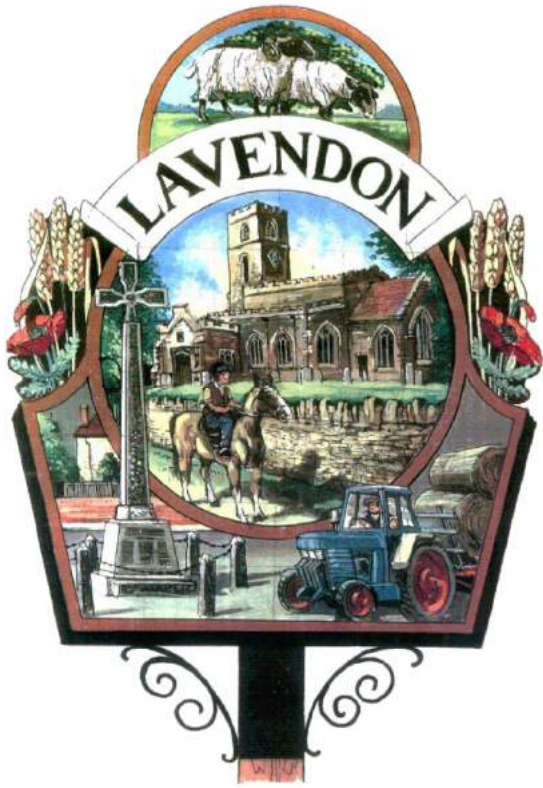




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Introduction

The aim of the Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan is to establish a vision for our village that helps deliver the community's aspirations, wants and needs up to 2031.

Neighbourhood planning was introduced through the Localism Act 2011 to ensure that local communities are involved in the decisions which affect us and for us to have a say in the future of our area.

The Government have recognised that a Neighbourhood Development Plan allows communities to influence decisions on future applications for development in our area and for us to identify issues that we would like to change.

Having an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, allows residents to protect, shape and direct the future of our community.

If adopted, the Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the Milton Keynes Local Plan and the policies contained within will then be used by Milton Keynes Council to determine planning applications within the Parish.

This is the very start of the process, which will take several months to complete. We are seeking your input to identify key topics, highlight issues and help to shape the content of the Neighbourhood Plan and the policies it will contain.

We need your input to help shape the future of our community...
Thank you for taking part.

