

Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) – Regulation 16 Consultation Representations

A total of 9 representations were received by North Northamptonshire Council as part of the pre-examination (Regulation 16) consultation, which took place from 1 September to 13 October 2025. These responses were submitted either through the Council's online consultation platform or by email.

The Grafton Underwood NDP will now proceed to examination. All representations provided to the independent examiner are available below, presented both in a summary table and as individual redacted submissions. Representations received by email and through the consultation platform are included separately below the summary table as individual attachments.

Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Development Plan - Summary of Representations Submitted to the Independent Examiner.

The following representations were received by North Northamptonshire Council as part of the pre-examination (Regulation 16) consultation, which ran from **1 September to 13 October 2025**.

| Rep ref | Submitted by | Rep Summary |
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| 01 | Brigstock Parish Council | The respondent confirms they have no comments or objections to the Neighbourhood Plan. |
| 02 | National Highways | The representation notes that, given the small amount of development proposed in the Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Plan area and the level of growth already delivered during the Local Plan period, no significant impacts on the Strategic Road Network are anticipated. |
| 03 | Natural England | The respondent raises no objections or comments, and has simply provided general advice and guidance. |
| 04 | Archaeology North Northamptonshire Council | The respondent raises no objections and comments that the Neighbourhood Plan team appears to have done a thorough job regarding heritage matters. |
| 05 | Strategic Housing North Northamptonshire Council | <p>Housing policies GU12 and GU13 emphasise what the parish identifies as the local priority, with a clear focus on meeting the housing needs of rural workers, supported by some accompanying evidence.</p> <p>There is no specific reference to affordable housing within the housing policies themselves; the only mention appears in paragraph 8.17, and this is in the context of infrastructure provision, not housing policy.</p> <p>It is recommended that Policy GU13 include a general reference to supporting affordable housing (beyond rural worker needs). Although paragraph 9.13 acknowledges that some forms of development may be appropriate where</p> |

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| | | they “meet locally identified needs,” the absence of an explicit policy reference means the parish could still support an affordable housing scheme in future if evidenced — but the current approach is not proactive, especially given the emphasis placed on affordable housing within the NPPF. |
| 06 | Mapping and Public Rights of Way North Northamptonshire Council | There is no cause for concern regarding Public Rights of Way and the Definitive Map. |
| 07 | Local Flood Authority North Northamptonshire Council | The representation suggests that the Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Development Plan should give stronger and more explicit guidance on flood risk mitigation and SuDS. It recommends adding a clear SuDS hierarchy, examples of suitable rural SuDS solutions, and reference to the CIRIA SuDS Manual. It also calls for greater emphasis on reducing runoff, promoting natural flood management, prioritising infiltration-based systems, and requiring robust maintenance and adoption plans. Finally, it proposes making LLFA consultation mandatory for drainage-related development. Overall, these measures would better align the Plan with national and North Northamptonshire policies and improve sustainable water management and flood resilience. |
| 08 | North Northants Council on behalf/ in partnership for this with Boughton Estates | The representation expresses strong support for Objective GU2 and the North Northants Greenway. It notes that Grafton Underwood backs the proposed route, and that its emerging Neighbourhood Plan will help progress and secure funding for future connections. The respondent looks forward to continued collaboration to deliver the identified route. <i>Considers a public hearing necessary. Considering the support expressed, this could be selected in error in Objective.</i> |
| 09 | ██████████ KR.eativ: Architects Ltd | The respondent questions whether an architect was involved in designing the buildings, arguing that architects are uniquely and fully qualified—trained to master’s degree level—to design architecture. They express concern that the UK permits individuals without formal architectural qualifications to design buildings, implying this may affect design quality. The respondent also considers a public hearing necessary. |

1 - [REDACTED]

Table 2.1

Respondent: [REDACTED] KR.eativ: Architects Ltd

Submission Number: 1

Submission Date: 08/09/25
12:34

Grafton Underwood Reg 16

Table 2.2

Grafton Underwood Reg 16

Comment Number: 1

The following basic conditions comprise the statutory requirement for the draft neighbourhood plan. Please select which basic condition applies to your representation.

