

Longridge Neighbourhood Development Plan

Submission Draft

Consultation Statement

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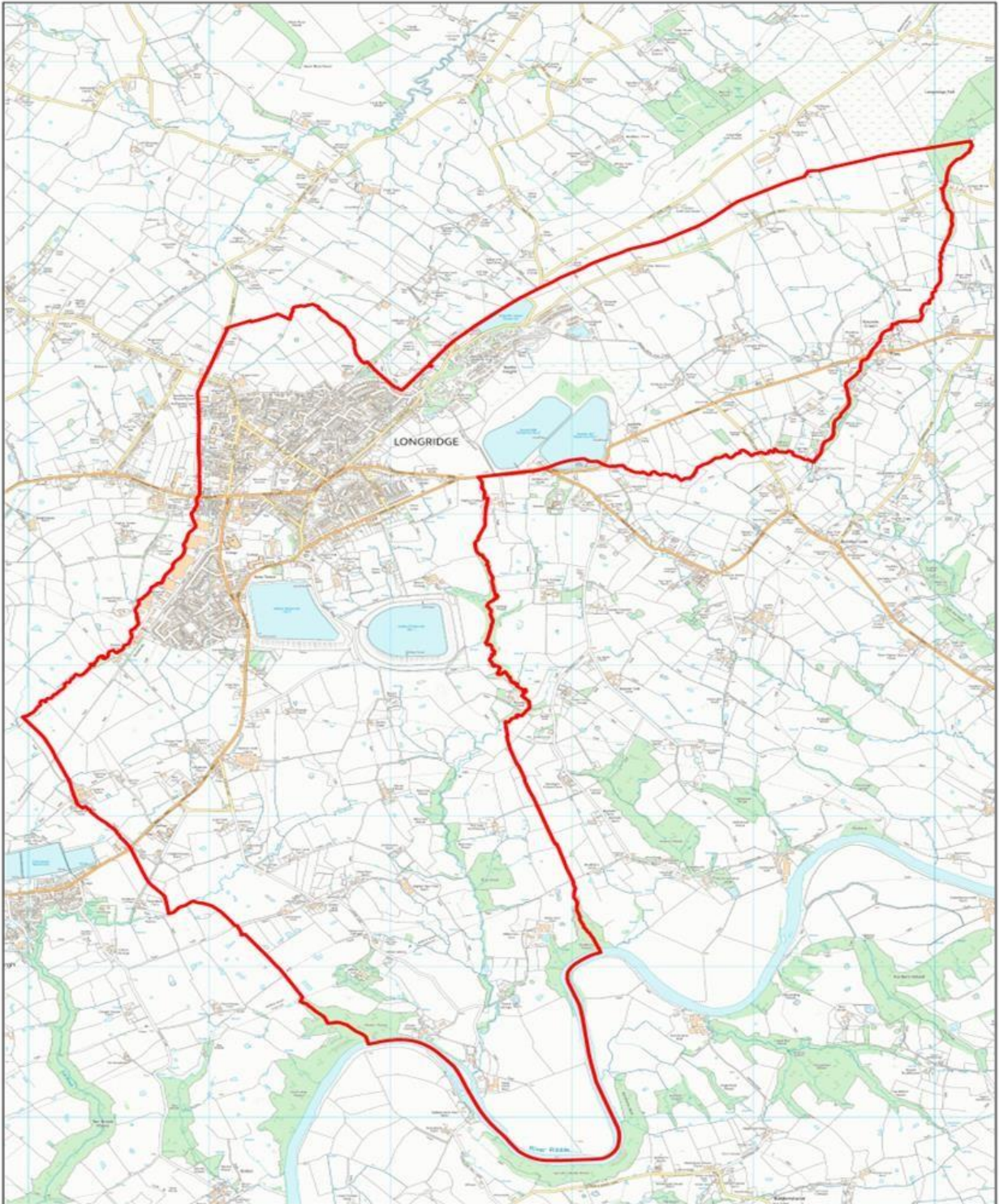


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1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2)¹ which defines a “consultation statement” as *a document which –*
- (a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;*
 - (b) explains how they were consulted;*
 - (c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and*
 - (d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.*
- 1.2 The Longridge Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared in response to the Localism Act 2011, which gives parish councils and other relevant bodies, new powers to prepare statutory Neighbourhood Plans to help guide development in their local areas. These powers give local people the opportunity to shape new development, as planning applications are determined in accordance with national planning policy and the local development plan (and any other material considerations) and neighbourhood plans form part of this planning policy framework.
- 1.3 Longridge Town Council decided it was essential to use this new power. Particularly because Longridge faces such significant development pressure in the coming years with over 600 extra homes to be found in the town on top of those already approved. This will have a significant impact on the town, residents and businesses. The Longridge Neighbourhood Development Plan (LNDP), therefore, gives the community a powerful opportunity to help shape this future development; what it looks like; the supporting infrastructure; how it integrates and benefits all those with a stake and interest in the area; and how it takes in to account and conserves and enhances our existing natural and built heritage that goes to make Longridge distinct. An application for designation of the whole parish as a neighbourhood area was submitted to Ribble Valley Borough Council (RVBC) on 3 June 2013. The Council undertook public consultation on the submitted application. The application was approved by the Council's Planning and Development Committee on 26 September 2013.
- 1.4 A Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group was created. All minutes of the Working Group are available online. From an early stage in the preparation of the Plan, the Town Council and the Steering Group sought to use approaches to engage as many local people, businesses and others in the plan process as possible.

¹<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/637/contents/made>

2.0 Draft Neighbourhood Plan Development and Informal Public Consultation

- 2.1 The Longridge NDP and a Steering Group was formed in October 2014. This Group comprises a mix of Town Councillors and volunteers with representatives drawn from a range of local groups. The Steering Group has produced this NDP in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations and in consultation with the Longridge community, businesses and landowners.

Questionnaire Survey 2014

- 2.2 The first consultation activity was to carry out a questionnaire survey that asked how strongly people agreed or disagreed with the following statements:

Settlement Definition

“It is important that there is proper separation between the neighbouring settlements. In the past this has been termed Green Belt. We wish to see undeveloped land between us and our neighbours on all sides.”

Landscape

“We recognise that our community is situated in an area of high landscape value on the edge of Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Beauty. Although there are no formal landscape designations we value our rural surroundings and the way the settlement fits into it. It is essential that this landscape is retained as far as possible whilst acknowledging the need to accommodate some development on our boundaries as the landscape value is vital to our economic and social capital.”

Heritage Assets

“In common with the landscape Longridge has a wealth of heritage assets retained from our agricultural, milling, quarrying and railway past. These assets should be conserved, retained and enhanced wherever possible”

Housing Provision

“We recognise that Longridge has to bear some of the burden of the provision of new homes within the Borough. We should be ensuring that we mitigate the impact of the development so that they can be absorbed into the landscape and the infrastructure without serious detriment to the physical and social capital of the community.”

Housing Balance

“We need to help to identify the appropriate balance of housing provision for our community. This should take into account size, type of ownership, style (e.g. flat/terrace/detached/bungalow). We recognise that the Borough is the statutory

housing provider but that we can influence and be involved in provision potentially through the introduction of community assets and innovative finance. We will promote the regular use of housing needs surveys to keep up-to-date.”

Affordable Housing

“In common with many communities in Ribble Valley and rural Lancashire Longridge requires more affordable housing for young and old and families alike. We should continue to press for affordable elements to be included in larger development planning permissions and also to seek out smaller bespoke opportunities for such provision.”

Business and Employment Development

“Longridge has a strong business community and in particular a culture of start-ups. We should press for space to allow local people to run businesses in Longridge and to encourage the employment of local people in them. Residential development must be accompanied by business space provision. Planning policy should encourage economic activity and provide for the potential for more space for expansion as business grows.”

Development of Retail

“Longridge has a vibrant and innovative retail offer. We should strive to maintain and even enhance the wide range of shops that help attract people to the town. Currently, there is a good mix of sizes and location of retail premises enabling expansion and contraction of business within the town. This needs to be retained and supported where at all possible..”

Community Facilities and Services

“In the last 10 years the community has taken control of not only the Civic Hall but also the Community Gym. The Social Enterprise company also runs the Station Buildings for the benefit of the town. This spirit should be nurtured, supported and where appropriate added to and improved to ensure a vibrant, efficient and relevant set of services are provided by and for the community. This could include: the expansion of the Civic as a community hub to include facilities for the young, old, library, care, clubs, provision of our own stock of affordable housing.”

Visitor Economy

“We should strive to ensure that visitors are welcomed and encouraged to spend in our community. There is a perception that there is a shortage of hotel accommodation in the area. We should encourage the provision of more within our own community. Longridge can claim to be the gateway not only to the Ribble Valley but also the southern Dales. We should make more of our location.”

Transport Considerations

“Longridge is very well served by public transport to Preston. Much of the community looks to Preston for services and we should ensure that the provision is maintained and enhanced to meet the inevitable increase in demand. Public sector service planners should be reminded of this unusual position within Ribble Valley.”

