Throstlenest Saddlery	Business
Silkstone Primary School	Schools	Silkstone Pharmacy	Business
Silkstone Common Junior & Infant School	Schools	Time Hair & Beauty (High St)	Business
Huskar Community Rooms	Sports/Activities	The Old Glassworks Hair Salon	Business
Silkstone United Football Club	Sports/Activities	Coop Service Station	Business
Silkstone United Junior Football Club	Sports/Activities	Horsfields	Business
Silkstone Junior Football Coaching	Sports/Activities	Potting Shed Café	Business
Silkstone United Cricket Club	Sports/Activities	Pookies Womenswear	Business

29th Barnsley (Silkstone) Scout Group	Sports/Activities	Rupert's of Silkstone	Business
63rd Barnsley (Silkstone) Brownies	Sports/Activities	Body Revive (Pot House)	Business

Text of typical email / letter:

You may be aware that interested people have come together to form a steering group to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Silkstone Parish. The idea of the NDP is to give local people a greater say in planning decisions that affect their area. NDPs can identify where development should take place, set out local design principles so that buildings respond positively to local character, and protect important facilities, historic buildings, the natural environment and open spaces. However, it cannot contradict the planning policies set by national government or by Barnsley Council.

Given the importance of the nursery to the parish, the steering group would like your views on what you would like to see covered in the NDP. This could be about specific policies, issues, buildings or other assets. This could be a few words or several paragraphs, or even reports or studies that you know about and could contribute to the work. **We would like any comments by 17th May.**

To provide a focus for local residents' comments, the steering group has produced an Issues and Options paper. This sets out what policies Barnsley Council has included in the local plan and other documents, affecting development of the whole borough. It provides a commentary about key assets and issues for the Parish and how we might use the NDP with policies at the neighbourhood level. It also sets out the options that the steering group has looked at and asks local people for their views. The Issues and Options paper is available at www.silkstoneplan.co.uk

The public consultation on the Issues and Options paper will run from 5th April until 17th May 2021, with plans for information drop-in sessions on 10th and 11th April if allowed by the covid-19 restrictions. More information on the consultation arrangements is also available at www.silkstoneplan.co.uk and in a special Parish Council newsletter which will be circulated shortly.

The NDP is based on a draft Vision for the parish up to 2033 agreed by the steering group, namely:

“To maintain the character of the villages by ensuring that any development is sensitive to the existing built and natural environment but recognises the need to support 21st century living in a sustainable way.”

The steering group has also developed eight draft Objectives, providing themes for a range of NDP policies:

1. To support the development of housing provision to meet local needs that is in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.
2. To support the protection and improvement of community leisure, sports and recreation facilities.
3. To protect, enhance and develop the Parish's biodiversity, natural assets and amenity areas, including the Trans Pennine Trail, the green belt, green open spaces, open farmland, and community allotments.
4. To protect and enhance the Parish's built industrial and residential heritage and history.
5. To preserve and improve accessibility and connections to the Trans Pennine Trail, the Wagonway, local beckside, local footpaths and bridle paths.
6. To support the development of a sustainable local economy, with particular emphasis on maximising local tourism assets.
7. To better manage local traffic to reduce highway congestion and increase road safety
8. To support better access to local public transport networks

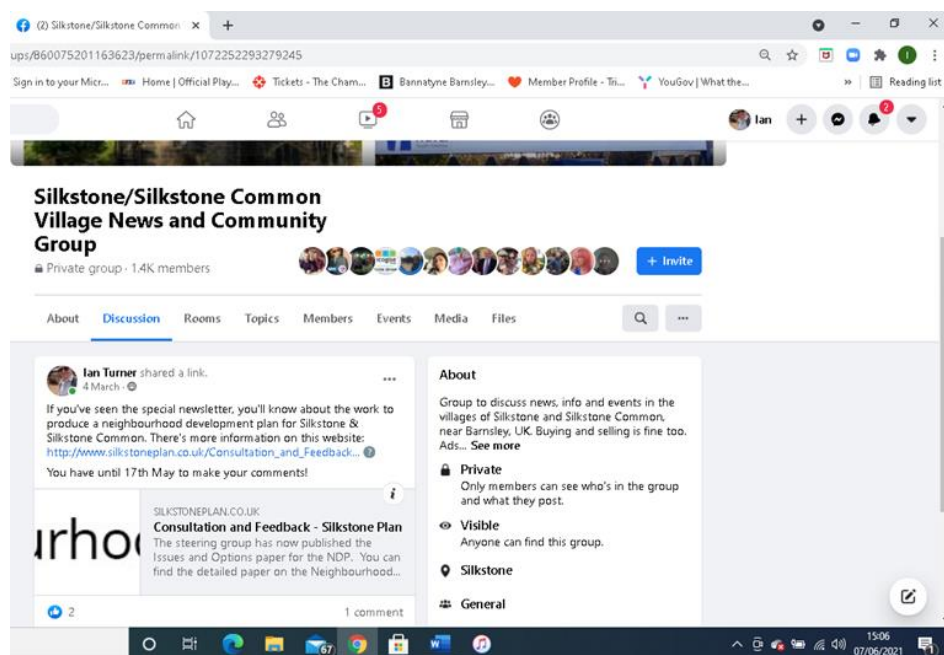
I would welcome your comments, by email, to npscs19@gmail.com or by using the various methods of feedback on the website at www.silktoneplan.co.uk You can also use that email address if you would to be involved in the work of the steering group.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ian Turner

Chair, Neighbourhood Planning Committee

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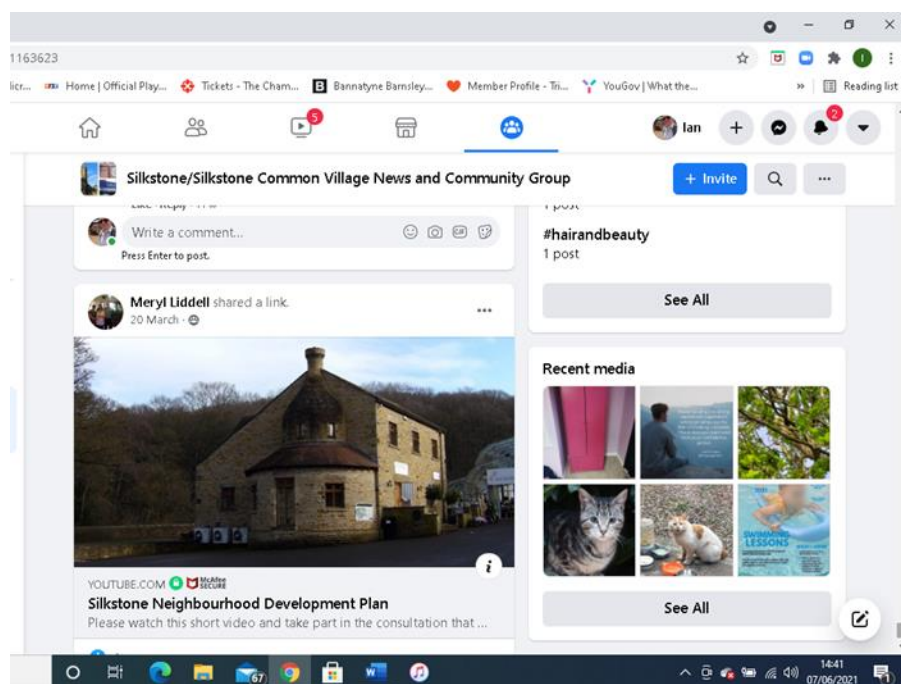
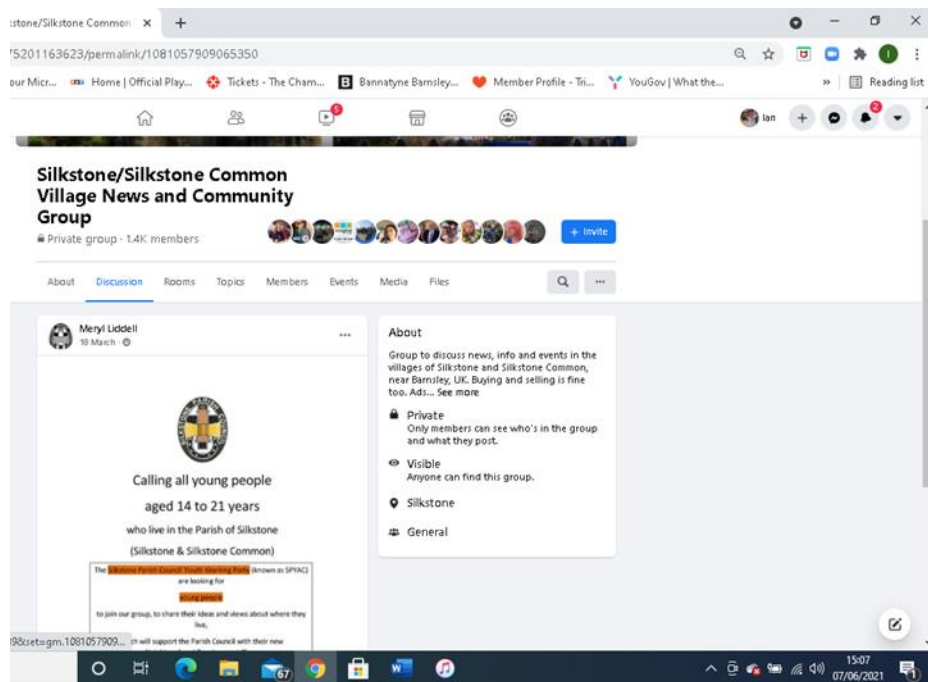


Silkstone Parish – Have Your Say!
Residents of Silkstone and Silkstone Common now have a chance to tell the Parish Council what is important to them about the Parish and about planning and development in the 2 villages.

The consultation is now open –
<http://www.silkstoneplan.co.uk/>

Thank you
Debra Smith (Parish Councillor
and Neighbourhood Plan Steering
Group member)

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Link to video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsGl6l-wams>

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Cara Chambers
24 March · 🌐

Good evening all!

Silkstone Parish Council have set up a youth forum and are in the process of making a video about youth priorities/ favourite things in the area. This is all to do with the Neighbourhood Plan and getting everyone's voices heard!

They need some technical help in putting this video together (from mobile phone footage). If anyone has these expertise and would like to lend a hand please get in touch! (Drop me a message on here/ send an email to cara.chambers... [See more](#)

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Lesley Hopkinson
12 March · 🌐

Hi lovely people of Silkstone .
Some may know I collect clothing donations for The Clothing Bank .
It's getting quite busy with referrals and donations are desperately

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Ian Turner shared a link.
26 April · 🌐

Just a reminder that the consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish closes on 17th May. There's some information drop-in sessions on 8th May (Pot House Hamlet, Silkstone) and 9th May (Christine's Place, Silkstone Common), from 11 am to 1 pm. More information at

SILKSTONEPLAN.CO.UK
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The steering group has now published the Issues and Options paper for the NDP. You can find the detailed paper on the Neighbourhood Plan pag...

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You still have time to have your say on the Issues and Options for the Parish Neighbourhood Plan. Consultation closes on 17th May. More information on the website:

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Mini Mansell ★







I like item 6 lol.

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Article in Barnsley Chronicle

Barnsley Chronicle, Friday, April 9, 2021 – 5

Survey is 'once in a generation'

A MOVE being hailed as 'once in a generation' is under way in Silkstone.

The parish council has opened up public consultation for its Neighbourhood Development Plan, which aims to represent local views in planning decisions.

Coun Debra Smith, who has been heading up a working group on the plan, said: "This is a once-in-a-generation chance to influence the development of the villages of Silkstone and Silkstone Common.

"An adopted neighbourhood plan has meaningful and significant influence on planning decisions.

"It will help shape the future of the community and will set out what people value and need."

The consultation is open until May 17. Surveys are available on the website www.silkstoneplan.co.uk.

Photographs of consultation drop-in sessions, banners and legends on consultation post boxes

Drop in session, Silkstone, 8th May 2021



Drop in session, Silkstone Common, 9th May 2021



Banner outside Huskar Rooms, 6th May 2021



Text of banner:



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Flyer distributed by Silkstone Primary School and to homes in Silkstone and Silkstone Common:



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Legend used on post boxes in Silkstone Pharmacy, Silkstone Coop Store and Cottage Bakery, Silkstone Common:



Silkstone Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Post your Issue & Options
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May 2021

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code



Text of Consultation responses to the Issues and Options Paper

Text answers from qre.

Q1B Do you have any suggestions for how they could be improved?

19 responses

Objective 7 - If people have a drive their car should be on them - High Street is too congested.

Objective 8 - Bring back the local bus service between the village and Cannon Hall

More consideration needs to be given to preserving wildlife and creating an environmental approach that enables wildlife to flourish

The draft vision statement and documented 8 objectives are fully supported. They are well written and cover many aspects which CARE are actively interested in

Do we really trust Barnsley council to make decisions about house building in the area? Just look at what destruction they have sanctioned and financed in Barnsley Town Centre. They have destroyed what was a world-renowned Market Town and turned it into a dump.

The 8 objectives could be rationalised under themes; 1. The offer; green space, heritage and sustainability 2. Activities; leisure, tourism and recreation 3. Access; travel and infrastructure

The objectives of the plan are clear and well-articulated - the vision is ambiguous (e.g., sustainable living encompasses the development of housing)

No, I agree with them as they are.