* Has regard to national policy and guidance from the Secretary of State

Why do you consider that the draft neighbourhood plan and/or supporting documents do/do not meet the specified basic condition?

Has an architect contributed to the design of buildings. Architects are the only profession fully qualified to design architecture to above masters degree level. The UK allows unqualified people to design buildings for some reason.

The examiner will consider all representations received by the deadline. Normally the examiner will consider all responses through written representations. However, occasionally an examiner may consider it necessary to hold a public hearing to discuss issues in more detail. Should a public hearing be required please indicate if you would like to request to be heard in person at the examination

* Yes

Please indicate whether you wish to be notified of either or both of the following

* The publication of the recommendations of the neighbourhood plan Examiner

* Final 'making' (adoption) of the neighbourhood plan by North Northamptonshire Council

2 - [REDACTED]

Table 3.1

Respondent: [REDACTED] North
Northamptonshire Council

Submission Number: 2

Submission Date: 17/09/25
08:49

Grafton Underwood Reg 16

Table 3.2

Grafton Underwood Reg 16

Comment Number: 1

The following basic conditions comprise the statutory requirement for the draft neighbourhood plan. Please select which basic condition applies to your representation.

* Is in general conformity with the strategic policy of the development plan or any part of that area

Why do you consider that the draft neighbourhood plan and/or supporting documents do/do not meet the specified basic condition?

With regards to my area, Public Rights of Way and the Definitive Map, I do not see any causes for concern.

The examiner will consider all representations received by the deadline. Normally the examiner will consider all responses through written representations. However, occasionally an examiner may consider it necessary to hold a public hearing to discuss issues in more detail. Should a public hearing be required please indicate if you would like to request to be heard in person at the examination

* No

Please indicate whether you wish to be notified of either or both of the following

* None

3 - [REDACTED]

Table 4.1

Respondent: [REDACTED] **North Northants Council
on behalf/ in partnership for this with Boughton Estates**

Submission Number: 3

Submission Date: 19/09/25
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Grafton Underwood Reg 16

Table 4.2

Grafton Underwood Reg 16

Comment Number: 1

The following basic conditions comprise the statutory requirement for the draft neighbourhood plan. Please select which basic condition applies to your representation.

* Contributes to sustainable development

Why do you consider that the draft neighbourhood plan and/or supporting documents do/do not meet the specified basic condition?

Objective GU2 strongly supports the North Northants Greenway and Grafton Underwood support that route and it's emerging Neighbourhood Plan allows for us to further progress and source funding to enable connections to happen. I am very supportive of their objective and look forward to working with them to realise this identified route as detailed.

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* Yes

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* Final 'making' (adoption) of the neighbourhood plan by North Northamptonshire Council

4 - [REDACTED]

Table 5.1

Respondent: [REDACTED] **North Northamptonshire Council – Lead Local Flood Authority**

Submission Number: 4

Submission Date: 13/10/25
12:47

Grafton Underwood Reg 16

Table 5.2

Grafton Underwood Reg 16

Comment Number: 1

The following basic conditions comprise the statutory requirement for the draft neighbourhood plan. Please select which basic condition applies to your representation.

* Contributes to sustainable development

Why do you consider that the draft neighbourhood plan and/or supporting documents do/do not meet the specified basic condition?

The Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Development Plan could provide greater clarity and enforceable direction on flood risk mitigation and SuDS adoption. Key recommendations are:

Explicit SuDS Guidance:

- Introducing a clear SuDS hierarchy.
- Providing examples of acceptable SuDS solutions suitable for a rural village context.
- Referencing the CIRIA SuDS Manual for design standards.

Emphasis on Flood Risk Alleviation:

- Require developments to reduce runoff where feasible.
- Encourage natural flood management techniques such as swales and buffer strips.

