



# Gainsborough Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement  
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## Introduction

This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 in respect of The Gainsborough Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

The legal basis of the statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should

- Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed NP
- Explain how they were consulted
- Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted
  - Describe how those issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed NP.



## When and Where Did We Consult?

Event	Date	Location	Event Type	Demograohic of People Consulted
Community / Armed Forces Day	10th June 2017	Marshall's Sports Ground	Community Fun Day	Mixed Family Groups
White Hart Hotel	25th July 2017	Town Centre	Drop In Session	Older Adults
Uphill Community Centre	29th July 2017	Park Springs	Community Fun Day	Mixed Family Groups
White Hart Hotel	01 August 2017	Town Centre	Drop In Session	Older Adults
Gainsborough Market	01 August 2017	Town Centre	Passing Footfall	Older Adults
White Hart Hotel	08 August 2017	Town Centre	Drop In Session	Older Adults
Rotary Club Pedal Car Grand Prix	13 August 2017	Queen Elizabeth High School	Community Fun Day	Mixed Family Groups
Lincolnshire County Council Children's Services Fun Day	15 August 2017	Richmond Park	Community Fun Day	Mixed Family Groups
Gainsborough Market	15 August 2017	Town Centre	Passing Footfall	Older Adults
X Church - Mental Health Support Group	16 August 2017	X Church	Group Meeting	Vulnerable Adults
Lark in the Park	20 August 2017	Richmond Park	Community Fun Day	Mixed Family Groups
White Hart Hotel	22nd August 2017	Town Centre	Drop In Session	Older Adults
Gainsborough Market	22nd August 2017	Town Centre	Passing Footfall	Older Adults
White Hart Hotel	29th August 2017	Town Centre	Drop In Session	Older Adults
White Hart Hotel	5th September 2017	Town Centre	Drop In Session	Older Adults
Women's Institute	13th September 2017	Pyrus Studio	Group Meeting	Middle Aged Females
Gainsborough College Fresher's Fair	14th September 2017	Gainsborough College	Fresher's Fair	College Students
School Heads Meeting	21st September 2017	St Georges School	School Consultation	Local Head Teachers
Peoples Panel Meeting	28th September 2017	Richmond House	Peoples Panel	Mixed Age Adults
Civic Service	01 October 2017	Parish Church and	RAGE Promotion	Plan Promotion

		Weston Rooms		to mixed age adults.
Morton Trentside Primary School Workshop	14 November 2017	Morton School	School Consultation	Primary Age Children Years 3 and 4
Local School Council Workshop	8 December 2017	Children from local primary and secondary schools.	School Consultation	School children from 8 years through to 16 years.
Parish School Workshop	27 March 2018	Parish Primary School	School Consultation	School children from Y3 and 4.

Individual event summaries are available for some of the identified consultation events above. These are attached to this statement as **Appendix 1**.

## How did we consult?

Method	When or Where
Questionnaires on different topics.	All community events, drop in sessions, market place.
Sticker surveys that allowed participants to pop a sticker on their choices on different options for certain issues.	White Hart Hotel Drop In Sessions
Large town map for people to pin comments on in locations where they have issues, suggestions or concerns about.	White Hart Hotel Drop in Sessions
Children's T shirt and poster competition to show what they love about Gainsborough.	White Hart Hotel Drop in Sessions and GAPA Summer Gala.
Design a Town models with school children at primary schools	Morton Trentside Primary School and Parish Church Primary School
Primary Schools undertook their own mini plans which they reported on at the School Council meeting.	School Council Meeting
Social Media Facebook Polls	Online Social Media
Generally just talking and engaging with people at all events including at specific meetings of certain groups.	Women's Institute and X Church Support Group
Very early on in the process a Peoples Panel was established. This was a panel of local people who during early consultation expressed a desire to be more involved. Ultimately whilst not all those that volunteered for the panel fully engaged some did and were helpful in providing feedback to the plan process. Members were kept up to date through e-mails and specific panel meetings.	Regular contact with Panel during the plans development.



A website has been used to support and update the development of the plan. <a href="http://www.ragegainsborough.co.uk">www.ragegainsborough.co.uk</a>	Permanently available website since the consultation started.
We had business cards printed with details of our website and social media channels. These were routinely handed out at every opportunity.	Handed out at every event.

It was evident particularly during discussions with adults that trying to engage them in completing numerous questionnaires was often challenging. People were always willing to chat and discuss their views and concerns but preferred to focus on what mattered to them rather than being steered towards specific issues. The steering group was always keen to ensure that people were given chance to express their views in a way that was comfortable to them. Every effort was made to capture the views expressed in whatever format they were provided.



***A people's panel meeting led by Chairman of RAGE Michael Hopper.***

## White Hart Hotel – Consultation HQ

During the consultation process we were fortunate enough to be given use of a room in a town centre hotel. The room was set up with a large pin board map in the centre with display boards and information relating to the Neighbourhood Plan around the edge of the room.

For 6 consecutive Tuesdays we opened the room for drop in sessions which were advertised and highlighted with an A board outside of the hotel. Tuesdays were chosen as it is a busier market day in Gainsborough. We saw a steady stream of people through the doors each week. The hotel became the consultation HQ for that period.

On each Tuesday we were open at the hotel we also had a market stall and spoke to local people from there as well as roving steering group members tasked with promoting the drop in session and steering them towards it for a free hot drink and a biscuit.



**How do you think Gainsborough should develop in the future?**  
Join us today for a  
**FREE hot drink and biscuit**  
**White Hart Hotel, Lord Street**  
**or visit our Market Stall**  
**10:00am-3:00pm**  
Please come along to share your views  
**Children are welcome to take part in our 'Design a Poster' Competition!**



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**Design your own T-Shirt Competition.**  
**Your T - Shirt must show what you like about Gainsborough.**  
**£50.00 Marshalls Yard Vouchers for winning entry.**  
Winner will be chosen by Mayor of Gainsborough on 5th September 2017 and winner will be contacted thereafter.




## **Key Findings**

### **1. Riverside**

There is desire and support for developing the riverside into an attractive mixed use destination.

### **2. Marketplace and Town Centre**

There is desire to see the market place / traditional town centre developed to create a vibrant shopping and leisure area. Development of the Old Town Hall building to restore it to its original design is well supported.

### **3. Heritage**

There is a local desire to protect heritage but not at the expense of development. New design principles are welcomed providing they integrate and complement the existing historical buildings.

When talking about heritage, it is the historic areas of the town centre, and perhaps the riverside that people relate to.

Uphill Gainsborough did not begin to see any development until post 1950, therefore nothing uphill is regarded as having any real heritage value, save for perhaps a water tower on Heapham Road.

### **4. Housing**

There is call for more affordable housing and bungalows/single level living.

There are concerns about the quality of housing stock in the South West Ward and the social deprivation and anti-social problems within the area.

### **5. Green Space**

Green Space is valued and appreciated and there is a strong desire to see it protected and, where possible, facilities within green spaces improved.

**A full analysis of questionnaire and data evidence in relation to the Key Findings can be found at [Appendix 2](#) of this document.**



## The Youthful View

A poster and t shirt design competition held for local children in the school summer holidays yielded some very colourful and delightful entries. Children were asked to depict on their entries what they like/love about Gainsborough.

The common theme amongst entries was outdoor play spaces and family. Entries were displayed at the Mayors Civic Service. The Neighbourhood Plan even got a mention within a poem delivered at the Civic Service.



T Shirt and Poster entries displayed for the Mayors Civic Service.

More detailed consultation with local schools produced a slightly different focus with a very large majority of children identifying with fast food outlets (namely McDonalds) as their favourite place or building. Local sports fields also got a regular mention from children identifying them as their favourite place as it is where they play football. The events did however identify that children recognised the importance of history and the historical character of some local buildings, (Gainsborough Old Hall particularly) but also it was evident that a modern design approach to new buildings is exciting to many children.

New facilities sought by children were varied but overwhelmingly favoured nationally recognised food outlets as well as traditional leisure facilities such as a cinema, water park and zoo.

A large school council event held in West Lindsey District Council's council chambers was a highlight for those involved in the development of the Plan. To see almost all local primary schools and secondary schools attending and taking part in a Neighbourhood Plan specific event was quite overwhelming and more so having regard to the very mature way in which the children presented their views and ideas for Gainsborough.

