

Moulton Neighbourhood Development Plan

2014 - 2029



Our Community – Our Decisions

Submission Version

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preface

This Moulton Neighbourhood Development Plan (MNDP) has been produced by the Moulton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, led by Moulton Parish Council, in consultation with the local community.

This plan is the pre-submission version which has been informed by public consultation and supporting documents, which can be found in the Evidence Base. Following this consultation this MNDP will be submitted to Daventry District Council.

How the plan is organised

The plan is divided into four sections:

Section 1: Introduction

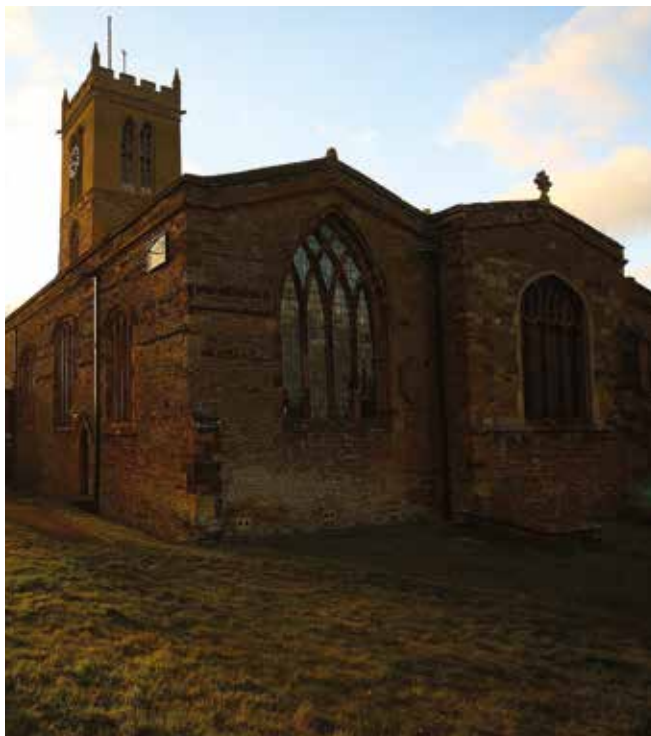
This section sets out:

- How the Moulton Neighbourhood Development Plan (MNDP) fits into the planning system.
- An overview of the initial stages of public consultation and how it has influenced the development of the MNDP.
- About Moulton – a brief overview of Moulton today.

Section 2: Vision, Key Issues & Core Objectives 2014 - 2029

This section sets out:

- The overall vision for Moulton in future years.
- Key issues facing the parish.
- Core objectives of the MNDP.



Section 3: The Policies of the Moulton Neighbourhood Development Plan

This section sets out:

- Policies to deliver the overall vision for our community.
- Monitoring and review of the Plan.

Section 4: Supporting Information

This section includes:

- Glossary of Terms.
- Acknowledgements.
- Reference Documents.
- Evidence Base.

Section 1: Introduction

1.1: Introduction

This document has been prepared by the Moulton Neighbourhood Development Plan (MNDP) Steering Group, led by Moulton Parish Council. In September 2013 Moulton Parish Council secured funding totalling £17,000, £10,000 funded from the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund and £7,000 funded from the Community Development Foundation to assist with the completion of an NDP worthy of this exceptional community.

The MNDP is a planning document that will achieve the vision for Moulton until 2029. It is part of the Government's new approach to planning, which aims to give local people more say about what goes on in their area. This is set out in the 'Localism Act' that came into force in April 2012.

The majority of Moulton Parish (Fig 1) on page 4 has been formally designated as a Neighbourhood Area through an application made in May 2012 under the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (part 2 S6) and which was approved by Daventry District Council (DDC) in December 2012.

The West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (WNJCS) designates a small area of the parish as part of the Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA). This part of the NRDA is known as the North Northamptonshire Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) and is excluded from the designated Neighbourhood Area.

The MNDP provides a vision for the future of Moulton and sets out clear policies to help realise this vision. These policies have regard to national planning policy set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and generally conform with the strategic policies of the adopted development plan which presently comprises the WNJCS and 'saved policies' of the Daventry District Local Plan 1997 as required by the Localism Act. The MNDP has been developed through extensive consultation with the residents of Moulton and others with an interest in our community.

The MNDP provides local people with the opportunity to have control over where development should go and to influence it for the benefit of the community. The MNDP will assist in guiding future development and protecting the Conservation Area and existing local green spaces, together with the character of the village.

The MNDP is about making our community and its surroundings a place where people are happy to live, work and visit; ensuring that the leisure, community facilities and infrastructure meets the requirements. It lays the foundation for the aspiration for Moulton and its immediate surroundings to be that 'better place'.

An NDP describes the area it serves and lists the changes, developments and improvements that local residents, community and voluntary groups and service providers would like to see. This is done by:

- Forming a Steering Group, including local people and service providers, to decide the best way to gather views locally.
- Consultations to reach those whose voices that are not normally heard.
- Consultations to identify the most important local issues.
- Creating opportunities for service providers and local people to work out practical steps to improve the issues identified.

It is important to note and to highlight the positive aspects of a local area as identified by those living and working in it.

The final MNDP is adopted formally by Daventry District Council. Local people are given the chance to endorse the MNDP publicly by means of a referendum. This ensures the MNDP has the backing of local people and service providers.

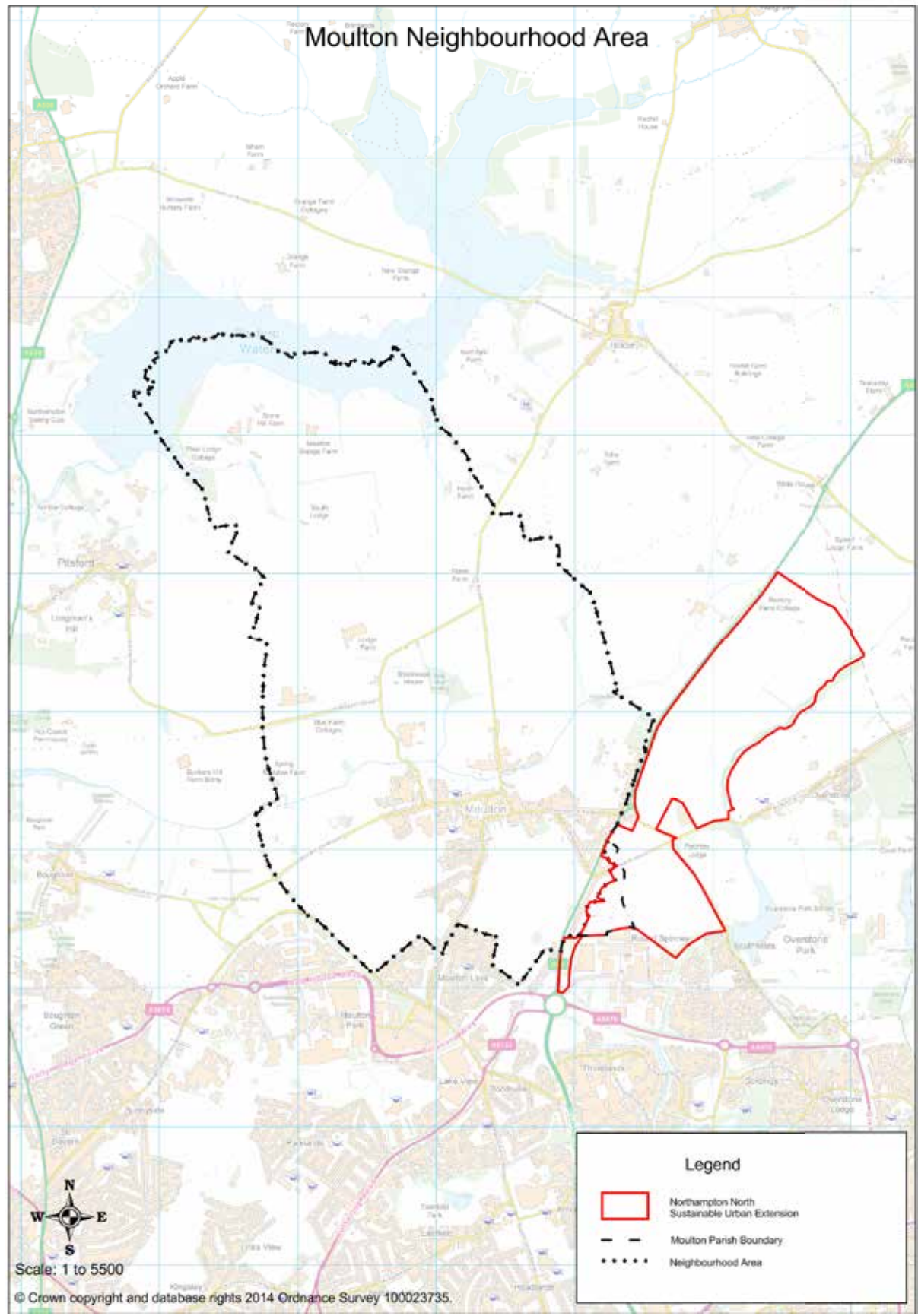
The MNDP Steering Group, which was formed in July 2012, identified key themes which they felt were particularly applicable to Moulton.

These are:

- Sustainable Community.
- Housing Needs.
- Jobs and the Local Economy.
- Protecting the Environment.
- Improving Community Services, including recreation and sport.

These themes have guided both the process of the consultation and the reporting of the findings described in this document.

Fig. 1 – Moulton Neighbourhood Area



1.2: What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

Although deciding where new housing, infrastructure and community facilities should go is an important part of the NDP, its scope is much wider than this. The NDP is a plan for the community as a whole. It looks at a wide range of issues, including:

- The development of housing (location, type, tenure etc).
- Transport and access issues – connectivity (roads, cycling, walking etc).
- The provision of leisure and community facilities, schools, places of worship, health, entertainment and youth facilities.
- The protection and creation of open spaces (nature reserves, allotments, sports pitches, play areas, parks and gardens).
- Installation of renewable or alternative energy solutions.
- Protection of important buildings and heritage assets.

1.3: How the Neighbourhood Development Plan fits into the Planning System

Although the Localism Act 2011 aims to give local people the power to decide what happens in their community through the NDP, it sets out a number of ‘basic conditions’ that must be met. These are:

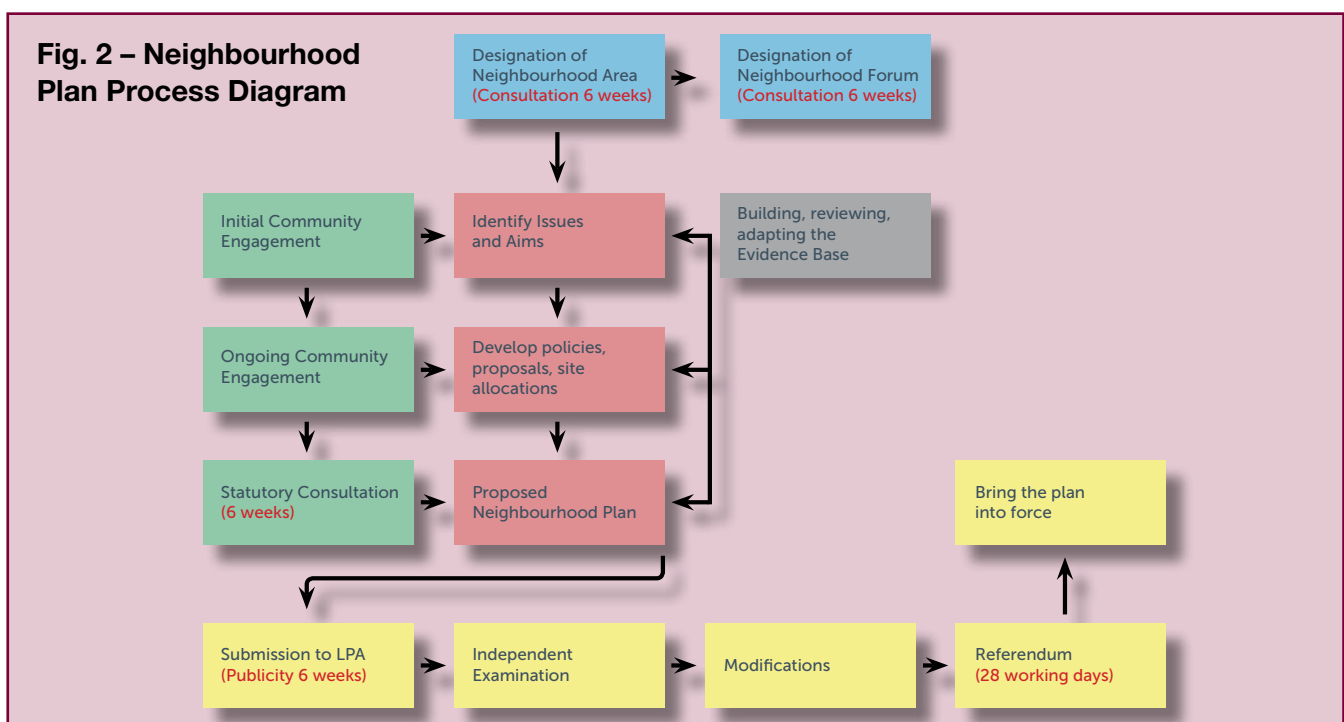
- To have regard to national policy and guidance from the Secretary of State;
- To contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development;

- To generally conform with the strategic policy of the development plan for the area or any part of the area;
- Doesn't breach or is otherwise compatible with EU obligations.

