

CRANAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION STATEMENT

February 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 in respect of the Cranage Neighbourhood Plan. The legal basis of the Statement is provided by Section 15 (2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should:

- Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Cranage Neighbourhood Plan;
- Explain how they were consulted;
- Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- Describe how those issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Cranage Neighbourhood Plan.

1.2 Cranage is a rural parish and is a ramblers' delight with many public footpaths through pretty countryside. Most facilities are found in nearby Holmes Chapel, but Cranage has a well-used parish hall, a shop - Lowe's farm shop and a 9/18 hole golf course. Although Cranage is situated in rural Cheshire and much of its area comprises farmland, it is close to the M6 at J18. Manchester International Airport is about 45 minutes' drive and there is a rail link from nearby Holmes Chapel to the airport, to Manchester and to Crewe main line stations. There is also a railway station in nearby Goostrey.

1.3 At the time of the 2021 census, there were 1288 residents living in Cranage, in 502 households. The small number of residents has meant that consultation with members of the community has been possible at a manageable scale, which has helped to allow the community to become aware of the Neighbourhood Plan, and to contribute to its development through various flyers, meetings and questionnaires.

1.4 Additionally, the Parish Council has published information on the Parish Council website <https://cranageparishcouncil.co.uk/> and then <https://cranageparishcouncil.gov.uk>, which has pages dedicated to the Neighbourhood Plan, where Neighbourhood Plan documents and background evidence have been published and available to view.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Cranage Neighbourhood Plan is a community plan and must derive its vision, objectives and policies from the community. From the outset the Parish Council was determined that the residents should be kept informed and given opportunities to contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan. Communication and consultation, in various forms, have played a large role in formulating the Neighbourhood Plan.

2.2 Throughout the process, the neighbourhood planning steering group has consulted with stakeholders and the community, using a variety of methods in order to gain as many views as possible.

2.3 It was considered essential to:

- Promote a high degree of awareness of the project;
- Encourage contributions to the development of the Neighbourhood Plan;
- Promote consultation opportunities and provide regular updates at Parish Council meetings on the status of the Neighbourhood Plan and its development.

2.4 Key to this programme was publicity to gain residents' engagement. This was gained via meetings, newsletters (by post), notices on the community notice boards and electronic media via the Cranage website. Consultation versions of the Neighbourhood Plan were available to view on the Parish website, along with other documents and reports <https://cranageparishcouncil.gov.uk/> The early stages of the plan were undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic, so meetings were held on zoom, and information and surveys delivered to households, with information available online.

2.5 Every effort has been made to ensure that the vision, objectives and policies of the Cranage Neighbourhood Plan reflect the views of the majority of the local residents, whilst having regard to local and national policies.

2.6 The Neighbourhood Plan has been developed through regular consultation with the residents of Cranage. Important stakeholders such as Cheshire East Council Planning department have also been consulted throughout the process providing invaluable information and advice. The Neighbourhood Plan area was officially designated by Cheshire East Council on 3rd July 2018.

3. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE

3.1 **Who was consulted and how were they consulted?** An initial survey which included brief information on Neighbourhood Planning was posted to all households in Cranage on February 7th 2021. The survey required responses from as many local people as possible, and information on the survey and Neighbourhood Planning, along with a reminder as the closing date approached, was placed on the village website <https://cranageparishcouncil.co.uk/> The deadline for responses was 8th March, so that individuals had a month to respond.

3.2 Originally, Cranage Parish Council was planning on preparing a joint Neighbourhood Plan with the neighbouring parish of Twemlow. The survey was sent to households in both parishes, but had a box to tick for respondents to indicate whether they lived in Cranage or Twemlow. Twemlow have decided not to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan, and so therefore only the results from Cranage residents were inputted and analysed.

3.3 Respondents could complete the survey whereupon it could be returned in an accompanying stamped addressed envelope to the Parish Clerk, or filled in online via survey monkey on the parish website.