More railway station parkin only 3 spaces / link to Silkstone village. Objective 7 is key. Traffic problems frequently in Silkstone due to lack of visibility along main road as a result of parking, narrow pathways especially outside terraces adjacent to pub, and higher up at the entrance and bend following Towngate join. One safe footpath was built on between Towngate and the green space behind the medical centre a few years ago.

Retain building codes in plan plus ensure opportunities to enhance green spaces are taken

Could Objective 3 explicitly include the word 'woodland' in the list of assets? If so, this would be desirable in my view.

Comments from TPT: The inclusion of accessibility in Objective 5 is very much supported. There is scope to include reference to carbon neutral and the use of sustainable materials in Objective 1 and 7. The reference in 5.1.13 should be amended to include all sustainable transport routes, not just footpaths.

Silkstone Common needs more investment. For years it has been the poor relation in respect to how the parish precept is invested in community leisure. Children, elderly and disabled need more access to these kind of facilities within Silkstone Common.

Less large-scale housing schemes

Support them in broad outline

It is hard to argue with the vision or objectives put forward given the limited scope of the Neighbourhood Plan set as it is within Barnsley's Local Plan. In my opinion the Local Plan is seriously flawed. It fails to adequately address the two most pressing issues facing the human race - climate change and the biodiversity crisis - despite the fact that Barnsley MBC have declared a "climate emergency". Their aim is that the Barnsley borough will become net zero carbon by 2045. It can be argued that this target date is far too late to prevent dangerous climate change but it does demonstrate a recognition of the crisis we face. So why is this not reflected in the Local Plan? The

Silkstone Neighbourhood Plan consequently fails to address both of these issues in a way that would lead to the progress that is urgently required. It would be a mistake to produce a Neighbourhood Plan that does not aim to align the Parish with global, national and local government target dates for being carbon net zero carbon already agreed. The UK government has set ambitious targets to protect and enhance biodiversity but progress is painfully slow. Hence the need for local communities to develop their own programmes to protect and improve existing habitats and create new ones. The climate crisis will impact on everyone in the Parish, just like covid-19. Extreme weather events can devastate communities as was the case with flooding since 2000. Long term shifts in climate may occur resulting in unpredictable outcomes such as new plant pests and diseases or even new disease vectors. Every aspect of our lives influences the direction climate change will take - housing, transport, food production and distribution, shopping, working practices, holidays, gardens, woodland management, water supply and biodiversity.

Objective 1: should be extended to reduce expansion beyond the current boundaries of both villages. Objective 6: Remove the Tourism aspect or make it clear that this will not encourage additional traffic, Objective 7: To include traffic restrictions to reduce vehicle speed and HGV access

Due to constant complaints of traffic jams at the school (Silkstone Common?) why not build a new one elsewhere and have the school as housing

More support for voluntary groups such as CARE

The Barnsley local plan has no areas for housing development, this should be upheld and possible included in the Silkstone plan. Any new developments would then have to be scrutinised and would have to meet strict criteria to be approved. There should therefore be no large-scale developments.

[Q2C If Yes, please provide details of any issues you would like to see addressed in addition to those set out in the housing section above.](#)

36 responses

Silkstone has an issue with housing. Large houses have been given permission to be built, they don't blend in with e.g. bungalows; 2 large houses amongst the terraced houses on the High Street. Smaller houses are needed. Barnsley Council need to stop being swayed by one particular developer's money

It seems that in the past the building of larger houses has not invigorated the local community. Residents tend to work away and shop on the way home or online so local businesses have not been supported. It would be very sad to lose local pubs, and shops such as the Cottage Bakery. Do we want to live in a 'Dormitory Suburb'? Young people who would like to live locally are hard-pressed to afford to live here. Affordable housing for rent or to buy, designated specifically for local youngsters would be beneficial. Conditions would have to be in place to avoid anyone from afar 'cashing in' on a cheap home.

I don't think that BMBC is really interested in making sure that there is genuinely affordable housing in our Parish. Although we are not targeted for lots of houses, if any are built I think they will all be "executive" homes ie large and expensive. We need homes that locals born in this are can afford.

I have some concerns about the current accuracy of the statistics that the housing plans are based on, as this is now 10 years old and newspaper reports suggest that there has been a significant change in the last decade in the number of people privately renting their homes, for example. The background information relating to the plan states that the age profile of residents in the area is expected to change with a "predicted dramatic increase in the number and proportion of older people" living locally. For this reason, I think it would be good if new housing could be in the form of good quality 1-2 bedroom affordable "retirement housing" in smaller, accessible properties,

available only to older people (eg over 55s). This would also allow those older couples / individuals living in the larger detached houses that still wish to stay in the same village to downsize and free up family properties. Many will be unlikely to downsize to smaller cheaper terrace houses due to the stairs, nor will the majority qualify for the small number of Council bungalows. I would not like to see the villages extended into the Green Belt or surrounding countryside for housing.

Although the Local Plan covers most of the issues regarding housing, I wonder if there is scope for the policies regarding housing density to be more sophisticated, for example requiring mix of house sizes on sites where there are proposed to be two or more dwellings

We do not feel that the scope of CARE extends such that we are able to comment about housing developments in the Parish. We do however feel that the statement to protect local footpaths and that future developments have no detriment impact on the landscape or overall visual impact of both villages.

Just do not trust Barnsley Council to make any decisions when it comes to housing issues.

The density of housing; Table 1 denotes a small quantity (both nominal and relative) of "flat, maisonette or apartment". McCarthy & Stone are currently building flats for people over the age of 55 in Barnsley town centre; is a development of this type likely given the amount of development land contained within the Local Plan? If so, where would be a preferable location?

There should be considerations to local developments which are in keeping with the area and preserves larger pieces of land being bought and sold for developments (e.g., farmlands etc.). However, any decisions for these should be with the Council, and not be made directly by local residents only (as per NDP committee)

Concern about the push for more housing development for local needs. Most people who live here don't work in the parish but the urban areas surrounding it. Is there any need to develop at the rate of 0.4 hectare per plot? Before we know it, we will be a satellite of the wider urban area

BMBC stick to their written commitment

Affordable starter homes, to allow young people who have grown up in the village, to continue to live here,

More affordable housing

More provision for smaller affordable housing with appropriate amounts of off-street parking

Address the trend towards larger, detached properties Give consideration to affordable homes to encourage younger couples into the villages.

Local criteria to assess proposals for new housing is vital. New developments, regardless of their size, have the potential for widespread impact, so it is so important that locals have a say. Protection of green spaces, the landscape and existing footpaths are essential.

Not building in gardens - too late for several plots where recent infill has been detrimental to traffic flow, lines of visibility for drivers and pedestrians alike, in addition to landscapes. The high street becomes a darkened frosty hollow in winter without the light falling through gap in between properties.

Ensure traffic to/from developments fits in with needs of local residents. Also sites have sufficient on site parking space for residents and not spill on to roadways

I feel strongly that Silkstone does not need any more housing. There have been so many houses built on and fitted in areas that it will be in danger of becoming a town rather than a village and lose the heart of what the village was

Consideration should definitely be given to the need for new housing to avoid on-street parking. I agree with Design Codes for new developments outlined in the AECOM Design Code document.

I feel there is a tendency to build as many houses as possible into a given space, resulting in large houses with little land, squeezed together in appropriate spaces (latest example at Pot House Bridge, by the Waggon Road)

Include provisions for affordable housing, house prices driving up prices for people brought up in the village to remain in the village. In my opinion we are seeing a increase in people brought up in the parish moving out and an increase in new people with money available to purchase housing moving in.

Keep to the local parish (NDP)

More housing would mean more housing and more parking problems

Given the planning record of BMBC over the years, I very strongly believe that the PC should retain the maximum possible influence over planning in the villages

I feel the Neighbourhood Plan should be drafted to enable significant changes to occur quickly. This would involve accepting the building designed to be carbon positive will look very different than the existing housing stock (eg passivhaus). In addition, a positive approach to installing renewable energy techniques should be incorporated into the plan. Retrofitting the existing housing stock with improved insulation (eg external wall insulation) and renewable heat and electricity systems, eg solar panels, heat pumps and wind turbines.

The plan should contain criteria that development should be restricted to within the boundaries of the villages and the scale of any development should reflect and not alter the character of the villages.

New developments should have sufficient space for at least 3 cars off road parking

Affordable housing specifically for first time buyers

The document doesn't provide a link to find the detail behind the Barnsley Local Plan. In principle I would have thought it beneficial to produce a local policy produced by the neighbourhood it would impact. In particular I would think in relation to people building within plots of land where dwellings currently exists, and any impact any building would have on local green space, or any views on current landscapes along with the impact it may have on any local amenities e.g. Doctors, Schools, traffic volumes.

To ensure new housing has sufficient on site parking. Basically new houses on the Silkstone High Street look fine & would appear to have enough vehicle space on site, but often vehicles are then parked outside some houses on the road restricting the traffic flow in what is already a difficult area due to road narrowing & restricted views past the terraced houses.

See answer to question 1

Traffic increases as a result of additional housing

Protect the Green Belt; In fill Housing only

We should ensure that there is no impact on our valuable green belt and there is no high density housing

Youth Group: This is an extremely important issue for current residents, there is an abundance of character within the Parish, and it should be maintained with a proportional mix of housing. Although it was accepted that the village would benefit from a code for future buildings, the villages did contain a variety of different types of houses, for example red brick built, stone built, bungalows, detached houses and terrace houses. The group felt the Parish needed more affordable housing. Some young people much prefer to move out to cities where there is more to do and housing is cheaper, but it is difficult for a young person to stay in the Parish due to the price of the houses. It

was felt that any future building of houses should consider the infrastructure which would support these developments.

Q3B If Yes, please explain where this is needed and what is required.

37 responses

The existing facilities need to be utilised more, especially for people who work, e.g. fitness classes

The Recreation Ground in Silkstone Common is very well used. The 'Mikes Place' Play area needs a new 'all weather surface' as it becomes very muddy in the winter and after rain, The Ball Park is similar. More 'Dog Poo' bins and litter bins would be useful especially in Silkstone behind the Co-op. Vandalism has reared its ugly head in both villages so anything new would be vulnerable and needs to be robust. The cricket stumps need re-siting so that a missed ball does not end up in the ditch! It is only a small space so there is not really enough room for a Pavilion or similar. Again, vandalism would be a problem.

We should continue the focus on support for facilities down in Silkstone and look for opportunities to develop additional facilities up in Silkstone Common which do not simply duplicate what is currently available. Eg I don't play tennis myself but there are no tennis courts in either village. There are no facilities for off-road biking - maybe a bike park?

I would like to see some available indoor space in Silkstone Common, bookable privately and for use all year round, for table tennis and badminton. Again, this would expand access to sport for an aging population and increase fitness and physical and mental health. When the school (Silkstone Common?) applied for permission to build the sports hall it would be suggested that this would be available for people to book privately out of school hours for these types of sports, but this facility has never been available to villagers to my knowledge. I currently attend classes in Pilates and yoga in the Methodist Chapel Hall, but this venue is always very booked up and not suitable for badminton

Something to achieve better use of Silkstone Common recreation grounds to meet the requirements of a range of local residents

The CARE team thoroughly enjoys developing and maintaining the open green spaces across both villages. We feel passionately that these spaces should be protected and further investment available where appropriate. Residents enjoy the benefit of being able to walk and have easy access to local areas of natural beauty, including a number of local wooded areas. In addition, we have experience of residents (not confirmed but suspect younger members of our community) who enjoy the outdoors. Unfortunately this has caused damage from time to time in our local woods. We feel that the current open leisure areas and recreation grounds, for example Silkstone Common, could be developed to offer additional facilities for residents rather than duplicating some of the facilities which are already very well maintained. Specifically we know that the PC fund grounds maintenance for football pitches in Silkstone, there could be scope for alternative facilities in Silkstone Common rather than the development of further football pitches. This could offer facilities which would be attractive to youths and thereby distract them from our local woods, preventing future damage. We understand that the PC has commenced a process of engagement with younger members of the community with a view to developing a Youth Policy - this would be an excellent way to better understand what they would like from the recreational areas. CARE would be interested to be involved with a Youth Policy.

The parish is well-provided for cricket and football, which are enjoyed by a limited number of participants. I support proposals to improve the diversity of provision - relating especially to walking and cycling, and improvement in playground facilities in Silkstone Common

Wildlife and habitat protection, nature reserves, tree planting, creation of meadowland areas, we should be leading the borough on such matters being on the natural corridor to the Pennines and Peak Areas, with the rivers in the area

Policies that attract investment to enhance and/or extend the existing provision would be fantastic. An opportunity exists for cycling, particularly off-road/mountain biking in Silkstone Fall (woods adjacent to the Pot House Hamlet and Silverwood). The Recreation Ground could benefit from a single shared resource, possibly denoted as a centre with a range of activities and facilities for all age groups. There are a number of clubs and groups that already exist in the village(s), to have them 'under one roof' would be fantastic for access and signposting.

There are concerns about the developments proposed on Silkstone Recreation Ground - which were formed without initial consultation by the Silkstone Common Sports and Recreation Association. The local residents in particular would be impeded by the proposed plans for developments on Silkstone Common Rec.