Education

“Longridge has a wide range of educational and child care facilities and we should strive to maintain this provision. These schools have very strong links with the community and they should be maintained in order to keep up standards and provide a strong basis for the future empowerment of the town. We should strive to ensure that our young people have the option to be educated within our community.”

Neighbouring Communities

“Longridge has strong economic and social ties with our urban neighbours in Preston City Council area, not least because of the physical connectivity with the built up areas off Whittingham Lane to the west. Longridge also has similar ties with the smaller communities on the other boundaries and we should continue to recognise our mutual dependence. We need to ensure that this is recognised in service provision and planning in general”.

- 2.3 The questionnaire was placed on the Town Council web site² and in various locations around the Town. A summary of the questionnaire results are presented below (Table 1) . By clicking on each issue (link)in Table 1you can see the detailed question that was asked and a more detailed summary of the responses made. Overall, there was strong backing (95% either Strongly Agree or Agree) for the Town Council’s position on the issues raised. This feedback was the starting point that informed the preparation of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

²<http://www.longridgetowncouncil.com/np-questionnaire.html>

Table 1. Longridge Neighbourhood Plan Initial Questionnaire Results

Question	Strongly Agree (%)	Agree (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly Disagree (%)	No Answer (%)	Total %
<u>Settlement Definition</u>	88	10	2	0	0	100
<u>Landscape</u>	84	13	2	1	0	100
<u>Heritage Assets</u>	73	23	3	0	0	100
<u>Housing Provision</u>	73	20	3	3	1	100
<u>Housing Balance</u>	61	35	2	2	0	100
<u>Affordable Housing</u>	66	23	5	5	1	100
<u>Business & Employment</u>	58	32	5	3	2	100
<u>Development of Retail</u>	70	28	2	0	0	100
<u>Community Services and Facilities</u>	70	26	3	0	2	100
<u>Visitor Economy</u>	57	35	3	3	4	100
<u>Transport</u>	70	28	1	0	1	100
<u>Education</u>	77	20	1	0	2	100
<u>Neighbour Communities</u>	63	34	0	1	2	100
Overall %	70	25	2	1	2	100

Vision and Policy Statements

- 2.4 Using the questionnaire results a Vision Statement and a set of policy headings were produced during 2014 (Figures 1 and 2).
- 2.5 The Vision and policy headings were the first attempt to respond to the issues raised in the questionnaire. They were posted online and views sought.
- 2.6 The original Vision Statement was amended and this was consulted on via the Town Council newsletter in August 2015 (Appendix 1).

Figure 1. Vision Consultation Screenshot³

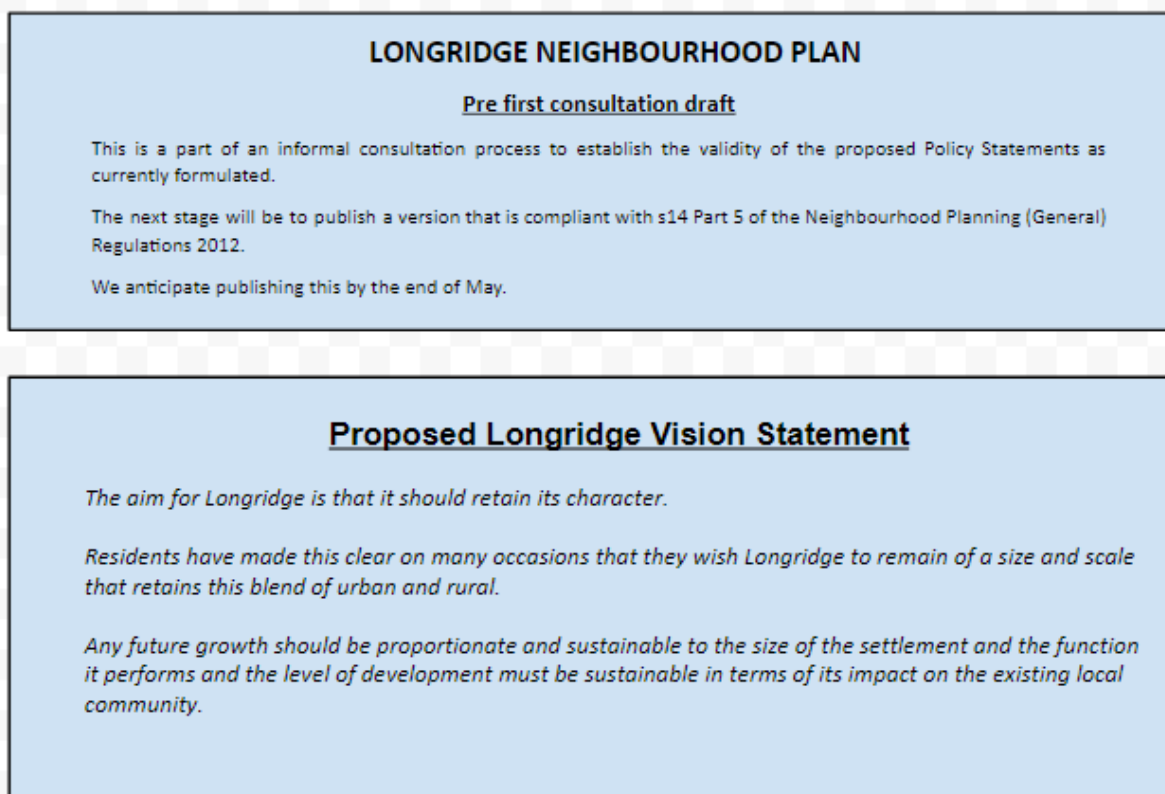
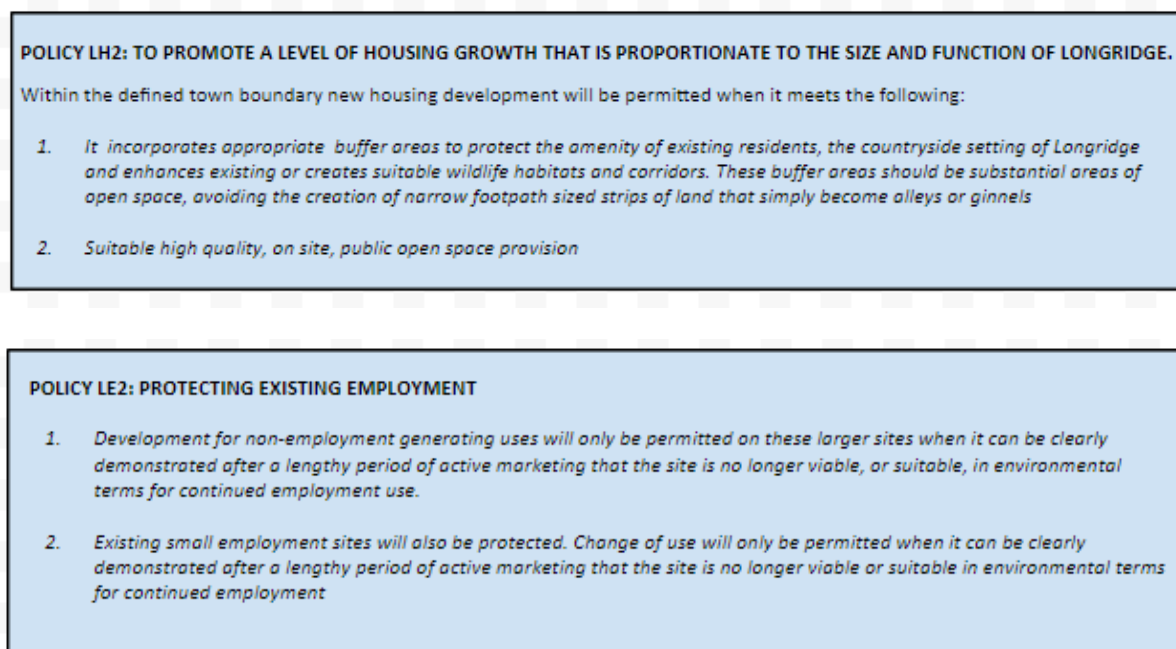


Figure 2. Policy Headings Consultation Screenshot(example only)⁴



³<https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/1qcyS7gufUqLLziSQOsop6zuMI8jxZiwgkckDsQNUzSI/edit>

⁴<http://www.longridgetowncouncil.com/np-policy-statements.html>

Informal Draft Plan Consultation

- 2.7 The Town Council using the results of the initial consultations then set about to prepare the first draft of the NDP.
- 2.8 In May 2016 (27/5/16 - 10/6/16 which was extended to 17/6/17)an informal (pre-Regulation 14) consultation draft plan was produced. This was publicised on the Council website and by consultation by email statutory bodies, local councils (Appendix 2) and placed on the Town Council web site⁵. Copies were made available at:

- Longridge Town Council - 2 copies
- Library - 2 copies
- Heritage Office - 2 copies
- 2 Doctors surgeries - 1 copy in each
- 2 Dental surgeries - 1 copy in each
- Community hospital - 1 copy
- Vets surgery - 1 copy
- St Wilfreds club - 1 copy
- Sports and Social club (British Legion) - 1 copy
- Over Sixties club - 1 copy
- Townley House and Park House - 1 copy in each
- Plessington Court - 1 copy
- Civic Hall - 1 copy
- St Cecilia's school - 1 copy
- St Pauls, St Lawrences, Christchurch, St Wilfreds & 1 copy in each

⁵<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzEc3-QCwIWnaGZITnINMC1yXzA/view>

Figure 3 . Informal Draft Plan Consultation Web Site Screenshot



- 2.9 The plan was consulted upon informally, from 27 May 2016 to 17 June 2016. Comments could be made by completing one of the comment forms available from the Longridge Town Council website @ <http://www.longridgetowncouncil.com> ; these were to be returned by email for the attention of the Town Clerk, Lesley Lund, to longridgetc@gmail.com; or by post addressed to Longridge Town Clerk, Longridge Town Council, Station Building, Berry Lane, Longridge, PR3 3JP.
- 2.10 The comments and responses to the comments received at this informal consultation stage are set out in Table 2.