3.4 A total of 165 surveys were returned out of the 477 distributed. This gave a very good overall response rate of 34.6%. This was a particularly good response, as the survey was undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. Many respondents gave lengthy, well considered, thoughtful and detailed responses. The questionnaire was used as a basis on which to develop the

objectives and policies. The results and comments were analysed and used to help determine what issues to focus on and what further evidence might be required to help prepare the Neighbourhood Plan policies.

3.5 The survey asked residents what they liked most about Cranage, what they disliked, how they would like to see Cranage in the future, and asked residents to choose which three (out of a list of eleven options) they thought were the most important issues for Cranage. Residents were also asked if they felt any green spaces should be particularly protected, and whether anything else should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

3.6 What issues and concerns were raised? Residents felt that the most important issues for Cranage (in order) were:-

- Access to the countryside
- The natural environment
- Community facilities
- Design of new developments
- Sustainable transport
- The local economy
- Recreation
- Heritage
- Climate Change
- Housing
- Tourism

3.7 93% of respondents answered the question of what they liked most about Cranage, with the most popular choice being the countryside and the natural environment, which almost two thirds of respondents cited. Additionally, many respondents highlighted that they enjoyed the access to green open spaces, and the peace and quiet that the village's location enjoys. The friendliness of the local people and the community spirit was also highly scored.

3.8 88% of respondents answered the question as to what they dislike about the Parish as it is today, and gave a wide range of answers. The most popular response was traffic and road issues. The second most popular answer was that the respondents disliked the lack of pavements, along with noise and air pollution. A number of residents didn't dislike anything about living in the Parish today. The threat of development and lack of facilities were also raised by a number of people.

3.9 88% of respondents answered the question asking how they would like to see Cranage in the future. Almost a third of respondents replied that they wanted a limit to development, commenting that they did not wish to see development on the green fields and in the countryside. Almost a third of residents want Cranage to remain the same as it is now. Other answers included a wish to see safer routes for cyclists, walkers and horse riders, the wish for Cranage to be rural, peaceful and quiet; with improved facilities and retail; less traffic and improved infrastructure; natural features to be improved; the good links to neighbouring areas to be maintained; and agriculture to be protected.

3.10 Over two thirds of respondents gave suggestions as to whether there were green spaces that should be particularly protected, with 25 suggestions. The most popular suggestion was the

protection of all of them, given by almost 57% of respondents. The next most popular response was the green space by Cranage Hall, followed by the football fields, Cranage Estate green areas, Cranage Woods, the Dane Valley and Needham Estate green areas.

3.11 How have the issues and concerns been considered? The results highlighted what was important for local people to see included in the Neighbourhood Plan, formed the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan's vision, objectives and policies, and helped to determine what evidence needed to be gathered to inform the policies.

3.12 The main themes that come out of the survey results were the importance of the countryside to the character of the Parish and the rural tranquillity that residents enjoy, along with the importance of continued access to green open spaces and the countryside. The high value placed on nearby local walks, cycleways and footpaths was also a recurring theme, along with the need to protect and provide community and recreation facilities.

3.13 Given the high value placed on the local natural environment, the Parish Council commissioned the Cheshire Wildlife Trust to undertake a study of the Parish's natural environment and nature conservation, in order to help draw up appropriate policies such as biodiversity and wildlife corridors. Residents were keen to protect footpaths and local green spaces, so it was considered appropriate to concentrate on gathering evidence about the parish's footpaths and rights of ways, and to officially designate the Parish's valued green spaces officially as local green spaces. Additionally, a survey of the local design and character of the Parish was undertaken.

3.14 Policies were specifically drawn up to cover landscape character; design, the rural economy; footpaths; trees and hedgerows and water courses; the natural environment; countryside pursuits; community facilities; and local green spaces.

3.15 Following on from the survey, analysis was undertaken of the results, which were discussed at the Annual Parish Council meeting. The meeting had to be held on zoom, but information from the survey results was detailed, and questions regarding the Neighbourhood Plan were answered.