This is policy option 2 in the Paper, so I'm confused

Silkstone Common community health & wellbeing

Important that the recreational & sporting area in Silkstone continues to be supported and that future investment in Silkstone Common recreational & sporting area is provided.

Promote use of existing facilities Improve/upkeep paths/stiles/bridges/signage for walks

Further investment in Silkstone Rec for other leisure activities and in Silkstone Common Rec for activities not provided down in Silkstone. A bike track, running track, boule court?

On-going investment is required to improve existing recreational / sports provisions; the MUGA and play areas at Silkstone Common Recreation Ground are used; however, I am confident improvements of both would lead to increased use, supporting parish children's health and wellbeing. The recreation ground as a green space is also well valued by older locals; however, again, on-going investment is required to enhance this important outdoor area. The surrounding natural habitat is vital to health and wellbeing, and can be enhanced to provide an outdoor space accessible to all local residents in order to improve their health and wellbeing. Investment is also required to maintain current recreational / sports provisions.

Tennis provision. Access to boating lake for recreation. I understand that this was once available to the village which would have been lovely. Loss of bowling club and band room (I am aware they are in Silkstone Common now)

The sports facilities in Silkstone Common are abysmal, the recreation ground is a superb area to be developed and used as it was previously, as a football pitch, basketball area etc. In general, the facilities in Silkstone Common are extremely poor compared to those in Silkstone, which supports a beautiful sports area, cricket pitch and football pitch, cricket pavilion, 2 children's playgrounds, and The Huskar Rooms.

Maintain existing standards of Silkstone recreation fields plus look to develop a "green family area for wildlife & leisure "

Please ensure emphasis is placed equally on both sports and non-sports recreational provision, when considering possible policies.

Crown green bowls

Silkstone Common. Currently the existing recreation/community facilities are run by BMBC with no investment by them, have seen a decline in use. The parish have shown little or no interest in supporting these within Silkstone Common. Again the parish just seem to rely on the facilities in Silkstone being sufficient for both villages, which they seem to justify the amount of precept money invested in the Silkstone recreation only!

A proper biking area as they use the woods at the moment

All the areas are so badly neglected by BMBC over many years, e.g. footpaths, stone walls, the recreation ground in Silkstone Common and ALL small green spaces

Attention to the facilities at Silkstone Common, such that they are similar to the facilities at Silkstone

Sports hall for multi functional use

Promotion of our local schools and communities and keep well maintained

Better sporting facilities for Silkstone Common recreation ground, especially an upgrade to the football pitch and changing facilities

Having moved from Deepcar around 4 years ago I saw how SCC sold off recreational land to developers without recompense to the local community. I wouldn't want Silkstone to lose the existing play areas and recreational facilities, or for housing developments to impact on the local environment to the extent of losing green space or impacting on the local countryside and local heritage.

Sports facilities are required in a safe environment to satisfy the young.

A review should be made of the Silkstone Common Recreation ground. The facilities in Silkstone have had development over the years, but the Recreation ground has not.

Advice/support for local teams that use the facilities to plan for the long term.

Maintain Silkstone Recreation Ground to its current high standard.

Greater investment in the recreation ground in Silkstone Common

Changing rooms at Silkstone Common Sports Field would be good and could be multi functional in the same way as the Huskar Rooms. The Methodist Church is a good resource but not useable for outdoor sports. I understand that Barnsley MBC are responsible for maintenance of the trans Pennine trail but the standard of the surface is very poor and there is evidence of timber being removed - is this intentional or vandalism?

Youth Group: The group felt that Sports clubs play a pivotal role acting as heart of the village. They liked the facilities, but felt there could be more, a Tennis court for example, for people with other interests. The MUGAs and grounds, for example around the back of Co -op should be protected and young people should be encouraged to use them. It was felt that Schools in the Parish could use these facilities in the day, and in evenings they could be used by scouts, football teams, badminton and the local Brass Band. They felt we should be protecting the sports facilities for the younger residents. There was a request that there were more sporting opportunities for girls.

Youth Group: Consider the cricket / football pitches and pavilion at Silkstone a real asset, along with the trim-track, MUGA and Huskar Community rooms supporting local groups and activities. Youth shelter is disliked as a focus for anti-social behaviour and graffiti. Support for cycle track built in Fall Wood by young people with minimal anti-social behaviour

[Q3C Policy Option 4: Please tell us about any areas which you think would meet the criteria for Local Green Spaces and explain why they are so important.](#)

29 responses

The waggonway in Silkstone needs to be tidied up

During lockdown more people have been able to enjoy the green spaces in the villages which are a great asset and vital to the local character. They are well maintained and well- used

The area of Silkstone Fall opposite the Pot House Hamlet needs to be protected. Over the past few years the woods environment has been extensively damaged by people constructing jumps and

courses for bikes that has been let get completely out of control destroying a significant amount ground vegetation and animal habitat. The Woodland Trust have recently highlighted huge concerns around the falling numbers of wildlife within English woods. The courses made by bikers use chemicals to harden the jumps which surely cannot be good. The courses also cross look established walking routes putting pedestrians and dog walkers at risk. True mountain biking is about navigating the natural terrain of woods, what is being allowed to happen here is wanton vandalism of our natural environment.

I don't know of any the PC won't have already identified. I think it is important to maintain them and improve them for biodiversity. The owners of the commercial woods should be encouraged to maintain the streams and create ponds and other things that would improve them as habitats.

The areas of green space around (council) bungalows on Martin Croft and Manor Park

All wooded areas

Noblethorpe Hall; 26 acres of parkland, adjacent to existing green spaces and heritage sites. Any area of green space adjacent to ones identified in the Issues and Options document. Banks Bottom Dike; from Small Lane Farm to the Sewage Works.

Silkstone Common Recreational ground - this is an area of green space for the entire community to use and the only area in the village (as per point A). Building facilities are in abundance in Silkstone, and therefore developments are not required in Silkstone Common. However, in line with point B, there is significance in the beauty of the areas (e.g., woodlands which surround), historical value, tranquillity and recreational value - as a large green space for all to enjoy in whatever way is appropriate for them (e.g., multi-purpose, not specialist- as proposed by Silkstone Common Sports and Rec Association. As per point C it is local in character and not extensive. At present, there are concerns that local planning applications will have negative ramifications on this area. Furthermore, there has been recent erection of fencing on Silkstone Recreation (at the bottom of the playing field towards South Yorkshire Buildings) which is both dangerous (e.g., barbed wire) and potential illegitimate land ownership. Also affecting the green space of this area.

Unclear what the definition of "green space" should be

Health & wellbeing recreational pursuits for the communities.

None that I can immediately think of.

Current list ok

Land between Towngate and Manor Park, offers a buffer between the two housing estates.

Silkstone Common Recreation Ground is an important area which I believe meets the criteria for local green spaces. Green spaces are not only important for physical health, but also for positive mental health. Spending time in nature has been shown to improve health and wellbeing by providing a calm environment, thereby reducing stress.

Park behind the medical centre. Paddock adjacent to 16 Broad Gates Alongside medical centre on main road, Tom Horsfield's store house next to that. The area between Town Gate and Manor Park to extend out along the footpath away from the village up hill to include that whole woodland (see 4b re black poplar trees.)

Silkstone Common recreation field is under used and would be ideal for nature trail, tree planting, family picnic, children environment learning

The list in the Issues and Options paper and website seem to cover all the locations I can think of.

Not necessarily an obvious example, but I highlight all the open spaces adjoining and along the waggon road. Some adjoining fields look ripe spaces for future housing developments, which must not happen and be protected. The Waggon Road is a huge local asset

More and more people are enjoying their local area. Keep public footpaths open and accessible

CARE group has worked very hard to protect and improve green spaces in both villages by raising grants, e.g. Jay's Wood, but also small spaces. They must be protected as part of the village character

Green space / football pitch on Broad Gates - Used by local and visiting children to play safely, recreational value and social green space. Also environmental - trees and shrubs

Behind the garage

All of our spaces are important and we should promote more in the community to maintain them

Silkstone currently has an abundance of green space that contribute massively to the look and feel of the area and give people the space to enjoy their environment. This can be small green space like at the bottom of Towngate or the small grassed area on the high street that has a bench to sit on. Or the bigger wooded areas like Silkstone Fall, the wood that leads to Whin Moor from the village. The wooded area that leads to Banks Hall in Banks Bottom. The wood that leads towards Silkstone Common, the route of the old Wagon Way. There's just so many to list. They are important for a number of reasons. Firstly the wildlife they support and the contribution they make to the air we breathe. They give us areas to walk and exercise, places to be at one with nature.

All the woodland in the area should be covered and all the adjoining fields to the Waggonway.

They are used by all ages on a regular basis. So important to keep the greenery around our village as a place to relax and recharge.

Protect the tranquillity of The Chestnuts. Liberate Fall Wood from the young Adult Hooligans on Mountain Bikes who intimidate Residents. They have constructed a camp, ramps, jumps and race tracks. Residents should feel safe & able to enjoy a peaceful walk in the wood

The site of the old parish rooms is now I understand in private ownership but not being developed so far. This would make an ideal children's play area and would be overlooked by adjacent housing. Mike's Place is ok but is a little out of the way and not overlooked for safety's sake. Perhaps the new owner would be so generous enough to make this available for a change of use for the good of local children

Youth Group: Silverwood really important asset (note history as training ground for Barnsley Pals). Concern that litter in the car park spoils the area

[Q4B If Yes, please tell us about any areas where you would like to see improvements to support local wildlife.](#)

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Please see my response to the previous section.

All the local woods and the TPT could be improved. Hedgehog corridors and more bird+ bat boxes could be added. More hedges.

I love the stone walls in and around the village of Silkstone Common, which add character and sense of history. Sadly, many of these are collapsing - eg down Cone Lane to Silkstone Cross; heading out of the village towards Dodworth on the left; heading into the village from Pinfold Lane direction on the left before you get to the (Trans Pennine?) Trail. It would be good to see these restored and maintained

Woodlands; Waggonway

CARE value and feel privileged to enjoy such a diverse landscape and would go to all lengths to protect this. Members of the team are very keen to enhance the hedgerows by reinstating

traditional planting. We have a number of residents within the Parish who have special interest and knowledge about how our local landscape can be maintained and enhanced.

Views should be protected - eg of Fall Wood in Silkstone, and Stainborough Hill from Silkstone Common. The green corridor between the two villages should be preserved to maintain the distinction between the 2 villages and the wonderful views and rural landscape.

All woodlands, create meadowland areas

Enhancing existing hedgerows; Waggon Way, TPT and public footpaths. Further investment in Silkstone CARE group sites; bird feeders, bird boxes, bat boxes, etc. Nature reserve locations; adjacent to the Waggon Way that are susceptible to flooding and water damage. Natural drainage could help alleviate erosion and future maintenance costs. Community Orchard

The woodland area which runs adjacent to the trans-pennine trail. Maintenance of footpaths by landowners.

Privately owned woodland

This question differs from the printed copy! I'd like to see the Beck maintained in its journey through Silkstone.

Waggonway area

Reduce the impact of ever increasing road traffic, roadside litter and parked vehicles.

Absolutely, the local landscape is so important to Silkstone Parish; I agree with all the green spaces highlighted in the NDP.

Banks Bottom dyke to Norcroft Bridge - dense bluebell woodland. Green Lane extending out from Towngate wood towards Penrose's farm. The location at the top contains rare black poplar which is a timber producing tree found in wetland and is 'rarer than giant pandas' woodland trust believe there are only around 200 female trees in the UK, not enough to facilitate reproduction.

All woodlands

The area of Silkstone Fall Wood opposite The Potting Shed should be protected if this falls within the remit of the NDP, although I understand the wood is privately owned. The current building of artificial 'jumps' for mountain bikes seems to be potentially damaging to wildlife habitats, which is a concern.

Fall Wood (both sides of the A628 and overlooking the Waggon Road). For some reason, the latter part of the wood never seems to get mentioned or flagged up as an important area. Villagers would know if it wasn't there, as it serves as an attractive backcloth for the village. The wood has several footpaths through it which are used frequently, but it is now being used extensively by mountain bike riders who are and have been for some time constructing a myriad of tracks within the wood creating a lot of earth displacement. I personally tolerate this to a degree, but it must be without litter, tree felling and other damage. It has reached the point when enough is enough, before the entire wood becomes a race track (if you haven't been in this wood, you will be quite shocked when / if you do)

None

The Silkstone Waggonway - in heavy rain there is raw sewage seeping from a manhole across the path!

See 3C, the work of CARE for over 40 years is the key to the village character. All the open countryside around and within the villages not just the obvious Waggonway but hedges, walls, small plots of land, footpaths

Ensure existing areas are not abused eg use of footpaths by cyclists

The woods in Silkstone

We need to support all the wildlife that exists around our village and stop shooting

The local volunteers do an excellent job in keeping litter and rubbish to a minimum. However the issue of littering seems to have increased during the pandemic. If you cycle between Silkstone and Cawthorne you will see evidence of hundreds of Cans, bottles and other rubbish discarded in the hedgerows next to the roads. Improving litter collection would improve the support we give to local wildlife, much of the discarded litter provides a risk to wildlife wellbeing.

Silkstone Fall woods are a great local asset, please see comments in section 8.