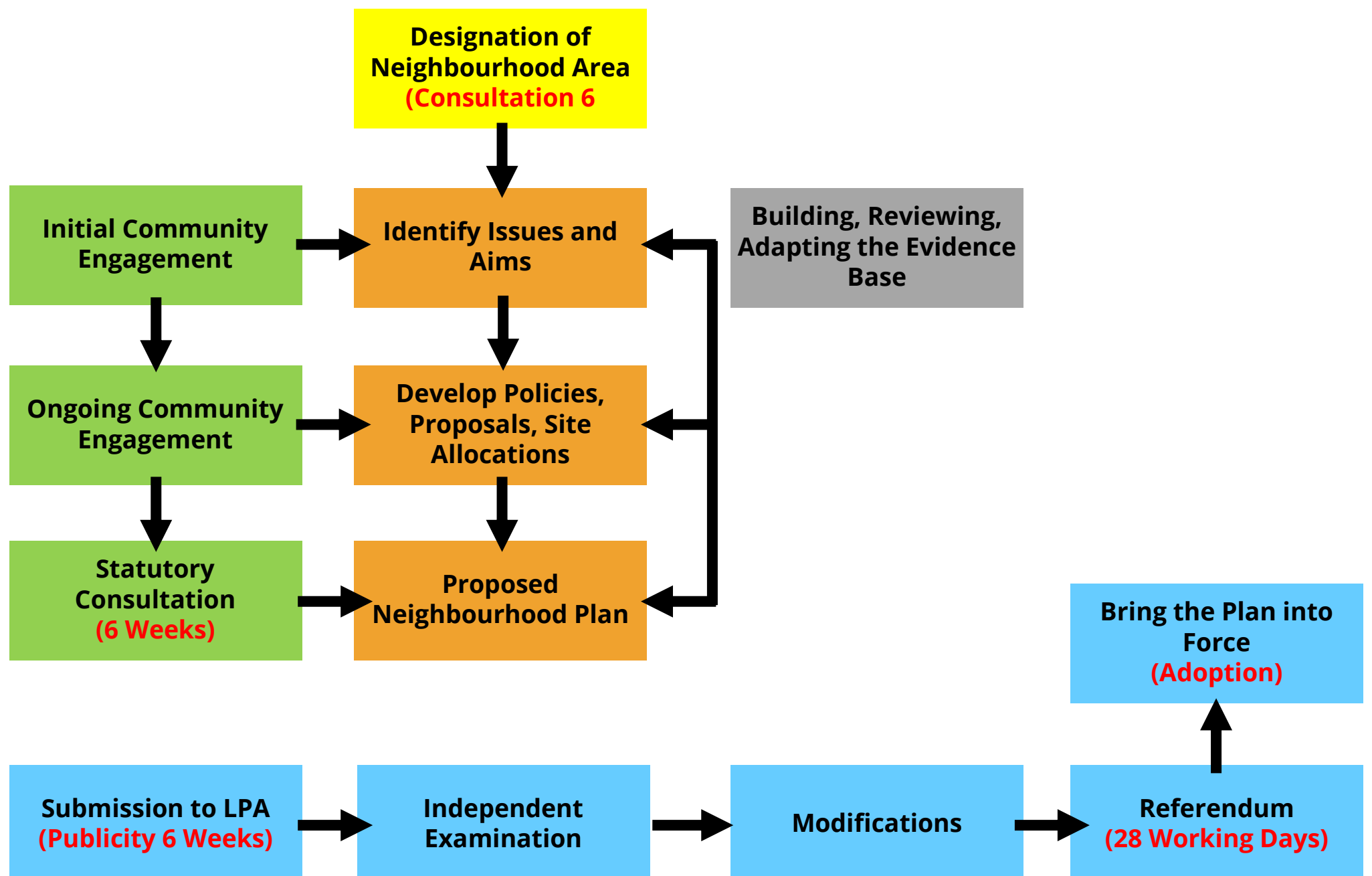


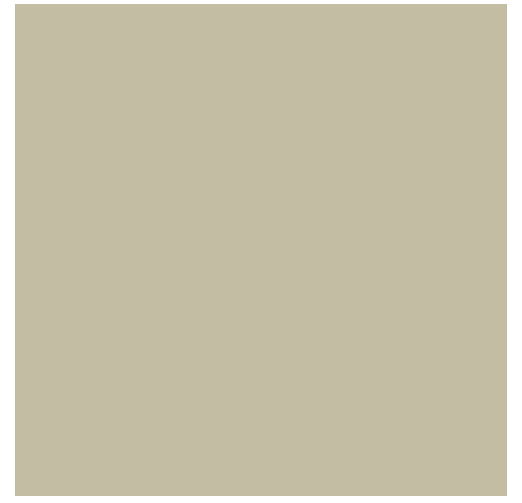
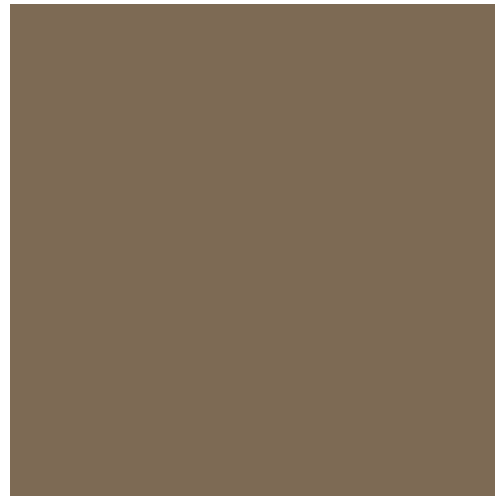
Neighbourhood Plan process

The Neighbourhood Plan will take several months to prepare.

We have designated the Parish Boundary as a Neighbourhood Plan Area, and agreement from Milton Keynes Council that we can proceed with the preparation of a plan.