## Regulation 14

The pre Submission Draft was put on the Town Council web site, the Rage web site and Facebook. The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan returned to many of the groups he had visited in 2017 to make them aware of the Plan and to encourage them to comment. An online survey was available on the Town Council web site and residents were encouraged to complete it.

Appendix B shows the letter promoting the Reg 14 consultation, key visuals that formed the basis for the Regulation 14 consultation with the public and the questionnaire. Emails were sent out to all those on the data base set up in 2017 when the initial consultation was undertaken. WLDC also provided a list of statutory consultees.

### Meetings Attended as part of the Reg 14 Consultation:

12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 South West Ward Action Group

14<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Members of The Wool Loft 'Knit n Natter' group

7<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Old Hall Book Club. Monthly meeting at the Gainsborough Old Hall

28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Mercer Wood Community Group Officers and Members 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019. Unfinished Objects Craft Group. Gainsborough Old Hall.

4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Presentation to Gainsborough Town Council

12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 HATS Gainsborough (Housing And Tenancy Support). Their interest was the construction / refurbishment of low cost housing.

20<sup>th</sup> January Gainsborough Green Spaces Forum. A group put together by WLDC to help those local community groups working to protect our green environment and to sit down with official bodies such as Council management teams; Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust; Environment Agency; TCV Trust for Conservation Volunteers and others.

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 Presentation to Gainsborough CLIP (Community Learning in Partnership).

This section contains the responses received on the Pre-Submission Draft Gainsborough NP throughout the Regulation 14 consultation period which ran from 29<sup>th</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> December with an extension until 31<sup>st</sup> January. Responses were from both local residents and other consulted bodies and statutory consultees.

Table 1 shows that of those who completed the questionnaire there was resounding support for the policy approach.

Table 2 shows the nature of the comment from local people and statutory consultees, and how the Neighbourhood Plan was amended as a consequence (where applicable).

**Table 1 Questionnaire Responses - 22**

Question	Agree	Disagree	Neither agree or Disagree	Unanswered	Support for policy*
1	13	2	5	2	65%
2	15	2	2	3	79%
3	12	5	3	2	60%
4	18	2	0	2	90%
5	18	2	0	2	90%
6	14	2	3	3	74%
7	13	3	4	2	65%
8	15	4	1	2	75%
9	14	2	4	2	70%
10	12	3	5	2	60%
11	13	2	5	2	59%
12	13	4	2	3	68%
13	12	3	4	3	55%
14	13	3	2	4	72%
15	12	6	2	2	60%
16	12	3	4	3	63%
17	16	2	1	3	84%
18	15	4	1	2	75%

\* calculation based on those who answered

**Table 2 Statutory Consultees and Other Consultees**

Section of the Plan	Comments	Amendments Proposed	Amendments Made
forward	<i>The forward should be more positive and not only focus on the negatives – the GNP should be a promotional document</i>	The forward was considered an accurate context for the GNP	N
Page 5	<i>Ref to listing of manor house amend to grade 1</i>	amended	Y
	<i>Typo ref to Walkeringham should be Gainsborough</i>	amended	Y
P 9 section 4	<i>Would like more ref to CLLP re housing growth and targets for Gainsborough</i>	This is covered on page 8 para 8. Sentence added at start of para 14 to clarify	Y

Section of the Plan	Comments	Amendments Proposed	Amendments Made
P 9 para 17	<i>Queries the figures referenced for the SUE's.</i>	The figures are correct they have been set out to show the quantum proposed up to 2036 and beyond. Extra wording added to clarify	Y
P 9 para 18	<i>Ref to CLLP policies not district policies</i>	amended	Y
NPP 1 b) c) e)	<i>b) open spaces important to character need identifying c) where are locally valued habitats are they identified in supporting document? e) parking provision</i>	These are shown on map 5 and referred to in NPP 1 b) DeFra Magic Map added (now Map 5) to show priority habitat	Y
NPP 1 (2)	<i>What constitutes sustainable development?</i>	The NP is clear that the redevelopment of brownfield sites is SD. This is reinforcing CLLP policies NPP (2) amended to make this clear	Y
NPP 2	<i>Pre-application is encouraged but cannot be forced – needs to be clear differentiation between preapplication and community consultation</i>	NPP 2 only 'encourages' pre-application consultation – and text makes it clear this is not statutory. NPP 2 changed to a key principle to ensure the intent is clear	Y
Map 7	<i>Need a more detailed route to show the Green Wheel</i>	New map added (now map 8) readers are sign posted to more detailed maps in the Green Infrastructure Study.	Y
	<i>WLDC have produced a high level Gainsborough infrastructure strategy to complement the green network study</i>	This study has been referred to in the plan and a web link provided	Y
NPP3	<i>How will the green network be delivered – queries viability</i>	The TC will work with landowners and other bodies at pre app stage and throughout the planning app process – agree much of route in private ownership this is about taking opportunities as they arise and would be part of the pre app discussions this will ensure that there should be no additional cost but that it is integral to the layout of the scheme – comments from the agent for the landowner at Lodge Farm demonstrate how ideas can be	Y

Section of the Plan	Comments	Amendments Proposed	Amendments Made
		developed over time – text amended to provide further clarification	
Map 8	<i>Should link these sites to CLLP – comments states that some of the sites are LGS in the CLLP and that site 2 is a LNR also all in CLLP as important open space</i>	Agree site 2 8 acre wood is already a LGS in CLLP – site removed from NP Neither site 4 or site 5 are designated as a LGS so these will be retained in the NP. The identification of sites as important open spaces (IOS) in the CLLP is too broad a definition and is being reviewed as part of CLLP review. The identification of the site as an IOS does not per se mean that some of them would not benefit from LGS status	Y
NPP 4 (1)	<i>Ref should be made to mercers wood as part of site allocation</i>	Amended in text para 103	Y
NPP 4	<i>Could be interpreted to mean development surrounding the green spaces delete very</i>	Disagree consider wording relates to the proposed LGS only 'very' deleted	Y
NPP 5 and Map 5	<i>Should it say Gainsborough town parish</i>  <i>Queries what is a significant visual intrusion and impact of Whitton's Mill</i> <i>Not clear on difference between vista and view</i>	This is not a recognised description and the plan covers Gainsborough parish NPP5 amended and text added to clarify significant visual intrusion WRT Whitton Mills in the narrative Wording amended as agree all views	Y
Design principals for development	<i>Suggests reducing text and instead cross referencing to HCA</i>	Character management recommendations for each TCA removed and reference made to them instead	Y
NPP 6	<i>Says BfL 12 2012 out of date</i>  <i>Refers to new national design guide 2019</i>  <i>TCA 06 missing</i>	This is confused BFL 12 relates to the 12 questions not the year 2012 and the use of BfL is encouraged in the NPPF 2019 see para 129 This was not available when the NP was drafted – text has been added and NPP 5 amended to refer to this new guidance No text states that the design principles for TCA 06 are covered in	Y

Section of the Plan	Comments	Amendments Proposed	Amendments Made
		NPP 18 that covers the Town Centre – this is now footnote 24 Heading of section and policy reworded to better reflect the focus	
Mix of housing types	<i>Should give more context to CLLP proposals for growth here</i> <i>CLLP requirements on housing mix should be included and ref affordable housing</i>  <i>Queries viability re accessible and adaptable</i>	This is already set out in section 3.  CLLP requirements re accessible housing were already included – further ref to LP 10 and housing mix has been added The GNP supports CLLPs approach to AH provision Recognition of need to be viable added to NPP 7 (now NPP 8)	Y
P 55 para 152	<i>Whittons Mill not shared equity</i>	Amendments made	Y
Map 12	<i>Concentric circles should not extend beyond the river</i>	Map amended	Y
NPP 7	<i>Little mention of AH</i>  <i>Queried having HNA undertaken to provide more evidence on house type</i>  <i>Cross ref sites nearer town suitable for smaller dwellings</i> <i>Demonstrable need subjective, specify who are the smaller dwellings for?</i>	NP expects to deliver housing in accordance with CLLP requirements – CLLP policy on AH added for clarity House type per se was not a particular concern amongst the community – delay to the process and limited perceived value to address community objectives in commissioning an HNA Amended  NPP 7 now NPP 8 amended	Y
Chapter 19 allocated sites	<i>Not all the CLLP allocations feature here – wider context needed</i> <i>Ref to transport strategies</i>	Para 159 added to explain focus on these sites (regeneration and brownfield site focus) Transport strategies not yet publicly available	Y
NPP 8 gateway riverside	<i>Ensure clear that site is for primarily residential use</i> <i>Queried what is a town house</i>	Clarified site for primarily residential uses A town house is a 2-3 storey house New map 8 shows that route runs	Y