It is clear that the Mountain Bike trails in Falls wood are destroying the habitat. This should be looked at to see if a) it is allowed by the landowner and b) if it is how it can be better managed and not cross the footpath

Little Falls Wood - currently being demolished by mountain bikers. So many tracks have been created through the wood, destroying nests and underground homes along with the huge increase in rubbish that is evident. It is also adding to the erosion and changing the nature of the wood as when it rains the tracks are like rivers.

Do not allow any more new build housing close to The Waggonway to spoil its rural aspect and tranquillity after the controversial approval of the 3 High Density large Family houses on Glebe Court opposite Pot House Hamlet.

Youth group: The group felt that the recent lockdown highlighted the beautiful surroundings where we live and that the walks and beauty around us should be protected. They felt there were lots of great walks and natural landscapes around Silkstone Parish and surrounding villages

[Q4D If Yes, please tell us about any areas where you would like to see improvements to support local wildlife.](#)

31 responses

Perhaps consider a meadow around Silkstone Common

Is there an assumption that there will be development and that developers will need to be held to account? The local pockets of woodland eg. Jay's Wood, mature trees, areas to allow wildlife habitats, natural corridors etc. need to be considered.

Falls Wood opposite Pot House Hamlet

Not sure - may come back with ideas later

Parish woodlands and meadows

More specific suggestions were made in the CARE five year plan. For example, the promotion of wildlife areas, creation of ponds, bug hotels, bird boxes, hedgehog corridors; development of woodland trails, plus the development of planting strategies for the benefit of local wildlife.

Hall Royd Wood in Silkstone Common, Fall Wood in Silkstone (which is currently suffering degradation due to improper cycle use)

Why do developers have to be included in the improvements for wildlife protection, all they want is the land to build on to make a buck, build and go is all they are concerned with

Further investment in Silkstone CARE group sites; bird feeders, bird boxes, bat boxes, etc. Nature reserve locations; adjacent to the Waggon Way that are susceptible to flooding and water damage. Natural drainage could help alleviate erosion and future maintenance costs. A Community Orchard with feeding tables and interactive stations for children to learn about birds. Designating POS before development equates to S106 draw down; where developers would be contributing to existing community resources.

Throughout the parish

Woodland and natural habitat of wildlife

I'm concerned about the shortage of bees.

Where bike jumps have appeared & make woods unsafe for all & must have affected wildlife

Encourage the provision of planting with native plants, bat boxes, wildlife corridors etc.

Silkstone Common Recreation Ground is surrounded by woodland, so is an area that could be enhanced to contribute to biodiversity gain.

As needed. Paddock has been woefully neglected and woods arising from reckless planting by the council are neglected and have recently been randomly groomed by well-intentioned individuals.

Woodlands, Silkstone Common recreation field

The stream and woodland that lies between Manor Park and Towngate/Huskar Close in Silkstone. Again, I am not sure if this is relevant within the scope of the NDP, as I believe it is privately owned, but this area would potentially benefit from further bird boxes and protection.

Comments from TPT: Note reference in para 5.3.8 to the value of the mature trees to be highlighted to protect the bat corridors and any red listed bird species.

The field opposite the spoil heaps along the Waggon Road seems to have become an almost permanent wetland area (by design or accident, I don't know). It has become a feature now and ought to be protected in some way. Also the spoil heaps have had recreational value for generations. Maybe they could be preserved over the long term

No improvements necessary

More soft landscaping and less heavy agriculture i.e . wildflower meadows

Q4C "Possibly, with extreme caution" - Good idea in principle but frequently abused by developers who do not deliver or change plans at construction stage. Apart from the obvious protected areas like woods, footpaths, trails, it is only at the proposed planning stage when this can be done

Many once common species are in decline, for example, brown hares, hedgehogs, cuckoos and starlings. Insect numbers and diversity are also declining which is all the more worrying because they form a vital part of the food chain for many other species. There are many causes for these declines: climate change, habitat loss / change, habitat fragmentations, land use change, chemical / pesticide pollution, sewage pollution, farm pollution, air pollution, mine water pollution, soil degradation and erosion, and even visitor pressure. In my view, the only way to reverse the decline in biodiversity in this area is to develop a parish wide approach which involves halting the damaging developments / land use changes, restoring damaged habitats, creating new habitats, promoting beneficial actions for householders / landowners. Such an approach might include: - Adopting selective felling in woodlands instead of clear-felling large areas and avoid the use of heavy destructive machinery: - Restoring hedgerows using native species and ensure hedgerows are managed to maximise their habitat use; - Restoring or creating wildflower-rich unimproved grassland on farms, public land or grass verges; - Only planting native species of plants and trees outside formal gardens; - Stop the planting of exotic species eg along the Trans Pennine Trail at the rear of Nether Royd Walk; - Reduce damage caused by large numbers of visitors by improving drainage of the TPT and providing duck boarding to prevent paths getting ever wider, eg in Nabs Wood and on the TPT over the tunnel where path side broadleaf helleborines are under threat from walkers and cyclists avoiding the mud; - Look out for funding joint opportunities with the parish council and landowners under new post-CAP funding for biodiversity (public money for public goods) promised by the government; - Creating an obstacle free wildlife trail around the parish eg avoid concrete barriers and some wall boundaries around properties

Woods behind the school in Silkstone

Stop shooting. Plant more trees. Reduce traffic or at least speed by extending 30 mph by half a mile both sides of the village (Silkstone Common?)

See above

Silkstone Fall woods are a great local asset for the local wildlife, please see comments in section 8

Along the Waggon way and in silver wood.

Remove fly tipping from the length of the Beck.

Youth Group: "Bug houses" created by CARE are helping wildlife

Q5B If Yes, do you have any suggestions for buildings and features of particular local importance. Please explain why they are important.

26 responses

It is good that the N.P.C. are looking to identify local character areas. Heritage buildings and areas of interest can disappear all too easily and once gone are lost for ever. I have not been here long enough to know where all of these are. The work of the C.A.R.E. group is much appreciated in both green spaces and the villages.

no - but agree with the objective

I'm not sure if the Waggonway and the stocks are designated. If not they should be. As should the memorial stones: Huskar memorial in Knabbs Wood and in the field on the way to Greenmoor, Orchard place and the one on the TPT. And any others I don't know about.

The areas around the rail station - platform, planting etc. These always look attractive and welcoming to visitors

The old chapel building near to the clinic on the High Street Silkstone

Disused church, High Street

The CARE team agrees that the Wagon Way and Coal truck at The Cross are excellent reminders of our heritage. We don't feel able to comment widely about this section of the plan, other than to restate their enjoyment of local heritage and areas of interest. We note that there are very few areas which present eyesores within the two villages, however, where there are such areas the PC should do all they can in their power and influence to encourage the landowners to develop such areas into areas of more interest.

The disused chapel in Silkstone - it's currently neglected but of historical and architectural importance. All outlying farm buildings of a historic nature - these are vulnerable to unsympathetic conversion, neglect and overcrowded development

Woolley Manor Farm; Jacobean architecture? Silkstone Tunnels; industrial heritage.

All the features & buildings with historic links

Important that The Red Lion & The Bells Steakhouse are recognised as important social meeting places. The loss of The Lodge illustrates this point.

The rows of terraces along Silkstone High Street should be preserved as they offer a view of a traditional village street

South Yorkshire Buildings have historic significance and should be protected in a planning policy, as should Pot House Hamlet. I would also like to see the SC Methodist Church and Silkstone Church protected, the two public houses in the parish and the Bells.

Bank house farm house - which had a house fire several years ago. (old coaching inn and angel pub?) Features on the waggonway - the inclined plane at the back of Conroyd wood. The arch supporting the pathway is looking quite insubstantial as viewed from the stream bed . It would be sad if it collapsed.

Possibly the building on High Street next to the Health Centre in Silkstone (backing on to the Acorns Park)? I am not sure of its heritage or current ownership, although it has an old sign which shows it belongs/once belonged to Tom Horsfield.

The historic "sheep trail" cutting in Fall Wood (opposite Tom Horsfield's). A dramatic and interesting feature. Not to be confused with the current mountain bike trails

All grade 1 and 2 listed buildings and infrastructure

Silkstone Common Methodist Church - An historical building and focal point in Silkstone Common since 1931. Silkstone Common Recreation Ground - A crucial point for recreation available to the village, the parish council should protect this somehow from any future development by BMBC.

This is important for local children to gain knowledge of their heritage

The whole of Silkstone Cross and all the surrounding buildings - Mining Heritage; Silkstone Common - station to the bakery (and beyond). Village Character

Knabbs Hall. All railways. All Huskar (memorials?) and Waggonway. Station Inn pub

Maintenance of small historical memorials such as site of Black Horse tunnel, George and Dorothy Hodgson nameplate on station planter wall

Not fully aware what has designated heritage status currently so difficult to provide a useful answer but the following may need inclusion if not already. Any Wooded areas Existing footpaths The Waggon Way Recreation areas, playing fields. grassed areas currently maintained by volunteers or BMC.

The old chapel in Silkstone village, the stone walls along the main road especially around Noblethorpe. Not forgetting the church.

Youth Group: The group felt that we should continue to celebrate the history of our villages, and continue to educate the children and new residents about our rich heritage, for example the Husker memorials - this could inspire them to protect the area where they live.

Youth Group: Importance of Huskar Memorial in Nabs Wood and the Waggon Way

[Q5D If so, please consider and comment on the proposed draft Design Codes](#)

14 responses

Generally OK but developments like Stonecroft and Nether Royd view should be discouraged. (I think they look horrid and out-of-place) Can we discourage any more in-fill developments?

I support the draft Design Codes as set out on the website

I support all of the codes

Surely local design should be decided by locals consult not by the power moguls in Town Hall. 1/2 of whom don't even know where Silkstone is

I'm against any further development

All build features to complement the existing buildings

Agree with code usage. Lessons to be learned regarding parking to allow for future 'family expansion'.

Ideally

Access to developments to ensure they don't add traffic burden to local residents.

I agree with the Design Codes in the AECOM document which seem eminently sensible.

Comments from TPT: New residential developments could also support an integral sustainable transport scheme as part of its initial concept design, highlighting the carbon emissions agenda. Supporting sustainable materials for new developments.

Include guidance on materials Size and height of buildings Impact it has on street parking Impact on local traffic

Large scale developments should not be allowed, any new small developments should be in keeping with the current housing stock. There also should be provision for more affordable housing

Do not allow new housing in excess of two storeys plus a loft.

Q7B If yes, please explain what sort of facilities you would like to see supported in the Parish?

30 responses

Are there any sites where small units, say for people pursuing rural crafts, could work? Could 'clean' light industry such as IT be accommodated anywhere and be tempted to come? Having the train station makes tourism more of a possibility. Maybe a notice board, placed centrally could indicate directions to local footpaths and the T.P.T. and contain local information. Somewhere for refreshments and a W.C. would be desirable if tourism is to be encouraged.

Better signposting and promotion of existing facilities - I have been asked is there a shop/pub/cafe near here. Provision of bike racks so cyclists can secure their bikes would be good. Information boards showing where facilities are (+ opening details) might be useful.

I think the shop in Silkstone Common is vital, for older villagers especially, and should be supported and maintained, although not through extended hours or as an off-licence

Better signage towards significant public rights of way, especially the Trans Pennine Trail, from transport links (e.g. Silkstone Common Rail Station). Improved surfacing on and access to the TPT for wheelchair users. Information displays, directional signs and markers on other public right of way

Cafe facilities, benches, footpaths cleared of trip hazards and congestion. I also support holiday homes, AirBNB and similar to encourage local visitors

A community park; Noblethorpe Park Community car park(s); to alleviate on-street parking.

Silkstone Common to be equally supported by PC within the SC health & wellbeing

Could a mini 'Canon Hall Farm' be created to attract visitors?

Local businesses providing tourism opportunities should be supported. Camping facilities, B & B's and tourist attractions should be encouraged

The Pot House supports both rural diversification and the visitor economy and is an ideal area which could be used to educate visitors about the historical importance of the parish, its industrial heritage and inform visitors of the biodiversity of the parish.

Unsure. Local employment is a good thing.

Historical visitor centre. At Pot House Hamlet?

I don't have any specific suggestions but any development that supports the visitor economy should address the need for adequate car parking and take into account the likely increase of traffic.

All local businesses but especially our local, the Red Lion, Wooley Manor, the Old Chapel, the Silkstone Pharmacy building, and the disused mining facility at / near Norcroft Bridge

Guided walking tours

Links to the TPT,

Local jobs for local people

To an extent - proximity to Penistone and Barnsley provide employment plus M1 access so the priority must be to retain what remains of the villages' character / identity

Look out for funding joint opportunities with the Parish Council and landowners under the new post-CAP funding for biodiversity. Very little food produced in the parish is consumed in the parish as food supply and distribution has become a highly centralised system consuming much packaging that is often difficult to recycle. The Plan needs a positive statement encouraging local food production and distribution that would allow smaller pieces of land to diversify. This could mean additional building outside the main built-up part of the village including greenhouses or polytunnels or poultry housing

But this should not promote increased traffic within the areas and expansion beyond existing boundaries

Coffee shops, a better young people's bar

Public toilets. More or larger bins or more frequent collections. More dog waste bins

Sufficient rubbish bins for humans and dogs, that are emptied on a regular basis. Information on walks in the area that also explain the local history and heritage. Better parking.

Updating & continued publication of walking leaflets

This again should be appropriate for the area and on a case-by-case basis.