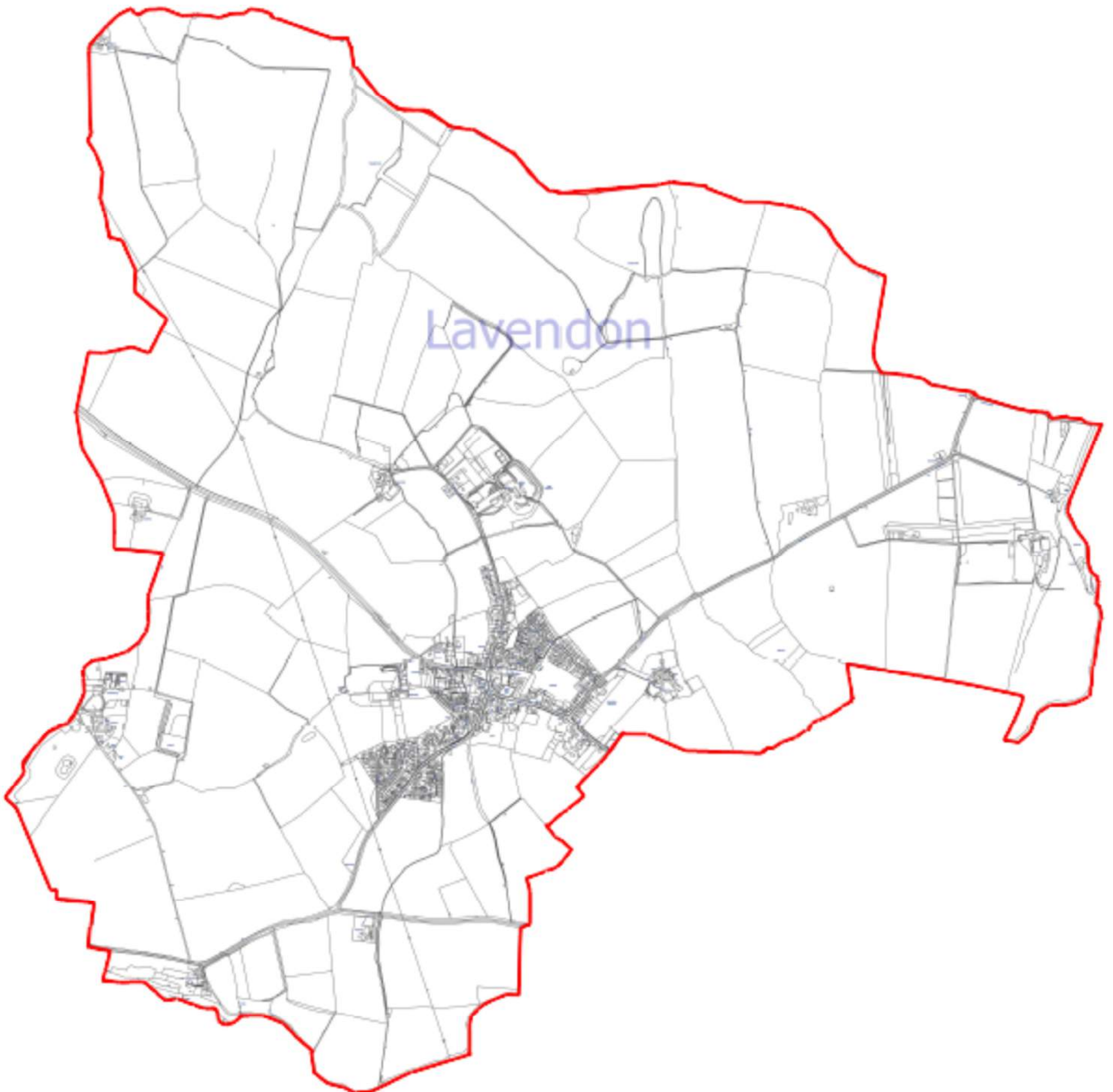
An initial Steering Group has been established to start the process and help from volunteers will be needed to support the drafting, consultation and completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.





The Neighbourhood Plan area

The Plan applies to the Parish of Lavendon, as illustrated by the plan below:





The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Steering Group for Neighbourhood Plan currently consists of members of the Parish Council and volunteers from the community.

Members:

Mick Rutherford
Stewart Jones
Jay Waring
Martino Ginepro
Steve Axtell
Jane Brushwood
Clerk to the Parish Council

Want to get involved?

We would welcome your help to produce our Neighbourhood Plan!