Preference for Infiltration Systems:

- Prioritise infiltration SuDS (soakaways, permeable paving) in low-risk areas.
- Allow attenuation only where infiltration is not feasible.

Maintenance & Adoption:

- Require maintenance and management plans for any SuDS installed.
- Clarify post-construction responsibilities.

Consultation with LLFA at Application Stage:

- Make LLFA consultation a requirement for all developments affecting drainage.

Implementing these recommendations would strengthen the Neighbourhood Plan's alignment with national policy and the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy on climate change, flood risk, and green infrastructure. This would improve the Plan's ability to manage growth sustainably and reduce flood risk both locally and downstream.

Please indicate whether you wish to be notified of either or both of the following

- * The publication of the recommendations of the neighbourhood plan Examiner
- * Final 'making' (adoption) of the neighbourhood plan by North Northamptonshire Council

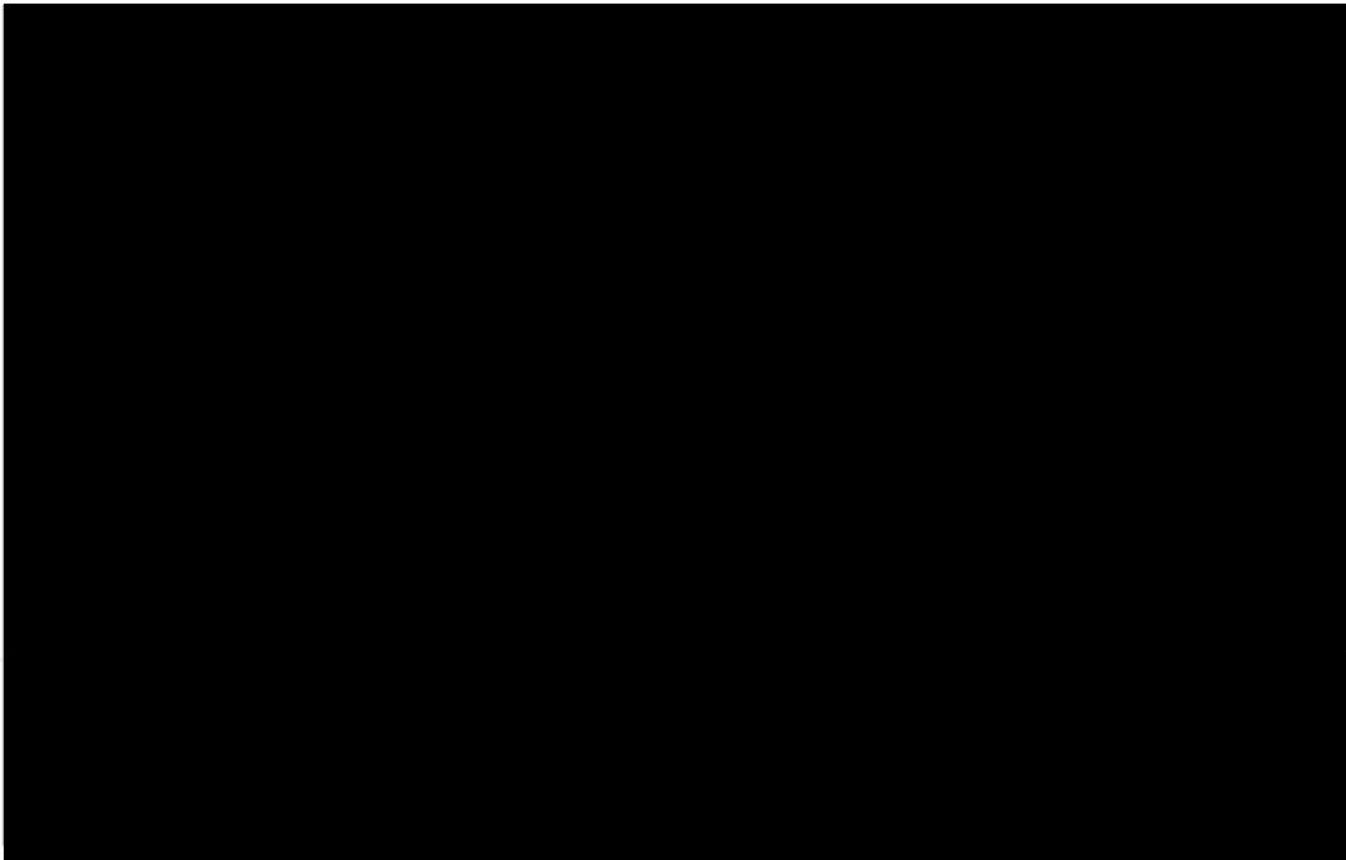
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Dear [REDACTED]