The village is very much a residential and farming area. Although there are some wonderful walks and history to the village, the shape of it doesn't really allow for an increase in visitors.

Set up a farm shop within the parish

Maintenance of the surrounding footpaths and access to the countryside. Anything that would support tourism.

Youth Group: The local Parish economy could be boosted by more use of the sports facilities and community groups - which could be enhanced by Sponsors, for example, related to the sports clubs. The group felt more jobs within the Parish would reduce travel costs and encourage more young people to get part time/full time jobs. The group felt there should be more allotments throughout the Parish. Therefore, supporting the development of home grown foods, which could also be sold at local shops/companies.

Youth Group: Importance of maintaining the Cottage Bakery as the only bakery in the Parish. Consider the Co-op at Silkstone Cross to be the "heart" of the Parish in terms of the services it provides. Also note the wider community facilities provided by the Church in Silkstone, beyond worship and its listed building status

[Q8 Do you have any other comments about the Issues and Options document?](#)

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Bring back the baking, flower and vegetable competitions / horticultural show in the village to encourage community. The scarecrows and lamppost Christmas tree were lovely

The Public Rights of Way are well used, particularly during the past year, and are a definite bonus for the area. The Trans Pennine Trail is an asset and could benefit from some surface up- grading; but not enough to facilitate use by any type of motorised vehicle. Cars clogging roadways are a considerable problem in certain areas. Moorend Lane and the crossroads by the Station Inn in

Silkstone Common are examples. People are keen on their cars and public transport will have to be made much more attractive (reliable, frequent and cheap) if they are to be encouraged to use it. Maybe a 'Dial a Ride' bus service for older people (or others who might find it useful if they are unable to walk to the bus stop or station)

I think the Parish Council does a great job. In terms of additional comments in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan, I think it would be great if there could be more community allotment land in Silkstone Common. There are some great allotments on the Bole Hills in Sheffield, with a community shop for the sale of excess produce. it would bring a lot of community benefits - for example, a community fruit tree orchard could be established, which would also help the bee population and the School could have their own plot

The CARE team referenced a number of specific transport related issues in their five-year plan and are aware that the local community rail team are also keen to encourage more use of local train services which supports the PC view. We feel passionately about our rural aspects and agree that there are huge benefits of living in such a beautiful area; the areas of natural beauty should be protected to facilitate an increase in local wildlife. We do not want to stop or slow down local developments and investment; however, we feel strongly about the retention of the current landscape. Our heritage and plentiful leisure areas for residents should be protected and enhanced to meet the needs of all residents.

Local people should be involved in local decisions, don't leave it to central council

No

Communication to encourage engagement is excellent; all modes/channels have been covered.

Concerned that most questions are difficult to give a simple "yes" or "no" answer and that some policy option numbers don't match up to those in the questionnaire, but appreciate the steering group has had a difficult job preparing the document

Thank you for the opportunity to comment & your time developing this

When visiting Silkstone for the first time the potential tourist must surely be struck by the lamentable state of our roads, the parking in clear breach of the Highway Code and the potential danger this represents. The antics of parents dropping off and collecting their children from the 2 village schools is often discourteous and downright dangerous. Strenuous efforts should be made to discourage road traffic in the interests of safety and preservation of the so called "rural" aspect of the villages.

Thank you for providing local residents with the opportunity to comment on the document.

Re objective 6 - Does this mean better access to the TPT in Silkstone Common? If so just consider how popular Wortley station area is for cars, vans and trucks attempting to park and disgorge bikers onto the trail and their need for refreshments, toilets etc. The facilities there are not satisfactory, unsurfaced, very muddy in wet weather and litter strewn. Crowded resulting in cars being abandoned on local verges. better site at Dodworth Bottom/ Stainborough, I think. I consider that the parking of parental cars a nuisance and a danger at the bottom of Martin Croft when kids are dropped off at school and collected. Sometimes parking is inconsiderate. There are around 170 houses up this street and inadequate access to them this being the only road in or out. School parking should be provided by using the large tarmacked area in front of the playground / war memorial to loop and park safely. A crossing patrol/speed limit of 5mph to allow for negligent child management.

As a long-term member of Silkstone Common Ladies choir, and a regular user of the Trans-Pennine Trail, and having been a keep sportswoman I feel it's vitally important to have the relevant areas of the plan at the top of your list of priorities. The Methodist Church could have a vital role, as there is nowhere else in the village for people to congregate and have the important facility for people to

'get-together', and run important groups for all ages of the community who can meet and develop and would have the added advantage of keeping the church afloat, even if it had to become a church/village hall, similar to the ones at Kexborough and Emmanuel. The TPT is a brilliant facility but recently, and, probably largely due to the awful wet weather, it has become very difficult to negotiate with huge puddles across the path and a very muddy surface. I do understand that moves have been made to re-surface the trail which has got to be a priority. I feel the Wagonway also would benefit from some re-surfacing

The Issues and Options paper and other documents are thorough and well-presented, and the project has clearly taken a lot of work to reach this stage. A sincere thank you to all involved.

Para 5.5.13 The TPT welcomes the support to protect all public rights of way within the NDP. Para 5.5.15 Enhanced signage and connections to the TPT would be supported. There is a huge economic impact from non-resident users of the TPT that could be directed towards village facilities.

Can I just say that I am very impressed with this Neighbourhood Plan publication and the questionnaire? It has obviously been put together by someone who has a good understanding and appreciation of the area. Throughout the document there are references to many local assets which should rightly be protected. I hope that my comments may be some help.

There needs to be improvements to public transport. The TPT is not well signposted and maintained; it is a quagmire during periods of wet weather

Linking developments to PROW networks should only be within reason and not at cost of overall village character

It may be useful to have a prioritised "wish-list" ready, including social community and rural area improvements. New developers can then be negotiated with as to which of these they can support / complete as part of the development

Transport is a major contributor to greenhouse gases. Much can be achieved through reducing the need to travel. The pandemic has shown that many people have adapted to working from home. If this practice continues in the future for two or three days a week not only will there be a significant reduction in car borne commuting and associated carbon emissions but also reduced congestion, reduced toxic emissions and increased time for family and the community. The Neighbourhood Plan should be welcoming of the concept of local work hubs where people unable to work from home could plug in. Where long distance commuting is still required, the Plan should work with others to maximise the number of commuter journeys made by public transport by making it more convenient, reliable, safe, punctual and affordable for all members of the community. Measures should include support for a park and ride e.g. at Dodworth, with a shuttle bus from this parish; investment in the rail line to increase frequency and improve reliability by increasing the number of passing loops and improving connections to Barnsley and Huddersfield; and bus lanes to reduce journey times, which could also be used as safer cycling routes. Car sharing for journeys to work could be initiated at Parish level. The Plan should also seek investment in safe routes to school on foot and cycle / scooter thus alleviating congestion arising at dropping off and pick up times. Walking buses are not a new idea but nevertheless highly effective at reducing car journeys and improving the overall level of fitness in children and parents.

Congratulations on a comprehensive document

It should explicitly state that new greenfield development will not be an option.

We will be getting more visitors due to lockdown so sort out the TPT. Need for social distancing on the TPT. The villages are high on "I like living here" but we lack proper promoting to local schools to "Look after it"

We are very concerned about the destruction that has taken place in the Silkstone Fall wood; which is entered via the footpath directly opposite to Pot House Hamlet. It appears that this wood has

been destructively adapted over the last couple of years to provide an unauthorised cycle course for mountain bikers. This seemingly gave no regard to the "Landscape Character and Wildlife" of this wood, it adversely affects the "Leisure experience" of local walkers. In a nutshell, the craters, mounds, ramshackle structures & additional "trackways" throughout this wood have damaged the trees (& their root system), wild plants (eg bluebells, etc) and wild life (including local walkers !!)

The traffic issues seem to be increasing especially on the high street/ Towngate junction. Many travel far too quickly through both villages.

Erect larger signs at entrances to The Waggonway that say All Motor Vehicles are prohibited as Off Road Motorcycles & Quad Bike Riders do not see the current tiny ones on the posts, so they are ignored & ineffective. Secondly at peak times the entrance to the Co-op garage store can be blocked causing stationary traffic to queue on the busy A628. This is dangerous.

Fully agree with all the objectives of the draft NNP

Objective 7 mentions road safety and congestion. Ben Bank Road is unfortunately a wide road which appears to encourage speeding motorists, I would like to see some improvement in the way speeding is discouraged, such as flashing speed restriction signs and perhaps better speed humps, the current speed bumps are just a noise nuisance. The crossroads of Ben Bank Road and Moorland Lan are blind when exiting Moorland Lane, exacerbated by unreasonable parking outside the Roses and the old Post Office; a mirror mounted at the top of Cone Lane would be of great assistance

Youth Group: The group agreed that the trails, footpaths and bridle paths were highly used by walkers and hikers. We should advertise and encourage people to use our walk ways and the more time they spend in our Parish the more they contribute to, and boost, our economy. The group felt that road safety is a big concern for our villagers. We have young children who attend Primary schools in both villages, which are situated on the main streets. Cars speed through our villages and we need to protect our elderly residents and children and all pedestrians. The two main areas of concern were Silkstone High Street parking, speeding on both the main roads through Silkstone and Silkstone Common, and A628 garage crossing. We need to working on the general safety in the villages. The group acknowledged that there were several bus stops and one train station within the Parish with good transport links to the bigger towns and cities via the buses and trains. The use of buses and trains could be improved for the greater use of all, and therefore there would be less use of cars. This may help to reduce congestion in the villages. The planning for this needs to have the best interests of the residents at the forefront.

I would not want green belt or open fields to be built on. There are plenty of brownfield sites once land is gone it's gone forever

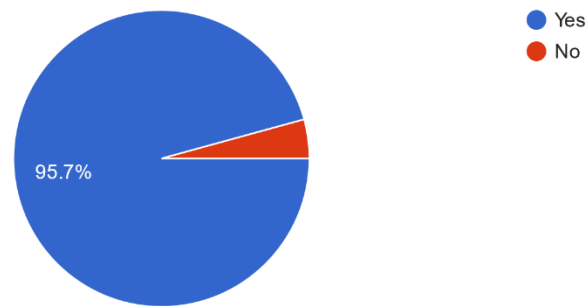
Youth Group: Importance of public transport links, both bus and train, to towns and cities beyond the parish

Charts showing support / opposition to specific policies or issues in the Issues and Options Paper

Charts from the Neighbourhood plan questionnaire

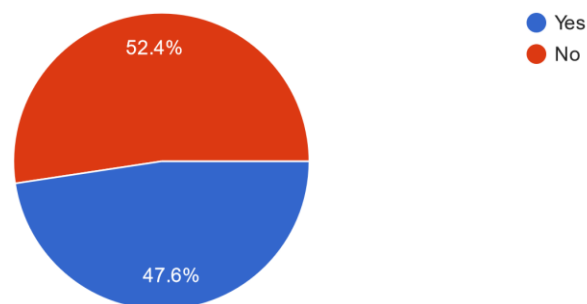
Q1A Do you agree with the Draft Vision and Objectives?

47 responses



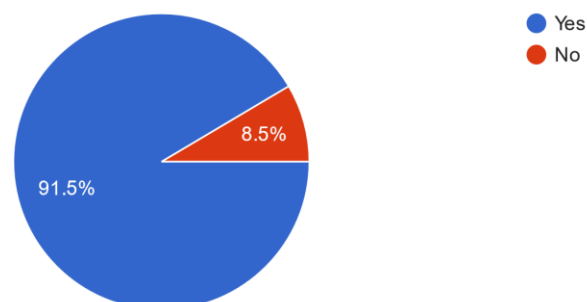
Q2A Policy Option 1: Do you agree that policies in the Barnsley Local Plan are sufficient to guide decisions about house types, tenures and sizes?

42 responses



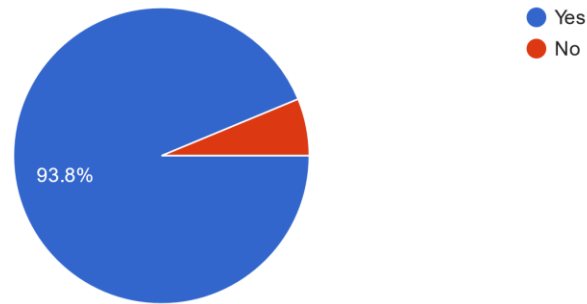
Q2B Policy Option 2: Would you like to see a general policy for new housing in the NDP which includes local criteria to assess proposals.

47 responses



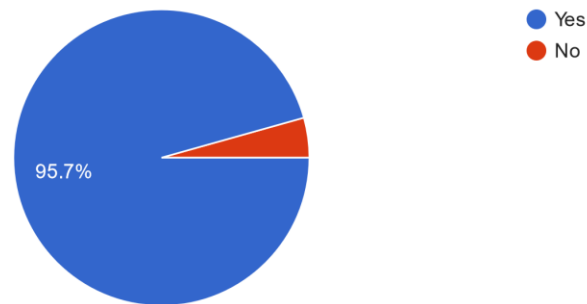
Q3A Policy Option 3: Should the Silkstone NDP include Policies which support investment in specific local recreational / sports provision?

