



Revisions to our Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Planning is an ongoing activity with plans needing to be periodically updated to reflect the latest position with both Borough planning policies and also changes in Government policies and regulations.

Following the positive referendum result in March 2022, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) 'made' the Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for the area.

Changes are now needed to take account of new Government policies, such as the First Homes Scheme and biodiversity targets. Also, existing planning approvals need to be incorporated, some updates to the village Settlement Boundary are required, and there is a need to clarify some policies to ensure that it is clear how a decision maker should react on planning matters. The Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan was prepared having regard to the emerging HBBC Local Plan. However, delays in its preparation have raised concerns about the protections offered by the current Neighbourhood Plan; these need to be addressed.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council is responsible for determining most planning applications, but in Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Area, the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan now form part of the basis of those decisions.

Therefore, in 2023, the revised plan will again go through a village consultation phase where residents of Stoke Golding parish will be invited to comment on the revised plan. Following this, there are several regulatory stages. We believe that the modifications do not change the nature of the Plan because the objectives and broad strategy of the Plan are unaltered. If HBBC and Independent Examiner agree, another referendum will not be required.