



Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING DECISION MEETING, MONDAY 15 JUNE 2026
Subject	SIDDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REG.14
Wards affected	Siddington: Siddington, Cerney Rural
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Summary/Purpose	To agree the CDC response (Annex A) to the Reg. 14 Siddington NP consultation.
Annexes	Annex A – draft response to Siddington NP Reg. 14 consultation. Documents being consulted on for the Reg. 14 consultation: Annex B – Siddington Draft Neighbourhood Plan (Reg. 14). Annex C – Siddington NP SEA/HRA Screening. Annex D – Siddington NP Historic England SEA Screening Response. Annex E – Siddington NP Survey.
Recommendation(s)	That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning resolves to agree the CDC response (Annex A) to the Reg. 14 Siddington NP



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	consultation.
Corporate priorities	All of the corporate priorities are captured by the draft Neighbourhood Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivering Good Services• Responding to the Climate Emergency• Delivering Housing• Supporting Communities• Supporting the Economy
Key Decision	NO Whilst a Neighbourhood Plan could have a significant impact in regards part 2, in its current guise the draft plan is not deemed to have a significant impact on the planning framework, particularly as none contain housing allocations.
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	We have consulted internally with officers who have specialist expertise in specific planning topics. Siddington Parish Council are responsible for the consultation at Reg. 14 stage and have reached out to other relevant stakeholders, statutory and local consultees.



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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council has been invited to provide a response to the Siddington draft Neighbourhood Plan (Reg. 14). A draft response for approval is at Annex A.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Siddington Parish Council have prepared a draft Neighbourhood Plan 2025-2031. There is a public consultation from Sunday 22 March until Sunday 10 May 2026. CDC have been granted an extension to reply with comments.
- 2.2 This Reg. 14 consultation is the responsibility of Siddington Parish Council, and they should have consulted other relevant stakeholders. Once the Plan is submitted to Cotswold District Council at Reg. 15 we can ask them to reconsult (elements of the Plan) if we feel the legal requirements (including consultation) have not been met.
- 2.3 Our response comments usually go beyond those of other stakeholders, as we aim to support town and parish councils in preparing a plan that will meet the basic and legal conditions, and support the objectives of their community.
- 2.4 In this case, Siddington kindly shared their plan with CDC, pre-Reg 14, and many of our key points have already been incorporated. This is signposted in Annex A where relevant.

3. MAIN POINTS

- 3.1 Once a Neighbourhood Plan is adopted, planning applications in the Siddington neighbourhood area will be assessed against both that Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan in tandem. An important point is that duplication is not required.
- 3.2 The draft Neighbourhood Plan can only be examined against the adopted (i.e. current) Local Plan; despite there being an emerging reviewed Local Plan.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Council does not have to respond to this consultation. However, plan preparation will take place between now (Reg 14 consultation) and Reg. 15 submission based on the comments submitted. An Examiner of the plan could rightly



question why any objections have been raised at a later stage when they could have been raised at Reg. 14.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The response aims to provide supportive comments or queries to support Siddington Parish Council in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan that meets the basic and legal requirements, whilst reflecting the objectives of their community.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None direct.
- 6.2 The Council already have financial obligations towards the procedural elements of Neighbourhood Planning following Reg. 15. Some or all of this can be reclaimed from the Government (MHCLG).
- 6.3 Officer support towards Neighbourhood Planning is already budgeted for.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None direct.
- 7.2 Once adopted the Neighbourhood Plan must be considered as part of relevant planning applications, and planning is a statutory function for Cotswold District Council.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 As there are no legal nor financial responsibilities in the Council providing this response, the sole risk at this stage would be reputational as the comments can be made public through the Consultation Statement and publication of Neighbourhood Plan documents for examination.

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 9.1 Under equality legislation, the Council has a legal duty to pay 'due regard' to the need to eliminate discrimination and promote equality in relation to:
- Race
 - Disability
 - Gender, including gender reassignment
 - Age



- Sexual Orientation
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Religion or belief

9.2 The response would indicate where the draft Neighbourhood Plan could discriminate against any of the above; there are none identified at this stage.

10. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Policy S9 is focused on Flood Risk, partly a climate change impact, and considered in the response (Annex A).

10.2 Throughout preparation of the plan, and in the responses provided, consideration is given to the sustainable balance of development in line with national policy and guidance, including climate change/ adaptation.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annex A – draft response to Siddington NP Reg. 14 consultation.

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