48 responses



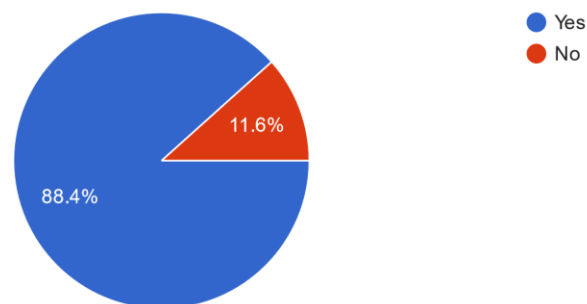
Q4A Policy Option 5: Should the NDP include a Policy to protect and enhance Silkstone Parish's distinctive local landscape character?

46 responses



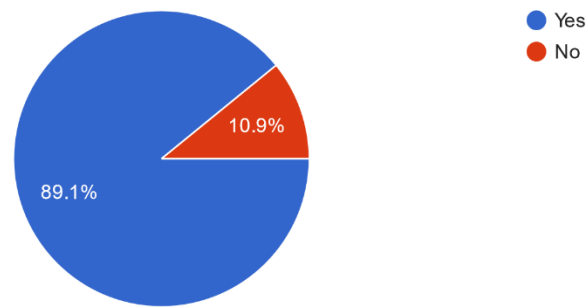
Q4C Policy Option 6: Should the NDP include a Policy to protect and enhance Silkstone Parish's wildlife by identifying areas where developers could contribute to biodiversity net gain?

43 responses



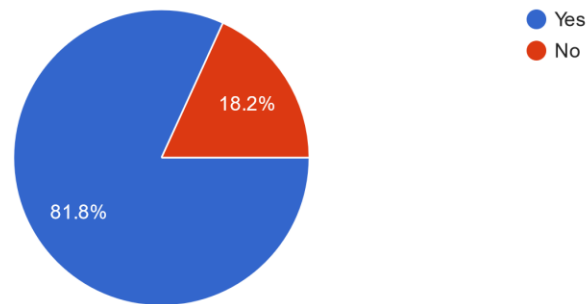
Q5A Policy Option 7: Should the NDP identify a list of locally important non-designated heritage assets for protection in a planning policy?

46 responses



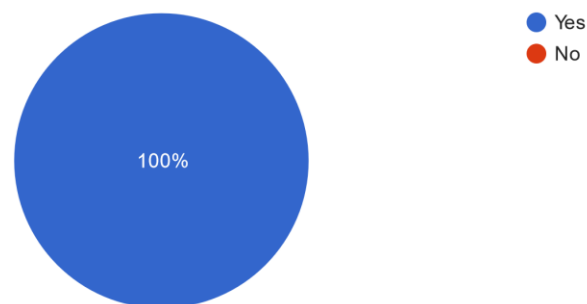
Q5C Policy Option 8: Should the NDP include local design policies to guide new development, supported by more detailed design codes?

44 responses



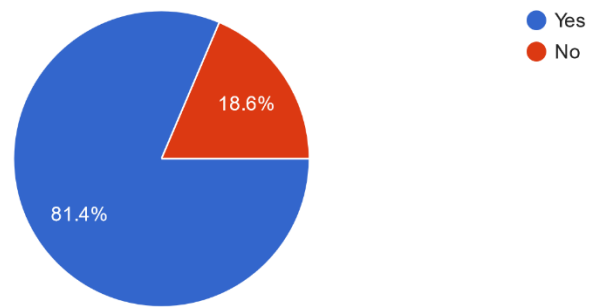
Q6A Policy Option 9: Should the NDP include a Policy to improve accessibility for all, encouraging developments to link to the PROW (Public Rights of...ork and to support travel by walking and cycling?

47 responses



Q7A Policy Option 10: Should the NDP include a Policy which supports appropriate rural diversification and the visitor economy?

43 responses



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Draft Vision and Objectives		
95.7% agreed with Draft Vision and Objectives	Note support and figure in supporting text	4. Vision and Objectives Supporting text updated.
Q1B Do you have any suggestions for how they could be improved?		
Objective 7 - If people have a drive their car should be on them - High Street is too congested.	The NDP is a planning policy document and cannot be used to manage car parking. The Draft Plan should include policies which refer to the Design Codes and which encourage on plot parking provision in new development as well as more sustainable transport alternatives.	5.3 Draft Policy D2 5.5 Draft Policy T1

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Objective 8 - Bring back the local bus service between the village and Cannon Hall	<p>The NDP is a planning policy document and cannot be used to control local bus services.</p> <p>Consider as possible future action for PC.</p>	<p>Include in new Appendix 5 PC Actions to support NDP policies and proposals.</p>
More consideration needs to be given to preserving wildlife and creating an environmental approach that enables wildlife to flourish	<p>The NDP should have a strong emphasis on protecting and enhancing local wildlife.</p>	<p>Add reference to wildlife in Obj 2.</p> <p>5.2 Draft Policy NE2</p>
The draft vision statement and documented 8 objectives are fully supported. They are well written and cover many aspects which CARE are actively interested in	<p>No change.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
Do we really trust Barnsley council to make decisions about house building in the area? Just look at what destruction they have sanctioned and financed in Barnsley Town Centre. They have destroyed what was a world-renowned Market Town and turned it into a dump.	<p>The NDP should provide a positive planning framework to support housing which meets local needs in the Parish. The housing section should include consideration of future actions to support suitable housing provision in the Parish.</p>	<p>5.1 Draft Policy H1, H2, H3</p> <p>The housing section includes text which supports a positive approach to local housing provision.</p>
The 8 objectives could be rationalised under themes; 1. The offer; green space, heritage and sustainability 2. Activities; leisure, tourism and recreation 3. Access; travel and infrastructure	<p>Consider inclusion of suggested titles in objectives.</p>	<p>List objectives under suitable titles / themes. Some re-ordered to maintain consistency</p>

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	The NP Committee retained 'Housing' as a chapter title.	with Plan themes and policies.
The objectives of the plan are clear and well-articulated - the vision is ambiguous (e.g., sustainable living encompasses the development of housing)	'Sustainable living' does include 'housing'.	No change.
No, I agree with them as they are.		No change.
<p>More railway station parkin only 3 spaces / link to Silkstone village.</p> <p>Objective 7 is key. Traffic problems frequently in Silkstone due to lack of visibility along main road as a result of parking, narrow pathways especially outside terraces adjacent to pub, and higher up at the entrance and bend following Towngate join. One safe footpath was built on between Towngate and the green space behind the medical centre a few years ago.</p>	<p>Consider supporting improved parking provision at the station in a Policy.</p> <p>Check comments are covered in supporting text.</p>	<p>5.5</p> <p>Draft Policy T1.</p>
Retain building codes in plan plus ensure opportunities to enhance green spaces are taken	These will be addressed in the Design Codes policies and recreation section.	<p>5.3</p> <p>Draft Policy D1.</p> <p>5.4</p> <p>Draft Policy R1.</p>
Could Objective 3 explicitly include the word 'woodland' in the list of assets? If so, this would be desirable in my view.	The NDP notes the importance of local woodland so this should be included in Obj 3.	Include woodland in Obj 2.

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<p>Comments from TPT:</p> <p>The inclusion of accessibility in Objective 5 is very much supported.</p> <p>There is scope to include reference to carbon neutral and the use of sustainable materials in Objective 1 and 7.</p> <p>The reference in 5.1.13 should be amended to include all sustainable transport routes, not just footpaths.</p>	<p>Revise as suggested.</p>	<p>Amend Objs to refer to carbon neutral and sustainable materials. (Now in new Obj 4.)</p> <p>Update 5.1.13 to include all sustainable transport routes, not just footpaths.</p>
<p>Silkstone Common needs more investment. For years it has been the poor relation in respect to how the parish precept is invested in community leisure. Children, elderly and disabled need more access to these kind of facilities within Silkstone Common.</p>	<p>The NDP supports investment in community facilities across the Parish.</p>	<p>Strengthen references to improving provision in Silkstone Common in 5.4.</p>
<p>Less large-scale housing schemes</p>	<p>The Parish is in the Green Belt and there are no proposals / site allocations for large scale housing development.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>Support them in broad outline</p>	<p>No change.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>It is hard to argue with the vision or objectives put forward given the limited scope of the Neighbourhood Plan set as it is within Barnsley's Local Plan. In my opinion the Local Plan is seriously flawed. It fails to adequately address the two most pressing issues facing the human race - climate change and</p>	<p>The Committee and PC are committed to addressing climate change as far as possible in the NDP and the Design Codes and planning policies should promote sustainable development.</p>	<p>Include new objective on climate change / sustainability. Obj 4.</p> <p>5.3 Draft Policy D1.</p>

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<p>the biodiversity crisis - despite the fact that Barnsley MBC have declared a "climate emergency". Their aim is that the Barnsley borough will become net zero carbon by 2045. It can be argued that this target date is far too late to prevent dangerous climate change but it does demonstrate a recognition of the crisis we face. So why is this not reflected in the Local Plan?</p> <p>The Silkstone Neighbourhood Plan consequently fails to address both of these issues in a way that would lead to the progress that is urgently required. It would be a mistake to produce a Neighbourhood Plan that does not aim to align the Parish with global, national and local government target dates for being carbon net zero carbon already agreed. The UK government has set ambitious targets to protect and enhance biodiversity but progress is painfully slow. Hence the need for local communities to develop their own programmes to protect and improve existing habitats and create new ones. The climate crisis will impact on everyone in the Parish, just like covid-19. Extreme weather events can devastate communities as was the case with flooding since 2000. Long term shifts in climate may occur resulting in unpredictable outcomes such as new plant pests and diseases or even new disease vectors. Every aspect of our lives influences the direction climate change will take - housing, transport, food production and distribution,</p>		

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shopping, working practices, holidays, gardens, woodland management, water supply and biodiversity.		
<p>Objective 1: should be extended to reduce expansion beyond the current boundaries of both villages.</p> <p>Objective 6: Remove the Tourism aspect or make it clear that this will not encourage additional traffic,</p> <p>Objective 7: To include traffic restrictions to reduce vehicle speed and HGV access</p>	<p>Obj 1 - The 2 settlements are inset in the Green Belt. Development is inappropriate in the Green Belt but affordable housing is an exception to inappropriate development. No change to Obj 1.</p> <p>Obj 6 - this should be addressed in planning policies. No change to Obj 6 but include consideration of traffic in draft policies in Employment section.</p> <p>Obj 7 - include as PC Action.</p>	<p>5.5 Draft Policy T1</p> <p>Include as PC Actions need to reduce vehicle speeds and HGV access.</p>
Due to constant complaints of traffic jams at the school (Silkstone Common?) why not build a new one elsewhere and have the school as housing	This goes beyond the NDP. No change.	No change.
More support for voluntary groups such as CARE.	This goes beyond the NDP. No change.	No change.
The Barnsley local plan has no areas for housing development, this should be upheld and possible included in the Silkstone plan. Any new developments would then have to be scrutinised and would have to	The NDP does not promote large scale housing development. No change.	No change.

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meet strict criteria to be approved. There should therefore be no large-scale developments.		
Q2A Do you agree that the Policies in the Barnsley Local Plan are sufficient to guide decisions about house types sizes and tenures? 52.4% No 47.6% Yes	Noted. Prepare local housing policies in NDP.	Note responses in NDP. See below. Provide local approach to housing in NDP.
Q2B Would you like to see a general policy for new housing in the NDP which includes local criteria to assess proposals? 91.5% Yes 8.5% No	Noted. Prepare local housing policy in NDP.	NDP Policy H1.
Q2C If Yes, please provide details of any issues you would like to see addressed in addition to those set out in the housing section above.		
Smaller Homes Needed Silkstone has an issue with housing. Large houses have been given permission to be built, they don't blend in with e.g. bungalows; 2 large houses amongst the terraced houses on the High Street. Smaller houses are needed. Barnsley Council need to stop being swayed by one particular developer's money Address the trend towards larger, detached properties.	Noted. Include promotion of smaller homes in housing policy.	5.1 Draft Policy H1 - include smaller homes

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<p>More Affordable Housing</p> <p>It seems that in the past the building of larger houses has not invigorated the local community. Residents tend to work away and shop on the way home or online so local businesses have not been supported. It would be very sad to lose local pubs, and shops such as the Cottage Bakery. Do we want to live in a 'Dormitory Suburb'? Young people who would like to live locally are hard-pressed to afford to live here. Affordable housing for rent or to buy, designated specifically for local youngsters would be beneficial. Conditions would have to be in place to avoid anyone from afar 'cashing in' on a cheap home.</p> <p>I don't think that BMBC is really interested in making sure that there is genuinely affordable housing in our Parish. Although we are not targeted for lots of houses, if any are built I think they will all be "executive" homes ie large and expensive. We need homes that locals born in this are can afford.</p> <p>Affordable starter homes, to allow young people who have grown up in the village, to continue to live here</p> <p>More affordable housing</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Affordable Housing is addressed in Local Plan Policy H7 which sets out that housing developments of 15 or more dwellings will be expected to provide affordable housing. However it is unlikely that schemes of 15 or more dwellings will come forward as opportunities are very limited within the 2 villages. Local Plan Policy H4 supports development in villages on sites of 0.4ha or less and Policy H6 suggests that a site of 0.4 ha would be expected to accommodate around 12 houses.</p> <p>Affordable housing schemes for local community needs as rural exception sites may be considered not inappropriate in the Green Belt (see NPPF para 145 f).</p> <p>Such schemes could be brought forward through a Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO) in the future.</p>	<p>5.1 Draft Policy H1 - include reference to affordable housing</p> <p>Include supportive text and possible Policy (H3) supporting future NDO or exception housing schemes.</p> <p>Discuss future local occupancy conditions with BMBC . Consider future action to progress NDO for affordable housing scheme.</p>