Any NDP is subject to both an independent examination and a referendum – where it must receive a ‘yes’ from at least 50% of the vote in order to progress. If accepted and ratified by the referendum, and DDC are satisfied that the NDP meets the ‘basic conditions’ and does not breach EU legislation, they will then formally adopt the NDP as part of the development plan for Daventry District.

Fig. 2 below illustrates the Neighbourhood Plan process.

This NDP has been prepared to generally conform with the strategic policies of the WNJCS and the strategic ‘saved policies’ of the Daventry District Local Plan (1997). Neighbourhood Plans do not cover minerals and waste matters and that development plan policy for such matters is contained within the adopted Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (2014), see section 8a in the evidence base. The NDP has been prepared for the period to 2029 in accordance with the WNJCS. The policies in the NDP should be read as a whole, alongside the policies of the WNJCS and the ‘saved policies’ of the Local Plan. Planning applications will still be determined by Daventry District Council. However, the production of the NDP gives local people the power to decide where new housing, infrastructure and community facilities should go and how the village should change. The MNDP will provide an important part of the policy framework for Daventry District Council to make these decisions.



1.4: Sustainability Appraisal

Legislation does not require a NDP to be subject to Sustainability Appraisal, although the ‘qualifying body’, in this case the Parish Council, must demonstrate how the plan will contribute towards sustainable development.

However, the NDP must be screened to determine if a full Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required. Government guidance suggests that an SEA will only be necessary in limited circumstances. DDC has already undertaken the screening process for this NDP.

The MNDP has been prepared to generally conform with the strategic policies of the WJCS and the strategic ‘saved policies’ of the Daventry District Local Plan (1997). Once adopted, the MNDP will become a formal part of the District’s Development Plan.

The land use planning process provides an important means by which sustainable development can be achieved. The MNDP identifies the sustainability issues within the parish and sets out a framework within which economic, social and environmental issues have been considered to determine the Plan’s detailed policies and proposals. The MNDP will help to achieve sustainable development by ensuring that its policies and proposals will meet the needs of people living and working in the parish.

1.5: Community Engagement & Consultation

The MNDP has been produced on behalf of the people of Moulton. It has been developed from the views of local people and organisations using a variety of consultation methods including:

- Resident Surveys
- Business Surveys
- Survey of all Local Groups and Organisations
- Regular meetings of the MNDP Steering Group
- Feedback from MNDP Open Days
- Exhibitions

A significant amount of background information has informed the production of this NDP. This supporting information can be found within the Evidence Base.

A Consultation Statement detailing the consultation process to date has been produced to accompany the NDP; and can be found in section 4a in the Evidence Base.

Consultation Statement Summary

- Recognises the results of previous consultations that have been carried out.
- Focuses on the positives of living in Moulton and how to make the most of the assets of the area.
- Attempts to identify practical, achievable steps which can be taken to address concerns that have been raised.
- Acknowledges that some issues are very complex and no immediate actions are possible, but the plan highlights them so in time they can be addressed. It is important that unresolved issues are not forgotten. The MNDP provides a mechanism for keeping them on the agenda.
- Seeks to capitalise on the strengths of the local community and the exceptional skills, knowledge and expertise of those living and working in it and the significant developments already set in motion by local, voluntary and other organisations.
- Ensures that the widest range of individuals, groups and agencies have taken responsibility for ensuring the implementation of practical measures to address the issues that have been raised.



1.6: The Next Steps

This submission draft of the NDP has been revised and produced as a result of comments submitted from the community of Moulton, consultation bodies and potential developers of sites around the village during a formal 6-week public consultation period.

The draft NDP will now be sent to the Local Planning Authority (DDC) for a further period of public consultation. It will then be the subject of an examination by an independent examiner. Providing the examiner finds that the NDP is sound, with or without modifications, there will then be a referendum at which the people of Moulton will vote on whether to adopt the Plan.

We aim to make Moulton an even better place to be, now and for future generations.

The MNDP aims to reflect residents' needs and aspirations. It suggests positive changes in Moulton parish over the next 15 years to support a population that is expected to grow to over 6000 residents. Positive changes will help local people of all ages to live and work in the area, improve community and healthcare facilities and protect existing local green spaces and important areas for nature conservation.

To achieve these positive changes the MNDP makes provision for:

- A range of additional community facilities, including sporting open space, a new access to Moulton School and associated parking provision.
- Enhanced provision to encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport.
- The protection and enhancement of existing local green spaces.

The MNDP is a vision about how Moulton will develop in the next 15 years. This vision will guide future planning decisions in the area. The NDP includes policies and a series of actions describing where positive changes will happen across the area that will benefit residents and the wider community. Sources of information we have used to prepare the NDP are referred to at the back of this document.

What Moulton parish will be like in the next 15 years:

- A distinct, sustainable, thriving and successful place that provides a high quality of life for all its residents.

- An area with a high standard of education, healthcare and leisure provision.
- A valued built and natural environment and well maintained green open spaces.

1.7: About Moulton

Moulton is a large village of 3500 people in the centre of Northamptonshire. Situated some four miles north-east of the county town of Northampton, it is close to the centre of England. There are some 1500 homes in the community and the oldest cottages in the central figure-of-eight road system are built of the rich dark honey coloured local stone. The oldest part of the village is designated as a Conservation Area, and has many distinctive high raised pathways and several thatched cottages dating back hundreds of years.

The village has a strong community spirit and is a warm friendly place to live. There is a wide variety of community facilities, groups and activities that residents can enjoy. These are largely run by the Parish Council, churches and voluntary based organisations. It has four pubs and a Working Men's Club, as well as thriving church communities and lots of clubs and organisations. Each year in May, a week long programme of events is held under the title of 'Moulton Village Festival'. At the end of summer a music event called 'Party in the Park' also takes place.

Moulton has been significantly affected by the expansion of Northampton, yet still retains a village identity. The boundaries of Moulton parish extend from Pitsford reservoir in the north to Moulton Lane in the south. In the east the A43 (Kettering Road) is the border, with a small quantity of land that adjoins the east side of the A43 near Ashley Lane. The western boundary corresponds with Spectacle Lane.

It is thought that the village has its origins in Saxon times, although the main features of the present church are Norman or later. Moulton is a village of narrow winding lanes, lined by stone-built cottages and houses, nowadays with traffic calming and one-way systems. In the area of Moulton Leys in the south, the Kettering Road takes residents from Moulton to Northampton town centre.

The topography of Moulton is generally flat, but the gradient of land runs from a higher southern elevation in towards lower parts, in the village centre, and then elevates again in a northern direction. At the northern boundary the lower elevations of the reservoir are separated from the village by a strip of high ground.

In the village centre, a tributary of the Nene River flows from the east of the village in a westerly direction where it joins the Nene near Chapel Brampton. Medieval fish ponds in the village were fed from this tributary.

1.8: Demographics

The information contained on this page is a synopsis of the population and household characteristics in the parish. This has been used to inform the production of the MNDP. Full census information is contained in section 2a and 2b in the Evidence Base.

This table shows the age breakdown of residents within Moulton parish.

Source: 2011 Census.

0-15	16-29	30-44	45-64	65+	All Ages
501	571	529	1018	835	3454
14.5%	16.5%	15.3%	29.5%	24.2%	100%

This table shows the population totals of residents within Moulton parish.

Source: 1901 – 2011 Censuses.

1901 Census	1951 Census	1991 Census	2001 Census	2011 Census
1313	2724	3047	3388	3454

Between the period 2001 – 2011, planning permission was granted for an additional 73 houses within Moulton. During the period 2011 – 2014, planning permission for 442 houses was granted.

During the period 2014 – to date, planning permission for 339 houses was granted, making a total of 781 new dwellings.

Alongside this residential growth, Moulton College has delivered a vast expansion programme to the area, including the following:

- Veterinary and garden centre
- Animal therapy centre
- Netball and tennis courts
- Equestrian centre
- Football, hockey and rugby pitches
- Sports injury and rehabilitation centre
- Student social centre
- Student residential buildings
- Formation of athletics track

The above new facilities to Moulton College have been delivered without any improvements to the highway network or indeed any other essential infrastructure. It is clear to see with the continued expansion of the educational establishments and the rapid increase in the number of new dwellings, that infrastructure, especially community, needs to be at the forefront of this NDP.

Both Moulton Primary and Moulton School & Science College have expanded in the last 15 years and Moulton's infrastructure has not been improved to reflect the growing population, including both residents and visitors to the parish.

Section 2: Vision, Key Issues & Core Objectives 2014-2029

2.1: Vision for Moulton

Moulton: A sustainable, vibrant, lively community which retains and improves what is good, whilst embracing positive changes that appropriate development can bring. At the same time, ensuring protection for residents' quality of life and that these improvements are shared by all.

The Moulton Neighbourhood Development Plan (MNDP) will:

- Facilitate a lively, diverse and distinct village identity to underpin our thriving community and ensure day to day services are provided that enable the social and recreational needs of our population to be satisfied whilst protecting and enhancing its built environment, open spaces, adjacent countryside and green infrastructure.
- Ensure new development contributes to the provision of the necessary infrastructure improvements, enhances the present built environment, prevents physical coalescence with the urban area of Northampton and secures open areas (including Local Green Space), woodlands and the networks of footpaths and cycleways.
- Actively encourage measures to reduce traffic congestion and pollution within our village.
- Improve and enhance the local street scenes and protect the environment of the local countryside.
- Conserve and further promote the heritage assets of our community, not only of the built environment.
- Ensure Moulton remains attractive to residents and visitors.

We will achieve the vision by focusing on:

- Continuing to develop and deploy a strategic level of thinking, to enable a co-ordinated approach to managing future development.
- The provision of a variety of open spaces within and surrounding Moulton and retaining the open countryside between the village and adjoining communities, especially Northampton town.
- Providing community infrastructure to ensure all residents' needs are met.
- Ensuring sustainable connectivity between housing and community facilities.

Aims of the Moulton Neighbourhood Development Plan

What will Moulton look like in the future? We accept that there will be some development and expansion but the community will have a considerable say in what and where in order to preserve the rural and village way of life. Our aims are to improve facilities for all generations – better recreational areas and facilities for all our residents; the possibility of more local employment and assistance for young families; affordable housing for our children to purchase and so remain in the area. Sheltered or assisted housing for our senior population so they can remain in the area. Improved transport facilities. A safe environment for all.

Our NDP considers where investment can be made to maintain and improve the current infrastructure and community facilities for the Parish and surrounding areas.

We should ensure that adequate public transport is available at all times to support people working or studying in the surrounding areas. This should also benefit the community, particularly in the evenings and at the weekends to access community services, ie – doctors, library and other leisure and social facilities.

We should promote better use of existing community and educational facilities for sports and recreational activities to promote health, general well-being and an improved lifestyle. It would be of benefit to the local community to build on the already existing sports facilities at Moulton School and Moulton College, both available to be used by community groups.

We should identify additional open spaces that are suitable for the development of outdoor play/recreation areas and continue to maintain and improve the current facilities. This would benefit the whole community and could create better links to residential areas with additional cycle and footpaths.

Facilities specifically for young people should be considered with a view to provide a youth club or “Youth Café” that could be shared with other local community groups of differing ages during the day.

- We choose to live here.
- We like living here.
- We welcome people coming to live here.