Table 2. Informal Consultation Responses		
Summary of Comments	Steering Group Comments	Changes to Plan
It is too little too late. Longridge is already ruined by too much of the wrong type of housing development	Comment Noted.	No change to plan.
Old Railway - no talk of protection of the route to enable reinstatement of railway or tram line	Comment Noted.	No change to plan.
Improvements of the townscape should include the making good of unmade roads	Need to clarify which roads but not an NDP matter – No change to plan	No change to plan.
Provision for complete pavements on new developments (copies supplied) Dilworth Lane	This has already been raised by Town Council. Not an NDP matter	No change to plan.
Provision of traffic calming to new developments i.e. Dilworth Lane, Lower Lane, Blackburn Road, as the LCC had previously surveyed the area of new roundabout.	Comment noted.	NDP to seek to include references to traffic impacts in criteria based policies.
Provision off street parking/joint partnership with existing parking areas and enforcement of existing parking restrictions.	Comment noted	Car park management enforcement not an NDP matter. No change to the Plan.

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Provision for the good road surface to Town Areas as to help the Revive and Thrive of Longridge Town Centre	Not an NDP matter.	No change to the Plan.
The document should have been sent out direct to all residents/business owners to enable their comments to be heard, as many residents don't have internet access.	Note concern but not feasible or	Comment noted
Redwood Play Area - Plan already made to open and fit 2 paths through the play area for cycles and foot traffic. This is a small area for small children and is well used. Is there not enough planned to be able to leave this play area as it is.	Noted	No change to the Plan.
POLICY LNDP9 - PROTECTING VIEWS - ITEM 1 The view North is already adversely affected by on builders' plans that have the go ahead. What mitigating measures have been incorporated to ensure the view is not adversely affected?	Noted but too late to take mitigation action	No change to the Plan.
POLICY LNDP9 - PROTECTING VIEWS - ITEM 6 Is also being affected similarly by builders' plans	Noted but too late to take mitigation action	No change to the Plan.

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INFRASTRUCTURE c + d) Surface Water and sewerage drain capacity improvements. Developer contributions should be demanded of large scale developers especially where it is obvious existing capacity is already barely adequate.	Comment noted	NDP to incorporate policy on Infrastructure.
a) Road capacity - Insistence on road safety measures such as pedestrian controlled zebra crossings. Such approval from LCC should be granted before any approval of development plans.	Comment noted.	NDP to seek to include references to traffic measures in criteria based policies and will include an infrastructure policy.
General comment - overall the consultation draft is a worthy effort and all involved in this work should be applauded. It is a pity that its significance was not appreciated earlier for the drafting to begin.	Noted	No change to the Plan.
The plan needs to be joined up with Preston's plans - housing over the district boundary impinges greatly on everything in Longridge from sewers, traffic, doctors, schools.	Noted	No change to the Plan.
Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood Plan. Refers to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.	Noted	No change to the Plan but NE advice will be considered in Regulation 14 Draft.

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EMPLOYMENT - strongly encouraged to have employment opportunities	Comment noted.	NDP will have policy on town centre and protecting employment site but will not seek to allocate employment sites.

3.0 Strategic Environmental Assessment/Habitat Regulations Assessment

- 3.1 Kirkwells carried out a screening for the purposes of Strategic Environmental Assessment/Habitat Regulations Assessment in June 2016 at the same time as consultation on the informal consultation draft. This is submitted separately as the “Environment Report” and it was determined that a full SEA/HRA was not required.

4.0 Regulation 14 Consultation – Longridge Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan 17th October 2016 to 28th November 2016

4.1 The public consultation on the Longridge Draft Neighbourhood Plan was carried out in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Pre-submission consultation and publicity, paragraph 14. This states that:

Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—

(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area

(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii) details of how to make representations; and

(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

4.2 The Longridge Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was published for the minimum 6 weeks' consultation from **17th October 2016 to 28th November 2016**. Copies of the plan were available online on the Town Council web site. Copies of the plan were available to download along with a response form (Appendix 3). Hard copies of the plan were available on request from the clerk. Also published alongside the Regulation 14 Draft Plan was the *Planning Policy Assessment and Evidence Base Review* and the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening. Comment forms or comments made in other formats were to be returned by email for the attention of the Town Clerk, Lesley Lund, to longridgetc@gmail.com; or by post addressed to Longridge Town Clerk, Longridge Town Council, Station Building, Berry Lane, Longridge, PR3 3JP by the 28th November deadline.

4.3 The consultation was widely publicised in the neighbourhood area using local press and by repeating the methods used at the informal consultation, see Section 2.

5.0 Consultation Responses to the Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Plan

- 5.1 30 responses were received during the Regulation 14 consultation.
- 5.2 Table 1 summarises the responses and sets out the Town Council's response and action in relation to each response. Table 2 summarises the responses from RVBC and the Town Council's response and agreed action to each response.

Table 1 Regulation 14 Responses

Name	Policy No/Pg No	Summary of Comments	Town Council Response
1. Warren Hilton	none	Thank you for inviting Highways England to comment upon the draft Neighbourhood plan for Longridge. Highways England is responsible for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) within England, the nearest routes to Longridge being M6, M65 and M61 motorways. Highways England has no specific comment to make regarding the draft local plan, but would wish to be kept informed of any specific development proposal(s) that could result in there being a severe traffic impact upon the SRN, in particular M6 junction 31 and M55 junction 1.	Comment noted. No change.
2. Mr Geoffrey David Gray	page 71 policy LNPD9	Consideration for addition to policy LNPD9 Protecting significant views - The significant view I would like to propose is the view South from Swarbrick Court/Marketplace This stunning view overlooks the hills east to Pendle, and south to the River Ribble valley, Mellor and Salmesbury, Winter Hill and Darwen Tower. Urge composers of the plan to visit the site on a clear day and recognise its suitability for inclusion. Photos and plan provided.	Comment noted. Already recognised in plan via view 6, LNPD9.
3. The Coal Authority		No specific comments to make. Any future enquiries contact a member of Planning and Local Authority Liaison at The Coal Authority .	Comment noted. No change.

Name	Policy No/Pg No	Summary of Comments	Town Council Response
4. Natural England		No specific comments to make.	Comment noted. No change.
5. Sport England		<p>Planning policy in the national planning policy framework identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities.Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process and providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type and in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. this means positive planning for sport, protection from unnecessary loss of sports facilities and an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land and community facilities provision is important. It is therefore important that the LNP reflects national policy for sport as set out in the above document with particular references to Pars 73 and 74 to ensure proposals comply with National Planning Policy.</p>	Comment noted. No change to plan. The site seeks to protect open spaces and recreation sites.
6. Warren Hilton Highways England		Duplicate of no. 1.	See above.

Name	Policy No/Pg No	Summary of Comments	Town Council Response
7. Marine Management		<p>The Marine Management Organisation is a non departmental Government Body responsible for the management of England's marine area on behalf of the UK government. Te MMO's delivery functions are: marine planning, marine licensing, wildlife licensing and enforcement, marine protected area management, marine emergencies, fisheries management and issuing European grants.....goes on to discuss ...the NPPF informed MASS guidance requires local mineral planning authorities to prepare Local Aggregate Assessments, these assessments have to consider the opportunities and constrains of all mineral supplies into their planning regions.....</p>	<p>Comment noted. No change.</p>
8.Alan Heaton - Longridge Mountaineering and peregrination Society	Page 28 LNDP2 Comment	<p>In my opinion there are few if any affordable houses suitable for first time buyers included in the recent, current and on-going developments in Longridge. However, on recent viewing of small dwellings on the Cromwell Heights development (in Longridge but in Preston Borough) I discovered that some of the smaller houses are subsidised by the Preston Council. this help to first time buyers was of little use to my son who lives less than one mile away from the development but does not live in the Preston borough so was not eligible to apply . Could it be possible that the Ribble Valley Council may be able to adopt such a policy to help first time buyers?</p>	<p>Comment noted. No change.</p>

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9. Alan Heaton - LUMPS	Page 45 LNDP13 Comment	With regard to community assets I have a great interest in the sporting facilities, or lack of, in Longridge. Your plan mentions a swimming pool and renovation of the Civic Hall two subjects that have often been debated, in particular the lack of a sizeable swimming pool. My concern is the existing sports facilities in the town. Which other town has a sports centre that doesn't open for sports facilities to the general public at weekends or during the day? There isn't a tennis court in Longridge not even at the schools. so before we can even think about a swimming pool or spending money on the Civic Hall we should think about a proper Sports Centre, a facility that our town is long overdue	Comment noted. No change.
10. Alan Heaton - LUMPS	Page 44 LNDP13 Support	Support - The idea of a Longridge Loop is a great idea which is a must and one which we should ensure is developed along with all the housing developments in Longridge. I assume that the loop would require several traffic controlling systems which should already be part of the housing developments due to the increase in the volume of traffic in the area caused by the developments. Following the Longridge Loop a link to the guild wheel should be the next project to push for development. These walking/cycling routes would create necessary off road recreation in the area that is long overdue.	Supporting comment noted.

