



Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING DECISION MEETING, 3 JULY 2026
Subject	SIDDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (REG 15/16)
Wards affected	Siddington: Siddington & Cerney Rural
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Summary/Purpose	Siddington Neighbourhood Plan: • To approve the submission of the Siddington Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents (Reg. 15). • Approve a CDC-led public consultation (Reg. 16) starting on Monday 13th July, and ending on Sunday 23rd August.
Annexes	Annex A – Siddington NP Reg. 15 Plan (includes its own Appendices A-G) Annex B – Siddington NP Policies Maps Annex C – Siddington NP Basic Conditions Statement Annex D – Siddington NP Consultation Statement Annex E – Siddington NP Reg 14 Response Log Annex F – Siddington NP SEA-HRA Screening Annex G – Siddington NP Historic England SEA Screening



Recommendation(s)	That the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning resolves that: 1. The Siddington Parish Council (Reg. 15) submission of a Neighbourhood Plan is suitable and accepted by CDC. 2. A CDC-led public consultation (Reg. 16) can commence, starting on Monday 13 July, and ending on Sunday 23 August.
Corporate priorities	All of the corporate priorities are captured by the emerging Neighbourhood Plans: • Delivering Good Services • Responding to the Climate Emergency • Delivering Housing • Supporting Communities • Supporting the Economy
Key Decision	NO Whilst a Neighbourhood Plan <i>could</i> have a significant impact in regards part 2, the submitted Neighbourhood Plans are not deemed to have a <i>significant</i> impact to the planning framework. All communities to which they relate will have the opportunity to vote on the adoption (or not) of NPs via a referendum.
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	Siddington Parish Council have been leading on the development of the plan, evidence, documents and maps. Opportunity to thank them for their hard (and voluntary) work. Annex D and E shows how they have consulted and taken reps into account up to this point. As part of the Reg. 16 consultation (see Recommendation 2) CDC will consult residents of Siddington Parish, community groups, statutory stakeholders, landowners and internally within the planning department at CDC.



Neighbourhood Planning Regs. for reference

Reg 14	Public consultation on draft Plan (led by PC/TC)
Reg 15	Submit revised plan to CDC
Reg 16	Public consultation on submitted Plan (led by CDC)
Reg 17	CDC appoints independent examiner
Reg 17a	Make decisions on examiner's recommendations
Reg 18	CDC publish examination report and decision statement
Referendum	CDC to arrange referendum (polling station type)
Making	CDC makes (adopts) the Plan if >50% votes YES



Siddington Neighbourhood Plan: Reg 15/16

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1** Consider submission (Reg 15) of the Siddington Neighbourhood Plan (and accompanying documents).
- 1.2** Recommend for the Member to approve progressing to a Reg. 16 consultation

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Local Planning Authorities have a statutory duty to advise or assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP)1. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 chapter 3) sets out the LPA responsibilities.
- 2.2** The Plan should be checked to ensure it meets the criteria in the Localism Act, as set out in the table below.

3. MAIN POINTS

- 3.1** Reg. 15 submission check:

Submission Requirements	Yes/No	Comments
1. A Map which identifies a) the area to which the proposed NDP relates b) geographically the policies in the plan	a) YES b) YES	See Annex B – Siddington NP Policies Maps
2. A Consultation Statement , containing: a. details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed NDP; a. explains how they were consulted; a. summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and a. describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed NDP.	YES	See Annex D – Siddington NP Consultation Statement; and Annex E – Siddington NP Reg 14 Response Log
3. The proposed NDP N.B. Does the plan state <u>the period it covers</u> ?	YES	See Annex A – Siddington NP Reg 15 Plan. (2025-2031).