At Brigstock Full Parish Council meeting I recorded that the council had no comments to amke regarding Grafton Underwood NDP.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Clerk to Brigstock Parish Council
[REDACTED]



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Good afternoon

Thank you for consulting National Highways on this reg 16 submission of the Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Development Plan, please see our response attached.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Assistant Spatial Planner (Birmingham Box) and Lead Information Manager
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Web: <http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk>



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Our ref: NH/25/12759

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13 October 2024

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Plan – Submission Consultation Regulation 16

National Highways welcomes the opportunity to comment on the submission of the Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Plan which covers the period from 2022 to 2041. We note that the document provides a vision for the future of the area and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications.

National Highways (formally Highways England) has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). It is our role to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the SRN whilst acting as a delivery partner to national economic growth.

In responding to development plan consultations, we have regard to DfT Circular 01/2022: The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development ('the Circular'). This sets out how interactions with the Strategic Road Network should be considered in the making of plans and development management considerations. In addition to the Circular, the response set out below is also in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other relevant policies.


In relation to the Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Plan, our principal interest is in safeguarding the operation of the SRN, the nearest route of which is the A14 which is located approximately 3km south of the plan area. The scope and scale of proposed development identified in the current North Northamptonshire Development Plan (accounted for within the Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Plan), is modest and shall not have any significant impact on the operation of the SRN.

Considering the limited level of growth proposed across the Neighbourhood Development Plan area, as well as that already delivered within the Local Plan period, we do not expect that there will be any significant impacts on the operation of the SRN.

We therefore have no further comments to provide and trust the above is useful in the progression of the Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Plan.

If I can be of any further assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely,



Midlands Operations Directorate



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For the attention of [REDACTED]

Please find Natural England's response in relation to the above-mentioned consultation attached.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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We strongly recommend using the [SSSI Impact Risk Zones \(SSSI IRZs\)](#) to decide when to consult Natural England on development proposals that might affect a SSSI. The SSSI IRZs tool is quick and simple to

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Our ref: 525927
Your ref: Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Plan



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Dear ██████████

Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16 Consultation

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 03 September 2025.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.

However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and to the following information.

Natural England does not hold information on the location of significant populations of protected species, so is unable to advise whether this plan is likely to affect protected species to such an extent as to require a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Further information on protected species and development is included in [Natural England's Standing Advice on protected species](#) .

Furthermore, Natural England does not routinely maintain locally specific data on all environmental assets. The plan may have environmental impacts on priority species and/or habitats, local wildlife sites, soils and best and most versatile agricultural land, or on local landscape character that may be sufficient to warrant a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Information on ancient woodland, ancient and veteran trees is set out in Natural England/Forestry Commission [standing advice](#).

We therefore recommend that advice is sought from your ecological, landscape and soils advisers, local record centre, recording society or wildlife body on the local soils, best and most versatile agricultural land, landscape, geodiversity and biodiversity receptors that may be affected by the plan before determining whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment is necessary.