Section of the Plan	Comments	Amendments Proposed	Amendments Made
	<p><i>Queried green network route</i></p> <p><i>Need to closely align with LDO</i></p> <p><i>Queried ref to high design quality</i></p>	<p>through the site</p> <p>Ref to café limit and LDO requirements added to NPP 8 1 (d)</p> <p>Definition of high design quality is set out in NPP 6 this is added to NPP 8.(now NPP 9)</p>	
NPP 9	<p><i>Stick to CLLP sites in title</i></p> <p><i>Where is WLDC delivery plan map ?</i></p>	<p>There was confusion about the southern renewal area – the delivery map is clearly referenced text has been amended to show how development on both the allocated sites and the wider neighbourhood are considered in the NPP 9. (now NPP 10)</p>	Y
NPP 10	<p><i>Conflict with CLLP re preference for different uses CLLP residential only NP town centre uses</i></p> <p><i>Site straddles the town centre boundary where other uses would be acceptable</i></p> <p><i>Policy should say housing needs in accordance with NPP 7</i></p>	<p>Basic conditions required the NP to be in general not absolute conformity with the CLLP. The community consultation (supported by retail analysis of the town centre and by WLDCs regeneration team) indicated a preference for town centre uses on this site and the NP reflects this.</p> <p>Residential added as the possible uses on the site.</p> <p>Map needed to show TC boundary on this site Maps provided by WLDC to show CA and TC boundaries</p> <p>Ref to NPP 7 (now NPP 8) added.</p>	Y
Baltic Mill and Bridge Street Car Park sites	<p><i>Maps not clear re extent of area – queries why CL 4687 has been divided into two parts</i></p>	<p>The GTCHMP identified a specific policy approach for the Baltic Mill site compared to the eastern area. This work was done since the CLLP was adopted. The two parts of the site require a difference in emphasis this also reflects community opinion about the development of this area. New map will be produced to clarify extent of each area.</p> <p>Maps provided by WLDC to show CA and TC boundaries</p>	Y
Albion Works	<p><i>Mixed use scheme contrary to CLLP primarily for residential use</i></p> <p><i>Ref to Whittons gardens</i></p> <p><i>Retail use and impact on</i></p>	<p>The GTCHMP identified this as an opportunity site residential uses have been added in NP 13 (2) although it is stated at NPP 13 (1) that residential could be acceptable.</p>	Y

Section of the Plan	Comments	Amendments Proposed	Amendments Made
	<i>town centre</i>	Requirement that retail should be less than 500 sq m on this site added NPP 13 (2) Criteria added at NPP 13 (1) c) to emphasise link to Whittons gardens Note now NPP 14	
Riverside North	<i>River side walk already adopted by LCC Should cross ref with Mercers Wood</i>	Amended Ref to Mercers wood already included see NPP 14 (2). Note now NPP 15	Y
Gainsborough Leisure Centre site	<i>Should be called the same as in CLLP Queries reference to key view</i>	The site number used in the CLLP is in the title Views map has amended view 1 – it was placed in error too far to the west Note now NPP 16	Y
Middlefield School	<i>Can't control site to the north re public access</i>	NPP 16 is not seeking to do that but to ensure the layout provides visual connections, wording amended to make this clearer Note now NPP 17	Y
Protecting Heritage Assets	<i>Clarity required re the 32 buildings proposed for the local list Wording of NPP 17 confusing in relation to the heritage at risk Advise meeting with the conservation officer</i>	NPP 17 amended and input from conservation officer provided Note now NPP 18 Clarified list of locally value heritage assets will be added to WLDCs Local List – but that this list was not exhaustive and not intended to be WLDCs Local List in its entirety.	Y
Town centre	<i>Need to recognise the importance of residential uses in the TC Map identifying market square and town centre map to show ideas proposed Promote living over the shop</i>	Noted and policy and text amended to refer to opportunities for residential uses Map to be added showing TC and market square Ideas proposed are indicative for the market square – photos are included to show examples	Y
Aspirational policies	<i>Queries extent to which pre app discussion can deliver green network</i>	Pre app references are now key principles – on major development the TC will seek to engage with developers on this proposal as it is of high importance to local people. The nature of these discussions is clarified in the text.	Y

Section of the Plan	Comments	Amendments Proposed	Amendments Made
	<i>Community projects - Unclear status of the Gainsborough Action Plan</i>	TC approach has been revised refer here to community projects	Y
Appendix D	<i>Seek advise from the Conservation Officer</i>	Meeting arranged	Y

### Comments from the Public

Section of the Plan	Comments	Amendments Proposed	Amendments Made
Development of land at former castle hills community college CL4691	Disagree with development of this area – proximity to castle hills wood	This is a site allocation in the CLLP – but the GNP policy to include a green network and Local Green Space in the vicinity and the key view from this site seeks to ensure the impact of development is minimised	N
Market Place – and town centre	needs improving there has been a lot of waste of money – suggestions regarding demolition of certain buildings to open up the market place needs promoting as a shopping destination – concern about loss of shoppers parking	Agree and the GNP seeks ways to make the market place an area for local people to meet and to attract new businesses compulsory purchasing buildings is not within the scope of the neighbourhood plan Any development for bridge street car park is required to make up the loss of car parking	N
Elswitha Hall	Site should not be built on	This is a site allocation in the CLLP – but the GNP provides much more site-specific information about the heritage and leisure potential of this site	N
Community and art facilities	List of facilities at appendix B pleased former albert hall identified as a non designated heritage assets but Plan should set out a positive vision for the former albert hall theatre	The importance of the community facilities is emphasised – the former albert hall is privately owned and its future use was not in the remit of the NP	N
Green space between the lower part of the town and the ridgeline	This area should remain open	Agree this is an important part of the landscape character and the GNP seeks to protect this	N



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## Conclusion


Gainsborough is a town that supports and welcomes growth and development. There is particular desire to see an improved leisure, retail and night time economy offer.

The heritage of the town is important to the population and people do not wish to see the town turn its back on its past. A lot of old Gainsborough has been demolished. The decline of the commercial viability of the town centre may at times be blamed on Marshalls Yard, however the actual design of Marshalls Yard, and the way it celebrates the sites industrial past and important heritage of the town is appreciated. A similar approach to the town centre regeneration would be supported.

Like many towns and cities, pockets of social deprivation and anti-social problems are a concern for many. Gainsborough has also not been spared from the impact of cuts in public services at national and regional levels, with lack of policing and access to health care top of everyone's list of gripes.

The Neighbourhood Plan has addressed the issues that have been identified as important to local people through a number of carefully drafted policies within the plan itself. Appropriate regard has been given to consultation feedback through regulation 14 and appropriate amendments to the plan made accordingly.

## Appendix A Consultation Event Summary (pre Reg 14)

<b>Date of Consultation</b>	10th June 2017
<b>Location</b>	Marshall's Sports Ground, Middlefield Lane, Gainsborough
<b>Name of Consultee</b>	General Public
<b>Type of Event</b>	Community/Armed Forces Day Summer Festival and Junior Football Tournament
<b>Steering Group Members Involved</b>	Helen Metcalfe/Natalie Cockrell/ Sheila Bibb/ Matthew Gleadell/ Mike Hopper
<b>Age Range of Consultees</b>	Varied Ages (see image below) 

### Event Summary

Bad weather in the morning prevented the consultation progressing as planned. Originally intended was an outdoor marquee linked to some children's human hamster ball activities. Strong winds and driving rain however forced the group inside the pavillion on site and into into a hall shared with other event attendees and displays. The smaller area for consultation meant that display boards and some planned activities had to be abandoned but despite this, the day did yield some useful feedback from people attending.

This was a large summer event organised by Gainsborough Town Council. The event involved a wide range of children's activities, charity stalls, armed forces vehicles, music and dance displays, and local community and sports groups promoting themselves. Alongside this was a large junior football tournament. The event was supported by a large stage, PA system and compere. The event was concluded with a free outdoor music concert.

The bad weather certainly impacted on numbers attending the event however despite this, Helen and Natalie who took charge of the consultation on the day did not really stop speaking to people throughout the day.



Helen and Natalie wore RAGE t shirts to identify themselves and were located around a large map of Gainsborough into which people pinned comments/ideas and identified important sites and areas in the town (see images below).



A number of people were recruited during the day to the Groups People Panel. Comments received generally re-enforced what the steering group perhaps already expected and understood themselves as local residents of the town.