Name	Policy No/Pg No	Summary of Comments	Town Council Response
11. Andrew White Secretary Longridge Heritage Centre	Page 32 LNDP 5 - Support		Supporting comment. Noted.
12. Andrew White Secretary Longridge Heritage Centre	Page 34 LNDP 6 -Support		Supporting comment. Noted.
13. Andrew White Secretary Longridge Heritage Centre	Page 35 LNDP7 - Support		Supporting comment. Noted.
14. Andrew White Secretary Longridge Heritage Centre	Page 37 LNDP8 - Support		Supporting comment. Noted.
15. Andrew White Secretary Longridge Heritage Centre	Page 39 LNDP9 - Support		Supporting comment. Noted.
16. Andrew White Secretary Longridge Heritage Centre	Page 44 LNDP13 Support		Supporting comment. Noted.

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17. Andrew White Secretary Longridge Heritage Centre	Page 46 LNDP14 - Support		Supporting comment. Noted.
18. Andrew White Secretary Longridge Heritage Centre	Page 48 LNDP15 - Support		Supporting comment. Noted.
19. Alan Kefford	Page 49 Policy 16 - Object	Object to proposed increase of commercial/industrial development in Longridge. There will be an increase in traffic on roads already under strain, to the East of the Town particularly. People just having moved in or in the process of purchasing new properties in this area, will be unhappy to find more traffic and more noise on their doorsteps. Jobs are needed but why on the East side of Longridge. The South and West are places to site commercial units with good access to motorways and major A roads. Ribble Valley is promoted as a major tourist attraction let's keep it so.	Comment noted. NDP does not allocate additional sites, but protects existing employment sites.
20. Rodey & Diana Swarbrick	Page 44? LNDP13 Object/Comment	In principle support the value of recreation and exercise as a source of public benefit. However we note with great concern specifically the aspiration to incorporate Green Nook Lane into the potential Longridge Loop for multiple users. GNL is a private road and public footpath only. Significantly it was not designated a bridleway nor does it link to one. GNL services 11 private	Comment noted. No change. Town Council to contact in relation to specific concern.

Name	Policy No/Pg No	Summary of Comments	Town Council Response
		<p>properties. 16 cars commute daily. Higher Green Nook Farm also generates vehicular movements daily. Most of GNL is characterised by no passing places, deep dykes, soft verges and seral blind bends. Northern junction has dangerous sight lines GNL/B5269. The Loop is sketched to cross Shay Lane near its <i>cul de sac</i> to the south. Here is another potentially dangerous crossing. From a line on the map to execution will require much detailed consideration consultation and probably profession and legal considerations and costs.....</p>	
<p>21. David and Catherine Connor</p>	<p>Page49 Policy 16 - object</p>	<p>Please replace the current para 5.35 with a paragraph stating that - The roads through and around Longridge are absolutely unsuitable for lorries and GVs and new businesses that might require these should be location by the motorway. In fact with the new housing developments around Longridge the roads are already beyond their capacity limits for all traffic. Longridge's local employment zones are naturally by the motorway. At the very least they should be to the west of Longridge to avoid traffic going through Longridge. Any other locations are unsuitable due to adverse impacts of generated traffic including noise and vibration inflicted on people's homes, safety especially passing churches, schools and play areas, safety on the narrow lanes and roads, and impact on the quality of life of residents.</p>	<p>Comment noted. No change.</p>

Name	Policy No/Pg No	Summary of Comments	Town Council Response
		Development in the centre or to the east of Longridge would be nonsensical. Lorries, HGVs and speeding vans are an anathema to cyclists and tourists, which I believe to be the groups of LND really wants to promote along with Quality of Life for residents.	
22. David Williams	Page 49 Policy 16 - Object	We lived in Lower lane from 1990 - 1999 with only the occasional roar of passing motorbikes and speeding cars. HGVs were not a feature at that time. In 2014 we moved from Thornley to the new estate off Dilworth Lane backing onto Lower lane. HGVs have become a worsening aspect of traffic noise with a high percentage coming from the Cleggs site. Giving planning permission to increase the support of distribution centres and industrial sites on the Easter fringe of Longridge would significantly increase the amount of HGVs passing through Longridge and turn a pleasant place to live into a location that no tourist would consider visiting.	Comment noted. No change.
23. Grimsargh Parish Council	General Comment	Grimsargh Parish council are concerned about the increase in traffic in Grimsargh especially caused by the new developments proposed in Longridge. We also have concerns that there should be no merging of settlements between Longridge and Grimsargh.	Comment noted. No change.
24. Rupert and Deborah Kent	Appendix C LNDP13 object	Shocked to see that despite previous objections to the proposed routing of the Longridge Loop down Green Nook Lane this component remains in the plans. Validity of objections already made remain in their entirety in so far	Comment noted. No change. Town Council to contact in relation to specific concern.

Name	Policy No/Pg No	Summary of Comments	Town Council Response
		<p>as: GNL is a designated footpath not a bridleway or cycle route. Lower Green Nook Lane making up approx 50% of the road length is categorically unsafe for use beyond the current use case including but not limited to for the following reasons: uneven slippery surface, hidden ditches both sides, no safe passing places, visibility severely limited on approach to coppiced area by the Savick Brook. Footpath leading from Lower Green Nook Lane to Shay Lane is narrow and consists of a mud surface. during times of flooding this part of the route is unsuitable even for pedestrian access. A number of accidents occur each year due to vehicles travelling too fast and crashing into the ditches on either side of the road. Lower Green Nook Lane is entirely privately owned with public access granted to pedestrians only. Longridge Loop although great in concept will require a much more thorough assessment of the routing if it is to be a viable safe and sustainable asset to the town into the future as the proposed Green Nook Lane component is undoubtedly ill conceived.</p>	

Name	Policy No/Pg No	Summary of Comments	Town Council Response
25.Gillian and Paul Newman	Appendix C LNDP13 object	<p>Objection to proposed routing of Longridge Loop down Green Nook Lane. Validity of objections already made remain: G NL has incorrectly been referred to as a minor track when it is a designated footpath with 50% of the lane in private ownership. It is not a bridleway or cycle route. Lower Green Nook Lane making up approx 50% of the road length is categorically unsafe for use beyond the current use case including but not limited to the following reasons: surface uneven and slippery, hidden ditches, no safe passing places for residents vehicles or farm machinery meeting anything other than pedestrians, visibility is severely limited on approach to the coppiced area by the Svick Brook representing a safety hazard. Footpath leading from Lower Green Nook Lane to Shay Lane is narrow and consists of a mud surface. During times of flooding, this part of the route is unsuitable even for pedestrian access, let alone any extension to the use case. Several accidents occur each year due to vehicles travelling too fast and crashing into the ditches either side of the road. Lower Green Nook Lane is entirely privately owned with public access granted to pedestrians only. I have been a resident for many years and whilst I appreciate the need to improve the economic and social advancement of Longridge I believe the proposed green Nook Lane components undoubtedly ill conceived and financially</p>	<p>Comment noted. No change. Town Council to contact in relation to specific concern.</p>

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		<p>unsustainable. In these Austere times when local government funding has been cut is this a justifiable use of public funds when there are other pressing priorities</p>	
26 Jim White	Comment	<p>Does not appear to be any mention of the importance of the City of Preston and the effect it has on the draft Town Plan. Longridge shares nearly half of its border with the CoP this undoubtedly restricts and will control much of everything that the Town Plan wishes to put in place. LNP should reflect this as we have seen over 500 allocations for housing on the CoP border with Longridge, with very little consideration for Longridge and its inhabitants. CoP has not allocated any work or facilities for this and therefore these will have a tremendous impact on the Town Plan. CoP has not taken into account the housing needs of Longridge and the Ribble Valleys plan and their Core Strategy. CoP has taken away important jobs and industrial land for housing from Longridge with no replacement sites allocated. Albeit a possible aldi Supermarket currently under</p>	<p>Comment noted. No change. NDP has been prepared to take account of strategic planning policy – see Basic Conditions Statement..</p>

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		<p>planning application in the CoP. again this will have an impact on the Town Plan. Any extension to Shay Lane Industrial Estate will rely on the CoP Council working with RVBC there is little evidence of this so far. In addition Queens Mil and Carefoots are restricted by the border and any extensions to these would need CoP permission. Provision of Sport/Recreation is also a consideration as both the Fottball Club and half of the cricket club lie within CoP. On the Southern and Western border of Longridge there is still land which the CoP will no doubt receive future planning permissions, of which any would affect the LNP. The Town Plan must request greater cohesive working between the RVBC and CoP Councils.</p>	
27. Geoff Dawson	Page 39 Policy 9 Comment	<p>Housing mix needs to include bungalows. This is in addition to the provision of bungalows within the 30% affordable housing. The growing elderly population need accommodation without stairs.Older people living together or with family members need a downstairs toilet.</p>	<p>Comment noted. No change, NDP includes a policy on housing mix..</p>
28. Geoff Dawson	Page 27 Policy 1 Comment	<p>LNDP4 - b) requires Traffic calming measures and reduction in traffic speeds but only mentions routes through the town centre. Traffic calming and enforcement of speed limits are also required on Lower lane and Dilworth Lane traffic here frequently travels at 40, 50 and 60mph and the speed limit is 30.</p>	<p>Comment noted. No change.</p>

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29. Geoff Dawson	Page 31 Policy 4 Comment	Please add following to Policy LNDR 9 - protecting significant views - view down Calfcote Lane from its junction with Dilworth lane This is a spectacular view. Sprawling housing estates, industrial areas and by passes would wreck it.	Comment noted. Already recognised in plan via view 6, LNDR9.

