



Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party



Working Party Revised Recommendation

1 Revised recommendation

The Working Party recommends to the Parish Council that the application for a declaration of the Neighbourhood Plan area should encompass the whole of the current Parish as outlined in blue on the attached map ([NDP-0048/v1.1](#)) – less the area defined as Site 2a, outlined in red and hatched in red.

This proposal is a revision of the previous proposal ([NDP-0051/v1.0](#)) and takes into account responses from Stanwick Parish Council to the Community Governance Review (CGR) proposals from Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council.

It is still our recommendation that Site 1 (outlined in red and hatched in blue) should also ultimately be part of our Neighbourhood Planning Area. However, we recognise that this incorporation must await the outcome of the CGR in April 2014.

2 Rationale for the revision

At its [July Meeting](#) the Parish Council agreed to request the transfer of three sites into the Parish from neighbouring Parishes as part of the local governance review. If approved this would have taken effect through an order in April/May 2014 in time for the 2015 elections.

- **Site 1** (19.22ha) would have moved the boundary with Stanwick north to the B645. This was the only Stanwick field south of the B645. No electors or ROW are affected by this change.
- **Site 2** (1.3ha) would have moved the boundary with Stanwick north and west to the field hedgerows (currently the boundary is unmarked across the middle of the field). No electors or ROW are affected by this change.
- **Site 3** (16.95ha) would have moved the boundary with Higham Ferrers west to the next field hedgerow. This would restore “Chelveston Cliffs” (a Regionally Important Geological/Geomorphological Site or Site of Local Importance for Earth Sciences) back to the parish, which was lost in the boundary changes of 1987. No electors are affected by this change. A section of footpath VC23 would become part of footpath MM1

Discussions with Stanwick Parish Council and Higham Ferrers Town Council are pointing towards a revision of the CGR proposal from the Parish Council.

- **Site 1** would still move from Stanwick Parish into Chelveston-cum-Caldecott as previously proposed. Stanwick Parish Council have agreed in principle that they would exclude Site 1 from their Neighbourhood Planning Area application allowing Chelveston-cum-Caldecott to include this site through a later amendment.
- **Site 2** would remain in Stanwick Parish and the field of which it is part (now called **Site 2a** on the map) would transfer in its entirety into Stanwick Parish. Chelveston-cum-Caldecott will exclude the whole of Site 2a from its application so that Stanwick could later include it through an amended application.
- **Site 3** is still under discussion but is not material to our NDP area application as this site is already covered by the Higham Ferrers Plan designation ([NDP-0047](#)). We would not wish to amend the Higham Ferrers designation.

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3 Analysis of the sites

The ultimate inclusion of Site 1 (the triangular field next to the B645) within our NDP is considered to be important as it will allow us to formulate a clear plan for the whole of the land surrounding the airfield on the Northamptonshire side of the county boundary. We recognise that administratively this cannot be incorporated immediately within the scope of this application but note Stanwick Parish Council's provisional agreement not to designate this site in its own forthcoming application. It is our intention to apply for our Neighbourhood Plan Area to be extended to include Site 1 once the new Parish boundaries are declared in May 2014.

The original inclusion of Site 2 was not considered to be critical to our plan but was agreed as an administrative convenience to align the proposed Parish and the proposed NDP boundaries as closely as possible. As it transpires that Site 2 is unlikely to be transferred to the Parish, then the Working Party is comfortable to follow the proposed new boundary line in this area by excluding Site 2a. There are no landscape features that are considered to be critical to the NDP in this area and development of this land would be impractical.

Whilst Site 3 does contain an important landscape feature, its inclusion in our plan is not considered to be material or critical. It is already covered by the Higham Ferrers declared area and there is nothing to be gained by changing this.

We have considered whether to extend our boundary application into the Bedfordshire parishes of Dean and Shelton and Melchbourne and Yielden, neither of whom have yet declared the intention to create an NDP as they are covered by the Bedford Borough Local Plan ([NDP-0056](#)). Such an extension would certainly allow us to create an integrated plan for the whole airfield but the application would be potentially fraught with complexity and delay as it would involve negotiations with two parish councils and a unitary borough council. Whilst this might lead to having a single district planning authority being responsible for the airfield it might result in other unintended consequences with respect to waste management applications which are determined at County level. Extending across the county boundary might also lead to challenges from interested parties. These challenges would delay the application and might result in unnecessary costs and effort in defending our position. The Working Party decided that staying within the Northamptonshire county boundary would be less complex and that our objectives could be satisfied by collaboration with the Bedfordshire parishes when the time came to develop their plans.

We considered the need to encompass the Golf Club within our boundary given the Duchy of Lancaster's interest in developing the land between Chelveston and the A6 ([NDP-0029](#)). However, the majority of the Golf Club land already falls within the declared Higham Ferrers Development Area. Our objectives can be satisfied by collaboration with Higham Ferrers on their plan.

4 Conclusion

The Working Party requests that the Parish Council endorses this revised recommendation and makes the necessary application to East Northamptonshire Council at the earliest opportunity after taking into our any further developments in the negotiations on the 2015 Parish boundary application.

For and on behalf of the NDP Working Party

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