A number of contacts were made during the day with community groups keen to get more involved in the consultation.

### Consultation Event Summary

<b>Date of Consultation</b>	14th September 2017
<b>Location</b>	Gainsborough College
<b>Name of Consultee</b>	College Students
<b>Type of Event</b>	Freshers Fair
<b>Steering Group Members Involved</b>	Matthew Gleadell
<b>Age Range of Consultees</b>	16-18

### Event Summary

The event was attended by approximately 40 students.

The fair was an outdoor event with a number of stalls relevant to education and local employers.

Matthew spoke directly with approximately 15 of those students in small groups.

The students at this college are typically low achievers from socially deprived backgrounds. Some of the consultation responses from students were given in jest and almost out of bravado in front of friends. Despite this Matthew realised that the feedback was helpful and supported feedback received elsewhere in consultation. One young man declared he wanted a steakhouse next door to his house. Although he said this in a way that suggested he was joking this does support a desire in Gainsborough for a better night time economy.

When Matthew put certain issues to the students they were able to agree and confirm their approval.

Comments made are below:

1. Re-open the State Club.
2. Need more pubs (one next to my house be great).
3. More social clubs.
4. Improve the facilities on Levellings (site next to college)
5. A MUGA on Levellings
6. Improves services from Central station.
7. Bus services are no good.
8. A river front mixed use development would be good.
9. Want a Primark.
10. Want a crazy golf course.
11. Want a cinema.
12. Need to preserve Cassies woods.
13. Want an indoor skate park.
14. Want a gamestation.
15. Need CCTV on Levellings.

16. Watersports on River be great.

17. Boat Trips on river be great.

The jars to indicate design styles of the market place were used at the event. 6 voted for a mix - 2 voted for demolish and rebuild - 0 voted for preservation of history.

### Consultation Event Summary

<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>20th August 2017</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Lark in the Park (Richmond Park)</b>
<b>Name of Consultee</b>	<b>General Public</b>
<b>Type of Event</b>	<b>Family Event</b>
<b>Steering Group Members Involved</b>	<b>Matthew Gleadell / Keith Panter</b>
<b>Age Range of Consultees</b>	<b>Mixed</b>

### Event Summary



A small but well attended annual event at Richmond Park, Gainsborough

The event consists of various community stalls with fundraising activity and commercial retail enterprises. Some inflatables for younger children as well as food vendors and children's entertainment.

RAGE set up a small table with some information about the project.

Keith Panter visited all stall holders and persuaded them to fill in some questionnaires.

Other people visited the table and shared their views on various aspects of the Plan.

Once again nothing was raised that the consultation has not already yielded in terms of comments from others consultation exercises.

Matthew did however recognise during the day that not everyone is completely in agreement on all issues and that whatever the plan ultimately states, there will still be people that are not sold on all aspects of it.

### Consultation Event Summary

<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>13th September 2017</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Pyrus Studio</b>
<b>Name of Consultee</b>	<b>Women's Institute</b>
<b>Type of Event</b>	<b>Group Meeting</b>
<b>Steering Group Members Involved</b>	<b>Matthew Gleadell</b>
<b>Age Range of Consultees</b>	<b>20-40</b>

### Event Summary

Matthew visited the group for their meeting on a Wednesday evening. Matthew stayed for 90 minutes before having to leave for another meeting.

The group was attended by 8 ladies all of whom are Gainsborough residents.

Matthew discussed with the group the various topics and issues that RAGE had been consulting upon. Matthew allowed the group to discuss their views on the various topics and took notes as the conversations developed. Specific comments have been recorded below.

The group was very supportive of the work and a number of them signed up to join the Peoples Panel.

Key issues that the group as a whole agreed upon :

1. A development of the riverside for a mixed leisure / retail/ night time economy development would be supported but Whitton's Gardens must remain.
2. The market place needs attention.
3. The restoration of the butter market/town hall building would be great.
4. New SUE's would be good as villages in their own right but the developments must have their own schools, shops, GP etc. to help provide an identity.
5. A footbridge over the Trent at Bowling Green Lane would be great.
6. Central Station being reinstated with train services to support it would be great.
7. A further secondary school when needed should be independent on a new site closer to the Southern SUE.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Trinity Arts Centre is a great place but could do more.
2. More family events needed in town.
3. South West Ward is a problem. Concerned about walking through it.
4. Need bigger station to support the growth.
5. Hospital needs to be developed and provide more services.
6. Trinity Street and SWW area should be demolished and rebuilt.
7. Trinity Street is a gateway street and needs to be much nicer.
8. QEHS has no involvement in the town.
9. Old middies site good for new school when needed to support SUE growth.
10. A play centre in Oldrids building would be good.
11. Need some better places to hire for functions.

## Consultation Event Summary

<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>16 August 2017</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>X Church</b>
<b>Name of Consultee</b>	<b>Mental Health Recovery Support Group</b>
<b>Type of Event</b>	<b>Group Consultation</b>
<b>Steering Group Members Involved</b>	<b>Matthew Gleadell, Mike Hopper</b>
<b>Age Range of Consultees</b>	<b>Late teens to early 50's</b>

## Event Summary

RAGE had been invited to attend in response to social media adverts seeking groups that would want a consultation visit.

The meeting was held outside at the rear of the cafe. There were between 12 and 16 people at any one time with some individuals coming and going through the meeting.

The people attending were individuals from low income families and typically unemployed many of which were recovering from or dealing with a range of mental health problems.

Matthew and Mike had met before the meeting to agree an outline approach for the meeting.



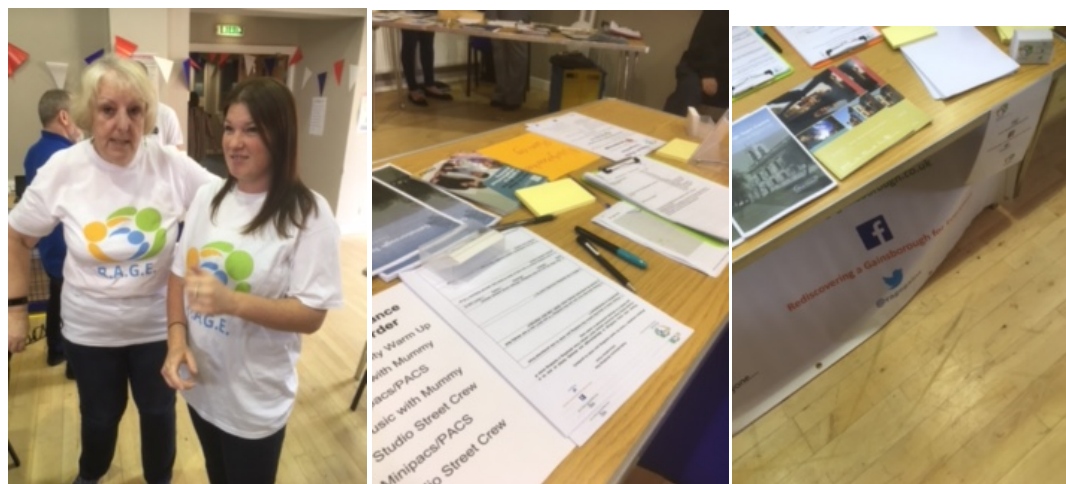
The meeting simply progressed as an informal discussion with those present, with a wide range of topics being discussed. All comments were recorded by Matthew (see attached).

The general summary of the meeting was as follows :

1. The majority support preserving historical buildings (but not at the expense of development taking place - an overly strict approach could put developers off). Marshalls Yard as a design approach is supported
2. The riverside is a prime area for development and a vibrant mix of housing, leisure and business with bars and restaurants would be supported.
3. Green Open Spaces should be protected and where possible improved.
4. Entrance roads to the town need to be smartened up. (Trinity Street particularly). A policy to look at wholesale redevelopment of Industrial areas on Bridge Street would be supported.
5. More needs to be done around enforcement against bad landlords, fly tippers, dog foulers and other anti-social behaviour.
6. The Market Place was a better area in the past before when it had trees and shrubs and other features.
7. A pedestrian bridge over the Trent to create a circular walk would be hugely supported.