2.2: Key Issues

Moulton needs to provide a range of different services as well as housing, ie – community facilities, education, library and healthcare facilities for existing and new residents. It is important that good public transport, walking and cycling accesses are provided so that people from our community and surrounding villages can get to them easily.

Summary of Key Issues

As both the number of houses and the population grows with additional development it is essential that a plan is put in place to understand, develop and fund these services and activities so they are available to support a significant increase in the local population.

To review and support additional capacity within existing organisations. As the new developments are better understood, a profile of the housing growth can be outlined so that it is clearly understood when additional capacity is required.

Quality improvements of existing and additional services. As well as catering for an increased population, it is key that the quality of the services being provided is assessed and understood so that it is clear what level of investment is required to make sure that both capacity and also high quality services are available for the expanded population.

There is a ‘Once in a Generation’ opportunity with funding and support available from a number of schemes to deliver a programme of improvements for Moulton’s community services.

A survey of village groups and organisations, combined with the results from the Residents Surveys, showed a need to maintain and enhance community facilities to support the increase in population. The provision of services will be subject to ongoing assessment and

consultation, including public participation and will be monitored by the Parish Council throughout the Plan period.

Whilst many important areas for improvement are currently known it is impossible to know at this stage every facility that will be needed throughout the period of housing growth and delivery. An on-going assessment will be maintained by the Parish Council to ensure that support will be provided through to and beyond 2029.

A list of community infrastructure priorities will be developed and periodically reviewed by the Parish Council in conjunction with Daventry District Council to ensure that they are current with community needs over the period of housing development, see section 11d in Evidence Base.

Regular reviews across the growth period with the District and County Councils will allow an on-going assessment and prioritisation of funding priorities as it is expected that the list will evolve and change over the growth period. A set of criteria will be developed to ensure effective management of the available funding.

The views expressed by local residents at the various consultation events reflected and reinforced much of the evidence gathered through the Evidence Base, particularly in respect of the concerns that residents have on the impact of additional housing on local facilities and services. In summary, the key issues that the NDP for Moulton must address are:



1. HOUSING

- Housing in Moulton has expanded rapidly over a relatively short time period but facilities and amenities have not increased accordingly, leaving a significant gap.
- Identifying potential pressures that new development will place on already stretched amenities and planning to accommodate new residents.
- Any new housing should be supported by adequate infrastructure.

- Allocate piece of land adjacent to Community Hub for Complementary Community facility.
- DDC Leisure Centre East (still at feasibility stage)
- Upgrade Barlow Lane and other car parks to meet current and future needs. Identify and take opportunities to provide additional car parking where this will assist parking conditions within the village.
- Need to enhance and expand sporting and recreational provision to meet current and anticipated demand.

2. PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Moulton has been and remains a focus for development (residential, educational and commercial) from which it has gained little to date. It is vital to reaffirm the importance of retaining our distinct village character by means of designating Areas of Separation, whilst ensuring that development that will bring significant community benefits is provided for.
- Preservation of important open spaces and prevention of coalescence with Northampton.
- Protection of the historic core of Moulton and ensuring that the Conservation Area character is preserved and maintained.
- Retain village identity by ensuring adequate provision is made for new residents.
- Protection of heritage assets.

4. CREATING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

- Improve and enhance Safer Routes to School.
- Aim to reduce school and college traffic (destination traffic), particularly the difficult conditions in Pound Lane at the beginning and end of the school day.
- Aim to reduce through traffic.
- Public transport needs to keep pace with new developments, increasing services, developing routes etc.
- Traffic movements from new developments need to acknowledge increase.
- Reducing reliance on cars for local trips.
- Address lack of cycle routes and enhance opportunities.

3. IMPROVING COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCLUDING SPORT AND RECREATION

- Retaining and enhancing existing facilities – public services eg library and schools and other local services.

5. JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

- Recognising major employers – Moulton College, Moulton Schools and adjacent Round Spinney and Moulton Park.
- Encouraging local businesses and recognising their contribution.
- Encouraging local enterprise.

2.3: The Core Objectives of the Moulton Neighbourhood Development Plan

The core objectives are based on the key issues raised by local people. They have been summarised by the Steering Group to form the basis of the MNDP.

The delivery of the NDP will have the following objectives at its core:

1. Control development to avoid further physical coalescence with the urban area of Northampton and its identified Sustainable Urban Extensions in order to protect the Countryside and maintain the distinct separate physical character and identity of Moulton;
2. Provide housing which meets the needs of the diverse and growing community;
3. Provide and improve local leisure facilities, including a new community centre, additional sporting provision, new and expanded healthcare facility, services and amenities in tandem with any new housing development;
4. Improve public transport and traffic management, including enhanced parking provision for sporting, educational and community use in tandem with new housing development;
5. Preserve important existing local green spaces and create new green space for the community, improving access to the surrounding countryside via new housing developments.

The delivery of the actions arising will have to be achieved in partnership with public sector, private bodies and stakeholders such as landowners, developers and the community. To this end the Steering Group will be widened to include representatives of other bodies who will both monitor progress and the delivery of the Plan.

The Plan fully accords with the requirements for public consultation as set out in the Localism Act. Details of the consultation have been recorded in a report called the 'Consultation Statement' which is in section 4a in the Evidence Base. It is also available to download from

the Moulton Parish Council's website via the following link: www.moultonparishcouncil.org.uk

In setting objectives it is appropriate to consider both the Parish Council's aspirations as lead body for the preparation of the Plan and the communities' expression of matters that are directly important to life in Moulton. For a locally distinctive Plan it is appropriate to develop a range of locally specific objectives designed to meet community needs and expectations. These underpin the draft policies whose use and implementation should seek to support and deliver the objectives and contribute towards sustainable development in the Parish. The proposed objectives have been refined following the various stages of community engagement. The objectives intend that the Plan should:

- Provide a positive framework within which decisions on planning applications can be made for the benefit of continuing the sustainability across the Parish.
- Minimise or, where possible, reduce our impact on the environment and resources reasonably required to live and enjoy life in the Parish of Moulton.
- Encourage provision of housing, including affordable housing to meet identified needs where doing so would not significantly and adversely affect the quality of the local environment.
- Support and encourage the continued provision of social, community, recreational and other leisure infrastructure required to meet local business, community and visitor needs.
- Conserve and enhance the landscape, biodiversity, natural habitats and cultural heritage of the Parish.

2.4: Housing Growth in Moulton Parish & Moulton Ward

Housing Predictions

There has been significant pressure for residential development in recent years which will have an impact

on the population of the Parish and its services and facilities. As at July 2015 the sites that have planning permission and other known sites are set out in the tables below. Fig. 3 on page 15 illustrates housing developments in Moulton Ward, reflecting the tables below.

Table 1 – Moulton Parish – Sites that have approved Planning Permission

Development Name	House Total	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	Developer
Alibone Close	16	0	16	0	0	0	Gayton Retirement
Boughton Road	32	0	6	6	20	0	David Wilson
Sandy Hill Lane	145	0	16	75	36	18	Taylor Wimpey
Northampton Lane North	150	9	45	47	43	6	Redrow
Sandy Hill Lane 2	27	0	6	16	5	0	Taylor Wimpey
Marsh Spinney	85	0	9	44	21	11	Roundhill
David Wilson 2	56	0	10	16	26	4	David Wilson
Salisbury Landscapes	70	0	16	35	13	6	Salisbury Landscapes
Sub-total	581	9	124	239	164	45	

Table 2 – Moulton Parish – Northampton North SUE

Development Name	House Total	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	Developer
Overstone Leys – SUE – Moulton Parish	200	10	20	98	47	25	Approved
Sub-total	200	10	20	98	47	25	
Moulton Parish Total	781	19	144	337	211	70	

Table 3 – Moulton Parish – Known sites without Planning Permission

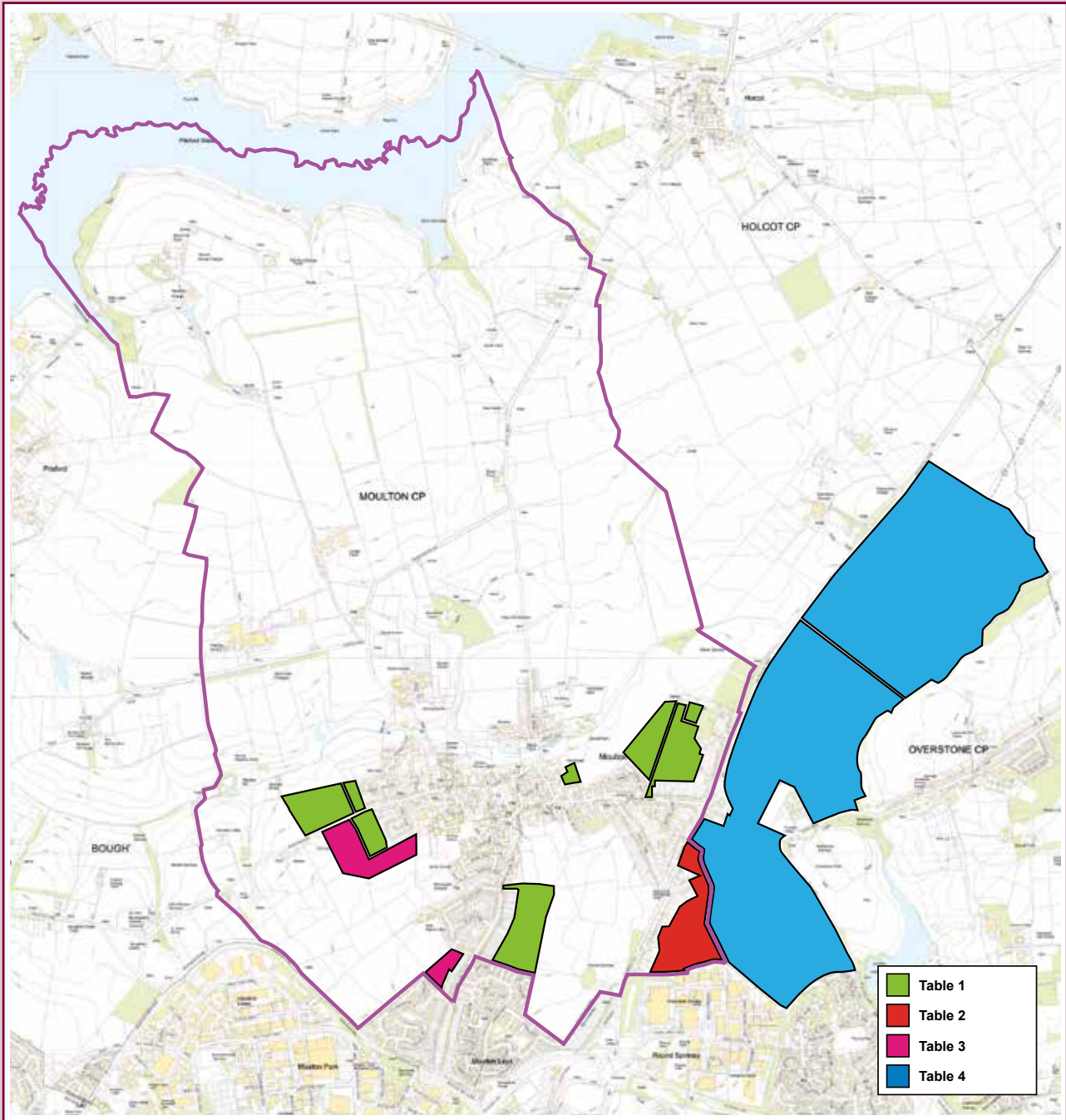
Development Name	House Total	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	Current Status
Hallam Land	125	7	14	57	31	16	Pending
Barwood Homes	42	0	18	12	4	8	Application due July 2015
Sub-total	167	7	32	69	35	24	
Moulton Parish Total	948	26	176	406	246	94	

Table 4 – Moulton Ward

Development Name	House Total	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	Current Status
Overstone Leys – SUE – Overstone Parish	1800	90	176	886	425	223	Approved
Overstone Green	1500	0	166	776	372	186	Application due Autumn 2015
Sub-total	3300	90	342	1662	797	409	
Moulton Ward Total	4248	116	518	2068	1043	503	

Table 4 shows the expected housing growth in Moulton Ward. The Northampton North SUE (Overstone Leys and Overstone Green) comprising of 3500 units is intended to meet the needs of Northampton. Although sited in Daventry District, the site is designated as a Northampton Related Development Area (NRDA).