Future meetings

There will be regular meetings of the Steering Group, the dates of which will be published on:

www.lavendonpc.org/neighbourhood-plan/

The meetings are open to all and you would be most welcome.



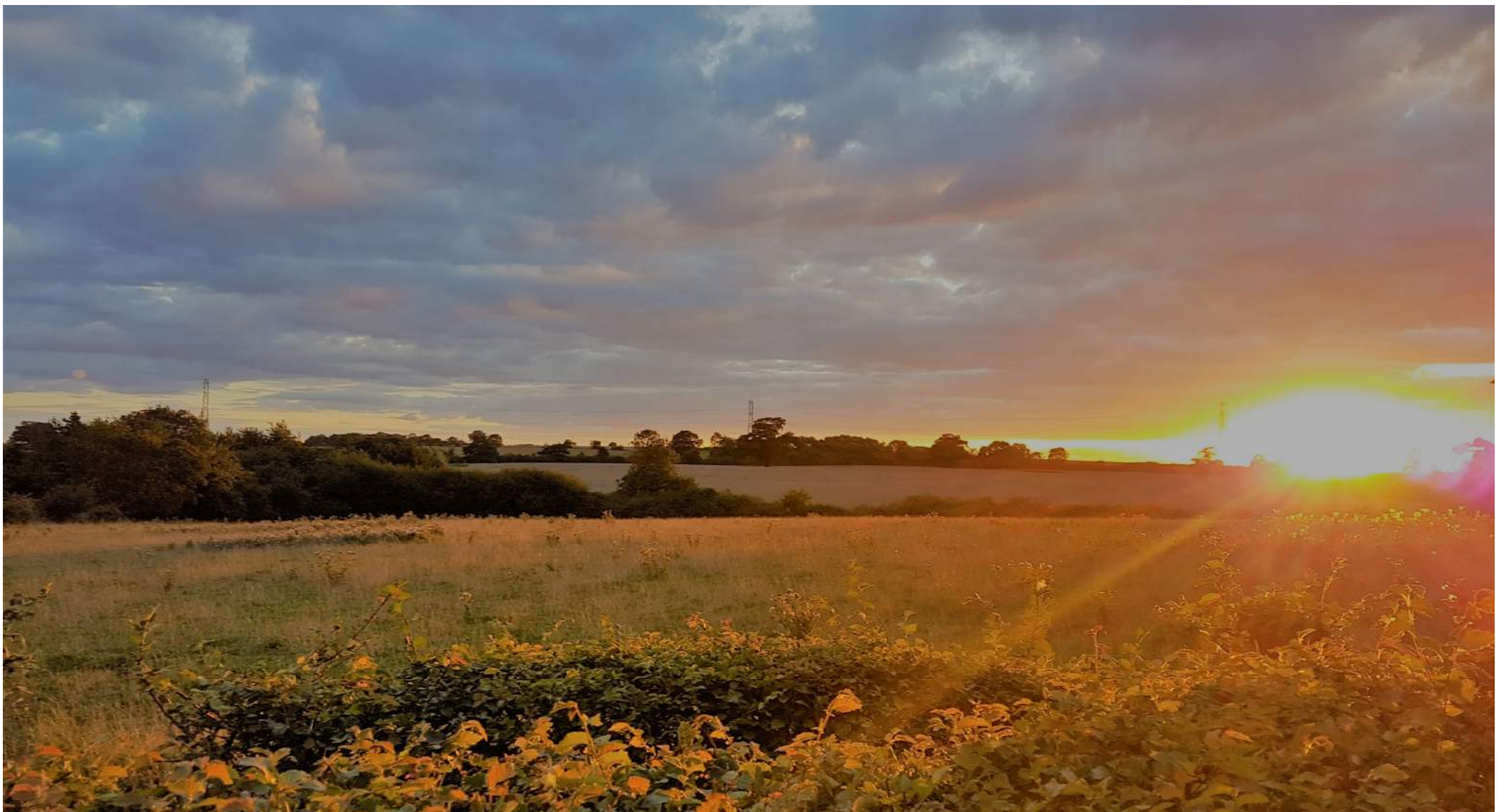


The changing face of Lavendon





Countryside and environment



Located in the open countryside, the village of Lavendon is characterised by a typically English rural landscape of agricultural and pastoral farmland.