#### **Consultation Event Summary**

<b>Date of Consultation</b>	<b>29th July 2017 11.00am to 2.00pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Gainsborough Uphill Community Centre</b>
<b>Name of Consultee</b>	<b>General Public</b>
<b>Type of Event</b>	<b>Summer Fayre</b>
<b>Steering Group Members Involved</b>	<b>Matthew Gleadell/ Natalie Cockrell/ Sheila Bibb</b>
<b>Age Range of Consultees</b>	<b>Adults - 20-70</b>



#### **Event Summary**



Held at a small community centre in uphill Gainsborough the event involved a number of performances from local dance and theatre groups. It was attended by police, local businesses and community groups with a number of small craft type fundraising stalls and a community cafe.

RAGE was given a table to work from within the main hall. Matthew , Natalie and Sheila took it in turns to walk around speaking to different people.

A lady on the stall next door runs a children's craft group and kindly agreed to get her group to complete some posters for the poster competition. She had a lot of good ideas and was supportive of the project.

A link with the local college and an opportunity to speak to some students at the college was also made.

Feedback in general due to the nature of the event and its location centred around facilities for children (topical in school summer holidays at a venue that supports a lot of child based activity).

Questions around the town centre and riverside on the whole did not yield any differing responses to those already received at previous consultation events.

### **Consultation Event Summary**

<b>Date of Consultation</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 and every Tuesday thereafter for 6 weeks (market day)
<b>Location</b>	The White Hart Hotel, Lord Street, Gainsborough
<b>Name of Consultee</b>	General Public
<b>Type of Event</b>	Neighbourhood Plan Consultation events
<b>Steering Group Members Involved</b>	Natalie Cockrell/ Sheila Bibb/ Matthew Gleadell/ Mike Hopper/ Lauren Zaitschenko
<b>Age Range of Consultees</b>	Varied Ages

### **General event summary**

The events were advertised in the local newspaper.

Display boards set up in the front dining room of the hotel, with tables and chairs for consultees to sit and chat. In the centre of the room, a large town map was displayed in order to pin flags with pre-written comments and blank comment cards so consultees could visually voice their opinions. They were also asked to place a sticker on their streets.

The children's poster competition was also set up on a table. An empty display board was set up at the end of the presentation boards for any other comments that felt needed to be expressed. Outside a display board advertised the event and free tea and coffee on offer.

Different themes and questionnaires were promoted throughout the 6 week drop in sessions.

Coloured counters were used to allow people to vote for different design options for the town centre with a mix of old and new design styles ultimately coming out at the leading option (much like Marshalls Yard).

Please refer to data analysis for details of questionnaire results.

### Consultation Event Summary

<b>Date of Consultation</b>	See schedule of consultation events.
<b>Location</b>	Morton Trentside Primary School Parish School West Lindsey Council Offices School Council Event
<b>Name of Consultee</b>	School Children
<b>Type of Event</b>	Plan Your Town
<b>Steering Group Members Involved</b>	Matthew Gleadell. Michael Hopper, Sheila Bibb
<b>Age Range of Consultees</b>	7 - 16

The events at individual schools involved the children being able to design their own towns using a design a town model kit which includes different types of buildings, infrastructure, green spaces and every that goes into a modern town.

The children were asked to design their towns and then present to explain how and why they had designed the way they had.

The children were also tasked with completing short questionnaires to identify their favourite buildings and favourite places in the town and also buildings or places they don't like or think could be improved.

The School Council event involved 12 local schools (11 primary and 1 secondary) coming together to each present their ideas and ambitions for the town in the future. Each school had 2-3 representatives presenting their ideas through a variety of different means including verbal presentations, art work and questionnaire data. Some schools had involved parents in

questionnaires others had obtained feedback from groups outside of their school to influence their presentations. This was by far a highlight of the consultation process.



## Questionnaire and Data Analysis – Key Themes

This is the questionnaire and data analysis document referred to in the Consultation Statement.

### Riverside

#### Riverside Development Questionnaire

Paper Questionnaire : 37 answered - 8 did not answer the question.

Online Questionnaire : 40 answered

**Total Answers : 77**

Option	Paper		Online		Combined
	Votes	Percentage	Votes	Percentage	Percentage
The riverside should just be used for housing.	0	0	0	0	0
The buildings along the riverside should be preserved.	16	43.2%	19	47.5%	45.4%
The riverside is an under used resource and needs to be developed to create an attractive, vibrant place for people to live work and play.	33	89.1%	33	82.5%	85.7%
I would love to see the riverside being used for watersports.	21	56.7%	13	32.5%	44.1%
Some restaurants, bars and eateries on the riverside would be great.	32	86.4%	31	77.5%	81.8%
The riverside should only be used for businesses.	0	0	0	0	0
I would like to be able to walk all the way along the riverside from the Trent	31	83.7%	29	72.5%	77.9%

Bridge through to Morton.					
The riverside should be used to provide boat trips.	27	72.9%	19	47.5%	59.7%
Whittons Gardens should be retained as a place to sit and relax on the riverside	27	72.9%	26	65.0%	68.8%
Whittons Gardens should be made available for development.	2	5.4%	3	7.5%	6.49%
A Marina will help revitalise the riverside	27	72.9%	26	65.0%	68.8%
I like the way Whittons Mill was developed.	12	32.4%	19	47.5%	40.25%

### Riverside Summary

As 85.7% of people agree that the Riverside is an underused resource and needs to be developed to create an attractive, vibrant place for people to live work and play, it is clear that development towards such an area would be supported.

Within such a development provision of food outlets and bars would be welcomed by the public, with 81.8% keen for this to happen. During consultation a number of people mentioned the 'Brayford' in Lincoln as an example of the type of development they would support.

A mixed use approach is further supported by the fact that 0% of people voted for the riverside to just be for housing or just be for businesses.

A continuous riverside walk from the Trent Bridge to Morton is desired and is already a policy in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.

Whittons Gardens is an area that people wish to see retained as a green space.

The public recognise the value of a Marina with 68.8% agreeing it will help to revitalise the riverside. Further comments and requests for a Marina have been made independently within the consultation.

Watersports along the riverside appear to be less popular as does the desire to preserve buildings along the riverside. Generally when asked about buildings of heritage and character value local people tended to focus their comments around the market place and town centre areas.

### Heritage, Town Centre and the Market Place

There is a desire to ensure that the heritage of Gainsborough's town centre is protected and celebrated.

When asked if the historic buildings in the town centre should be preserved, 93.3% of people answered Yes.

The desire to protect and celebrate heritage however is not so overwhelming that new development is opposed in the historical town centre areas.

In an online poll, 87.5% of people agreed that 'If they were redeveloping Gainsborough Town Centre, a mix of historic buildings with modern complimentary additions would be their preferred approach and agreed that Marshalls Yard is a good example of the old mixing well with the new'

The same poll conducted across consultation events yielded an even greater percentage in favour of this approach. With over 150 votes cast, over 93% voted in favour an historic/modern design mix.

The same question asked in written questionnaires (41 completed), saw 76.3% of respondents support an historic/modern design mix.

When asked if the 'regeneration of key sites within the town centre and along the riverside should be a priority', 100% of answers given supported this objective.

When asked if 'implementing a range of improvements to the historic buildings and spaces in the town as part of a wider improvement programme to the town centre with the market place as a focal point' should be an objective, 100% of answers given supported such objective.

The idea mooted by the Gainsborough Heritage Masterplan to restore the town hall building to its original design and reinstate the butter market, is well supported with 80% of people asked voting in favour of such restoration.

People were asked to identify buildings that they believe should be given a level of protection. All those identified in the town centre area already benefit from listed status. Despite that a list of the buildings was published during consultation. 100% of respondents agreed that the buildings identified should be preserved.

Asked if historic buildings with the town centre should be protected 93.3% agreed that they should.

There are concerns however that listed buildings have previously been demolished. The Old Central Station is an example of this.

In an online poll not a single person agreed that they liked the Market Place as it is now. 60% of respondents felt that the area should always be able to support a market. The actual design , use and layout of the market place is more contentious with ideas and options mooted dividing opinion. What is clear is that people do not like what they have now and any future schemes and proposals should be extensively consulted upon before being implemented.

2 buildings were identified through consultation that are not listed but have historical significance to some people. Those buildings are old Methodist chapels on Trinity Street and Ropery Road. These buildings were mentioned perhaps only once or twice in consultation. Other buildings more frequently identified are already listed.

## Market Place Data

A written questionnaire about the market place yielded 92 replies. The results are as follows.