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<p>More provision for smaller affordable housing with appropriate amounts of off-street parking</p> <p>Give consideration to affordable homes to encourage younger couples into the villages.</p> <p>Include provisions for affordable housing, house prices driving up prices for people brought up in the village to remain in the village. In my opinion we are seeing a increase in people brought up in the parish moving out and an increase in new people with money available to purchase housing moving in.</p> <p>Affordable housing specifically for first time buyers</p> <p>Youth Group: This is an extremely important issue for current residents, there is an abundance of character within the Parish, and it should be maintained with a proportional mix of housing. Although it was accepted that the village would benefit from a code for future buildings, the villages did contain a variety of different types of houses, for example red brick built, stone built, bungalows, detached houses and terrace houses. The group felt the Parish needed more affordable housing. Some young people much prefer to move out to cities where there is more to do and housing is cheaper, but it is difficult for a young person to stay in the Parish due to the price of the</p>	<p>Therefore the NDP could include a positive planning policy framework to support a future NDO for an affordable housing scheme in the Parish. Discussions should also be held with BMBC and local housing providers in relation to local occupancy conditions and restricting owners and tenants to people with a local connection to the Parish.</p>	

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houses. It was felt that any future building of houses should consider the infrastructure which would support these developments.		
<p>More Housing for Older People</p> <p>I have some concerns about the current accuracy of the statistics that the housing plans are based on, as this is now 10 years old and newspaper reports suggest that there has been a significant change in the last decade in the number of people privately renting their homes, for example. The background information relating to the plan states that the age profile of residents in the area is expected to change with a "predicted dramatic increase in the number and proportion of older people" living locally. For this reason, I think it would be good if new housing could be in the form of good quality 1-2 bedroom affordable "retirement housing" in smaller, accessible properties, available only to older people (eg over 55s). This would also allow those older couples / individuals living in the larger detached houses that still wish to stay in the same village to downsize and free up family properties. Many will be unlikely to downsize to smaller cheaper terrace houses due to the stairs, nor will the majority qualify for the small number of Council bungalows. I would not like to see the villages extended into the Green Belt or surrounding countryside for housing.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Include promotion of housing for older people in housing policy.</p>	<p>5.1 Draft Policy H1 - include housing for older people</p>

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<p>Housing Mix and Density</p> <p>Although the Local Plan covers most of the issues regarding housing, I wonder if there is scope for the policies regarding housing density to be more sophisticated, for example requiring mix of house sizes on sites where there are proposed to be two or more dwellings</p> <p>The density of housing; Table 1 denotes a small quantity (both nominal and relative) of "flat, maisonette or apartment". McCarthy & Stone are currently building flats for people over the age of 55 in Barnsley town centre; is a development of this type likely given the amount of development land contained within the Local Plan? If so, where would be a preferable location?</p> <p>Concern about the push for more housing development for local needs. Most people who live here don't work in the parish but the urban areas surrounding it. Is there any need to develop at the rate of 0.4 hectare per plot? Before we know it, we will be a satellite of the wider urban area</p> <p>I feel there is a tendency to build as many houses as possible into a given space, resulting in large houses with little land, squeezed together in appropriate</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Density is addressed in the Design Codes and should be noted in design policies.</p>	<p>Draft Policy H1, H2</p> <p>Refer to 5.3 Built Heritage and Design.</p>

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<p>spaces (latest example at Pot House Bridge, by the Waggon Road)</p> <p>We should ensure that there is no impact on our valuable green belt and there is no high density housing</p>		
<p>Barnsley Council</p> <p>Just do not trust Barnsley Council to make any decisions when it comes to housing issues.</p> <p>BMBC stick to their written commitment.</p> <p>Given the planning record of BMBC over the years, I very strongly believe that the PC should retain the maximum possible influence over planning in the villages</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>BMBC is the local planning authority and is responsible for planning decisions. There are opportunities to comment on planning applications as part of the development management process.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>Design and Local Character</p> <p>There should be considerations to local developments which are in keeping with the area and preserves larger pieces of land being bought and sold for developments (e.g., farmlands etc.). However, any decisions for these should be with the Council, and not be made directly by local residents only (as per NDP committee)</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Design Codes refer to local character and this should be addressed in NDP policies on design. BMBC is the local planning authority and is responsible for planning decisions.</p> <p>Other matters raised should also be considered in policies on design.</p>	<p>5.1 H2</p> <p>5.2 NE1</p> <p>5.3 D2</p> <p>5.5 T1</p>

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<p>We do not feel that the scope of CARE extends such that we are able to comment about housing developments in the Parish. We do however feel that the statement to protect local footpaths and that future developments have no detriment impact on the landscape or overall visual impact of both villages.</p> <p>Local criteria to assess proposals for new housing is vital. New developments, regardless of their size, have the potential for widespread impact, so it is so important that locals have a say. Protection of green spaces, the landscape and existing footpaths are essential.</p> <p>The plan should contain criteria that development should be restricted to within the boundaries of the villages and the scale of any development should reflect and not alter the character of the villages.</p> <p>The document doesn't provide a link to find the detail behind the Barnsley Local Plan. In principle I would have thought it beneficial to produce a local policy produced by the neighbourhood it would impact. In particular I would think in relation to people building within plots of land where dwellings currently exists, and any impact any building would have on local green space, or any views on current landscapes</p>		

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along with the impact it may have on any local amenities e.g. Doctors, Schools, traffic volumes.		
<p>Backland / Garden Development</p> <p>Not building in gardens - too late for several plots where recent infill has been detrimental to traffic flow, lines of visibility for drivers and pedestrians alike, in addition to landscapes. The high street becomes a darkened frosty hollow in winter without the light falling through gap in between properties.</p> <p>Protect the Green Belt; In fill Housing only</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The NDP should include a policy on backland / garden development.</p>	<p>Include Draft Policy H2 on Backland / Garden Development</p>
<p>Access, parking, traffic etc</p> <p>Ensure traffic to/from developments fits in with needs of local residents. Also sites have sufficient on site parking space for residents and not spill on to roadways</p> <p>Consideration should definitely be given to the need for new housing to avoid on-street parking. I agree with Design Codes for new developments outlined in the AECOM Design Code document.</p> <p>More housing would mean more housing and more parking problems</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Design codes consider parking provision in new developments and design criteria in policies should refer to this.</p> <p>The NDP also promotes improved accessibility for all and reduced reliance on private cars.</p>	<p>Refer to 5.3 and T1</p> <p>Refer to D2 and parking provision in design codes</p> <p>Consider accessibility in infrastructure in Section 5.4 and 5.5.</p>

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<p>New developments should have sufficient space for at least 3 cars off road parking.</p> <p>To ensure new housing has sufficient on site parking. Basically new houses on the Silkstone High Street look fine & would appear to have enough vehicle space on site, but often vehicles are then parked outside some houses on the road restricting the traffic flow in what is already a difficult area due to road narrowing & restricted views past the terraced houses.</p> <p>Traffic increases as a result of additional housing</p>		
<p>No More Housing</p> <p>I feel strongly that Silkstone does not need any more housing. There have been so many houses built on and fitted in areas that it will be in danger of becoming a town rather than a village and lose the heart of what the village was</p> <p>Keep to the local parish (NDP)</p>	<p>The NDP cannot put a limit on new housing and has to provide a positive planning framework to support sustainable development.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>Sustainable Design</p> <p>I feel the Neighbourhood Plan should be drafted to enable significant changes to occur quickly. This would involve accepting the building designed to be carbon positive will look very different than the existing housing stock (eg passivhaus). In addition, a</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Design Codes address Sustainable Design and a Policy should be included in the NDP.</p>	<p>Refer to Draft Policy D1</p>

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positive approach to installing renewable energy techniques should be incorporated into the plan. Retrofitting the existing housing stock with improved insulation (eg external wall insulation) and renewable heat and electricity systems, eg solar panels, heat pumps and wind turbines.		
See answer to question 1	Noted.	No change.
Q3A Should the NDP include policies which support investment in specific local recreational / sports provision? 93.8% Yes		Note support in the text
Q3B If Yes, please explain where this is needed and what is required.		
Maintaining and Improving existing facilities The existing facilities need to be utilised more, especially for people who work, e.g. fitness classes We should continue the focus on support for facilities down in Silkstone and look for opportunities to develop additional facilities up in Silkstone Common which do not simply duplicate what is currently available.	Maintenance of existing facilities is not a planning issue but the PC could consider an action to work with other groups to encourage local use of facilities and to support access to funding opportunities. The PC could work with existing facilities to encourage wider availability / use by the local community eg for badminton.	Possible action for PC.

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<p>Important that the recreational & sporting area in Silkstone continues to be supported and that future investment in Silkstone Common recreational & sporting area is provided.</p> <p>All the areas are so badly neglected by BMBC over many years, e.g. footpaths, stone walls, the recreation ground in Silkstone Common and ALL small green spaces</p> <p>Promotion of our local schools and communities and keep well maintained</p> <p>Youth Group: Consider the cricket / football pitches and pavilion at Silkstone a real asset, along with the trim-track, MUGA and Huskar Community rooms supporting local groups and activities. Youth shelter is disliked as a focus for anti-social behaviour and graffiti. Support for cycle track built in Fall Wood by young people with minimal anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Youth Group: The group felt that Sports clubs play a pivotal role acting as heart of the village. They liked the facilities, but felt there could be more, a Tennis court for example, for people with other interests. The MUGAs and grounds, for example around the back of Co -op should be protected and young people should be encouraged to use them. It was felt that Schools in</p>		

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<p>the Parish could use these facilities in the day, and in evenings they could be used by scouts, football teams, badminton and the local Brass Band. They felt we should be protecting the sports facilities for the younger residents. There was a request that there were more sporting opportunities for girls.</p>		
<p>Indoor space</p> <p>I would like to see some available indoor space in Silkstone Common, bookable privately and for use all year round, for table tennis and badminton. Again, this would expand access to sport for an aging population and increase fitness and physical and mental health. When the school (Silkstone Common?) applied for permission to build the sports hall it would be suggested that this would be available for people to book privately out of school hours for these types of sports, but this facility has never been available to villagers to my knowledge. I currently attend classes in Pilates and yoga in the Methodist Chapel Hall, but this venue is always very booked up and not suitable for badminton.</p> <p>Sports hall for multi functional use</p>	<p>Provision of a new indoor sports hall in the Parish is unlikely. However the PC could work with existing facilities to encourage wider availability / use by the local community.</p>	<p>Possible action for PC.</p>
<p>Green Spaces and Young People</p> <p>The CARE team thoroughly enjoys developing and maintaining the open green spaces across both</p>	<p>The NDP notes the importance of local green spaces, woodland and countryside, acknowledging that they are highly valued by residents</p>	<p>No change.</p>

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<p>villages. We feel passionately that these spaces should be protected and further investment available where appropriate. Residents enjoy the benefit of being able to walk and have easy access to local areas of natural beauty, including a number of local wooded areas. In addition, we have experience of residents (not confirmed but suspect younger members of our community) who enjoy the outdoors. Unfortunately this has caused damage from time to time in our local woods. We feel that the current open leisure areas and recreation grounds, for example Silkstone Common, could be developed to offer additional facilities for residents rather than duplicating some of the facilities which are already very well maintained. Specifically we know that the PC fund grounds maintenance for football pitches in Silkstone, there could be scope for alternative facilities in Silkstone Common rather than the development of further football pitches. This could offer facilities which would be attractive to youths and thereby distract them from our local woods, preventing future damage. We understand that the PC has commenced a process of engagement with younger members of the community with a view to developing a Youth Policy - this would be an excellent way to better understand what they would like from the recreational areas. CARE would be interested to be involved with a Youth Policy.</p>	<p>and contribute to health and well being.</p> <p>The cycle facility was designed and provided in the woods for local use.</p> <p>Refer to comments relating to Silkstone Common below.</p>	

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<p>Walking and Cycling</p> <p>The parish is well-provided for cricket and football, which are enjoyed by a limited number of participants. I support proposals to improve the diversity of provision - relating especially to walking and cycling, and improvement in playground facilities in Silkstone Common</p> <p>Policies that attract investment to enhance and/or extend the existing provision would be fantastic. An opportunity exists for cycling, particularly off-road/mountain biking in Silkstone Fall (woods adjacent to the Pot House Hamlet and Silverwood). The Recreation Ground could benefit from a single shared resource, possibly denoted as a centre with a range of activities and facilities for all age groups. There are a number of clubs and groups that already exist in the village(s), to have them 'under one roof' would be fantastic for access and signposting.</p> <p>Promote use of existing facilities Improve/upkeep paths/stiles/bridges/signage for walks</p> <p>A proper biking area as they use the woods at the moment</p>	<p>Prepare NDP policies which support opportunities for walking and cycling and encourage enhancements to existing routes to improve accessibility for all.</p>	<p>5.5 Policy T1</p>