Fig. 3 – Housing Developments in Moulton Ward



2.5: Population Growth in Moulton Parish & Moulton Ward

Growth predictions based on NCC guidelines

The population growth that results from this level of housing expansion means that 2559 additional new residents will reside within Moulton parish.

An adjacent Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) development will bring an additional 11745 residents, residing in the Moulton Ward.

Table 1 below shows the breakdown and totals of existing and new dwellings and residents in Moulton parish.

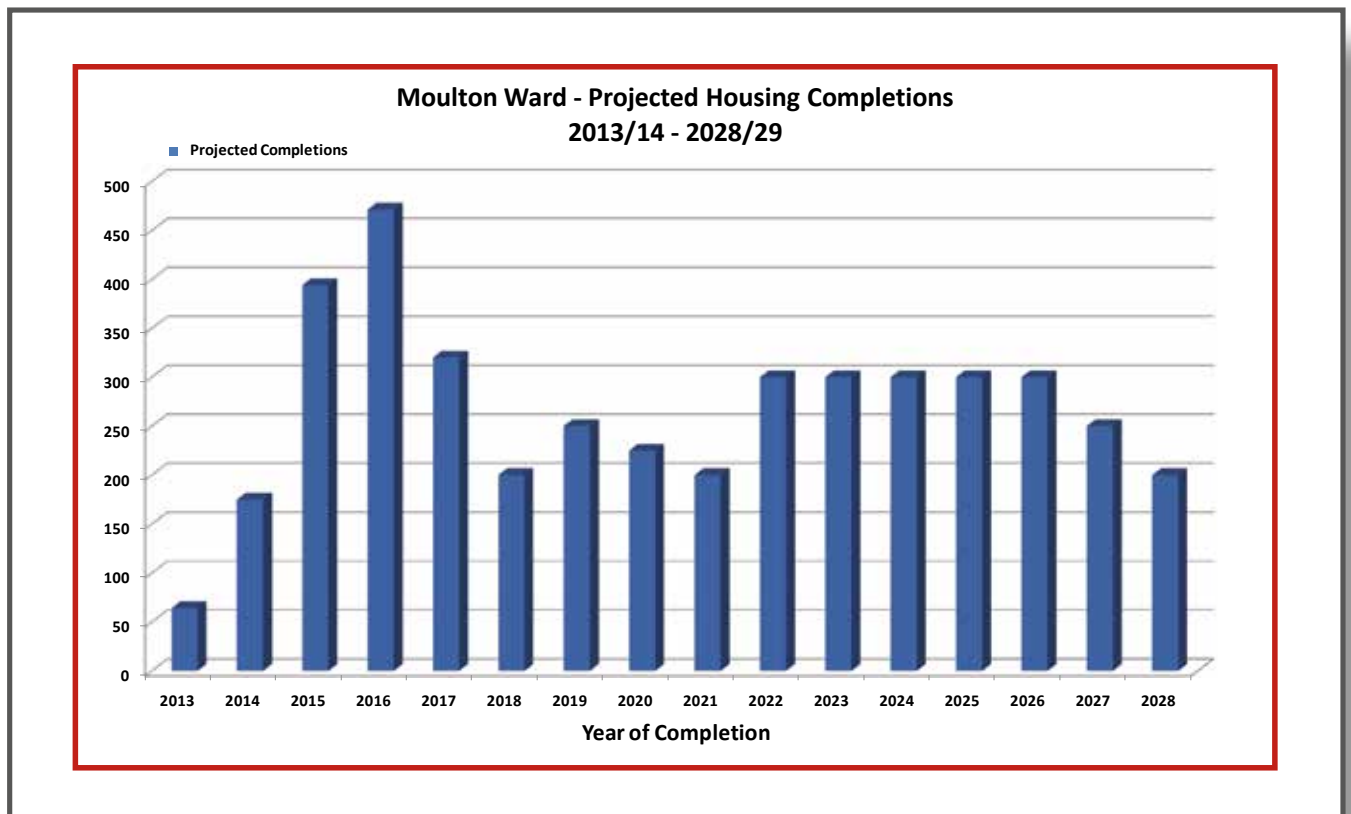
Table 2 below shows the breakdown and totals of existing and new dwellings and residents in Moulton ward.

Table 1 – Moulton Parish

				Total
No of existing children (0-18)	718	No of new children (0-18)	772	1490
No of existing adults (18+)	2736	No of new adults (18+)	1787	4523
Existing Residents Total	3454	New Residents Total	2559	6013
No of existing dwellings	1474	No of new dwellings	948	2422

Table 2 – Moulton Ward

				Total
No of existing children (0-18)	843	No of new children (0-18)	3647	4490
No of existing adults (18+)	3352	No of new adults (18+)	8098	11450
Existing Residents Total	4195	New Residents Total	11745	15940
No of existing dwellings	1810	No of new dwellings	4248	6058



2.6: Community Facilities & Services

FACILITIES & SERVICES

In order to accommodate the new housing developments within the Parish, there is a need to expand and enhance facilities and services for existing and new residents. A comprehensive list of the existing facilities and services provided in Moulton by public bodies and private organisations can be found in the supporting Evidence Base, Section 11 – Facilities and Services.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVISION IN MOULTON

Facility Funding – New Community Hub

The Sandy Hill Lane housing development provides a site on which to build a new Community Hub. This will enable a major investment in community services to take place which will serve the village both now and in the future, to support the expected population growth.

A new Community Hub – is required to cater for the demands of the village as it expands in both population terms and also in the services that a thriving village like Moulton will need in the future.

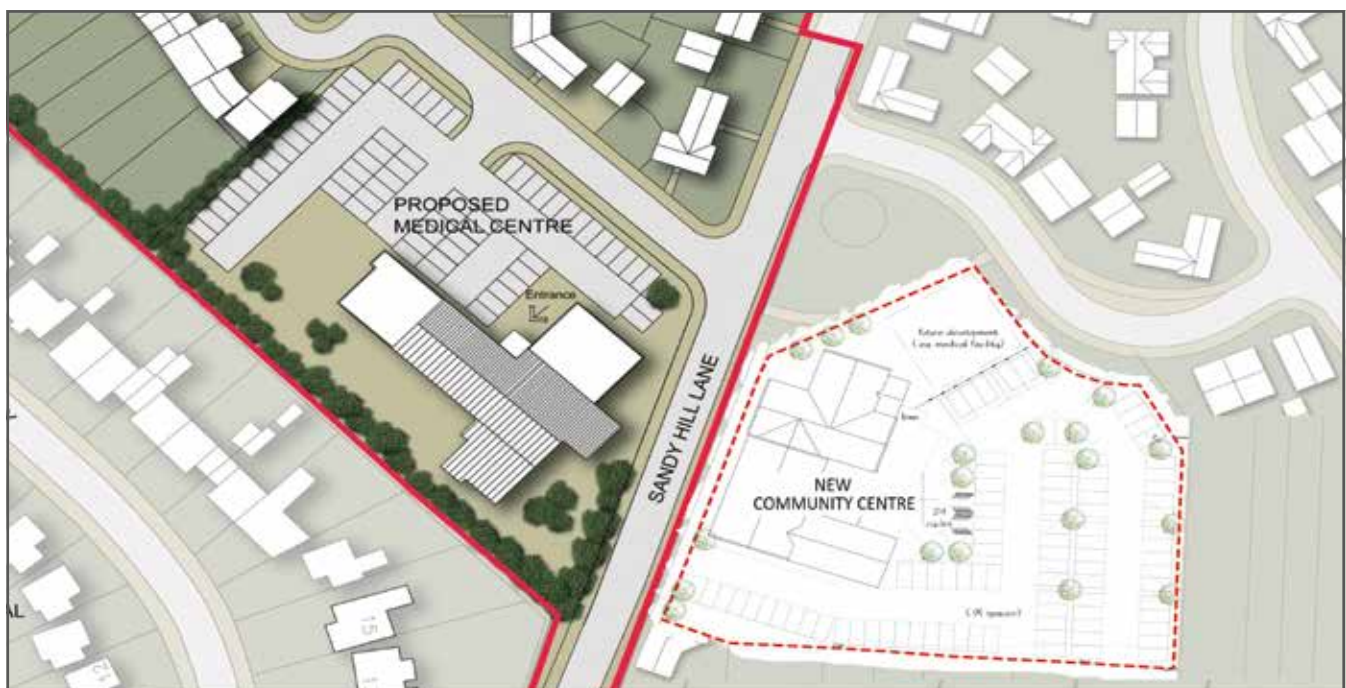
An architect's view of the new Community Hub and proposed layout is shown below and on the following pages. The hub will incorporate a number of services

under one roof. Full planning permission for the Community Centre was granted on 21st November 2014.

A new Library – A new and improved library will fulfil the needs of residents from Moulton and surrounding communities. The current library is very small and is no longer fit for purpose. It runs a vast selection of groups and events and a purpose built facility would enable the library service to promote NCC priorities by providing health and well being events in partnership with Northants Teaching Primary Care Trust. A new library for Moulton has been identified as an NCC priority.

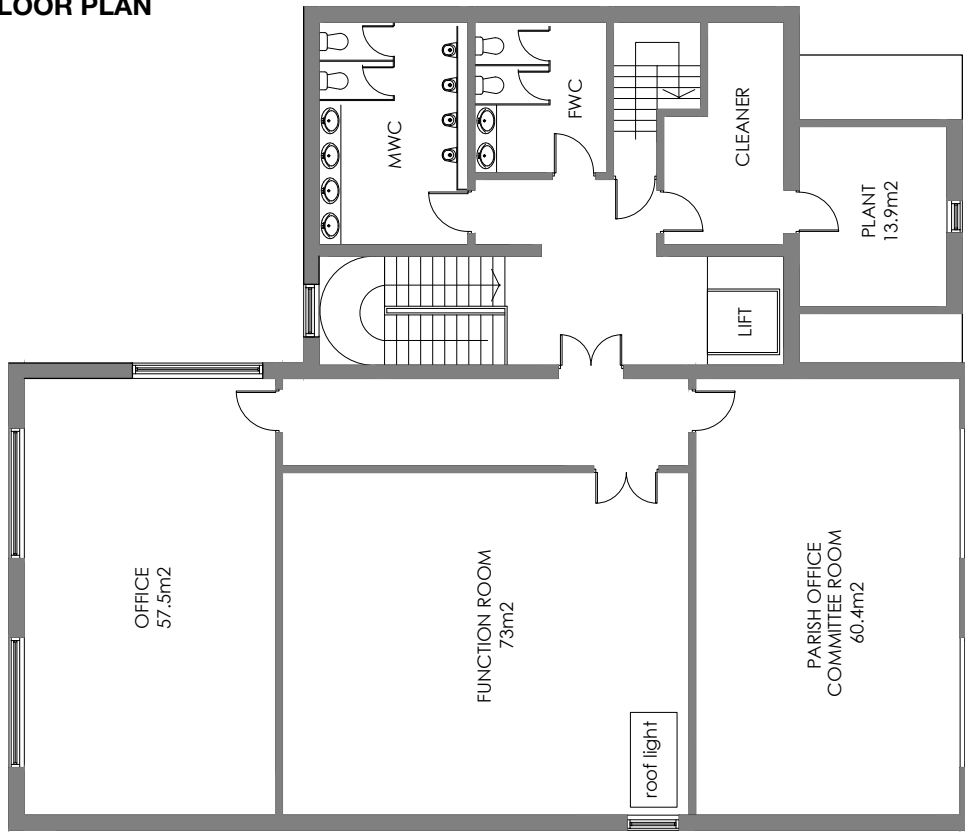
An Outreach Centre – In 2008 Moulton Parish Council worked with Daventry District Council to provide a 'DDC Outreach Centre' for residents in Moulton and the surrounding villages. The centre proved to be the busiest Outreach Centre in Daventry District. Unfortunately due to budget cuts the centre was closed in 2011. The Parish Council's goal is to work to re-establish this as part of the new Community Hub to allow residents access to this valuable service.

Two new halls for use by the community – The Community Hub will provide facilities for community groups and a professional venue that can be used for corporate events, birthday parties, weddings etc. The Community Hub will have its own bar and will provide a much improved facility for residents, local groups and organisations.