And yet its hedgerows, woods and grasslands are habitat to protected species such as bats, rare/endangered birds, badgers and other iconic wildlife that are a true asset to our culture and environment.

Residential gardens, with their trees, ponds, flower beds and orchards also play a key role in providing food and shelter to wildlife.

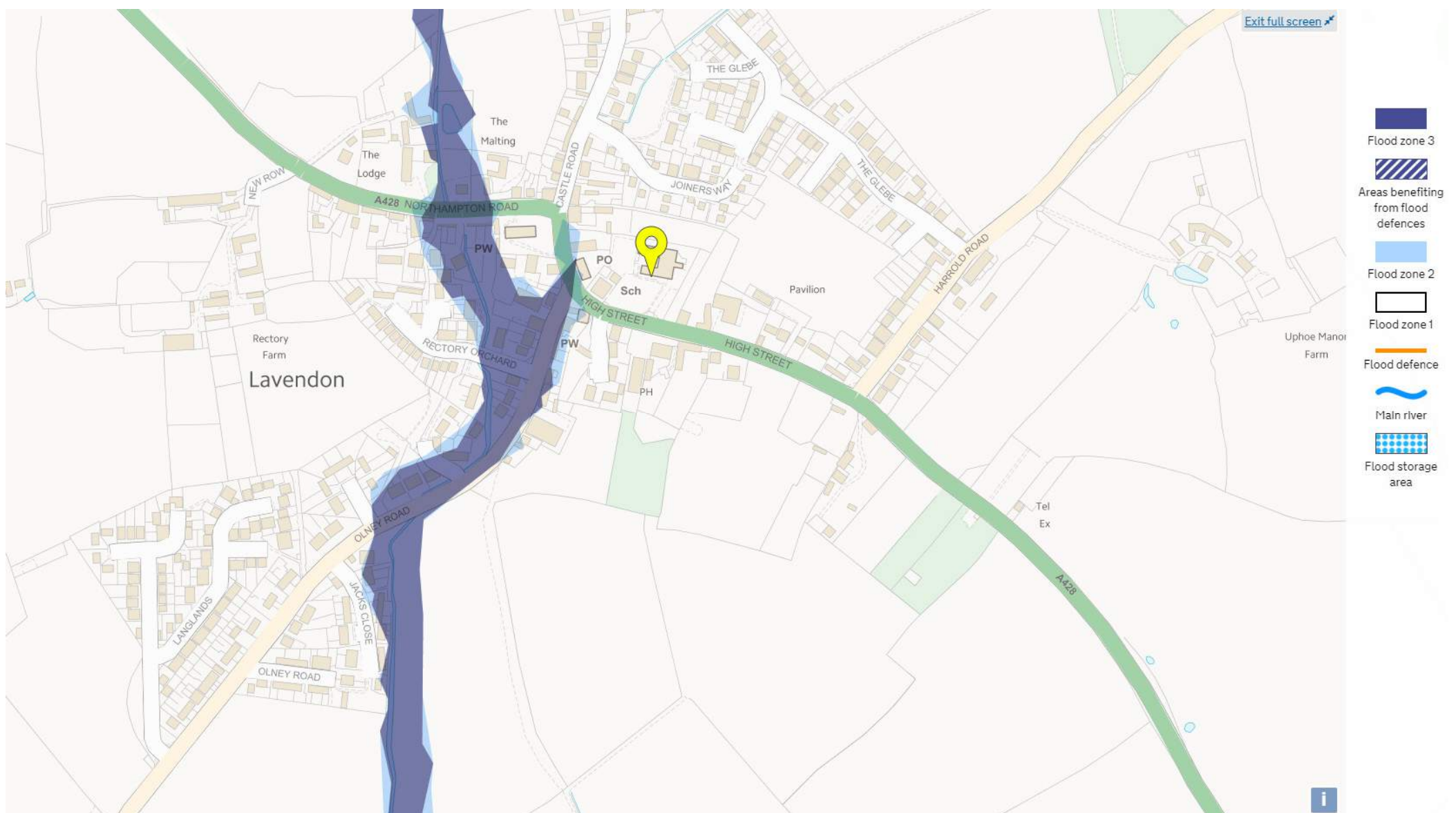
The Neighbourhood Plan will help to protect and enhance the biological diversity of Lavendon and its surroundings, ensuring valuable features are preserved and the impact of development is mitigated.