Table 2 RVBC Regulation 14 Responses

Longridge NDP Suggested Response to RVBC Comments

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Page 10	We support the point made here about NP general conformity with Core Strategy (CS) but, as mentioned in relation to specific policies below, we feel that throughout the plan there could be better connections made with associated Core Strategy policies whilst retaining a genuine Longridge slant. This will help avoid confusion and delay, help RVBC planning staff to implement the plan and avoid sub optimal outcomes.	Add sub-section under each policy as follows “Relevant RVBC Core Strategy policies...”
Page 12 para 2.4	Mentions the evidence base including a wide variety of documents that are summarised in the “Planning Policy Assessment and Evidence Base Review” that accompanies this plan. We have not been able to access these documents to assess how well the policies are connected to them. It might help if they were also referenced within the justification of the individual policies.	Make Planning Policy Assessment available to RVBC and put on Town Council web site if not already done so.
Page 12 para 2.6 and associated table.	The Table is unclear, it is assumed that the original is based on a web version, it is not obvious in hard copy form what the various statements in the “percentages” column mean eg “Settlement definition” and also the attached comments to the statements such as “Strongly disagree” etc. Also there is no indication of how many responses were received in total or as a percentage of the Longridge population to enable an assessment as to how representative this sample might be?	Revise table.
Page 22 Fig 7	It is unclear in hard copy version, being difficult to distinguish between RV, Longridge and England in the histogram columns – a graphical representation issue.	Revise Figure 7.
Chapter 3 in general	There is good coverage of housing issues in the latter part of the chapter however this could also, given the employment related policies later in the document, mention employment land issues and	Add in additional information on employment as suggested.

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	evidence based indications of lack of employment sites (such as the RVBC BE Employment Study 2013). This should also be well related to the policies under Objective 6 later.	
Policy LDNP 1	<p>Policy LDNP 1 states “The final proposed (<i>housing</i>) mix on all sites will be agreed with the Town Council in advance of planning permission being granted”. While the Town Council is a statutory consultee in the planning process and can make comments through that status on applications which would be enhanced by a Neighbourhood Plan this phrase could be interpreted as implying a power of veto on behalf of the Town Council which it does not possess. We would suggest that this phrase be removed from the policy completely.</p> <p>Given the above also, if, as para 5.4 implies, the NP supports the mix requirements stated in the CS policies H2 and H3, then it is unclear what this policy adds to the CS position though we welcome the explicit link to the Core Strategy in relation to the important issue of housing.</p>	Policy to be suitably amended to include suitable consultation with Town Council and to include information on allocations policy of RVBC for information purposes only.
Para 5.5	Para 5.5 mentions the apparent veto again.	Policy to be suitably amended to include suitable consultation with Town Council and to include information on allocations policy of RVBC for information purposes only.
Para 5.6	Para 5.6 mentions Longridge Housing Needs information being used, which is quite correct, but it should also mention that wider housing needs information for the whole of the Borough will also play a part in the levels of housing placed in Longridge. This would avoid any confusion over Longridge’s housing development being perceived as wholly relating to its specific Housing Needs evidence. This also relates to the issue of the local housing “cascade “ criteria mentioned below under the Affordable Housing policy.	Amend as suggested.

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<p>Policy LNDP2 - Affordable Housing</p>	<p>Policy LNDP2 - Affordable Housing – Whilst the policy appears to use elements of CS policy H3 in terms of thresholds and focus on older people (quoted as “elderly” in the NP policy wording) it does not mention other elements of H3 such as reductions to 20%, viability tests and associated percentages in H3 para 6. This could cause potentially unhelpful confusion in interpretation between the NP policy and the CS policy.</p> <p>Also the policy states that provision should include a “proportion of bungalows” without particular evidence links or suggesting what this proportion might be.</p> <p>It also seems to state that a “suitable proportion” should be for first time buyers without also mentioning affordable rent options, again this could cause confusion with CS policies. Is it the intention of the NP policy to support all elements of CS H3?, if so an unambiguous statement to this effect in the plan would avoid potential confusion.</p> <p>It also appears to state that the Town Council should in some way be involved in nominations, policy para 3). Again this could be perceived as giving a power of veto to the Town Council over nominations that lie formally with other bodies such the Strategic Housing function of RVBC. We would suggest that this perception be removed by rewording</p> <p>The policy appears to generalise a more complex housing needs cascade for nominations by stating that this was “<u>ie</u> live, work or returning to the area”. This could cause confusion. The NP policy appears to state that only when this generalised process is exhausted should units be offered to those outside the area. We suggest that a more detailed explanation of the current cascade system operated by RVBC be included here linked to a fuller explanation in an Appendix to the Plan. This would aid interpretation of the policy and help local people understand the process if they are unclear.</p>	<p>Bring in to line with CS policy.</p> <p>Change “elderly” to “older”. Amend references to “bungalows” and first time buyers to refer to “This provision should include a range of tenures and types of homes to help meet identified housing needs in the neighbourhood area, for example by including Lifetime Homes, and properties suitable for older people and people with mobility problems (e.g. bungalows) and properties suitable for first time buyers.</p> <p>Remove references to nominations. Explain process in Background/Justification. Including reference to RVBC “Addressing Housing Need”</p>

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	<p>Also the policy then includes a potentially confusing reference to community facilities infrastructure contributions once affordable housing requirements have been met. Is this intended as the only kind of local infrastructure contribution that is being sought? If so this does not appear to square with LDNP3 policy.</p> <p>The policy could also reference the RVBC “Addressing Housing Need” document as this explains the detailed approach to this complex issue.</p>	
<p>Para 5.9</p>	<p>Para 5.9 re-iterates the apparent implication that the Town Council be formally involved in nominations to affordable dwellings mentioned above. It also appears to imply that the current nomination cascade is not being followed ie that non local people are approved before local candidates are exhausted. This is not the case and this possible implication should be removed.</p>	<p>See above.</p>
<p>LDNP3 Policy – Infrastructure for New Development</p>	<p>LDNP3 Policy – Infrastructure for New Development</p> <p>This states that additional infrastructure needs generated by the development must be addressed before permission is granted. The word “must” is not supported by national planning policy with planning obligations being negotiated through , among other matters, a series of tests. Planning contributions are often staged throughout a development rather than all having to be provided up front. Re wording is required here.</p> <p>The policy then goes on to mention that planning approvals will be conditioned so that necessary infrastructure is in place at appropriate times in the phasing of development. It would be helpful to better link the two sentences ie that infrastructure provision will be properly conditioned and linked to the phasing of any proposal. This process is the current system and therefore this policy re-states the current planning system. Is this statement of the current position needed or helpful?</p>	<p>Replace “must” with “should”.</p> <p>Amend second sentence as suggested.</p> <p>Is this statement of the current position needed or helpful? Yes, it reassures people that such issues will properly be taken into account in Longridge and helps residents to understand how and when they are taken into account.</p> <p>The list of specified elements is: “to indicate that these are the priority elements and that there are others (for instance in the Core Strategy Policy DMI 1)”. Make this reference clear and refer to Policy DMI 1.</p>