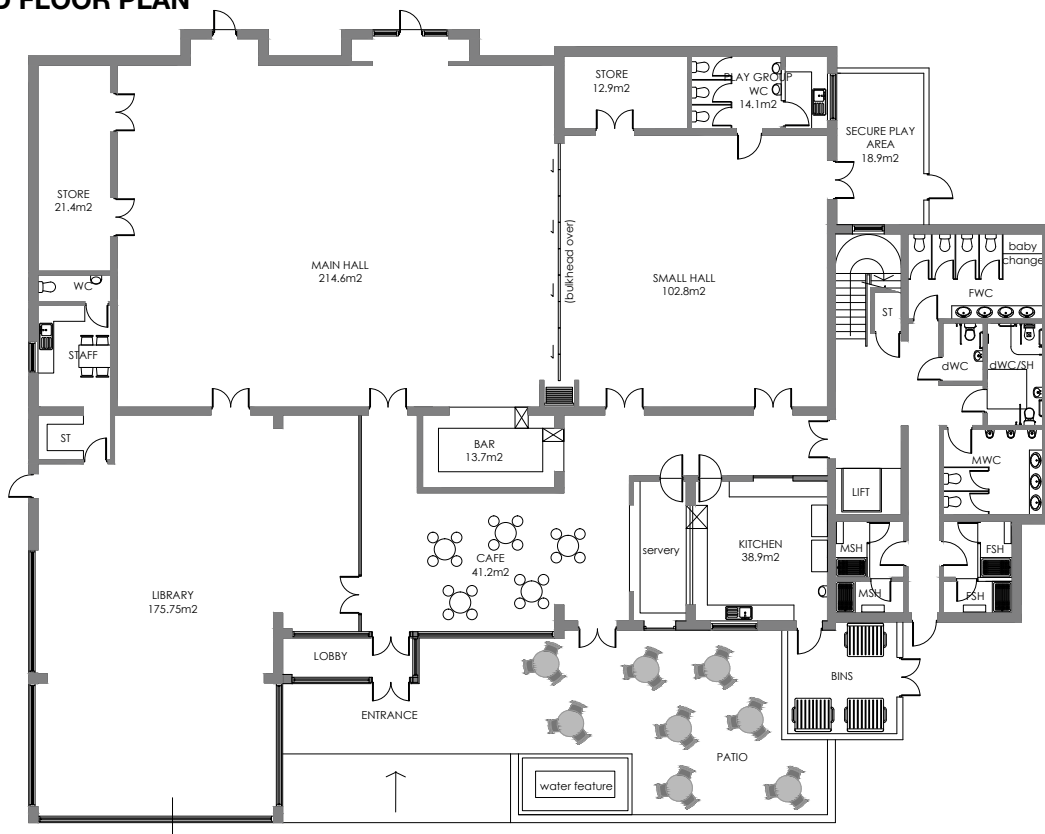




FIRST FLOOR PLAN



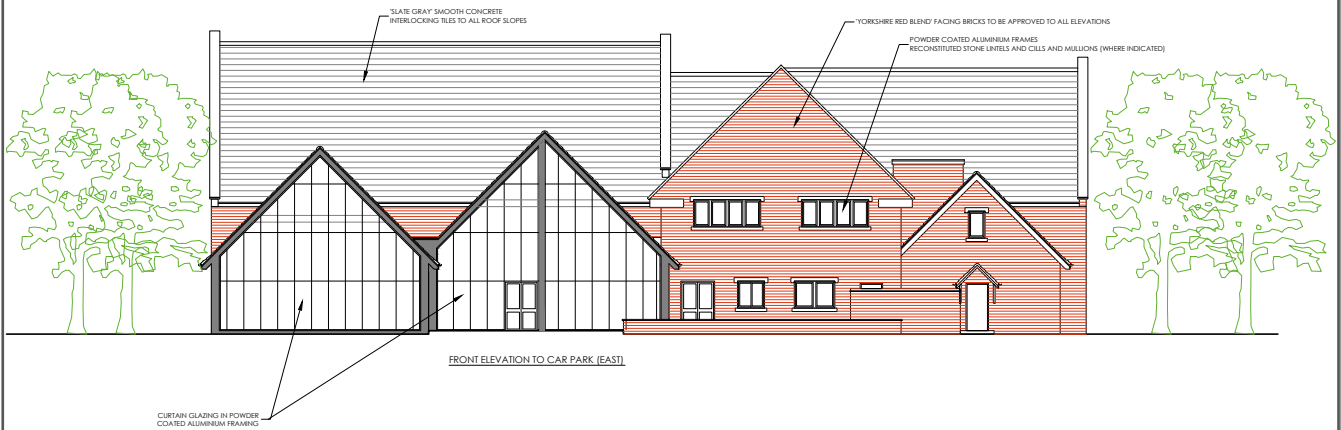
GROUND FLOOR PLAN



LH SIDE ELEVATION



FRONT ELEVATION



A youth room to continue and enhance youth provision for the Parish – Moulton Parish Council and Moulton Parish Church have previously worked in partnership to provide a Youth Cafe on a Friday evening. A permanent facility within the Community Hub will enable the current youth provision to be revised and extended and also offer more ‘drop in’ sessions combined with a structured programme of activities.

A daily meeting place for residents – With a predicted population of over 6,000 residents in Moulton parish by the end of 2029 and a further additional 11,700 residents in Moulton ward by the end of 2029, a new cafe facility will provide a new daily meeting place for people of all ages. It will also present several small business and other service opportunities within the site, ie – health and welfare providers, and the possibility of being able to offer catering for parties, wedding receptions, etc.

Funding Estimate for Moulton – 2014 - 2029

Tables 1 and 2, in section 11d in the Evidence Base, contain a list of current and projected items that require funding within the Parish. It excludes major items like road junctions that will be funded from within the funding streams generated from the housing development.

COMMUNITY FUNDING INITIATIVES

A key requirement for community service provision within Moulton is to highlight and review existing services within the parish and assess the needs of the village in the future. The MNDP establishes some community provision principles for development within the Parish. These are:

- Encourage improvement of existing educational facilities.
- Ensure adequate provision of GP services, dental facilities and alternative/complementary therapies.
- Ensure adequate provision of District Council and County Council services within the parish.
- Identify specific services for older residents.


- Support and improve the existing sports and recreational facilities.
- Allocate and develop outdoor spaces for play/recreation to promote healthy and crime free lifestyles.
- Designate additional recreation areas.

In addition to this, established district and national goals will be used as part of the assessment for providing community services. The Parish Council in conjunction with Daventry District Council will be able to plan and target each of the areas outlined in tables 1 and 2 in section 11d in the Evidence Base. A combination of both capital and revenue funding will allow key resources to be available within the parish to provide community services.

Car Parking Improvements around Moulton

Highway Improvements. As the village grows, a number of initiatives will be needed to deal with existing and future traffic congestion within the village. Funding will be available (typically from Section 106 agreements) to put in place traffic calming measures, enhanced parking facilities and support the Safer Routes to School initiative for the children in Moulton.

A key part of this will be to improve the current car parking situation at Moulton School & Science College. Inadequate parking currently exists at Moulton School for cars and buses to accommodate the existing staff and students that travel to the school by car. An expanded pupil entry at the school in the future will further add to this situation. In addition to this, students from an expanding Moulton College add to the parking problem around the school and specifically in the Pound Lane area. School buses attending the school site cause a particularly dangerous situation in the village by travelling through the narrow streets at key times during the day when routes to the village schools are busy with children walking to and from the schools. A number of accidents have occurred involving pedestrians and cyclists which will continue if a solution is not found for this problem.



Improved parking provision is also required to support the existing sporting activities that take place within Moulton School and the adjacent Moulton Football Club. The new housing developments around Moulton will create an increased demand for access to sporting facilities at both sites. A significant investment is being made to expand and improve the sporting facilities at the football club to improve both the quality and quantity of the facilities within the Sporting Quarter (see Fig. 4 on page 22). Improvements to both the traffic management and parking problems that currently exist for both the school and community will need to be implemented in tandem to support the future use of both the facilities.

Through the MNDP, solutions will be sought to improve the parking for both the school and an increasing sporting activity that will take place at Moulton School and the expanding Sporting Quarter.

Through site allocations in the MNDP, solutions have been proposed to provide 'dual use' facilities for the school and community to use to improve the existing parking problems and mitigate the effects of a further increase in traffic as Moulton School & Science College grows to support an increasing population within Moulton Ward. A 'strategy' for Pound Lane with a number of initiatives to improve both the traffic and parking problems will be implemented alongside the provision of the 'dual use' parking facilities proposed.

Support for cycle ways, cycle parking facilities and the re-establishment of the school crossing patrol will be provided as part of the available funding. Work with Northamptonshire County Council and Daventry District Council will help identify and prioritise traffic related improvements that require developer funding.

Leisure Centre Facility. With the massive increase in residents an assessment is being made by Daventry District Council to establish a 'Leisure Centre East' based on the model of the successful Leisure Centre located in Daventry town.

Community Building Improvements. There are a number of existing community facilities within Moulton that need renovating or updating over the period of expected housing growth to improve and enhance the community use and community services that can be provided. One priority is to provide a new meeting/training room in the football club pavilion to support youth provision, training sessions and general

community use. A goal of the Parish Council will be to review the status of council buildings with a view to introducing environmental improvements to reduce ongoing costs and carbon footprint, supported by the housing growth and available grant aid.

Examples are: Solar panel installation to reduce cost and energy consumption, rain water harvesting to reduce water consumption, insulation improvements and water storage on playing fields to support irrigation and the repair of pitch surfaces during dry weather.

Youth Service Provision. A key target for support at local, district and national levels is the provision of youth facilities within local communities. S106 funding provides an excellent opportunity to review the youth provision needs in Moulton and support a programme of sustainable activity.

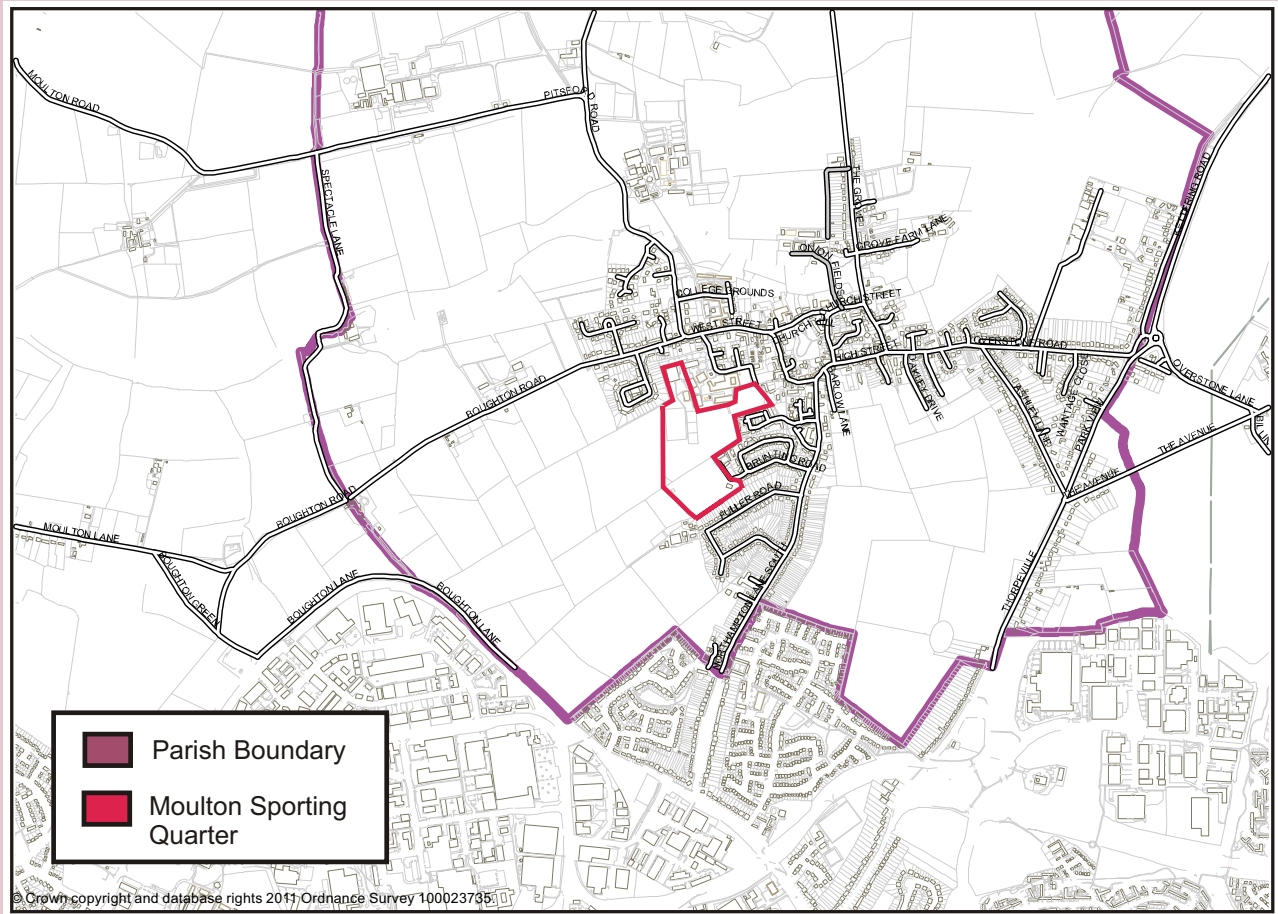
Providing both a capital element and on-going revenue stream to the funding to provide a youth worker will allow a programme of activities to be implemented in addition to the existing youth provision. A key part of this will be to obtain feedback from the younger generation in the village to establish what is required.