3.16 A copy of the survey is included below.

CRANAGE AND TWEMLOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

Communities now have the right to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, which allows them to have a say in the future planning of their community. Topics covered can include the protection of the countryside, heritage, housing, the local economy, design, tourism and recreation etc. There are 30 adopted Neighbourhood Plans in Cheshire East, with many more underway. Cranage and Twemlow Parish Councils have now successfully applied for a grant to help with the cost of producing a joint Neighbourhood Plan for the two parishes.

A Neighbourhood Plan has to be in conformity with national planning policy and the Cheshire East Local Plan, but having a plan means that planners must take into account our vision of what the future looks like, and what is appropriate for Cranage and Twemlow.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be used by planning officers at Cheshire East Council to help determine planning applications in our Parish. This means that it must concentrate on 'land use' issues that require planning permission. For example, it cannot cover issues such as speed limits, litter, or bus times.

Producing a Neighbourhood Plan involves the whole community, and at the end of the process it will be independently examined, and you will be able to vote in a referendum as to whether the plan should go forward. When it is safe to do so, we will hold some events where the Neighbourhood Plan can be explained and discussed and further developed. For now though, we would love to hear your views as we start the process. We would be very grateful if you could complete the questionnaire on the reverse of this document to help us get started, or if you prefer fill in the online version at Cranage Parish Council www.cranageparishcouncil.org.uk or Twemlow Parish Council www.twemlowparishcouncil.com whichever is applicable to where you live. All responses will be kept anonymous.

How would you like
Cranage and Twemlow
to look in the future?

How should we protect
and enhance the
countryside?

What would you like to
see?

Do we have good local
facilities?

1. Please tell us which parish you live in. Cranage Twemlow

2. What do you like the most about Cranage and Twemlow as they are today?
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3. Is there anything that you dislike about Cranage and Twemlow as they are today?
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4. Your vision – how would you like to see Cranage and Twemlow in the future?
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5. Which **three** of the following do you consider are the most important issues for Cranage and Twemlow?

Design of new development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to the Countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>
The local economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Climate Change	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>
The natural environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Are there any green spaces that you think should be particularly protected?
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7. Is there anything else that you think should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan?
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Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return it in the SAE provided – if you are from Cranage to; Ms Julie Mason, and if you are from Twemlow to; Mrs Victoria Marchant. If you are interested in helping to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan, then please provide your name and contact details below:-
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4. PUBLIC EVENTS - NOVEMBER 2021

4.1 **Who was consulted and how were they consulted?** In November 2021 two public events were held in order to update the community about the Neighbourhood Plan and ask for comments on progress made so far. The events were held over the weekend of 6th and 7th of November at Cranage Estate Hotel and the Village Hall, and were well attended, with over 30 residents and Councillors attending. The events were advertised in the village newsletter, which is delivered to every household in the Parish, (see extracts below) and gave residents the opportunity to ask questions, give their views on the Cheshire Wildlife Trust report and draft policies, and sign up to take part in one of the working groups. 10 local residents signed up to join the 3 working groups – the Natural Environment; Community Facilities; and Design and Character.

4.2 **What issues and concerns were raised and how have the issues and concerns been considered?** The consultation events demonstrated that the community supported the Neighbourhood Plan, the draft vision and the direction of the draft policies.

4.3 Following the events, help was given by local residents who had expertise and local knowledge on the local footpaths and rights of way, local trees and hedgerows, and the local character of the Parish. The residents joined the Neighbourhood Plan working groups and helped develop the evidence for the Neighbourhood Plan policies. The parish was divided into seven areas, which volunteers then explored to gather evidence regarding the footpaths in the parish. Volunteers checked the existence, condition and accessibility of the right of ways within their section. This work by the volunteers confirmed the presence of the paths. Additionally, volunteers gathered evidence regarding the trees, hedgerows and watercourses. Comparison of the seven sections clearly highlighted the biodiversity within the parish. Volunteers checked the existence and health of protected trees within their section as well as recommending additional trees for protection. Volunteers also undertook a character assessment of the Parish.