The Neighbourhood Plan will help to sustain and enhance the local environment for the benefit of all.



Flood risk

Parts of the Parish have been identified as being at risk from flooding by the Environment Agency. There have also been some instances of surface water flooding within the village, mainly from water run off during storm events and from ground saturation.



Is flooding a concern for you?

Should any changes be made to the village to help reduce the level of flood risk?

Could additional drainage works help to protect properties that lie at risk?



Transport and car parking

Being a rural community, it is inevitable that cars have to be relied upon to meet our transport needs.

As the number of cars on our roads grow, there are added pressures placed on our road infrastructure. Through traffic is another major issue, with traffic passing along the A428.

The Neighbourhood Plan could help to promote changes to manage traffic within the village and reduce vehicle speeds.

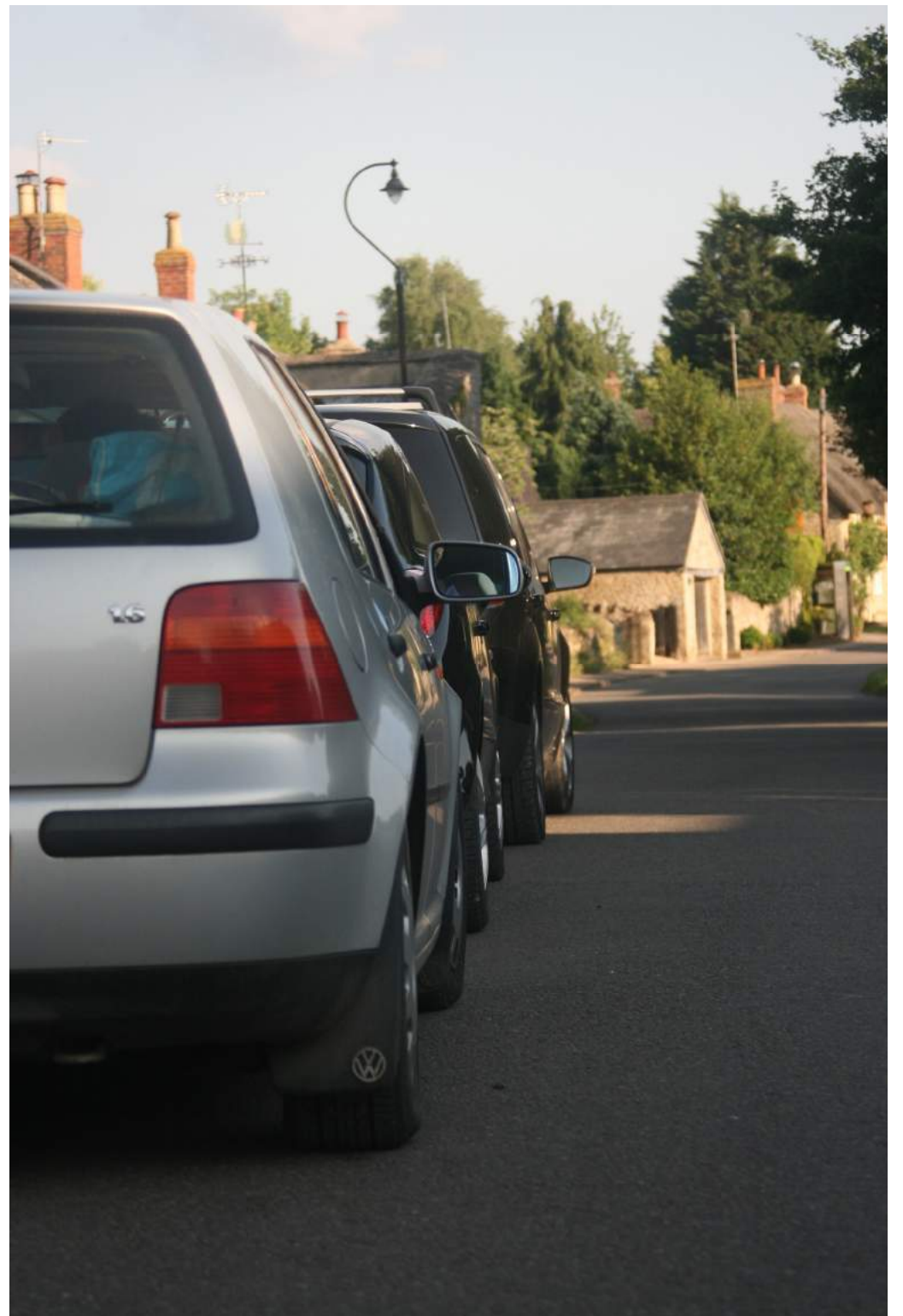
We would welcome your thoughts on this topic, perhaps considering...