Natural England reserves the right to provide further advice on the environmental assessment of the plan. This includes any third party appeal against any screening decision you may make. If an Strategic Environmental Assessment is required, Natural England must be consulted at the scoping and environmental report stages.

For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Consultations Team

Annex 1 - Neighbourhood planning and the natural environment: information, issues and opportunities

Natural environment information sources

The [Magic](#)¹ website will provide you with much of the nationally held natural environment data for your plan area. The most relevant layers for you to consider are: **Agricultural Land Classification, Ancient Woodland, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Local Nature Reserves, [National Parks \(England\)](#), National Trails, Priority Habitat Inventory, public rights of way (on the Ordnance Survey base map) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (including their impact risk zones)**. Local environmental record centres may hold a range of additional information on the natural environment. A list of local record centres is available from [the Association of Local Environmental Records Centres](#).

Priority habitats are those habitats of particular importance for nature conservation, and the list of them can be found [here](#)². Most of these will be mapped either as **Sites of Special Scientific Interest**, on the Magic website or as **Local Wildlife Sites**. Your local planning authority should be able to supply you with the locations of Local Wildlife Sites.

National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each character area is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. NCA profiles contain descriptions of the area and statements of environmental opportunity, which may be useful to inform proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found [here](#)³.

There may also be a local **landscape character assessment** covering your area. This is a tool to help understand the character and local distinctiveness of the landscape and identify the features that give it a sense of place. It can help to inform, plan and manage change in the area. Your local planning authority should be able to help you access these if you can't find them online.

If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a **National Park** or **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** (AONB), the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area will set out useful information about the protected landscape. You can access the plans on from the relevant National Park Authority or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty website.

General mapped information on **soil types** and **Agricultural Land Classification** is available (under 'landscape') on the [Magic](#)⁴ website and also from the [LandIS website](#)⁵, which contains more information about obtaining soil data.

Natural environment issues to consider

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#)⁶ sets out national planning policy on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. [Planning Practice Guidance](#)⁷ sets out supporting guidance.

Your local planning authority should be able to provide you with further advice on the potential impacts of your plan or order on the natural environment and the need for any environmental assessments.

Landscape

Your plans or orders may present opportunities to protect and enhance locally valued landscapes. You may want to consider identifying distinctive local landscape features or characteristics such as ponds, woodland or dry stone walls and think about how any new development proposals can respect and enhance local landscape character and distinctiveness.

If you are proposing development within or close to a protected landscape (National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) or other sensitive location, we recommend that you carry out a landscape assessment of the proposal. Landscape assessments can help you to choose the most appropriate sites for development and help to avoid or minimise impacts of development on the landscape through careful siting, design and landscaping.

¹ <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/habitats-and-species-of-principal-importance-in-england>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-character-area-profiles-data-for-local-decision-making>

⁴ <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

⁵ <http://www.landis.org.uk/index.cfm>

⁶ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

⁷ <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/natural-environment/>

Wildlife habitats

Some proposals can have adverse impacts on designated wildlife sites or other priority habitats (listed [here](#)⁸), such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest or [Ancient woodland](#)⁹. If there are likely to be any adverse impacts you'll need to think about how such impacts can be avoided, mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated for.

Priority and protected species

You'll also want to consider whether any proposals might affect priority species (listed [here](#)¹⁰) or protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced advice [here](#)¹¹ to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected species.

Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services for society. It is a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, a store for carbon and water, a reservoir of biodiversity and a buffer against pollution. If you are proposing development, you should seek to use areas of poorer quality agricultural land in preference to that of a higher quality in line with National Planning Policy Framework para 112. For more information, see [Guide to assessing development proposals on agricultural land](#)¹².

Improving your natural environment

Your plan or order can offer exciting opportunities to enhance your local environment and should provide net gains for biodiversity in line with the [National Planning Policy Framework](#). If you are setting out policies on new development or proposing sites for development, you should follow the biodiversity mitigation hierarchy and seek to ensure impacts on habitats are avoided or minimised before considering opportunities for biodiversity enhancement. You may wish to consider identifying what environmental features you want to be retained or enhanced or new features you would like to see created as part of any new development and how these could contribute to biodiversity net gain and wider environmental goals.