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	<p>It may be helpful for the policy to outline in more detail what the process of negotiating infrastructure improvement is to aid in local understanding of this contentious issue.</p> <p>The policy then goes on to apparently select a specific set of elements that apparently must be taken into account in terms of infrastructure implications of development proposals. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site access, highway provision and public transport provision • Accessibility for access by foot and by cycle • Surface water drainage and SUDs • “Improvements” to waste water and sewage systems • Additional capacity for local services such as health and schools <p>To avoid confusion is it the intention of this policy in relation to new development to indicate that these are the only elements of infrastructure that need to be addressed by development proposals (ie a Longridge list) <u>or</u> to indicate that these are the priority elements and that there are others (for instance in the Core Strategy Policy DMI 1) <u>or</u> that there are many potential elements of infrastructure provision that any development proposal may involve and that the elements in the NP policy above are merely an indicative sample of this wide variety of infrastructure. If the latter it would then be useful to illustrate what this wider view of potential infrastructure could be. These could cause confusion in interpreting this policy alongside the Core Strategy and clarification is urged.</p> <p>To aid with this interpretation it would have been helpful if para 5.12 in stating that infrastructure providers have been engaged, stated who had been engaged and what their positions in general were, ie generalised school place needs, water provision etc. This again would help local people to better understand the complexities of this contentious and important area of planning.</p>	<p>Add in consultation references.</p> <p>Add in cross-reference to DMI 1 and how NDP and CS work together.</p>

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	<p>Also there are no references in this policy to relevant parts of the Core Strategy such as DMI 1 and how the NP works with the CS. This would avoid potential confusion and make clearer what the NP adds by way of specific local interpretation, to the CS positions. This in turn will make it easier for RVBC planning officers when it comes to implementing both plans' policies.</p>	
<p>LNDP 4 - Developer Contributions and CIL.</p>	<p>LNDP 4 - Developer Contributions and CIL. It is unclear here what the priorities in seeking contributions are to be. There is no reference to CS Policy DMI 1 Planning Obligations, which clearly states, while making clear that there are a large potential number of areas that could be part of obligations negotiations (see CS 8.7,) the following order of priority in seeking obligations is: Affordable Housing, Highway Safety Improvements, Open Space, Education and also goes on to mention the need for viability assessments in the case of differences of opinion over provision. The NP policy appears to state a number of elements that are either the priority obligations elements for Longridge or the only elements to be provided through obligations. It does not mention affordable housing. LNDP elements are: Highway improvements for walking and cycling, traffic calming, increasing public and community transport, enhanced cycle routes and finally the refurbishment of the Civic Hall. What is the evidence behind the selection of the above elements? Whose priorities are they? Is this to be interpreted as the Longridge position on obligations?</p>	<p>See above in relation to relationship between NDP and CS. Cross-reference with DMI 1.</p>
<p>LDNP 5 - Longridge Design Principles</p>	<p>LDNP 5 - Longridge Design Principles There is no reference to the design elements stated in CS DMG1 (Design and other sections), DME 2, DME1, EN3, the GPDO and indeed non planning legislation. If this policy is to be the Longridge</p>	<p>Cross-reference with CS. Clarify relationship with CS policies i.e. read in parallel.</p>

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	<p>detailed additions to the general CS policies then it could be helpful if this was stated. Also within the above a statement to the effect that the NP policies are to be read in parallel with the CS would also help. This is to avoid any confusion in implementation.</p> <p>Is it the intention of the long list of elements included in the policy to be taken as an exhaustive list or an illustrative one? There are dangers in the former as design can incorporate a very wide set of issues.</p> <p>Also the height restriction to a two storey norm within the NP policy may be beyond the boundaries of current national policy without a very specific set of evidence that is not apparent in the NP document. It would help if the policy could state how the NP goes beyond existing policy protections and positions in the CS ie what is genuinely “Longridge” about it.</p>	<p>To avoid list being seen as “exhaustive” add in new criterion “And they positively address any other design issue that has been identified as having a significant adverse impact on local character and distinctiveness”.</p> <p>b) iv on “height” remove reference to two-storeys.</p>
LNDP6 - Preserving and Enhancing Our Local Heritage	<p>LNDP6 - Preserving and Enhancing Our Local Heritage</p> <p>It would be helpful if the title of this policy included the term “designated heritage asset” as it appears that this is what it relates to and the following policy LDNP7 relates to non- designated ones. It is difficult to see what this policy adds to the CS. Indeed the policy wording includes a reference to CS EN5 and states that there will be a presumption in favour of preservation and enhancement, which itself is included within EN5 policy wording. The remaining text justification appears to be a short schedule of Longridge’s listed buildings and the justification of the Longridge Conservation Area.</p> <p>Also the NP policy does not make a connection with CS DME 4 Protecting Heritage Assets</p>	<p>Comment noted policy to be amended and retained in NDP.</p>
LDNP 7 - Development Affecting Non- Designated	<p>LDNP 7 - Development Affecting Non- Designated Heritage Assets</p> <p>While the policy includes a list of non-designated assets it is not clear what evidence underpins the development of this list and the policy so that it can gain any weight in decision making. There is a statement in para 5.19 that it has been developed using Historic England guidance</p>	<p>Evidence has been gathered, Plan has been subject to informal and formal public consultation.</p>

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Heritage Assets	but this guidance seems to suggest, among other things, that the development of criteria to select the sites mentioned needs public consultation. There is no evidence in the plan that this has taken place.	
LDNP 8 - Landscape	LDNP 8 - Landscape There is no mention of how this proposed policy is meant to sit alongside and relate to the relevant CS policies such as EN2 (Landscape), DME2, DME3, DME4 though it contains elements of some of these. There could be the potential to cause confusion between the NP policy and the CS policies which could lead to less than optimal decisions. Has any evidence relating to local landscape appraisal been created?	Cross reference with CS. Remove any conflict or duplication. No local landscape appraisal has been carried out.
LDNP 9 - Protecting Significant Views	LDNP 9 - Protecting Significant Views We feel that this policy could not easily be implemented without more detail and needs more clarity. Also the accompanying map in Appendix C has arrows pointing in different directions than the policy text.	Add further detail to policy. Remove contradictions between policy and Appendix C.
LDNP 10 - Longridge Town Centre	LDNP 10 - Longridge Town Centre While it is understood that the various categories of uses in the policy are to be “supported” it is unclear as to the purpose of this policy, is it to encourage these uses in particular? There is no mention of CS town centre or retail policies and it should be noted that there are several categories of uses set out as Main Town Centre Uses in the NPPF glossary of definitions that are not mentioned in this NP policy. There is the potential for possible confusion here which needs to be avoided. Also the map boundaries for the Longridge Town Centre in the NP are slightly different from those in the Proposed Draft Proposals Maps within the RVBC Housing and Economic Development DPD that was consulted on in 2016 (Reg 18 consultation). The two plans, the NP and the RVBC DPD should have the same town centre boundaries to	Remove conflict/duplication with CS. Amend TC boundary to be same as in RVBC Housing and Economic Development DPD.

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	avoid potential confusion in the application of policies in relation to any future planning applications.	
LDNP 11 - Shop Fronts	No comment	Noted.
LDNP 12- Protecting Existing Community Assets	<p>LDNP 12- Protecting Existing Community Assets This policy presents a list of buildings that are suggested as Community Assets. The policy states that “they will be protected for community use” and, after the list, this statement is qualified with the statement that the loss of any of them would only be supported if equivalent or better provision is made elsewhere in the village. We assume that the policy is meant to refer to the “town” rather than village. While it is absolutely understood that the intention to protect such assets is very important unfortunately it is difficult to see how this policy of “equivalent” replacement provision could be enforced through the planning system in the face of changes eg to local funding arrangements, as has been witnessed recently in relation to some local library closures. Also there is no indication as to the evidence lying behind the selection of the sites in this list. Presumably they are to be regarded as an exhaustive list? Again there is no mention of the NPPF compliant CS policy EC2 Development of Retail, Shops, and Community Facilities and Services. This could create unhelpful confusion.</p>	<p>No significant change. Similar policies used in other NDPs. Cross reference with CS policy EC2.</p>
LDNP 13 - Development of New and Improvement of Existing Community Assets	<p>LDNP 13 - Development of New and Improvement of Existing Community Assets This policy includes a list of sites that require improvement. We understand the local aspiration for these sites to be improved but it is unclear as to how such a policy could be implemented. Is the intention to link this list to planning obligations requirements set out in NP policies LDNP3 and 4. If so then there should be a formal link in</p>	<p>Comment noted. Add in further information on implementation in Background/Justification.</p>

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	<p>the policy as well as a link to relevant CS Obligations policy DMI 1. Also are these sites all within the priority categories set out in LDNP 3 and 4?</p>	
<p>LDNP 14 - Protecting and Enhancing Local Green Spaces</p>	<p>LDNP 14 - Protecting and Enhancing Local Green Spaces</p> <p>This policy lays out a series of sites as “local green spaces” on Figures 24 and 25 and 26 then a series of Open Spaces on Figures 27 to 29. It is unclear whether the intention of the policy is to designate the former formally within Local Green Space planning guidance (see PPG on Open Space, Sports and Recreation, Public Rights of Way and Local Green Spaces) or more informally as open spaces or only the figure 27 to 29 sites as such. If the intention is the former then this is a separate process which will need to be gone through, separate from the Neighbourhood Plan and the NPlan policy here cannot create them as Local Green Space.</p> <p>In parallel to the NP the RVBC Housing and Economic Development DPD (HEDPD) that was subject to consultation in 2016 contains several sites in the Longridge area as “existing open space” and proposes to protect them through CS policies such as DMB4. It placed all these sites on draft revised Proposals Maps that were a part of the consultation. Many of the sites on NP Figures 24 to 29 are marked as existing open spaces (Policy DMB4) on the Proposals map but the John Smiths Playing Fields site in the NPlan Figure 24 is a smaller area than the HEDPD Proposals Map site.</p> <p>The Longridge Town Council were consulted within the DPD consultations. We note that the Alston Wetlands site may not appear on the HEDPD draft Proposals Map. NPlan Figure 27 site 6 does not</p>	<p>No change. The spaces are identified as Local Green Spaces under paras. 76 to 78 of NPPF. The guidance referred to is not relevant.</p> <p>Bring NDP maps in to line with t RVBC Housing and Economic Development DPD maps.</p> <p>Clarify reasons for identifying site 6.</p> <p>Cross-reference with CS.</p> <p>“very special circumstances” is defined in NPPF – include cross-reference in Policy LNDP14.</p>