Moulton's Green Space. In addition to the existing Conservation Area, a number of new local green spaces will be added to Moulton as part of the village development. All of these will require maintenance and on-going enhancement over the period of housing growth and beyond. S106 funding will be available to support the work required including existing and new allotments, parks, play areas and pathways within the parish.

Reserve Fund. A reserve fund will be established from the ongoing council precept and developer contribution funding to deal with the regular repair, maintenance, upgrading and eventual replacement of play equipment, CCTV, small buildings and other council equipment that is deployed and used throughout the parish.

Community Fund. This will be created over the period of the available funding. Working with the District Council a funding process can be established specifically linked to the housing development to enable organisations within the Moulton area to access funding support for a particular service or activity within Moulton Parish. As it is not known exactly what will be needed, criteria will be developed by the Parish Council to manage access to the funding in line with local, district and national goals and objectives to ensure that the funding is targeted at service provision within the parish.

Fig. 4 – Sporting Quarter





Senior Citizen Provision. This is a key focus for the Parish Council as part of developing community services. In addition to all the services, the new Community Hub will provide on-going space to support a range of activities specifically targeted at the senior citizens within the parish. These include support for the village car scheme, luncheon clubs, housebound support and other social activities.

Sporting Provision. This will be assessed and supported through a number of the funding initiatives detailed in tables 1 and 2 in section 11d in the Evidence Base. A number of clubs and societies already exist within the village and the New Leisure Centre East will provide a focus for an expanded range of sporting activity.

Existing sports such as running, football and hockey are well established within the parish and a 'Sporting Quarter' exists within the village with the potential for this to be expanded with the developments that are taking place. Figure 4 on page 22 shows the area in detail. Opportunities will exist for new sporting activities to be established and developed within the village and new development areas for people of all ages as demand will grow with the new housing that will be built. A new Third Generation Artificial Turf Pitch will be provided, part funded by the FA and Football Foundation in conjunction with Moulton Football Club.

This will improve both the capacity of the club to cater for growth as well as the quality of the facilities and is anticipated for completion in 2016.

As part of the sporting facility development new football pitches are being proposed to support the growth in football activity expected as the population grows. Solutions to the parking problems that exist in the area as outlined earlier are needed to support the overall sporting plan for an increased provision that will result from the significant growth in population Moulton Ward will see in the next 20 years. The MNDP will seek to support the funding and provision of new and improved facilities and associated parking through the identified development site allocations that will contribute to new community infrastructure. Development of the Sporting Quarter in Moulton is supported strongly through the National Associations who are contributing funding support for the facility development.

Parish Workforce. As part of establishing the general power of competency, the Parish Council will continue to develop a key workforce to support the community service provision within the Parish. Examples will include a community development worker, obtaining grants and additional funding, where possible, a youth provision worker and maintenance personnel. Activities carried out by these individuals will range from organising and establishing youth provision within the village, supporting parish activities including the village festival and providing general maintenance support throughout the parish.



Section 3: The Policies of the Moulton Neighbourhood Development Plan

3.1: Creating a Sustainable Community

Policy SD 1 – THE PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

When considering development proposals in Moulton, the Parish Council will take a proactive approach where there is a need, that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF); and will work proactively with applicants jointly to find solutions which mean that proposals for sustainable development can be supported; to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area including reducing congestion and pollution; and to ensure that existing infrastructure is maintained and can be supported.

Supporting Text:

At the heart of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is a presumption in favour of sustainable development. There are three dimensions to sustainable development: economic, social and environmental.

The NPPF states that policies should follow the approach of the presumption in favour of sustainable development so that it is clear that development which is sustainable can be approved without delay.

Policy SD 2 – PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT, BY PROVIDING VIABLE ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO MOVE AROUND THE VILLAGE.

The Parish Council will work together with the Highway Authority, public transport providers, Moulton College, Moulton School and Science College, Moulton Primary School and developers to develop a long term sustainable strategy for improvements to the existing highway network to alleviate local traffic congestion and the management of traffic and car parking in and around Moulton to reduce the impact of development on the community by;


- a) encourages better access to and increased use of public transport;
- b) ensures that new development takes place adjacent to the built up area of the village where there are good travel choices;
- c) improves links within the village for walking and provides cycling routes within the existing village and new developments ensuring sustainable connectivity throughout the village;
- d) creates and enhances 'safe routes to schools' schemes; and
- e) encourage car, bus and coach parking and turning on land west of Moulton School and Science College to reduce movements through the centre of the village – see also Policy H6.

Supporting Text:

The NPPF states that transport policies have an important role to play in facilitating sustainable development and the transport system needs to be balanced in favour of sustainable transport modes, giving people a real choice about how they travel.

In accordance with the strategic policies of the Northamptonshire Transportation Plan achieving connectivity within the Parish to ensure mobility and accessibility is essential for economic growth and prosperity. Improving connectivity involves optimising the use of the network, making it fit for purpose and ensuring it is safe, addressing deficiencies and lowering carbon emissions.

The resident survey recognised the need to improve public transport, road safety measures, improve vehicle parking and to seek to alleviate traffic congestion within the village.



Policy SD 3 – ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

All new development within the Parish should seek to achieve the highest standards of sustainable design and, in particular, demonstrate in proposals how design, construction and operation:

- a) has been designed to improve environmental performance, energy efficiency and adapt to changes of use and a changing climate over its lifetime;
- b) makes use of sustainably sourced materials;
- c) minimises resource demand and the generation of waste and maximises opportunities for REUSE AND recycling;
- d) Is located where services and facilities can be easily accessed by walking, cycling and public transport;
- e) maximises use of sustainable building design; and
- f) maximises water efficiency and promotes best practice in sustainable urban drainage.

Supporting Text:

The Parish Council supports the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Policy S10 to ensure that Moulton makes the fullest contribution possible to the mitigation of and adaption to climate change and the transition to a low carbon economy

3.2: Community Involvement

Policy CI – ACTIVELY INVOLVE LOCAL PEOPLE IN ONGOING CONSULTATION.

All development proposals that would qualify as a major planning application should carry out an appropriate level of community consultation before a planning application is submitted.

Supporting Text:

It is important to understand the needs and views of the community, therefore the Statement of Community Involvement should include the following:

- a) An explanation of how the consultation was designed to reach a broad cross-section of local people;
 - b) A description of the methods used to engage with the local community by a variety of accessible publicity and a range of events including web-based comments as well as attendance of meetings;
 - c) A record of the views expressed by local people; and
 - d) An analysis of how the proposals have responded to local people's views
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3.3: Improving Community Services, including Sport & Recreation

Policy CS1 – PROVISION OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE.

To contribute to and enhance the provision of community infrastructure and facilities in Moulton, financial contributions and/or community facilities will be required, as appropriate, from each developer to mitigate the impact of the development on essential infrastructure including the highway network, utilities, healthcare, education and leisure services within the village.

Supporting Text:

New housing development within and adjoining the village has increased demands on local facilities such as healthcare, education and leisure; and also upon infrastructure such as public utilities, libraries, waste services and the highway network.

It is essential that developer contributions are secured for infrastructure services to ensure the sustainability of new developments in Moulton.

Policy CS2 – PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY HUB AND COMPLEMENTARY COMMUNITY FACILITY AT SANDY HILL.

A community priority for the Parish and the immediate surrounding areas is the development of a Community Hub and complementary community facility to create a vibrant and thriving ‘community hub’ at Sandy Hill, see page 17. This facility will include a new library, community café, function rooms, dedicated youth room, police and parish offices. The smaller hall within the new community centre has been designed to accommodate a standalone play group facility.

The remaining parcel of land is to be promoted to provide a building designated for complementary community facilities only.

Supporting Text:

The Parish Council have aspired to provide a comprehensive community destination within the village on land owned and managed by Moulton Parish Council (MPC). The Community Hub will revitalise the current community services that are available and build a foundation to support the new planned growth in the village.

Part funding has been secured and the delivery of the Community Hub is the PC’s priority. The Residents Survey recognised the need to provide new community facilities within the Parish. The new play group will ensure there is additional pre-school provision available within the village to cater for the growing population.

As detailed on the illustration on page 17, there is a remaining parcel of land which is reserved for future development to provide further complementary community facilities. MPC will ensure that this proposal is developed to enhance the village facilities.

Policy CS3 – LOCAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

Existing local services and community facilities should be retained unless it can be demonstrated that:

- a) there is no realistic prospect of the existing use continuing for commercial and/or operational reasons;
- b) the site has been actively marketed for a suitable period of time for a similar or alternative type of service or facility that would benefit the local community; and
- c) the existing service or facility can be provided in an alternative manner or on a different site in the Parish and suitable arrangements are put in place to secure this.

Supporting Text:

The NPPF promotes the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages including shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship (paragraph 28 of the NPPF). This policy seeks to protect key community assets within the village and reflects the views expressed within the Resident Survey.

Policy CS4 – SPORTING QUARTER.

Approximately 4.0 ha of land, as identified on the proposals map, is allocated adjacent to Moulton School and Science College to provide for an extension of the Sporting Quarter to accommodate additional community and sporting facilities. The community and sport facilities will be secured, in part, via developer contributions from new housing developments within the Parish.

Supporting Text:

As detailed within the MNDP (page 23), there are existing and well established sporting facilities within the Parish including the ‘Sporting Quarter’. During community consultation, residents and local stakeholders identified that new developments within the Parish will increase the demand on already stretched provision and recognised the need to accommodate the increase in the number of residents accessing the facilities. MPC working with local clubs and societies wish to support and improve existing sports and recreational facilities and to develop new facilities for people of all ages. The existing ‘Sporting Quarter’, and the proposed additional land to provide for its expansion, is defined on Figure 6 on page 33.



3.4: Housing

The key issues raised during the community consultation in relation to housing within the Parish include:

- a) Housing in Moulton has expanded rapidly over a relatively short time period, but facilities and amenities have not increased, accordingly leaving a significant gap in provision;
- b) The potential pressures that new development will place on already stretched amenities and the need to plan to accommodate new residents; and
- c) That new housing may assist in resolving identified difficulties, e.g. the provision of land for community use, but in any event, should be supported by adequate infrastructure.

Policy H1 – RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Planning Permission will be granted for small residential development on infill and redevelopment sites within the village, subject to proposals meeting the following criteria:

- a) being well designed and meeting relevant requirements set out in other Policies in the statutory development plan as it relates to Moulton;
- b) being of an appropriate scale and character to the existing settlement;
- c) not affecting open land which is of particular significance to the form and character of the village;
- d) preserving and enhancing historic buildings and areas of historic or environmental importance including those identified in the Conservation Area Appraisal and Design Guide as well as the Village Design Statement;
- e) it comprises the renovation or conversion of existing buildings for residential purposes and the proposal is in keeping with the character and quality of the village environment;
- f) protecting the amenity of existing residents;
- g) promoting sustainable development that equally addresses economic, social and environmental issues; and
- h) the provision of housing such as starter homes, retirement homes and sheltered housing should be prioritised.

Supporting Text:

New residential development within the village should ensure that the scale, character, design and density of proposals are sympathetic to the existing built environment.

The Residents Survey recognised that the provision of housing as starter homes, retirement homes and sheltered housing should be prioritised.

It is essential that identified existing local green spaces (as defined in Policy E1) remain in the village and do not become the subject of unsuitable infill development.