Opportunities for environmental enhancement might include:

- Restoring a neglected hedgerow.
- Creating a new pond as an attractive feature on the site.
- Planting trees characteristic to the local area to make a positive contribution to the local landscape.
- Using native plants in landscaping schemes for better nectar and seed sources for bees and birds.
- Incorporating swift boxes or bat boxes into the design of new buildings.
- Think about how lighting can be best managed to reduce impacts on wildlife.
- Adding a green roof to new buildings.
- Providing a new footpath through the new development to link into existing rights of way.

Site allocations should be supported by a baseline assessment of biodiversity value. The statutory [Biodiversity Metric](#) may be used to understand the number of biodiversity units present on allocated sites. For small development allocations the [Small Sites Metric](#) may be used. This is a simplified version of the statutory [Biodiversity Metric](#) and is designed for use where certain criteria are met. Further information on biodiversity net gain including [planning practice guidance](#) can be found [here](#)

You may also want to consider enhancing your local area in other ways, for example by:

- Setting out in your plan how you would like to implement elements of a wider Green Infrastructure Strategy (if one exists) in your community.
- Assessing needs for accessible greenspace and setting out proposals to address any deficiencies or enhance provision. Natural England's [Green Infrastructure Framework](#) sets out further information on green infrastructure standards and principles
- Identifying green areas of particular importance for special protection through Local Green Space designation (see [Planning Practice Guidance](#)¹³).
- Managing existing (and new) public spaces to be more wildlife friendly (e.g. by sowing wild flower strips in less used parts of parks or on verges, changing hedge cutting timings and frequency).

⁸ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/habitats-and-species-of-principal-importance-in-england>

⁹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ancient-woodland-and-veteran-trees-protection-surveys-licences>

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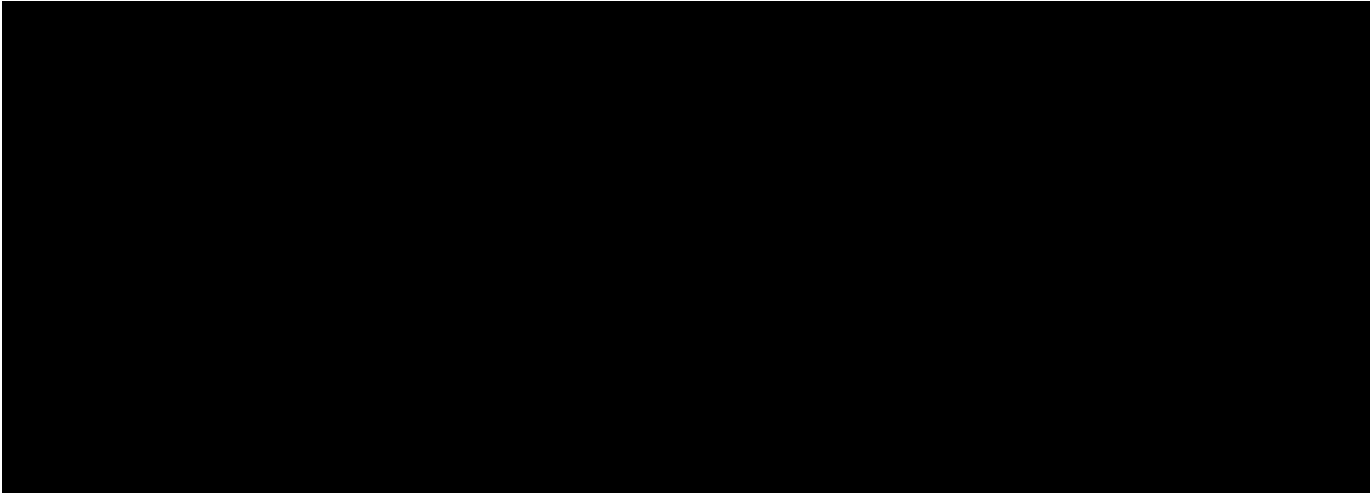
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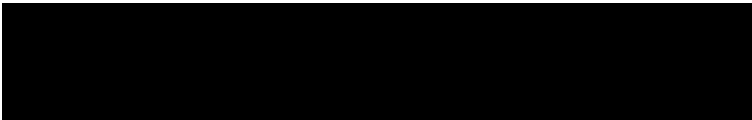
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- Planting additional street trees.
- Identifying any improvements to the existing public right of way network, e.g. cutting back hedges, improving the surface, clearing litter or installing kissing gates) or extending the network to create missing links.
- Restoring neglected environmental features (e.g. coppicing a prominent hedge that is in poor condition, or clearing away an eyesore).