Include plants and trees		Street Art/Sculptures		Parking Provision		Bandstand		Indoor Market		Seating/Dining	
Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
80.4	18.4	57.6	41.3	28.52	60.86	43.4	54.34	79.34	16.30	84.7	14.1
%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

I like the market place as it is now.		Preferred the market place when it had trees and plants		Restore the butter market	
Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
18.47%	73.9%	73.9%	13.8%	84.78%	8.28%

The same questionnaire conducted using interactive stickers and posters yielded the following results after completion by 25 individuals

Include plants and trees		Street Art/Sculptures		Parking Provision		Bandstand		Indoor Market		Seating/Dining	
Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
92%	8%	48%	52%	36%	64%	60%	40%	100%	0%	96%	4%

Restore the buttermarket	
Y	N
60%	40%

## Specific Sites and Issues

### Old Middlefield Lane School Site

Question	Options	No. of Votes	%	Other Ideas Given
Old Middlefield Lane Site use ? Which options would you support.	Houses	(11)	18.9	Microlights; Viewing Area; New Sports Groups; Wildlife Park; Health Clinic; Allotments ; Supermarket; Restaurant; IKEA; Bowling Alley; Cinema; Skate Park/BMX'; Another School ;Bungalows for OAPS; Doctors ; Shops; Go Kart Track; Outdoor Water Park; Youth Centre
	Businesses	(5)	8.62	
	Shops	(6)	10.34	
	Play Area	(13)	22.4%	
	Leisure Centre	(5)	8.62%	
	Leave it as it is	(6)	10.34%	
	Sports Field	(12)	20.68%	

**Conclusion :** No real overwhelming view based on these responses, although a leisure use seems to be favoured over housing.



The site is at the top of the escarpment and the western end of the site will enjoy good views over the Trent Valley. Based on views and vistas consultation, views over the Trent Valley are enjoyed in the town.

The site could also work as useful site to create a north south spoke within the green wheel infrastructure of the town (please see report from Cliff Andrews).

### Location of a New Secondary School

Question	Options	Votes	Other Ideas
New secondary school - where ?	Uphill Gainsborough	6	Away from TGA and QEHS ; Don't build one ; Roses ; in Morton ; in Lea ; Foxby Hill Area; Old Tip Site.
	Near town centre	5	
	New Urban Extension Foxby Lane	9	
	Expand existing academy site	5	

**Conclusion :** No overwhelming view. New Urban extension gets most votes. More consultation required.

### Bridge Street Industry Relocation

Question	Options	Votes	Comments
Bridge Street Industry Relocation	Yes	14	Maybe ;Too much Effort ; Improve riverside first ; mixed open space ; open space ;quality restaurant ; we are short of green space ; housing ; no ; nature reserve ; yes; improve frontages on bridge street.
	No	10	
	Unanswered	4	

**Conclusion :** No of responses is only an extremely small fraction of the population however there is a clear feeling in favour of the idea.

The factories and buildings concerned have never been highlighted as having any particular historical/character value.

There is comments through consultation to improve arterial routes into the town and certainly evidence of huge support for improvements to the riverside.

The areas close proximity to the South West Ward and problematic terrace streets is such that a development here could have a knock on effect for those adjoining terrace streets which certainly fall under the objective of 'improve streets and spaces around existing terraces housing where necessary'.

Local people would probably need to see some concept designs for the area before being able to appreciate what might be achieved.

## Green Spaces

There is overwhelming support to see Green Spaces protected and where possible enhanced.

Towards the end of our Consultation, we prepared a list of all the spaces that had been identified, either by the public or by the Steering Group and began asking people if they agreed with the list, and that the spaces identified should be maintained as open spaces. 30 people considered this and 100% of those agreed with the list.

It should be noted that the steering group are aware of sites that did not get mentioned but which they know from local knowledge that the public would support seeing retained as green space. Further consultation on Cliff Andrews green wheel study will be helpful.

One specific site which currently has planning permission for residential development is an area that local people would prefer to see maintained as green space. This is known as Highfield Gap. The Town Council previously registered this as an asset of community value and extensive consultation at the time found no one wishing to see it developed. This was reaffirmed by comments during the NP consultation.

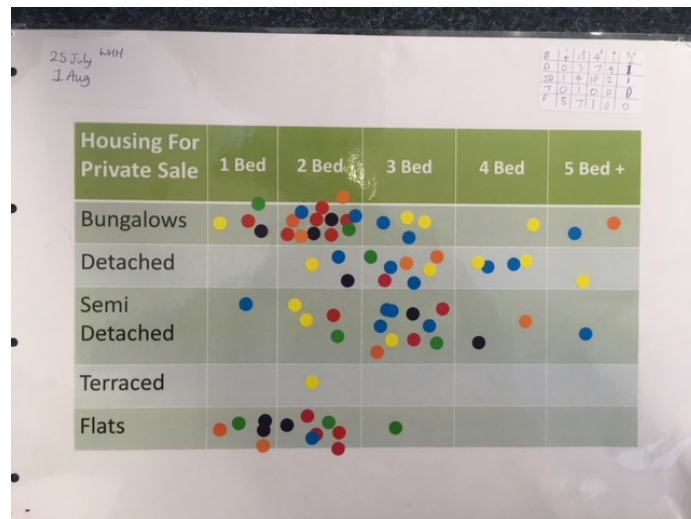
## Housing

As a topic of discussion with consultees this was much less popular than talking about new leisure facilities or preserving buildings with character.

There is no real opposition to new housing in Gainsborough, indeed the growth and development of the town, particularly in terms of leisure and a night time economy is eagerly sought.

Of 34 people asked if they want to influence the type of new properties being built in Gainsborough 85% answered yes.

A poll of the type of housing required shows a strong favour towards 2 bed bungalows and 3 bed semi detached. (see image below).



Independent comments raised concerns around the housing stock in South West ward with some even suggesting the whole area should be flattened and rebuilt.

This area is densely populated in terrace housing with high levels of social deprivation. 100% of people asked agreed with the plan objective to improve spaces around terrace housing where necessary.

## Brownfield Sites

Limited consultation was carried out around the development of brownfield sites before greenfield however 91% of those questioned agreed that brown field sites should be developed before any greenfield sites.

## Vision and Objectives

Midway through our consultation we began asking people if they agreed with the visions and objectives emerging for the plan. The results demonstrate a clear support for the stated objectives.

**OB1** : To regenerate key sites within the town centre and along the riverside is a priority. Development proposals should seek to maximise the benefit of the redevelopment of these spaces.

**OB2:** To improve the streets and spaces around the existing terraced housing where necessary.

**OB3:** To improve walking and cycling access to the countryside, the riverside and routes within the town to the local green spaces by improving and extending routes that create green connections, whilst supporting nature conservation.

**OB4 :** To implement a range of improvements to the historic buildings and spaces in the town as part of a wider improvement programme to the town centre with the market place as the focal point.

**OB5:** To ensure that future housing growth within and on the edges of the town is designed to a high standard so that it enhances the positive features of the town and minimises the impact on the natural and built environment.

**OB6:** To ensure that new housing development integrates easily with the existing settlement pattern of the town rather than a separate estate.

**OB7:** To bring the centre of the town back to life creating an attractive shopping area around the market place and supporting the growth of a vibrant evening economy (cafes, pubs, restaurants and other leisure facilities.)

**OB8:** To create an environment that makes it attractive for micro, small and medium sized businesses and shops to locate and flourish in the town.

**OB9:** To seek improvements to rail, bus and road infrastructure that will unlock the movement of people, goods and services into, out of and around the town.

#### Paper Responses

OB No:	No. of Responses	Agree	Disagree	No Answer
1	39	87.3%	7.6% (3)	5.1% (2)
2	39	100%		
3	39	97.5%	2.5% (1)	
4	39	92.4%	7.6% (3)	
5	39	89.75%	10.25% (4)	
6	39	94.9%	5.1% (2)	
7	39	100%		
8	39	100%		
9	39	100%		

#### Interactive Sticker Responses

OB No:	No. of Responses	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
1	19	100%		
2	14	100%		
3	19	100%		
4	22	100%		
5	18	100%		
6	14	71.4%		28.5% (4)
7	20	100%		
8	16	100%		
9	18	100%		

## Appendix B Regulation 14 Consultation



### **Notification of the formal public consultation on the Gainsborough Draft Neighbourhood Plan - (Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012)**

R.A.G.E – A steering group made up of representatives from the community and Gainsborough Town Council have prepared a draft Neighbourhood Development Plan for Gainsborough. The group are very pleased to advise that the Draft Plan has now been published for formal consultation with residents, statutory bodies, businesses and other interested parties.

