

**LITTLE ASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW 2025  
PROPOSAL TO RE- RUN REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION**

**INTRODUCTION**

This decision report to Shenstone Parish Council meeting on 9th September 2025 follows the omission of between 350 and 500 Little Aston homes from the Regulation 14 Little Aston Neighbourhood Plan consultation period which preceded the submission of the proposed revisions to Lichfield District Council for Regulation 16 consultation. This report recommends that the six week Regulation 14 consultation period is re- run.

**BACKGROUND**

The Little Aston Neighbourhood Plan was made in April 2016. The Parish Council has been reviewing all three Neighbourhood Plans within the Parish Council area during 2024/2025. This is good practice considering the changes in national and local planning policy over the last nine years. Within the Little Aston Neighbourhood Plan area there are 1382 homes. Residents inside an area totaling 562 homes have made the Parish Council aware during July and August that they were not given any information or were given inadequate information about the proposed revisions to the Little Aston Neighbourhood Plan during the previous Regulation 14 consultation period beginning 2nd September 2024. Resource limitations have meant the Parish Council has not delivered adequate Regulation 14 Parish Council communications to these neighbourhoods.

**CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS EXCLUDED FROM THE REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION.**

In addition to the fundamental Neighbourhood Plan revision requirement to consult all residents, there are two additional, specific concerns that have been highlighted by residents. The first is the omission in the revised Neighbourhood Plan of the Green Belt section of the existing Neighbourhood Plan. The existing 2016 plan has a Green Belt section as it made a case for a site specific relaxation of the Green Belt in 2016. No current relaxation is required therefore the section was omitted. However, this omission has caused some concern for residents who feel that the Neighbourhood Plan, without an endorsement of support for the Green Belt, may now be supporting local urban expansion. Reassurance can be given by re - inclusion of the majority of the original 2016 Green Belt paragraphs. The second specific concern is the desire of the residents omitted from the consultation that the original target date of 2029 should remain for inclusion of Claverdon Park in the Little Aston Conservation Area. The overall target date for the entire revised plan is 2040. If residents want to maintain a different target date for one element of the proposed revised plan in the Non – Land Use Actions section, that specific date adjustment can be supported.

## **DECISIONS FOR FULL COUNCIL APPROVAL.**

- 1. The Parish Council formally requests Lichfield District Council to defer the completion of their Regulation 16 consultation until a re-run of the Regulation 14 document has been completed.**
- 2. The Full Council records its sincere apologies to all households omitted from the Little Aston Neighbourhood Plan Revisions Regulation 14 consultation. This apology should also be attached to the initial Little Aston Regulation 14 re-run document.**
- 3. The Parish Council commits to the Regulation 14 re-run of six weeks being commenced with two public meetings, one day time meeting and one evening meeting in a central position for the excluded neighbourhoods.**
- 4. The Parish Council will provide every household with a summary of the proposed revisions recommended to date with a request to comment on the revisions or add to the revisions.**
- 5. That subject to consideration of any other revision proposals received at those meetings and by postal or digital return the Full Parish Council accepts in principle the addition of the two specific revisions concerning the Green Belt and the Conservation Area extension.**
- 6. Full Council notes that following the Regulation 14 consultation re-run, the draft document will be subject to further scrutiny by an Independent Inspector and a further six week Regulation 16 consultation period run by the District Council and supported by the Parish Council.**
- 7. The Parish Council will review lessons learnt from the omission of Little Aston households at the Finance, Legal and Health and Safety Committee and the Planning and Property Committee and bring back any relevant proposals to the Full Council. In particular the Committees will bring back proposals for all future forms of Parish Council communication to the affected neighbourhoods.**
- 8. The budget resources for the consultation re-run will come from the Little Aston Neighbourhood Plan projects budget allocated to Little Aston as part of the CIL budget dispersal.**

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