Is the growth in through traffic a concern to you?

Should additional measures be taken to reduce vehicle speeds in the village?

Is on street parking a concern to you?

Do you use public transport or cycle?





Community and enterprise

Lavendon is a thriving community and has a number of assets including a Church, a Chapel, Village Hall, the Pavilion, two pubs, a shop and primary school. These assets form the focus for village life and events.

The recreation area has recently been upgraded with new outdoor exercise equipment and is proving popular.

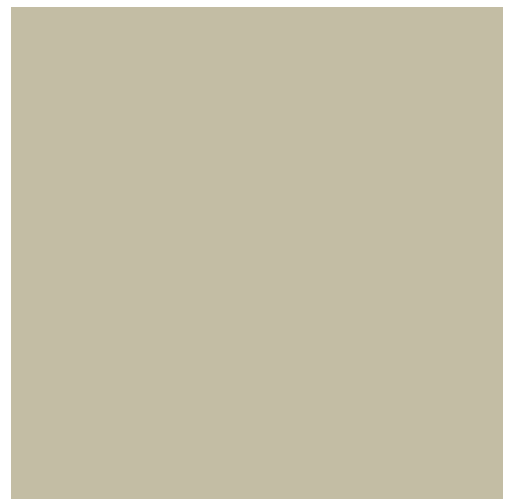
The village has a number of businesses and home workers, which form a vital part of our community.

Are there added features you would like to see in the village?

Is there anything that could be done to support existing businesses?

Would you support new employment in the village if an allocation was made?





Existing local plan designations

Key:



Settlement Boundary



Conservation Area



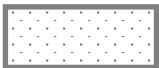
Scheduled Ancient Monument



Community Facilities



Area of Attractive Landscape



Open Countryside



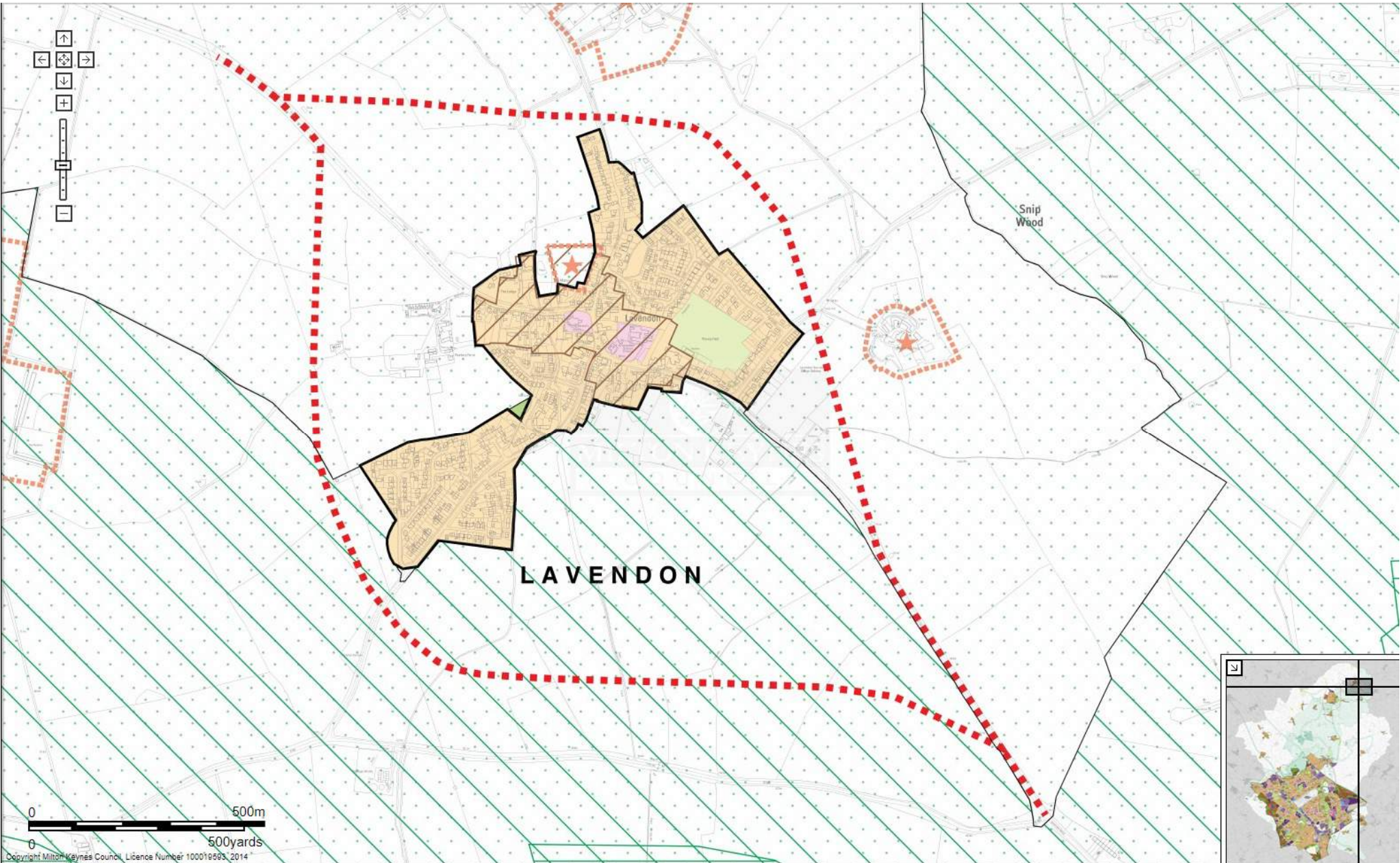
Former bypass proposal (now cancelled)

The Local Plan has defined a settlement boundary for Lavendon.

Should the settlement boundary be changed to bring existing development into the defined village envelope?

Should the settlement boundary be expanded to allow for new development as part of the Neighbourhood Plan?

If so where?





Housing

One element of the Neighbourhood Plan will be the assessment of potential new housing sites. Lavendon has evolved over time and our Neighbourhood Plan will need to consider how much the village should change in the future.

Would you support further housing in the village?

Are you concerned about affordability?

Housing for young people?

Housing for the elderly or residents with restricted mobility?

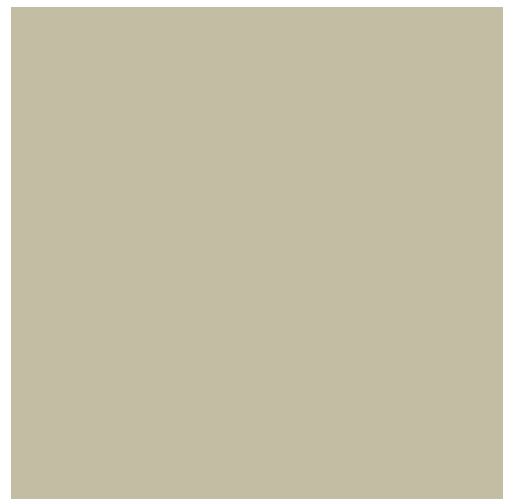
Is there a need for more family housing?

Would you prefer greenfield or brownfield (previously used) land considered for development?

How many additional houses would you support?

Would you prefer to see no change?





What happens next?

The Neighbourhood Plan will take several months to prepare.
In broad terms, the stages will be:

Evaluate the output from this exhibition and open day.

Prepare a Parish wide questionnaire to gather further views
and refine the direction the Neighbourhood Plan takes.

Meet with landowners and other interested parties.

Discussions with Milton Keynes Council to formulate a set of
Neighbourhood Plan policies.

Draft the Neighbourhood Plan.

Consult the Parish, statutory consultees and landowners on
the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Consider changes necessary following the consultation
feedback.

Formally submit the Neighbourhood Plan for examination.

Consider modifications suggested by the Examiner.

Hold a referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Adopt the Neighbourhood Plan if it receives majority support.