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	<p>appear on the HEDPD Proposals Map as existing open space, on what basis does the NPlan wish to protect it? (see next policy below)</p> <p>Again the relevant CS policies are not mentioned here. Also potentially unclear is the interpretation that could be placed on the NP policy's statement relating to the "very special circumstances" that would allow these spaces to be used for other purposes. This could make these sites vulnerable to policy confusion. Better links to the relevant Core Strategy policies would again help.</p>	
<p>LDNP 15 - Protecting and Enhancing Open Spaces and Recreation Facilities</p>	<p>LDNP 15 - Protecting and Enhancing Open Spaces and Recreation Facilities</p> <p>Is the list of sites proposed for protection under this policy an exhaustive one? Also is the wording of the circumstances that would allow their change in this NP policy equivalent in intent and effectiveness to the CS Open Space DMB4 text? Also para 5.33 could also be similarly ambiguous. Also are all these sites placed as existing open spaces on the HEDPD Proposals Maps mentioned under LDNP 14 above? Figure 27 Site 6 appears not to be on the HEDPD Proposals Map, is it an existing open space which the public can access?</p>	<p>List is exhaustive.</p> <p>Check consistency with DMB4.</p> <p>Amend para 5.33.</p> <p>Check sites with RVBC Housing and Economic Development DPD.</p> <p>Clarify reasons for identifying site 6.</p>
<p>LDNP 16 - Protecting Local Employment Sites</p>	<p>LDNP 16 - Protecting Local Employment Sites</p> <p>Welcome references to CS policies DMB1 and DMB3 and EC1. In relation to the HEDPD mentioned above are all the sites mentioned in this NP policy placed on the HEDPD revised Proposals Maps as Existing Employment Sites? No representations that they should be were made in the HEDPD consultations of 2016. Some sites marked</p>	<p>Compare sites with RVBC Housing and Economic Development DPD – remove inconsistencies. Add in justification reason for any additional sites.</p>

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	in Figures 30 and 31 do not appear on the HEDPD draft Proposals Maps as Committed Employment Sites under policy DMB1.	

Appendices

Appendix 1

Longridge Town Council

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Mission Statement

Endeavour, through foresight and leadership, to enhance quality of life for Longridge residents and visitors.
Working to enrich facilities and nurture opportunity,
to protect and improve the built and natural environment, and promote community pride.

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2015

Members of the Town Council: Cllr Sarah Rainford (Mayor 2015/16), Cllr Rupert Swarbrick (Deputy Mayor 2015/16), Cllr Stephen Ashcroft, Cllr Rose Adamson, Cllr Rosemary Beacham, Cllr Stuart Tyrer, Cllr Stuart Carefoot, Cllr Jim Rogerson, Cllr Mike Everett, Cllr Greg Priest, Cllr David Moon, Cllr Paul Byrne.

Town Clerk: Lesley Lund **Administrative Assistant:** Jane Watton

The Town Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The meetings start at 7.00pm and are held in the Station Buildings, off Berry Lane. There is an opportunity at the beginning of each meeting to address the Council under the Public Participation item. Anyone wishing to speak has 3 minutes in which to bring their ideas, comments or concerns to the Council's attention.

The Town Council office is situated in the Old Station Buildings off Berry Lane, Longridge. Opening hours at present are 9 -11am on **Mondays and Wednesdays** but if you wish to speak to Lesley, the Town Clerk, please feel free to ring the Council on 01772 782461 and she will do her best to arrange a convenient day and time for you to come in.

It is proposed by the Council to produce a quarterly newsletter to the parishioners of Longridge in order to try and keep you informed of what the Town Council is doing. This newsletter is a pilot which due to time constraints has not been delivered to the whole of Longridge so please pass it on if you think someone else may wish to read it and **please let us have your views**. It is also hoped that it can be used as a document in order to get the views of the community in respect of the proposed Longridge Neighbourhood Plan which when adopted will form part of the Development Policy and will be regarded as an important document in regards to the future of Longridge.



Tour of Britain 7th September 2015

Excitement is mounting as Longridge is now only a short time away from Stage 2 of the Tour of Britain passing through Longridge on the 7th September. There is a huge buzz in the air as Longridge businesses, schools and community interest groups unite with an ever increasing line up of events!

Yellow and Red posters appeared everywhere in Longridge to celebrate a weekend of healthy living, yellow bikes adorn railings, shops windows and have been suspended above shops and businesses within Longridge to promote the event and Longridge as a fantastic place to live, visit and do business.

The newly formed Longridge Community Group have worked incredibly hard to make the event memorable. The group has brought together Town Councillors, members of the Longridge Business Group, The Heritage Centre, The Rotary Club and the Longridge Community Gym.



Cllr Sarah Rainford commented "I am incredibly impressed with the fantastic community spirit and how quickly everyone has volunteered to get involved, I believe we have a great opportunity to showcase Longridge as one of Lancashire's gems". Norman Tenray, CEO of DBAS comments "Its great being involved with a project that makes a difference, I love working with enthusiastic and proactive people and am looking forward to a great event, its great to see the local community working together in a cohesive and focused way"

The Mayor Cllr Sarah Rainford and Nigel Evans MP

"The Mound"

Earlier this year councillors decided that it would be a good idea if the man made path known locally as The "Mound" that runs from the Bowling Green on the Towneley Gardens to the Recreation Ground and the Doctor's surgery off Berry Lane and which has been used as an unofficial path for many years be formally made into a proper tarmac footpath. Longridge Town Council is hoping that this will be used as a safer route to school, the doctor's and the shops in Berry Lane.

Longridge Neighbourhood Plan

This is a very exciting time for the Town Council we are currently working with on the first draft of the Longridge Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Council would like to acknowledge all of the work carried out so far by members of the group and in particular members who made a big contribution but are no longer part of the current group. We would also welcome new members to the group if you are interested please contact Lesley, the Town Clerk by email, telephone or letter (contact details on page 1)

We would like to get feedback from all of our residents on the plan as it evolves and currently we are working on the vision, objectives and policies of the plan.

Although the plan cannot stop development it can be used to influence what we as a community want Longridge to be like to live, work or have business here.

We would like to consult with you and get your comments on the 'vision' and also Objective2 which discusses Infrastructure:

"The Vision

By 2028 Longridge will be regarded by its residents as a vibrant town in which to live, work and play having retained a blend of urban and rural characteristics.

Residents of all ages will play an active part in the community life of the town and have access to a range of healthy leisure activities including the Longridge Loop and designated green and open spaces.

Highways will be well maintained and be free from congestion; there will be adequate parking facilities in and adjacent to the town centre.

The town centre will have a wide range of retail premises attractive not only to residents but also visitors and will retain those physical characteristics related to Longridge's history.

Employment opportunities will be enhanced by the protection of existing industrial units and the creation of new business premises.

Community facilities, such as the Civic Hall, will have been developed and enhanced commensurate with the increased demand from a larger population."

Objective 2

To Ensure a Suitable Level of Infrastructure is in Place

LNDP 4 Ensuring New Development Provides Appropriate Infrastructure

Any additional infrastructure requirements by a proposed new development must be addressed before planning approval is granted. Approvals will be conditioned so that necessary infrastructure is in place at appropriate times in the phasing of the development.

In particular, the following will be taken into account when assessing proposals.

- a) Site access and the need for any additional road and parking capacity and public transport provision.*
- b) New infrastructure to ensure the development is accessible by foot and cycle.*
- c) The additional impact on both foul and surface water drainage systems and the proposed measures to counteract the possibility of flooding.*
- d) The need for additional capacity in local services such as schools and health facilities.*

LNDP 5 Developer Contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy

Developer contributions and Community Infrastructure Payments will be sought towards the following within the Town Council area.

- a) Highway improvement schemes to promote the safety of pedestrians and cycle users.*
- b) Traffic calming measures, pedestrian priority schemes and the reduction in traffic speeds on town centre routes.*
- c) Increasing public and community transport to and from the town centre and surrounding areas.*
- d) Enhanced provision of cycle routes to and from the town.*
- e) The refurbishment/development of the Civic Hall and other community facilities.*
- f) The development of the Longridge Loop.*

Comments on the Vision or the Objective 2 Infrastructure to The Town Clerk by 30 September 2015

Future Projects

The Longridge Loop

The Town Council is hoping to provide a cycling, walking pathway around Longridge of approximately 4 to 5 miles similar to the Guild Wheel. The Council is also hoping to make most if not all wheelchair accessible. It is in its infancy stage and where possible is making use of existing Bridleways and footpaths. The Council have been talking to the new housing developers that have had plans passed in the hope that any Bridleways or footpaths on or adjacent to their land will be updated and improved with the Longridge Loop in mind. Nothing is set in stone and plans may have to be changed and adapted to accommodate such a path which may take years to complete but if we do not start it will never get finished.