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There are no facilities for off-road biking - maybe a bike park?		
<p>Wildlife</p> <p>Wildlife and habitat protection, nature reserves, tree planting, creation of meadowland areas, we should be leading the borough on such matters being on the natural corridor to the Pennines and Peak Areas, with the rivers in the area.</p>	Accepted. Refer to NDP section and policies on wildlife.	Refer to 5.2 Policy NE2
<p>Silkstone Common Rec</p> <p>There are concerns about the developments proposed on Silkstone Recreation Ground - which were formed without initial consultation by the Silkstone Common Sports and Recreation Association. The local residents in particular would be impeded by the proposed plans for developments on Silkstone Common Rec.</p> <p>Silkstone Common community health & wellbeing</p> <p>Something to achieve better use of Silkstone Common recreation grounds to meet the requirements of a range of local residents</p> <p>The Recreation Ground in Silkstone Common is very well used. The 'Mikes Place' Play area needs a new</p>	The NDP could include a policy to support suitable investment in and improvement of facilities in Silkstone Rec. Further work may be needed to consult with local groups and residents to provide a planning policy with wording which is acceptable to the different interests.	5.4 Policy R1

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<p>'all weather surface' as it becomes very muddy in the winter and after rain, The Ball Park is similar. More 'Dog Poo' bins and litter bins would be useful especially in Silkstone behind the Co-op. Vandalism has reared its ugly head in both villages so anything new would be vulnerable and needs to be robust. The cricket stumps need re-siting so that a missed ball does not end up in the ditch! It is only a small space so there is not really enough room for a Pavilion or similar. Again, vandalism would be a problem.</p> <p>Further investment in Silkstone Rec for other leisure activities and in Silkstone Common Rec for activities not provided down in Silkstone. A bike track, running track, boule court?</p> <p>On-going investment is required to improve existing recreational / sports provisions; the MUGA and play areas at Silkstone Common Recreation Ground are used; however, I am confident improvements of both would lead to increased use, supporting parish children's health and well being. The recreation ground as a green space is also well valued by older locals; however, again, on-going investment is required to enhance this important outdoor area. The surrounding natural habitat is vital to health and well being, and can be enhanced to provide an outdoor space accessible to all local residents in order to</p>		

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<p>improve their health and wellbeing. Investment is also required to maintain current recreational / sports provisions.</p> <p>The sports facilities in Silkstone Common are abysmal, the recreation ground is a superb area to be developed and used as it was previously, as a football pitch, basketball area etc. In general, the facilities in Silkstone Common are extremely poor compared to those in Silkstone, which supports a beautiful sports area, cricket pitch and football pitch, cricket pavilion, 2 children's playgrounds, and The Huskar Rooms.</p> <p>Maintain existing standards of Silkstone recreation fields plus look to develop a "green family area for wildlife & leisure "</p> <p>Silkstone Common. Currently the existing recreation/community facilities are run by BMBC with no investment by them, have seen a decline in use. The parish have shown little or no interest in supporting these within Silkstone Common. Again the parish just seem to rely on the facilities in Silkstone being sufficient for both villages, which they seem to justifies the amount of precept money invested in the Silkstone recreation only!</p>		

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<p>Attention to the facilities at Silkstone Common, such that they are similar to the facilities at Silkstone</p> <p>Better sporting facilities for Silkstone Common recreation ground, especially an upgrade to the football pitch and changing facilities</p> <p>A review should be made of the Silkstone Common Recreation ground. The facilities in Silkstone have had development over the years, but the Recreation ground has not.</p> <p>Greater investment in the recreation ground in Silkstone Common</p> <p>Changing rooms at Silkstone Common Sports Field would be good and could be multi functional in the same way as the Huskar Rooms. The Methodist Church is a good resource but not useable for outdoor sports. I understand that Barnsley MBC are responsible for maintenance of the trans Pennine trail but the standard of the surface is very poor and there is evidence of timber being removed - is this intentional or vandalism?</p>		
Suggestions for Other Facilities	This could be an action for the PC - to work with local sports clubs and	Action for PC Appendix 3

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<p>Tennis provision. Access to boating lake for recreation. I understand that this was once available to the village which would have been lovely. Loss of bowling club and band room (I am aware they are in Silkstone Common now)</p> <p>Eg I don't play tennis myself but there are no tennis courts in either village.</p> <p>Please ensure emphasis is placed equally on both sports and non-sports recreational provision, when considering possible policies.</p> <p>Crown green bowls.</p>	<p>groups to provide a wider range of facilities in the area.</p>	
<p>General</p> <p>Having moved from Deepcar around 4 years ago I saw how SCC sold off recreational land to developers without recompense to the local community. I wouldn't want Silkstone to lose the existing play areas and recreational facilities, or for housing developments to impact on the local environment to the extent of losing green space or impacting on the local countryside and local heritage.</p> <p>Sports facilities are required in a safe environment to satisfy the young.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

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<p>Advice/support for local teams that use the facilities to plan for the long term.</p> <p>This is policy option 2 in the Paper, so I'm confused</p>		
<p>Q3C Policy Option 4: Please tell us about any areas which you think would meet the criteria for Local Green Spaces and explain why they are so important.</p>		
<p>Waggon Way</p> <p>The waggonway in Silkstone needs to be tidied up</p> <p>Not necessarily an obvious example, but I highlight all the open spaces adjoining and along the waggon road. Some adjoining fields look ripe spaces for future housing developments, which must not happen and be protected. The Waggon Road is a huge local asset</p>	<p>Included in LGS assessment.</p>	<p>Included in Draft Plan as LGS as 2. 'Ribbon' open-space along Silkstone Waggonway from Silkstone Cross to the Parish boundary.</p>
<p>Woodland</p> <p>All wooded areas</p> <p>All the woodland in the area should be covered and all the adjoining fields to the Waggonway.</p> <p>Youth Group: Silverwood really important asset (note history as training ground for Barnsley Pals).</p>	<p>Woodland is identified in the NDP as important for local wildlife and biodiversity.</p> <p>The Bike track has been provided as a facility for young people. Refer complaints to owners / responsible body.</p>	<p>Some woodland areas included in Draft Plan as LGS but others also described in relation to wildlife interest.</p> <p>See:</p>

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<p>The Woodland Trust have recently highlighted huge concerns around the falling numbers of wildlife within English woods. The courses made by bikers use chemicals to harden the jumps which surely cannot be good. The courses also cross look established walking routes putting pedestrians and dog walkers at risk.</p> <p>True mountain biking is about navigating the natural terrain of woods, what is being allowed to happen here is wanton vandalism of our natural environment.</p> <p>Liberate Fall Wood from the young Adult Hooligans on Mountain Bikes who intimidate Residents. They have constructed a camp, ramps, jumps and race tracks. Resident should feel safe & able to enjoy a peaceful walk in the wood</p>	<p>All areas of woodland were assessed against the LGS criteria in the NPPF and some but not all have been included in the Draft Plan. All areas of woodland are included as green belt in Barnsley Council's Local Plan so already has protection equivalent to LGS. Bank Bottom Wood, Hall Royd Wood, Hill Top Wood, Hollow Spring Wood and Silkstone Fall have additional protection in the Local Plan as biodiversity or geological interest sites.</p>	<p>6. Woodland and grassed area between Towngate and Manor Park, Silkstone</p> <p>9. Orchard Wood and meadow, off Moorend Lane, Silkstone Common</p> <p>11. Jay's Wood, Hall Royd Lane, Silkstone Common</p>
<p>Silkstone Fall</p> <p>The area of Silkstone Fall opposite the Pot House Hamlet needs to be protected. Over the past few years the woods environment has been extensively damaged by people constructing jumps and courses for bikes that has been let get completely out of control destroying a significant amount ground vegetation and animal habitat.</p>	<p>Included in LGS assessment but considered to be an 'extensive tract of land' and so not included as LGS in the Draft Plan.</p>	<p>Not included.</p>

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<p>Silkstone Common Rec</p> <p>Silkstone Common Recreational ground - this is an area of green space for the entire community to use and the only area in the village (as per point A). Building facilities are in abundance in Silkstone, and therefore developments are not required in Silkstone Common. However, in line with point B, there is significance in the beauty of the areas (e.g., woodlands which surround), historical value, tranquillity and recreational value - as a large green space for all to enjoy in whatever way is appropriate for them (e.g., multi-purpose, not specialist- as proposed by Silkstone Common Sports and Rec Association. As per point C it is local in character and not extensive. At present, there are concerns that local planning applications will have negative ramifications on this area. Furthermore, there has been recent erection of fencing on Silkstone Recreation (at the bottom of the playing field towards South Yorkshire Buildings) which is both dangerous (e.g., barbed wire) and potential illegitimate land ownership. Also affecting the green space of this area.</p> <p>Silkstone Common Recreation Ground is an important area which I believe meets the criteria for local green spaces. Green spaces are not only</p>	<p>This area is referred to in Policy R1.</p> <p>Included in LGS assessment.</p>	<p>Included in Draft Plan as LGS.</p> <p>See: 10. Silkstone Common Recreation Ground, Holroyd Walk, Silkstone Common</p>

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<p>important for physical health, but also for positive mental health. Spending time in nature has been shown to improve health and wellbeing by providing a calm environment, thereby reducing stress.</p> <p>Silkstone Common recreation field is under used and would be ideal for nature trail, tree planting, family picnic, children environment learning</p>		
<p>Martin Croft / Manor Park</p> <p>The areas of green space around (council) bungalows on Martin Croft and Manor Park</p> <p>The area between Town Gate and Manor Park to extend out along the footpath away from the village up hill to include that whole woodland (see 4b re black poplar trees.)</p>	Included in LGS assessment.	<p>Included in Draft Plan as LGS</p> <p>See: 4. Martin Croft playground adjacent to the war memorial, Silkstone</p>
<p>Noblethorpe Hall; 26 acres of parkland, adjacent to existing green spaces and heritage sites. Any area of green space adjacent to ones identified in the Issues and Options document. Banks Bottom Dike; from Small Lane Farm to the Sewage Works.</p>	Included in LGS assessment but considered to be an 'extensive tract of land' and so not included as LGS in the Draft Plan.	Not included.
<p>Land between Towngate and Manor Park, offers a buffer between the two housing estates.</p>	Included in LGS assessment.	<p>Included in Draft Plan as LGS.</p> <p>See:</p>

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		6. Woodland and grassed area between Towngate and Manor Park, Silkstone
Park behind the medical centre	Included in LGS assessment.	Included in the Draft Plan as LGS See: 5. The Chestnuts, Martin Croft, Silkstone
Paddock adjacent to 16 Broad Gates Alongside medical centre on main road, Tom Horsfield's store house next to that.	Included in LGS assessment.	Included in the Draft Plan as LGS See: 3. Broad Gates play area, Silkstone
Green space / football pitch on Broad Gates - Used by local and visiting children to play safely, recreational value and social green space. Also environmental - trees and shrubs	Included in LGS assessment.	Included in Draft Plan as LGS. See: 3. Broad Gates play area, Silkstone
Behind the garage	The Silkstone Recreation Ground was included in LGS assessment but is included as a site for recreation and green belt in Barnsley Council's Local Plan so	Not included

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	already has protection equivalent to LGS.	
Protect the tranquillity of The Chestnuts .	Included in LGS assessment.	Included in Draft Plan as LGS. See: 5. The Chestnuts, Martin Croft, Silkstone
The site of the old parish rooms is now I understand in private ownership but not being developed so far. This would make an ideal children's play area and would be overlooked by adjacent housing. Mike's Place is ok but is a little out of the way and not overlooked for safety's sake. Perhaps the new owner would be so generous enough to make this available for a change of use for the good of local children	Included in LGS assessment but does not meet the requirements. It is brown field land, overgrown following the demolition of the old parish rooms, and has no value or significance as green space in the past.	Not included
General During lockdown more people have been able to enjoy the green spaces in the villages which are a great asset and vital to the local character. They are well maintained and well- used I don't know of any the PC won't have already identified. I think it is important to maintain them and	Noted.	No change.

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<p>improve them for biodiversity. The owners of the commercial woods should be encouraged to maintain the streams and create ponds and other things that would improve them as habitats.</p> <p>Unclear what the definition of "green space" should be</p> <p>Health & wellbeing recreational pursuits for the communities.</p> <p>None that I can immediately think of.</p> <p>Current list ok</p> <p>The list in the Issues and Options paper and website seem to cover all the locations I can think of.</p> <p>More and more people are enjoying their local area. Keep public footpaths open and accessible CARE group has worked very hard to protect and improve green spaces in both villages by raising grants, e.g. Jay's Wood, but also small spaces. They must be protected as part of the village character</p> <p>All of our spaces are important and we should promote more in the community to maintain them</p>		

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<p>Silkstone currently has an abundance of green space that contribute massively to the look and feel of the area and give people the space to enjoy their environment. This can be small green space like at the bottom of Towngate or the small grassed area on the high street that has a bench to sit on. Or the bigger wooded areas like Silkstone Fall, the wood that leads to Whin Moor from the village. The wooded area that leads to Banks Hall in Banks Bottom. The wood that leads towards Silkstone Common, the route of the old Wagon Way. There's just so many to list. They are important for a number of reasons. Firstly the wildlife they support and the contribution they make to the air we breathe. They give us areas to walk and exercise, places to be at one with nature.</p> <p>They are used by all ages on a regular basis. So important to keep the greenery around our village as a place to relax and recharge.</p> <p>Concern that litter in the car park spoils the area</p>		