The consultation period runs from **xxxxx 2019** until 5.00 p.m. on **xxxxx 2019**.  
The Draft Plan and its supporting documents are available to view on the R.A.G.E website  
<https://ragegainsborough.co.uk>

You have been notified as one of the consultation bodies/consultees that are identified as likely to have an interest in the Draft Plan and your response to this consultation exercise would be very much welcomed.

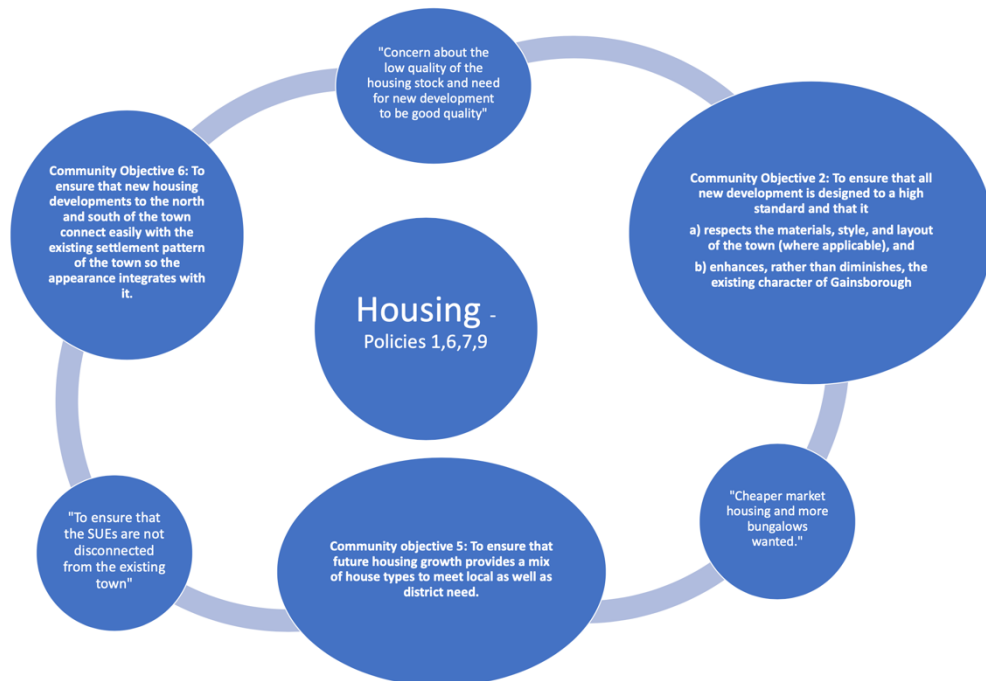
If you would like to make any comments on this draft plan and its supporting documents you can email the Steering Group at [ragegainsborough@gmail.com](mailto:ragegainsborough@gmail.com)

Your comments must be received **by xxxxx 2019**. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

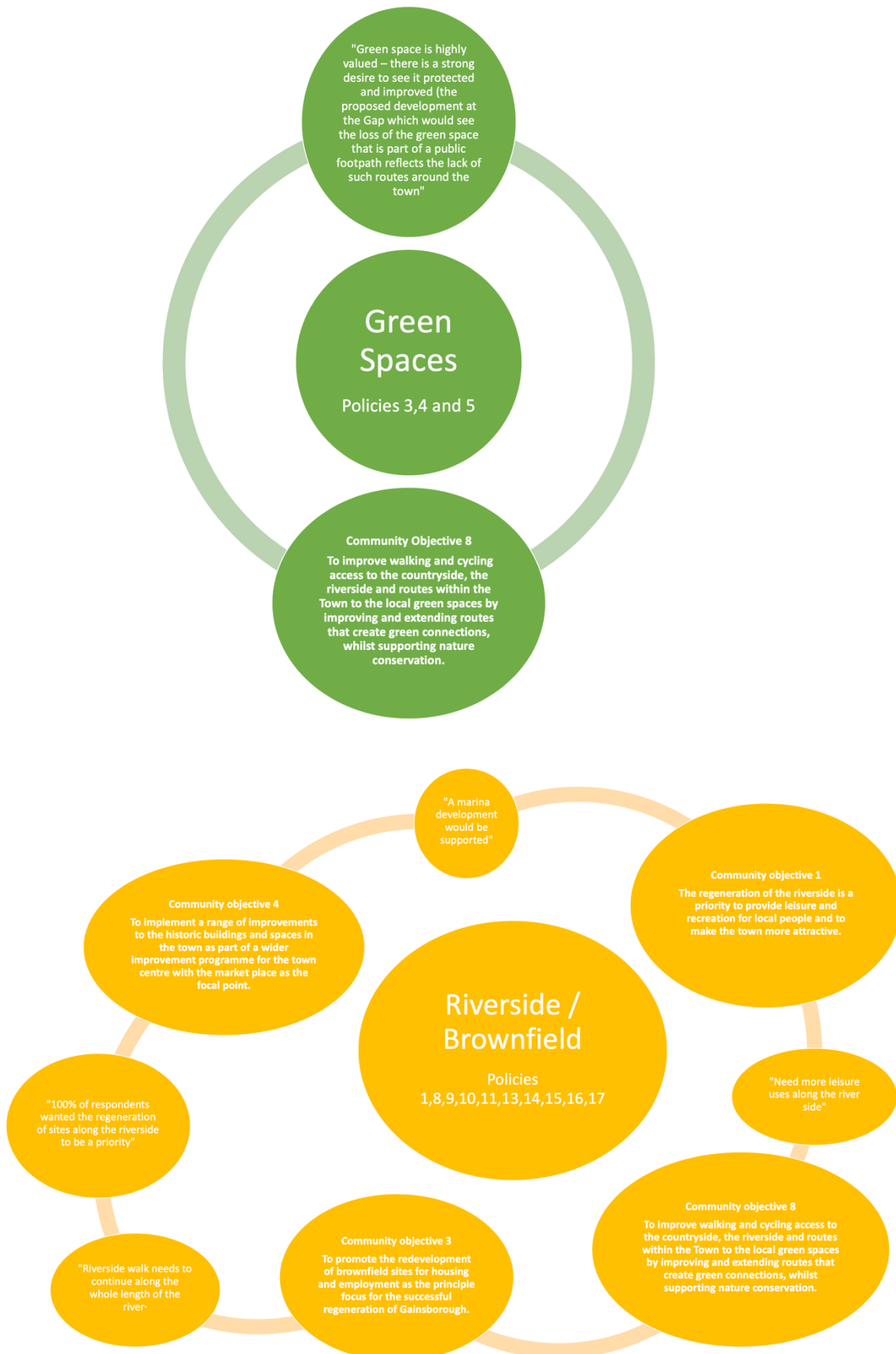
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## Key Visual Aids used for Regulation 14 Consultation with Groups









## Draft Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation Questionnaire

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a new way of enabling the local community to influence the planning of an area in which they live and work. Neighbourhood Plans enable local people to take a more active role in the development of planning policies that reflect local people's needs and aspirations.

Neighbourhood Plans can be used to decide where new homes, shops and offices should be built, influence what new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided. It can also be used to grant planning permission for the new buildings that local people want. These powers have been given to local communities by the Localism Act (2011), to not use it we will have no say in the future development of our town.

What is in OUR Plan?

Historic Buildings

Riverside Town Centre

Green Spaces

It is the proposed policies within the Neighbourhood Plan that will help to shape future development within Gainsborough, therefore we now seek your views on the proposed policies formed from the consultation already undertaken within the community.