All new development should reflect the character of the surrounding area in terms of design, scale and use of materials.

Policy H2 – PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

All proposals for new housing for five or more dwellings should provide at least 40% affordable housing as required by Policy H2 of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.

Affordable homes should be provided as an integral part of the development and their design should BE TENURE blind.

Development will be expected to contribute to the provision of affordable homes including the needs of older people and vulnerable groups.

In exceptional circumstances, off site provision and/or commuted payments in lieu of on site provision may be supported where this would offer an equivalent or enhanced provision of affordable housing.

Supporting Text:

West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Policy H2 – Affordable Housing provides the percentage requirements and site size thresholds for affordable housing. In regard to the Rural Areas of Daventry District the proportion of affordable housing will be 40% for developments for five or more dwellings.

The Joint Core Strategy recognises that affordability is a key issue in the rural areas of West Northamptonshire.

Policy H3 – PROVISION OF NEW FACILITIES.

All proposals for new housing will be required to demonstrate provision of appropriate new facilities on site and provision of, or contributions to, off site facilities as required by Policy CS2 of this Plan. Applicants when putting together proposals will be expected to engage with the Parish Council and the local community as a whole at the earliest opportunity.

Supporting Text:

New housing will be required to mitigate its impact. Where appropriate it should contribute towards two type of facilities:-

- (i) On site provision – including open space and children’s play areas; and/or
- (ii) Off site provision – for financial contributions to social and community facilities.

MPC will expect applicants to engage with the Parish Council and the community at the earliest opportunity in accordance with the NPPF and NPPG to resolve facilities required to accommodate new housing.

Policy H4 – DEVELOPMENT SITE ALLOCATIONS.

Planning permission will be given for approximately 220 dwellings in the period 2014-2029.

Supporting Text:

The Parish Council consider that it is opportune to provide an element of housing that will assist in meeting the broad objectives of the NDP and which will not conflict with broader strategic objectives of the adopted Development Plan. The housing will contribute to the District’s housing land supply as well as the requirements of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.

Detailed site assessment forms were completed for land parcels 1-11, together with a land parcel map – see evidence base section 5 (o), which provides the justification for the development site allocation.

Policy H5 – SITE ALLOCATION – LAND AT NORTHAMPTON LANE NORTH/ COTTINGHAM DRIVE.

Land at Northampton Lane North/Cottingham Drive as identified on the proposals map is allocated for the provision of approximately 45 dwellings.

The site is contained on three sides by existing housing and its boundary with the wider countryside is defined by a mature hedgerow. Access will most likely be secured via Cottingham Drive.

Policy H6 – SITE ALLOCATION – LAND SOUTH OF BOUGHTON ROAD.

Land south of Boughton Road as identified on the proposals map is allocated for the provision of approximately 175 dwellings. Development will secure the provision of a new access to Moulton School and Science College and the proposed extension to the Sporting Quarter with associated car, bus and coach parking. Development will also provide for the implementation of an agreed strategy to address parking and congestion difficulties associated with Moulton School and Science College and the Football Club, including contributions towards the implementation of a Safer Route to School scheme.

This proposal will facilitate key objectives of the NDP that cannot be delivered by any other means. These include securing a new access, car, bus and coach parking area to Moulton School and to serve the proposed extension to the Sporting Quarter. It will also enable the introduction of suitable measures to improve traffic and parking conditions in the vicinity of the school and the grounds of Moulton FC. As these objectives can only be delivered by opening up the land covered by this allocation, the opportunity is also taken to provide a modest level of housing provision at this sustainable location within the village. Planning permission has already been granted by the District Council for 56 units within the H6 allocation.

3.5: Protecting Our Environment

The key issues raised during the community consultation in relation to protecting our environment within the Parish include:

- a) A strong desire to preserve existing publicly accessible open spaces and green spaces within and surrounding the village to ensure that any new developments maintain public rights of way and enhance footpath and cycle path networks to improve connectivity in and around the parish;
- b) Preservation of important open spaces and prevention of coalescence with Northampton;
- c) Protection of the historic core of Moulton and ensuring that the Conservation Area character is preserved and maintained, as detailed in the Moulton Conservation Area Appraisal & Design Guide 1997 (see 51 within the evidence base);
- d) Protection of heritage assets including both listed and non-listed but significant and locally important buildings; and
- e) Retaining village identity by ensuring adequate provision of open space is made for new residents.

Policy E1 – PROTECT EXISTING LOCAL GREEN SPACES.

The following sites identified on Fig. 5 on page 32 are designated as ‘Local Green Space’ (Important Open Spaces) in order to protect their identity and contribution to the area:-

- a) Pages Brook Valley;
- b) Moulton Public Gardens;
- c) Land at the end of The Nurseries;
- d) Field adjacent to Barlow Lane (Lantsbury’s Field);
- e) Crowfields Common Local Nature Reserve; and
- f) Busby’s Meadow Pocket Park.

Existing areas of public open space and local green spaces will be preserved and enhanced in order to promote community activity. See section 7d in Evidence Base.

Supporting Text:

Paragraph 76 of the NPPF considers the protection of green spaces to which are of particular importance to local communities and states that through neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection.

Paragraph 77 goes on to advise that the Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The NPPF advises that the designation should only be used:

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

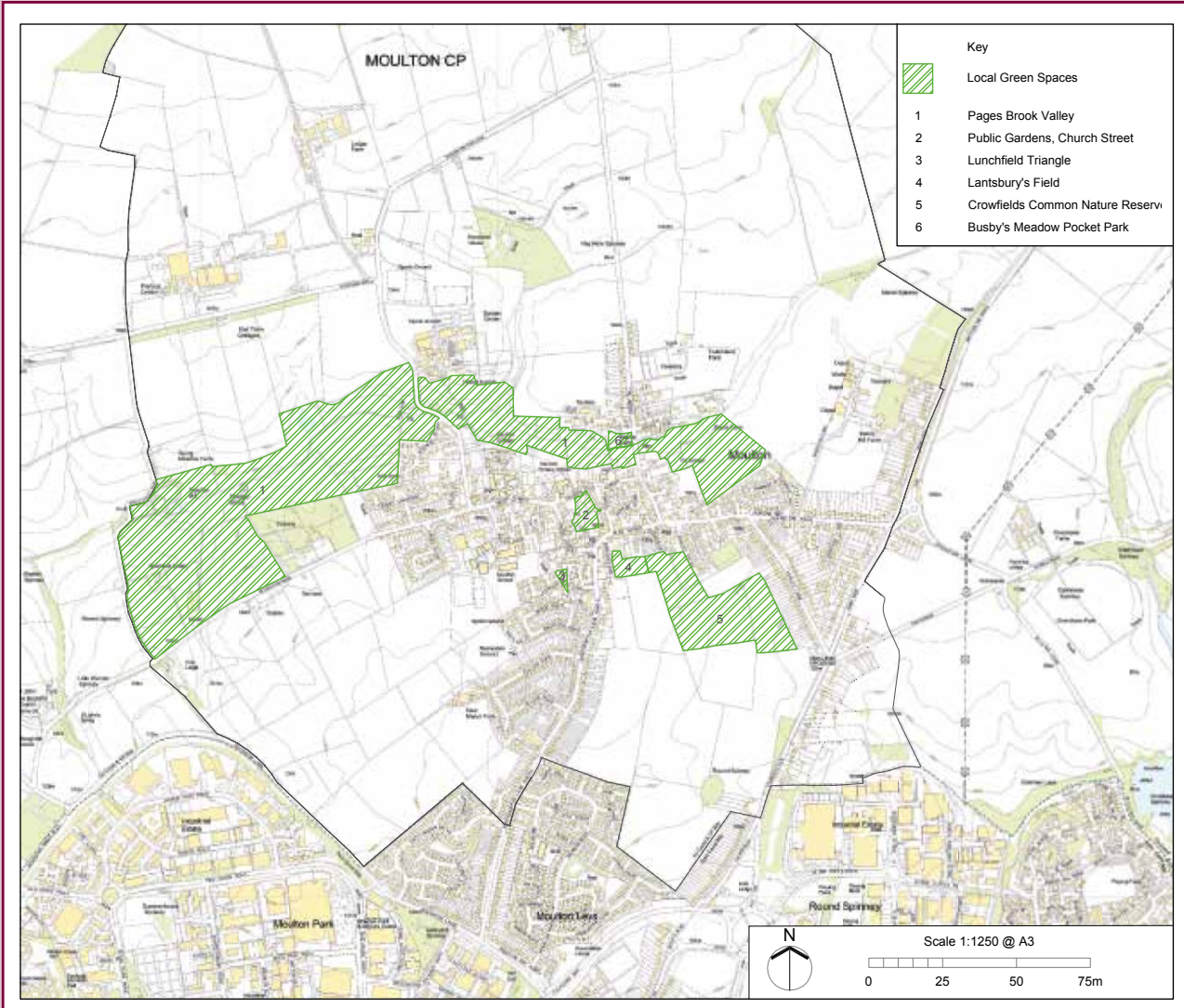
The areas identified as (a) to (e) in table below are designated within the Adopted Moulton Conservation Area Appraisal and Design Guide (May 1997) as 'Important Open Spaces' within the Conservation Area.

The table below sets out an assessment of each of the proposed protected local green space and how each site meets with the criteria provided within paragraph 77 of the NPPF.

Local Green Space	Reasonably close proximity to the community	Demonstrably special to the local community	Local in character
a) Pages Brook Valley	To the north of the village.	It provides attractive and spatial qualities including views of the church. Of historic significance, a medieval/post medieval earth dam has been found and there is evidence of three other fishponds within the area. The area provides a wildlife habitat.	The valley has significantly shaped the development of the village. The area has been relatively unspoilt by recent developments within the village. The valley contributes to the nature of the surrounding countryside.
b) Moulton Public Gardens	Located in the centre of the village (off Church Street).	The gardens are of recreational and social value to the local community by providing play equipment, stage & seating area. The area is used for local events including the Moulton Festival.	A place where people meet and local events are held. Connections with different parts of the village.
c) Land at the end of The Nurseries (also known as Lunchfield Triangle)	Adjoins housing on Lunchfield Way.	Open grassed area with footpaths adjoining Lunchfield Lane. Provides public amenity and recreation space for surrounding residents.	Provides a break in the sequence of narrow linear spaces that make up the route from housing estates to the village centre. Only reminder of the former rural land that the two old route ways (appear on 1885 maps) crossed through.
d) Field adjacent to Barlow Land	Located off the High Street, in the centre of the village.	Well defined area of two fields with two accesses off the High Street. Field is used for agricultural purposes (animal grazing). Evidence of ridge and furrow as well as a site of a Quaker burial ground discovered in part of the field.	Of historic value to the village providing a traditional small grazing field.
e) Crowfields Common	Adjoins existing housing along Oakley Drive and Doves Lane.	Designated as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR). Example of ridge and furrow farming and a wild flower meadow. Includes public footpath (DD2) used extensively for recreation.	Of historic and wildlife value to the village. Provide a footpath to the open countryside.
f) Busby's Meadow Pocket Park	Adjoins housing along Church View.	The land is used by villagers as a Pocket Park. The site is an old fashioned hay meadow with a stream extending along the southern boundary. The wetland habitat is of ecological value. Pathways are marked out during the growing season and is extensively used for recreational purposes.	Of wildlife and recreational value to the village. Provides a pathway in order for visitors to experience the meadow.

The Residents Survey identified the need to protect existing open spaces and increase the provision of publicly accessible open space.