Submission Requirements	Yes/No	Comments
4. A Basic Conditions Statement Following the 2023 Regulations (new Basic Conditions are underlined), a draft neighbourhood development plan meets the Basic Conditions if: - a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan, b) the making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development, c) the making of the neighbourhood development plan would not result in the development plan for the area of the authority proposing that less housing is provided by means of development taking place in that area than if the neighbourhood development plan were not made, d) the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and e) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood development plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood development plan. 8. In addition, whilst not basic conditions, the qualifying body must demonstrate that, so far as is appropriate having regard to the subject matter of the plan: a) the plan is designed to secure that the development and use of land in the neighbourhood area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change; and,	YES	See Annex C – Siddington NP Basic Conditions Statement: a. page 9 b. page 15 c. page 14 d. page 19 e. An Independent Examiner will judge at Reg. 17);



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b) the plan is designed to take account of any Local Nature Recovery Strategy prepared under section 104 of the Environment Act 2021 that relates to all or part of the neighbourhood area.		
5. An environmental report or a screening opinion that SEA is not required.	YES	See Annex F – Siddington NP SEA-HRA Screening; and Annex G – Siddington NP Historic England SEA Screening Response
6. An up-to-date HRA	YES	See Annex F – Siddington NP SEA-HRA Screening;
7. Any relevant background papers / supporting documents	NO	None provided

* The provisions of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Commencement No. 11 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 (UK Statutory Instruments 2026 No. 169 (C. 16)) ('the 2023 Regulations') came into force recently on 25th March 2026. The 2023 Regulations have brought into force Section 98 of the Levelling up and Regeneration Act (LURA) (contents of a neighbourhood development plan) and section 99 (neighbourhood development plans and orders; basic conditions). These new rules amend parts of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 3.2** Important to note, that it is not for CDC to judge here if the Basic Conditions are met, or if the submission is worthy of adoption; only that the necessary items for Reg. 15 have been submitted.
- 3.3** As the submission can be deemed to meet the submission requirements, the Neighbourhood Plan process becomes the responsibility of CDC to progress. The first stage of which is a Reg. 16 consultation. This is a public consultation giving



members of the public, community groups, landowners, statutory stakeholders, and internally colleagues in the planning department, the opportunity to make representations on the content of the plan.

3.4 After this consultation closes, approval will be required from the Cabinet Member to procure an Independent Examiner. All the representations received at Reg. 16 will be redacted and sent in full to the IE for consideration.

3.5 The Reg. 16 consultation is proposed to start on Monday 13th July, following the call-in period for this decision. It must last for six weeks, and therefore will end on Sunday 23rd August. This is purposeful to avoid overlap with a Local Plan consultation which will not commence until after this date. Although there is nothing preventing the two running concurrently, consensus is it would alleviate a great deal of potential confusion.

4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Recommend that the Siddington Neighbourhood Plan is accepted for submission (Reg. 15) as it meets the submission requirements.

4.2 Recommend that the Officer commences with a Reg. 16 consultation (Monday 13th July until Sunday 23rd August).

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

5.1 The Cabinet Member could reject the submission, with reasons required.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 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).

6.2 There will be costs for the Reg. 16 consultation, printing hard copies of Plans, adding notices around the Neighbourhood Area (Siddington), approximately £150.

6.3 Officer support towards Neighbourhood Planning is already budgeted for.



7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** If the Member wished to take the Alternative Option, then CDC must give reasons and issue a decision statement, in accordance with Regulation 19 and also Schedule 4B, paragraph 6 (4) (b) and para 8 of the TCPA 1990.
- 7.2** Once CDC accepts the submission then it must publicise the NDP in accordance with Regulation 16 for not less than 6 weeks and invite representations. It must also notify the bodies referred to in the submitted consultation statement.
- 7.3** 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** There is a time-related risk that some preparation for the Reg. 16 consultation will need to be made before the call-in period has ended. This is in order for the consultation to close before the Local Plan consultation commences.

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** Siddington have not submitted an Equality Impact Assessment, however this can be scrutinised through consultation and examination.
- ## **10. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**
- 10.1** The Neighbourhood Plan addresses these issues through the following policies:
- Policy 6: Local Green Space
 - Policy 8: Trees, Hedgerows and Woodland
 - Policy 9: Flood Policy



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10.2 The Plan should not contradict the sustainable balance of development in line with national policy and guidance, including climate change/ adaptation.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annex A – Siddington NP Reg. 15 Plan (includes its own Appendices A-G)

Annex B – Siddington NP Policies Maps

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