Natural England's [Environmental Benefits from Nature tool](#) may be used to identify opportunities to enhance wider benefits from nature and to avoid and minimise any negative impacts. It is designed to work alongside the statutory [Biodiversity Metric](#) and is available as a beta test version.



I managed to get to the documents by the route you suggested - they seem to have done a thorough job in heritage terms and I don't have any comments to make.



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Charging policy and current fees:

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[Archaeology | West Northamptonshire Council](#)

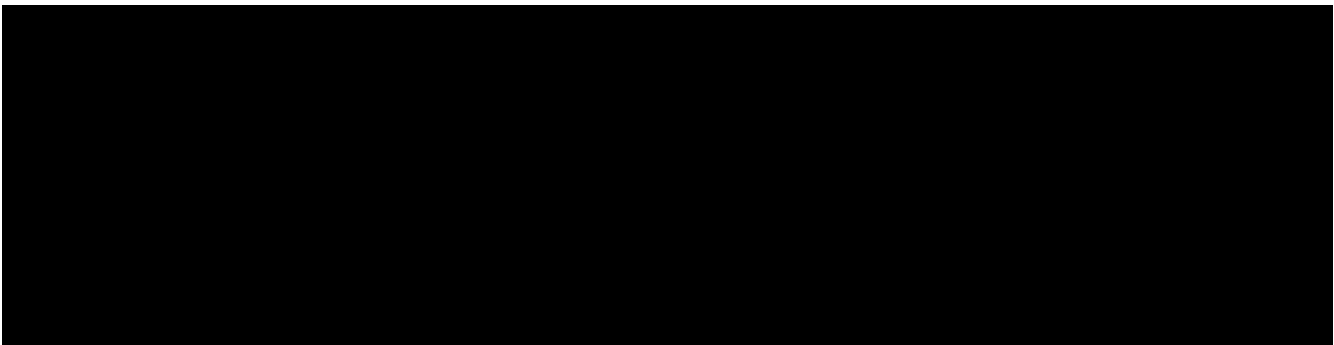
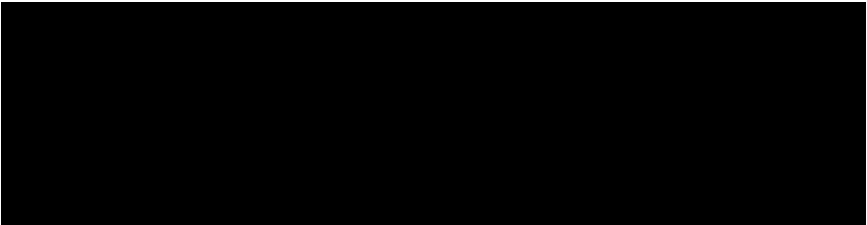
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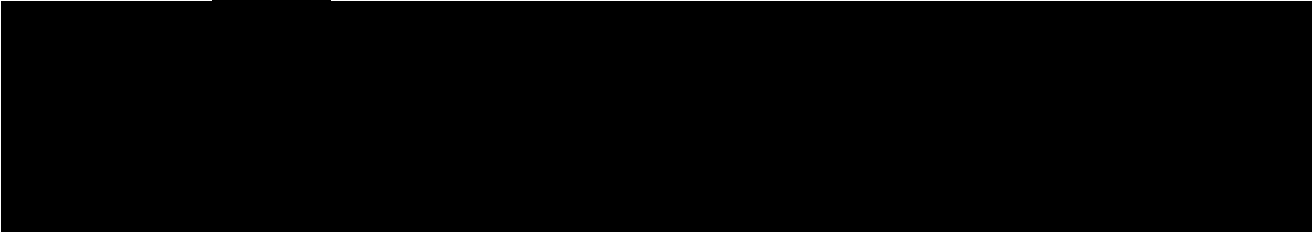