We appreciate that there may be areas of the plan that are of particular interest to you and if your feedback is focused on those policies only – that's fine we would still love to hear from you on the questionnaire.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents can be found at  
<https://ragegainsborough.co.uk/category/documents/>

**Questions 1-18 are directly linked to each Neighbourhood Plan Policy, page numbers are noted for your ease of reference, please answer as to whether you agree or disagree with the policy.**

### **1, Spatial Strategy (NPP1) Page 32,**

**Aims to ensure a positive contribution to sustainable development.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

### **2, Pre application Community Engagement. (NPP2) Page 33,**

**Sets out how potential developers should work with the community and Town Council.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

### **3, Green network (NPP3) Page 37,**

**Seeks to secure development of a green network of walking and cycle routes in and around Gainsborough.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

### **4, Local green spaces (NPP4) Page 41,**

**Seeks to protect green spaces.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**5, Protecting the local landscape (NPP5) Page 43,**

**Seeks to protect valued views and vistas from the outside of the town looking in and inside the town looking out.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**6, Design principles (NPP6) Page 53,**

**Aims to ensure high quality design that adds to, protects and compliments the character of Gainsborough.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**7, A mix of housing types (NPP7) Page 58,**

**Seeks to ensure the need for smaller dwellings is met.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**8, Gateway Riverside CL4686 (NPP 8) Page 67,**

**Seeks to ensure the development of the riverside meets the housing, leisure and economic regeneration objectives, whilst respecting the character of the conservation area.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**9, Southern Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NPP 9) Page 73,**

**Seeks to give permission to planning that demonstrates high quality design to reinforce the character of the area and meets the requirements of residents.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**10, Elswitha/Guildhall Site (CL 4688) (NPP10) Page 76,**

**Seeks to grant planning permission that enhances the heritage attributes of the area.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**11, Baltic Mill Site (NPP11) Page 78,**

**Seeks to give planning permission for a mixed-use scheme of high-quality design that compliments the area.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**12, Bridge street car park site and surroundings (NPP12) Page 79,**

**Seeks to give planning permission for residential use that won't lose parking provision.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**13, Albion Works Site (NPP13) Page 81,**

**Seeks to give planning permission for residential or mixed-use schemes of high-quality designs that complement the area and retail space that won't affect the viability of the town centre.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**14, Riverside North (NPP14) Page 83,**

**Seeks to grant planning for primarily residential use of high-quality design with provision of river front walkway and which reflects the value of Mercers Wood green space.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**15, Land in the Vicinity of Gainsborough Leisure Centre (NPP 15) Page 84,**

**Seeks to give planning permission for a primarily residential scheme of high quality that responds positively to the existing footpaths and open quality of the site.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**16, Middlefield School Site (NPP 16) Page 86 ,**

**Seeks to give planning permission to a primarily residential scheme of high-quality design that responds positively to the open spaces and public rights of way.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**17, Protecting Heritage Assets (NPP 17) page 92/3,**

**Seeks to protect and secure the future of Gainsborough's heritage assets.**

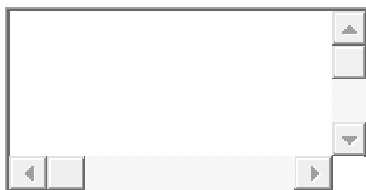
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**18, Improving the Vitality of the Town Centre (NPP 18) page 99,**

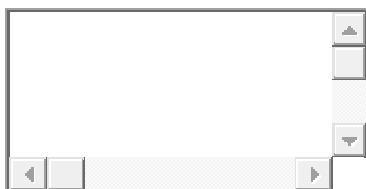
**Seeks to support proposals which will make the market place an attractive focal point for shoppers and re-enforces the character of the historic streets.**

☐ Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither agree or disagree

**19, Please share any reasons you have for disagreeing with any of the policies.**



**20, Please share any additional comments you may have.**



Thank you for taking the time to participate in this questionnaire.  
Look out for the Final Plan and Referendum in 2020.

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**Please share any reasons you have for disagreeing with any of the policies.**

Strongly disagree with development of land near the leisure centre. The field is in my opinion green space and not brownfield land, the former school was built on by the primary school development,

the playing field was always a playing field and not developed. The proximity to Castle Hills wood to the proposed development would be detrimental to the woodland in my opinion. WLDC should have done something in the recreational interests of the people with the land instead of selling it to a developer.

**19, Please share any reasons you have for disagreeing with any of the policies.**

Market place has been messed around enough and enough money has been wasted as it is

**19, Please share any reasons you have for disagreeing with any of the policies.**

The leisure centre area is a lovely green area for walking with lovely views.

**19, Please share any reasons you have for disagreeing with any of the policies.**

Is this all about Gainsborough? How about Caistor and Market Rasen?

**19, Please share any reasons you have for disagreeing with any of the policies.**

Elswitha should not be built on...need open spaces not claustrophobic ones

**19, Please share any reasons you have for disagreeing with any of the policies.**

Much money has been spent altering the town centre the last effort destroyed the markets use along with holding farmers market in market street instead of the market square. Altering the facade of the town hall adds nothing but cost.

**19, Please share any reasons you have for disagreeing with any of the policies.**

We suggest the Plan would benefit from a policy which supports and protects Gainsborough's valued community, cultural and social facilities from unnecessary loss. Facilities of this nature have already been identified within Appendix B; from the Trust's perspective we welcome inclusion of the Old Nick Theatre & Museum (Gainsborough Theatre Company), Trinity Arts Centre and the former Albert Hall Theatre (King's Bingo). In particular the Plan might have set out a positive vision for the re-use of the former Albert Hall Theatre.

**19, Please share any reasons you have for disagreeing with any of the policies.**

Whilst new mixed housing is required (and jobs!) please don't cover all our green spaces with concrete which is already the case along Corringham road from the Academy westwards. Instead develop derelict buildings such as those on Church Street and Morton Terrace first. Pedestrian and cycleways away from traffic are essential for our health and safety also space left for wildlife.

Remember the Trent floodplain is there for a reason so don't be tempted to build on it - plus if the town centre is to recover please endeavour to get businesses to sponsor a pedestrian link to Marshall's Yard as the two are dissected by the A156/159 and currently shoppers either visit one or the other. Promote and protect Gainsborough's heritage sites especially Marshall's works, the Old Hall, and the town's Viking history.

**20, Please share any additional comments you may have.**

The market area needs improving as I have agreed. If the coop building was compulsory purchased and pulled down it would open up and link the market place to lidl's and marshalls yard. With the possibility of a play park to bring families to that area . More footfall and more money spent.

**20, Please share any additional comments you may have.**

The council do not seem to be interested in The town beyond marshalls yard

**20, Please share any additional comments you may have.**

I would like to see further regeneration and advertising to the old market square and reduce shop rents to encourage small business rather than have empty shops ,also encourage a strict scheme of keeping Gainsborough tidy with the implantation of more wastage bins including dog waste bins ,and giving more authority to wardens to issue fines in regards to failure to dispose of litter in the correct manner , etc Signed.

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**20, Please share any additional comments you may have.**

We welcome Policy NPP17.1 and the identification of the former Albert Hall Theatre as a non-designated heritage asset to be added to the local heritage list.

**20, Please share any additional comments you may have.**

I have to congratulate the team who have brought us this plan, they have done an excellent job and deserve credit for their forward thinking and attention to detail. If the next stage of the process is handled with the same professionalism we will be well served. Gainsborough and the community deserve this plan. It has a positive tone, which if allowed to come to fruition, can only be of benefit to the town. I know I am not alone in thinking that the once vibrant Gainsborough should be roused again to give hope for future generations. Gainsborough is a great town with a massive potential. Other towns have looked to their local water to enhance their attraction to residents and visitors alike. History is another draw which has been employed by forward thinking towns. The two aspects

alone are here in spades for Gainsborough - I hope that the powers that be will grasp opportunities which have been detailed.

**20, Please share any additional comments you may have.**

Like anyone else that's live here, we need a flourishing town centre to bring the community back together again. Enhancing our lives feeling positive about living here and collaborating with the new investments that have already been made. I think the green areas on the entrance of the town and otherwise are a mess. It's despicable of what has been ignored and left to deteriorate and be an eyesore and embarrassment to our town. If the market stalls are to be placed over the Disabled parking, perhaps there needs to be more disabled parking available? Please could, the Town Council, West Lindsey District Council & Lincolnshire County Council work as a team. So many things take ages to be addressed, and such a waste of repeating the same issues over and over again.

**20, Please share any additional comments you may have.**

The loss of the multi story car park and time restrictions on Tesco and Lidl have put a great strain on parking in streets near Tesco's. Parking space should be a main consideration in the plan

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I believe it is very important that the Green band between the lower level of the town and the "Uphills" area of the town is necessary to keep the rural Market town aspect of Gainsborough, especially when approached from the West along Ramper Road. This needs to be maintained with any future development of the SUE's and other development.

**20, Please share any additional comments you may have.**

See my comments above. Gainsborough should advertise all the town's positive aspects - that of being an historic rural market town with good rail and road links to bigger towns and cities North and South. Easy walks/cycleways along the Trentside with links to other rivers and canals in Nottinghamshire. It's close proximity to Sherwood Forest, Derbyshire dales, Lincs Wolds, and East coast resorts.

**20, Please share any additional comments you may have.**

Get the town centre vibrant allow parking non market days generate more businesses to come