Appendix 2 – List of consultees

Historic England

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Highways Agency

Chorley South Ribble NHS CCG

Lancashire Fire and Rescue

Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Natural England

United Utilities

NHS

Longridge CAFÉ

Longridge High School

St Wilfreds School

Ribble Valley BC

Preston City Council

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Longridge Field Day

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Longridge Social Enterprise Company

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Appendix 3

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Consultee No.

Representation No.

Longridge Neighbourhood Plan

**Formal Consultation 17th October 2016 to 28th
November 2016**

Representation Form

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ONE FORM FOR EVERY COMMENT MADE

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Organisation	
Address	
Email	
Tel. No.	

Please state to which part of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan your representation refers. (Please indicate with X)

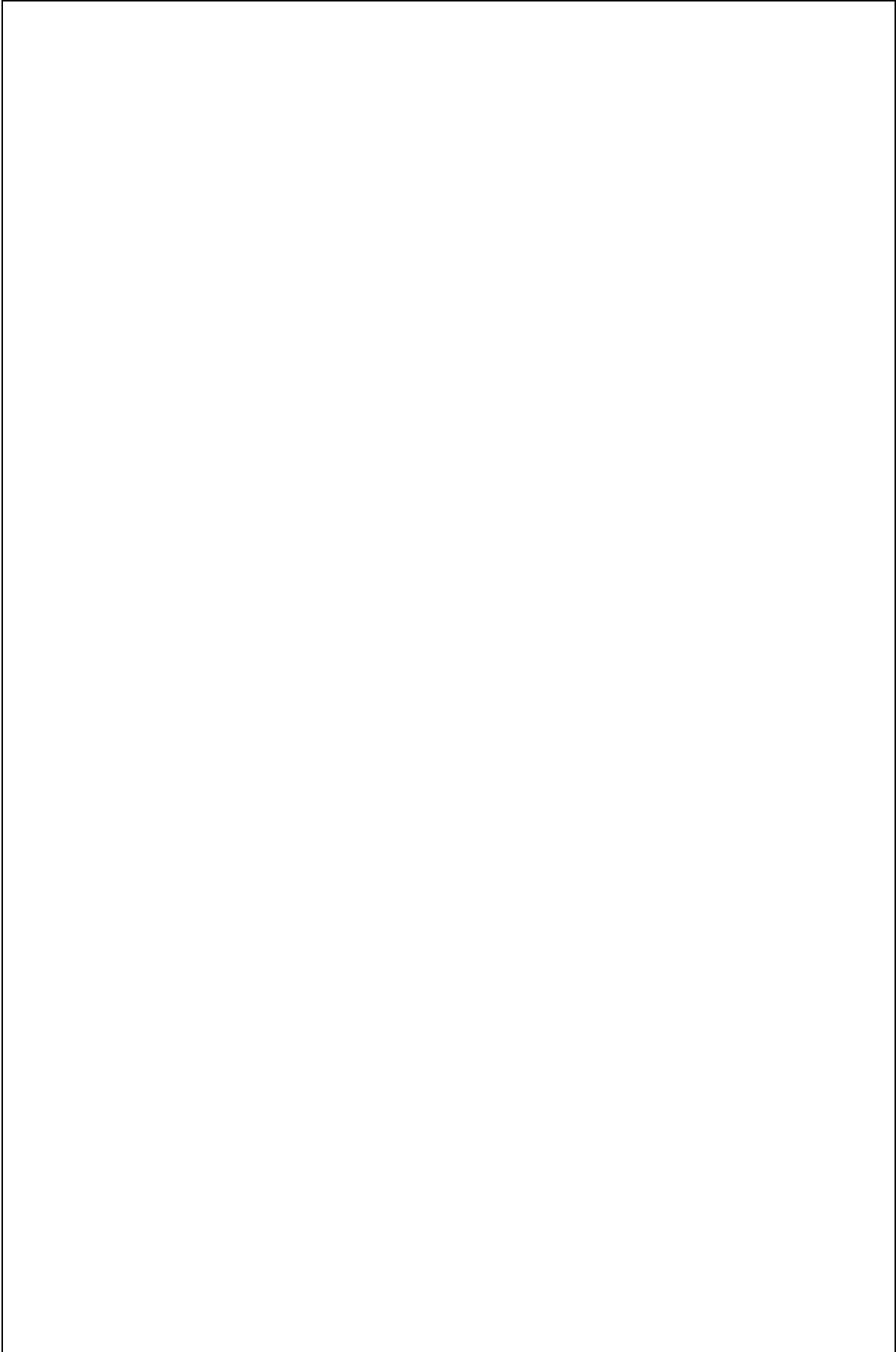
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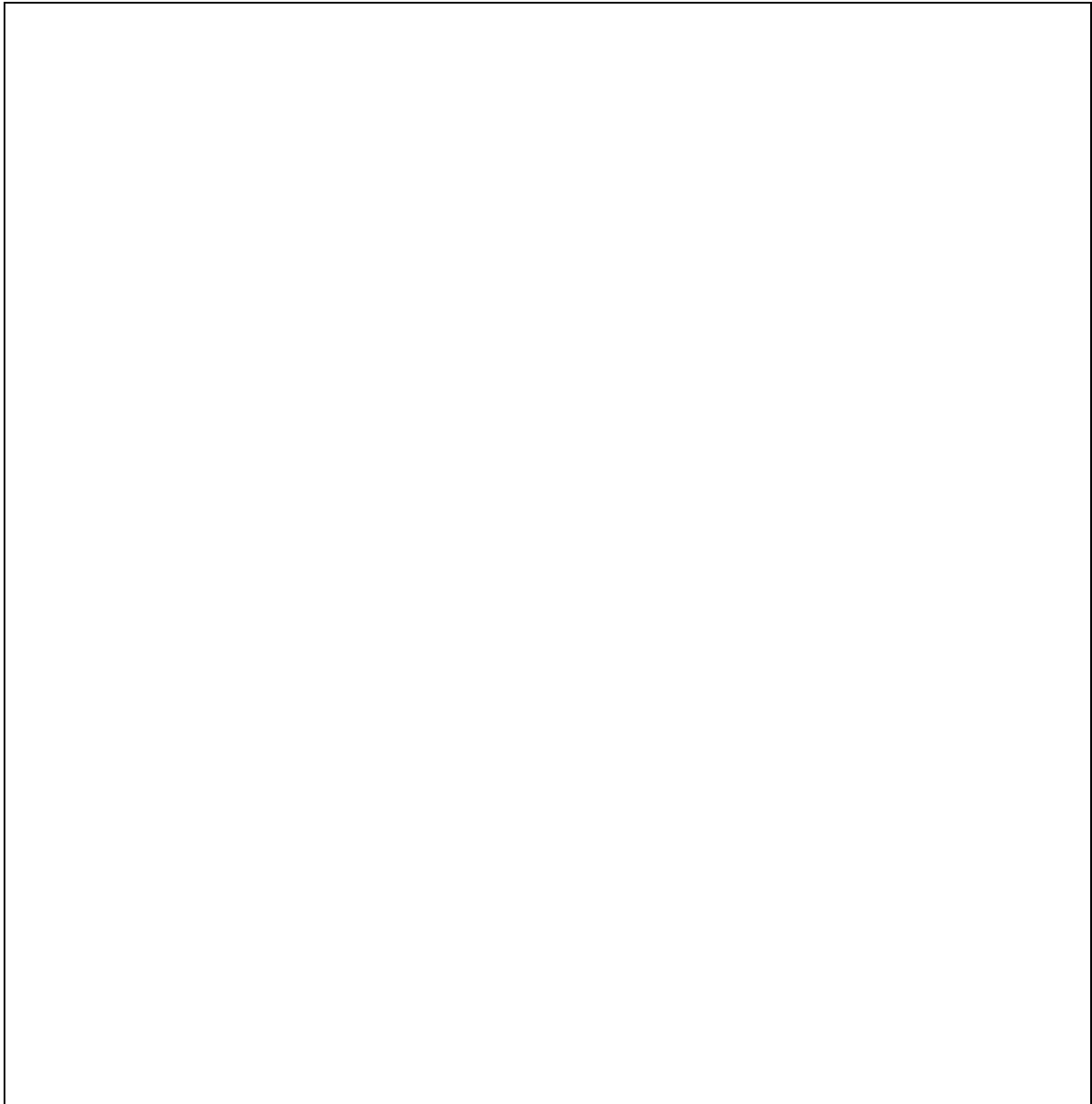
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Thank you for your time and interest. Please return this form to longridgetc@gmail.com or Longridge Town Council, Station Building, Berry Lane, Longridge PR3 3JP by no later than 7pm on 28th November 2016.

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