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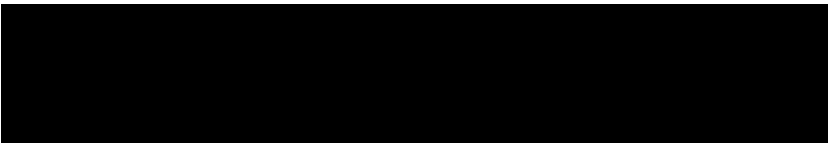
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Dear Consultee,

Grafton Underwood Neighbourhood Development Plan – Regulation 16 Consultation

Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), Grafton Underwood Parish Council has submitted its Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to North Northamptonshire Council.

In accordance with Regulation 16, North Northamptonshire Council is now inviting representations on the submitted Grafton Underwood NDP over a six-week consultation period.

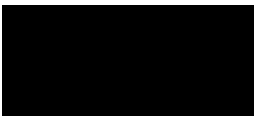
Please find attached a letter with further details about the consultation, including links to the Council's online consultation form, which is the preferred method for submitting representations. Using the online form will also generate a copy of your submission for your records.

All representations must be received by **midnight on Monday 13 October 2025**.

Please note that all comments received will be made publicly available. Personal details will be redacted, and all personal data will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Following the close of the consultation, the Plan will proceed to independent examination and, subject to the outcome, to a public referendum.

Further information on the neighbourhood planning process is available via Locality's guidance here: [How to create a Neighbourhood Plan: Your step by step roadmap guide - Locality Neighbourhood Planning](#).



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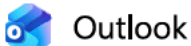
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| | <p>This is the main homepage for North Northamptonshire linking to our main services and functions</p> |
| | <p>www.northnorthants.gov.uk</p> |



A collage of branding elements for North Northamptonshire Council. On the left is the 'ONE COUNCIL' logo in large, colorful, outlined letters. In the center is a purple semi-circular graphic with a red bird-like shape. On the right are four horizontal pink bars. Below these are the council's logo, the text 'Working as one to live our Values and Behaviours', and five circular icons representing values: Customer-focused, Respectful, Efficient, Supportive, and Trustworthy.



NNC Housing Strategy response: Reg 16 Grafton Underwood NDP



Date Tue 20/01/2026 13:43

To [Redacted]

Comments

- Housing policies GU 12 & 13 focus on what they see as being the local priority. They have explained (and to an extent evidenced) why they see the priority for new housing being primarily being for rural workers.
- No specific mention of affordable housing in relation to their housing policies. (The only mention of affordable housing appears in paragraph 8.17 in relation to infrastructure provision
- Policy GU13 should include a general reference to affordable housing being supported (Eg: outside of the need of Rural Workers). Paragraph 9.13 does reference 'occasions when some forms of development maybe appropriate' and does include 'development meets locally identified needs'. That it isn't specifically referenced in the policy, does not prevents the parish council supporting an affordable housing scheme later down the line should one be identified and evidenced as needed. However it isn't very proactive not to mention the potential arising need for affordable, given the emphasis on affordable housing needs in NPPF.



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