4.4 Specific issues that were raised at the events included ideas for rewilding sites by the Needham Drive Estate; the need for improved public and sustainable transport links; the potential need for affordable housing; the need to protect significant trees and woodland; an appreciation of local facilities; and the importance of local footpaths. These issues were considered for inclusion within the Neighbourhood Plan. Affordable housing was not included, as Cranage is designated as an infill village, and rural exception policies are covered by the Cheshire East Local Plan.

4.5 Examples and Evidence public events:

4.5.1 Screenshot of Newsletter:


 CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL
 AUTUMN 2021

PARISH NEWSLETTER

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING: Your chance to shape the future of Cranage



Cranage has begun the process of putting together a set of policies that support local people getting more say in planning decisions that affect our parish.

Whenever someone applies for planning consent in Cranage, the planners at Cheshire East follow national planning policy and the Cheshire East Local Plan to shape their decisions. The Neighbourhood Plan we create will add another layer to that framework, meaning that local hopes and aspirations are considered and any future development in our parish is in line with the boundaries we, as residents, have set out. The policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have to be legal and relevant, and we have engaged expert help from Cheshire Community Action to help us get it right. They must be based on evidence, and Cranage Parish Council has been granted funding from Locality, an organisation providing support to neighbourhood planning groups on behalf of the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, to support the process. The plan will be drawn up by local volunteers co-ordinated by members of Cranage Parish Council and guided through the process by the parish clerk and our expert adviser. Costs of the process will be met by the grant funding, so other than an initial £830 already spent from Precept, there will be no cost to the parish.

We'd love you to get involved – the more people like you who take part, the more confidence we can have that the Neighbourhood Plan properly reflects the views and needs of the residents – see more inside this newsletter.

Councillor Sophie Levin

Please register on the Parish Council website www.cranageparishcouncil.co.uk to keep updated and meet your Parish Council representatives.

Your Village Hall is OPEN!

The Village Hall, that lovely old building alongside the A50, is back in action again.

The Art Club, the Toddler groups, the Karate Club, the Bridge Club and several other groups are meeting again, and with all paying due respect to the anti-Covid-19 precautions that are still being observed at the hall. If you would like to have a friendly, and interesting venue for your event, please contact the merry band of volunteers who run the hall via: www.cranagevillagehall.co.uk

LITTER PICK

SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2021

Meet at Cranage Village Hall at 10.00am

Litter Picking Kits will be supplied.

Afterwards have a tea/coffee and a biscuit.

If you could spare an hour to take part please contact rhurst@cranageparishcouncil.co.uk

What you and your neighbours value about Cranage



As part of the Neighbourhood Planning process, we wrote to you about six months ago asking for opinions and feedback about living in Cranage. The results were extremely encouraging, with nearly 35% of households returning thoughtful and considered responses.

It was very clear that residents value Cranage's countryside and natural environment very highly. Access to green spaces, community spirit, peace and quiet, and places to walk and cycle are also valued by lots of you. Things people dislike about Cranage include road traffic, noise and pollution, and a lack of pavements and cycle paths. Understanding these views will help our community to create a Neighbourhood Plan that delivers what residents want and need.

People's hopes for the future of Cranage tended to centre around keeping things the same, limiting development, promoting rural tranquility and increasing safety for walking, cycling and horse-riding. We invited you to choose the three top issues for Cranage from a list. The responses told us that access to the countryside, the natural environment and community facilities were the most popular choices. Design of new developments and sustainable transport also scored highly. Tourism was the least selected issue.

In summary, there was a strong inclination from across the parish to protect green spaces from future development. Where people raised issues that fall outside the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan – such as speed limits, highways maintenance and litter – the Parish Council have noted the concerns and remain committed to supporting residents to achieve change where possible.

Given the strong and recurring value placed on green spaces, the natural environment, and footpaths and cycleways, it was clear that we need to begin by gathering evidence about the wildlife and nature we all treasure. For this reason, a study has been commissioned by Cheshire Wildlife Trust to help inform policies that could protect biodiversity and wildlife corridors from unsuitable development.