Fig. 5 – Existing Local Green Spaces



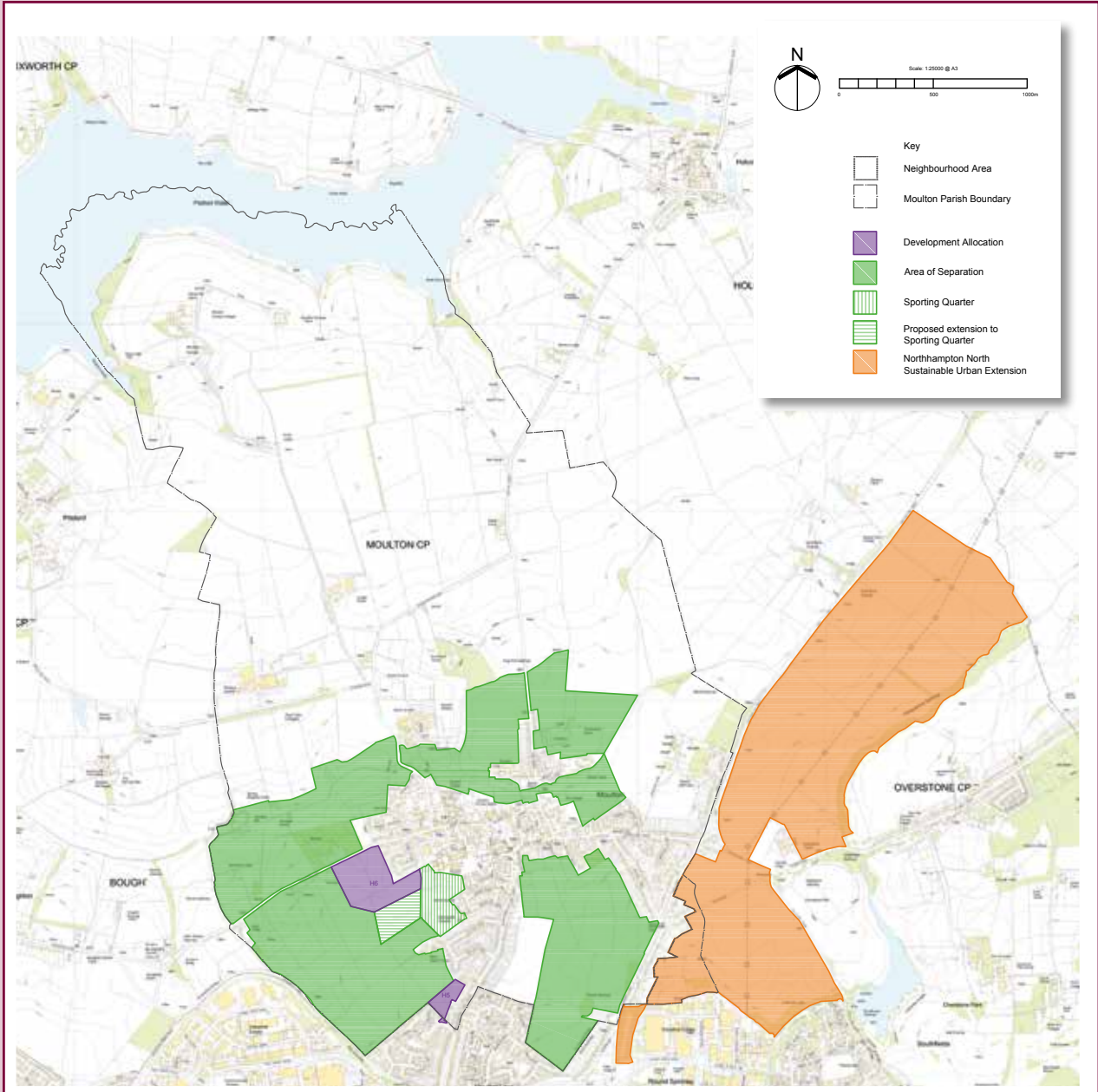
Policy E2 – AREA OF SEPARATION.


To protect the open countryside and Moulton’s character and identity as a village and to avoid further physical coalescence with the urban area of Northampton and the Sustainable Urban Extension at Overstone, Areas of Separation have been designated and within which development will be limited to recreational open space and associated essential infrastructure (which may include the expansion of the Sporting Quarter); and development to meet the essential needs of agriculture and forestry. The Areas of Separation are identified on the NDP Proposals Map. See Fig. 6 on page 33.

Supporting Text:

Recent housing developments have created a fragmented boundary to the village and it is important to ensure that the identity and the distinctiveness of the village of Moulton is maintained. This policy has therefore sought to respond to the pressures of physical coalescence and to review Policy EN10 (Green Wedge) of the Daventry District Local Plan which was derived some twenty three years ago. Policy EN10 is absent in the adopted West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Plan and Policy E2 seeks to respond to the results of the Residents Survey and the objectives of the NDP to avoid any further physical coalescence with the urban area of Northampton.

Fig. 6 – Neighbourhood Development Plan Proposals Map





Policy E3 – PROTECTION OF CONSERVATION AREA.

Planning permission will normally be granted for developments within the Moulton Conservation Area provided that they preserve or enhance the character of the area. Development proposals will be assessed to ensure that they do not adversely affect important open spaces, trees, street scenes and views into and out of the Conservation Area.

Supporting Text:

Development within the designated Conservation Area requires careful consideration and there is a need to ensure that proposals make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness as advised within the NPPF. The Conservation Area positively contributes to the special character of Moulton and as identified within the Residents Survey there is a need to ensure that the designated area is protected to sustain and enhance the significance of this heritage asset.

Policy E4 – LISTED BUILDINGS.

Listed Building Consent will not be granted for the demolition of buildings listed as being of Special Architectural or Historic Interest or buildings of a local significance or interest.

Proposals involving the retention and re-use of disused or underused heritage assets will be encouraged in order to retain and reflect the distinctiveness of the environment.

Development proposals should also ensure the protection of old dry stone walls which contribute to the rural setting and character of the Parish.

Supporting Text:

Both designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings have an important contribution towards the character of the Parish and will be conserved and enhanced in recognition of their individual and cumulative significance to the Parish. Please see Map 3 in the Village Design Statement and pages 4 and 12 in the Moulton Conservation Area Appraisal and Design Guide.

Policy E5 – PROTECTION OF VIEWS.

The natural characteristics and unique Parish features are prominently displayed and visible from a number of vantage points within the Parish. Map 3 of the Adopted Village Design Statement shows views in and out of the village which are to be protected given their identity and contribution to the area.

Supporting Text:

The village relates strongly to the adjoining countryside and it is therefore important that any future development does not detract from the natural setting of where the village merges into the open countryside. Please see Map 3 in the Village Design Statement and page 23 in the Moulton Conservation Area Appraisal and Design Guide.

3.6: Jobs & the Local Economy

POLICY EMP1 – JOBS & THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

Proposals that support the development of small scale employment and other businesses that meet the needs of the community, will be permitted provided that they:

- (i) contribute to the character and viability of the Parish;
- (ii) protect residential amenity; and
- (iii) do not adversely affect highways in terms of road safety and congestion.

Supporting Text:

Moulton has several clusters of small businesses, and employment opportunities also arise from the three educational establishments sited within the village.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan seeks to support local businesses, encourage new businesses, home working and social enterprises that benefit the community.

3.7: Monitoring & Review of the Plan

The Steering Group is concerned to ensure that this NDP is actively managed over the next 15 years. The MNDP will be reviewed periodically to ensure that it takes into account possible changes in national planning policy or to the Daventry District development plan framework.

Responsibility for providing the leadership for the MNDP will rest with Moulton Parish Council. Each Annual Parish Council meeting, after the Plan's implementation, will include a detailed report 'Updates to the MNDP'.

This will monitor the progress of the Plan in the previous year and the likely implementations and impact of the Plan for the forthcoming year.

The Parish Council website www.moultonparishcouncil.org.uk will carry an up to date report on progress with the Plan during its lifetime.

In 2019 and 2024 there will be thorough five year reviews of progress by a Steering Group which has a wider community base. The purpose of these reviews will be to guide the Parish Council in its stewardship of the MNDP, and to consider the need for proposing a review of, or amendment to the Plan, to Daventry District Council.

In 2029 the Parish Council will again recruit a new Steering Group from within the community to undertake a review and decide on the need for a subsequent NDP and if so decided, to overview the development of the subsequent 15 year plan which would commence in 2030.

Section 4:

Supporting Information

4.1: Glossary of Terms

Affordable Housing

Social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. Affordable housing should include provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision.

Consultation Statement

Consultation Statements set out how the local planning authority will engage local communities in plan making: who they will engage and how. In particular, they list the community groups and other organisations which will be contacted about Local Plan stages, and the methods of consultation which will be used. Hard-to-reach groups are identified and methods of helping them get involved set out.

Core Strategy

A Development Plan Document (DPD) setting out the spatial vision and strategic objectives of the planning framework for an area. The West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy is the adopted DPD for the District for the period to 2029.

Development Plan

This includes adopted Local Plans, Neighbourhood Plans and is defined in Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Flood Risk Assessment

An assessment of the likelihood of flooding in a particular area so that development needs and flood mitigation measures can be carefully considered.

Highway authority

Highway authorities are responsible for producing the local transport plan and for managing existing or proposed new local roads in the area. In most places, the local highway authority is part of the county council, the metropolitan council or the unitary authority.

Infrastructure

Basic services necessary for development to take place, for example, roads, electricity, sewerage, water, education and health facilities.

Listed Building

A building of special architectural or historic interest. Listed buildings are graded I, II* or II with grade I being the highest. Listing includes the interior as well as the exterior of the building, and any buildings or permanent structures.

Local Development Scheme

The local authority's scheduled plan for the preparation of Local Development Documents.

Local Planning Authority

The public authority whose duty it is to carry out specific planning functions for a particular area. This could be a District Council, unitary authority, metropolitan council or a National Park Authority.

Localism Act 2011

The Localism Act has devolved greater powers to councils and neighbourhoods and given local communities more control over housing and planning decisions.

Major Development

“Major Development” means development involving any one or more of the following:

- a) The winning and working of minerals or the use of land for mineral working deposits;

- b) Waste deposits;
- c) The provision of dwelling houses where –
 - i) The number of dwelling houses to be provided is 10 or more; or
 - ii) The development is to be carried out on a site having an area of 0.5Ha or more
- d) The provision of a building or buildings where the floor space to be created by the development is 1000m²; or
- e) Development carried out on a site having an area of 1Ha or more.

Material consideration

A matter that should be taken into account in deciding a planning application or on an appeal against a planning decision.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The national planning policy framework sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. It sets out the Government's requirements for the planning system only to the extent that it is relevant, proportionate and necessary to do so. It provides a framework within which local people and their accountable councils can produce their own distinctive local and neighbourhood plans.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

A plan prepared by a Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum for a particular neighbourhood area (made under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).

Open Space

All open space of public value, including public landscaped areas, playing fields, parks and play areas, and also including not just land, but also areas of water such as rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs, which can offer opportunities for sport and recreation and can also act as a visual amenity.

Parish Council

Parish councils are the tier of governance closest to the community. Around 30% of England's population is governed by a parish council, predominantly in rural areas. Parish councils are elected bodies and have powers to raise taxes. Their responsibilities vary, but can include provision of parks and allotments, maintenance of village halls, litter control and maintenance of local landmarks.

Planning Condition

A condition imposed on a grant of planning permission (in accordance with the Town & Country Planning Act 1990) or a condition included in a Local Development Order or Neighbourhood Development Order.

Planning Obligation

A legally enforceable obligation entered into under Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 to mitigate the impacts of a development proposal.

Planning Permission

Formal approval sought from a local planning authority allowing a proposed development to proceed. Permission may be sought for in principle through outline planning applications, or be sought in detail through full planning applications.

Public Open Space

Urban space, designated by a council, where public access may or may not be formally established, but which fulfils or can fulfil a recreational or non-recreational role (for example, amenity, ecological, educational, social or cultural usages).

Section 106 Agreement

A legal agreement under section 106 of the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act. Section 106 agreements are legal agreements between a planning authority and a developer, or undertakings offered unilaterally by a developer, that ensure that certain extra works related to a development are undertaken.



Saved Policies/Saved Plan

Policies within unitary development plans, local plans and structure plans that are saved for a time period during replacement production of Local Development Documents.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

Documents which add further detail to the policies in the Local Plan. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites, or on particular issues, such as design. Supplementary planning documents are capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions but are not part of the development plan.

Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)

Supplementary Planning Guidance may cover a range of issues, both thematic and site specific and provide further detail of policies and proposals in a Development Plan.

Sustainability Appraisal

An appraisal of the economic, environmental and social effects of a plan, from the outset of the preparation process to allow decisions to be made that accord with sustainable development.

Windfall Site

Sites which have not been specifically identified as available in the Local Plan process. They normally comprise previously developed sites that have unexpectedly become available.

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4.3: Reference Documents

West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy; Daventry District Local Plan 'Saved Policies'; Localism Act 2011 - Department for Communities and Local Government; Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012; National Planning Policy Framework 2012; National Planning Practice Guidance 2012; Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Section 106 Planning Obligations).

4.4: Evidence Base

This section includes supporting evidence, together with the Basic Conditions Statement (plus appendices) and the Consultation Statement (plus appendices).







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