If you spend time watching birds, butterflies or moths, and have some spotting sites in and around Cranage we would love to hear from you, please get in touch via;

clerk@cranageparishcouncil.co.uk



Please register on the Parish Council website www.cranageparishcouncil.co.uk to keep updated and meet your Parish Council representatives.

Find out more and have your say

Join us over the weekend of
SATURDAY
6th NOVEMBER
 from 10am – 1pm
 at Cranage Hall Hotel
SUNDAY
7th NOVEMBER
 from 10am – 2pm
 at Cranage Village Hall

Come to the open events in the Village Hall and at the Hotel to;

- Meet other people who are interested in Neighbourhood Planning
- See the initial findings of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust into the wildlife and biodiversity of our parish
- Comment on the initial draft policies of the Neighbourhood Plan so far
- Sign up to take part in one of three working groups to further develop the Neighbourhood Plan

There's no minimum commitment to being part of this process, and you can come and find out more without offering to be involved further. We understand that many of you are extraordinarily busy, and we also know that our parish houses people of all kinds of skills and talents. If you can spare even the tiniest amount of time, or the occasional email or phone call, we'll be grateful for your contribution.

Enjoy some tea, coffee and cake too!

The next steps are to focus on three areas of policy as follows:



- 1 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP**
to work together using the findings of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust investigation to create planning policies that help to protect our treasured rural environment. This group will also include work on the highly prized areas of footpaths, trees, hedges and watercourses.
- 2 AMENITIES & COMMUNITY FACILITIES GROUP**
to work together on compiling a catalogue of existing valued amenities and green spaces in order to better protect them from development and look for opportunities to seek improvements in the future.
- 3 DESIGN & CHARACTER GROUP**
to work together to survey the existing design characteristics of development in Cranage, to then form the basis of a design and character guide which will be included in the plan, supporting only appropriate and locally suitable development in future. This group will also consider sustainable transport and infrastructure policies, so that any new development will be expected to consider these aspects of rural life.

If you can't make it to the live event on 6th / 7th November, please don't let that be a barrier to getting involved. You can email us on clerk@cranageparishcouncil.co.uk or even write to us at: Clerk, Cranage Parish Council, 66 Elm Drive, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire CW4 7QG.

We'd love to hear from a broad spectrum of residents including the very young and the very old, business owners, commuters and full-time parents. There is no contribution too small and we're looking forward to meeting all of you.

Councillor Sophie Levin

Please register on the Parish Council website www.cranageparishcouncil.co.uk to keep updated and meet your Parish Council representatives.

Photos from the events:



5. REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION

5.1 As required under Part 5, Section 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group completed a six week pre-submission consultation on the draft Cranage Neighbourhood Plan between Friday 2nd May and Monday 16th June 2025. Within this period the following was undertaken -

- Consultation with statutory consultation bodies
- Notification as to where the pre-submission Cranage Neighbourhood Plan could be inspected
- Information on how to make representations, and the date by which these should be received
- A copy of the pre-submission Cranage Neighbourhood Plan was sent to the Cheshire East Spatial Planning department

5.2 Cheshire East Council supplied approximately 100 e-mail addresses of interested parties which were all sent the Regulation 14 information letter and links to the Neighbourhood Plan website where they could view the Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents. This was supplemented with contacts for local organisations and individuals which it was considered might have opinions on the Plan. All households in the Parish were notified of the consultation process, again via the village newsletter, which is delivered to every household in the Parish, via the parish Council website and notices on all the public noticeboards.

A copy of the Plan was available for viewing, along with comment forms, at

- Cranage Village Hall, Knutsford Road, Cranage.
- Devere Cranage Estate (Reception), Byley Lane, Cranage.
- Hollins Farm (Reception), Hermitage Lane, Cranage.
- Holmes Chapel Library, London Road, Holmes Chapel.
- Holmes Chapel Community Centre, Station Road, Holmes Chapel.

An online version could be viewed on the village website at <https://cranageparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

5.3 Comments on the Plan could be submitted by filling in the specific online response form via the website, by completing the paper version of the form at the locations above or by email to the clerk.

5.4 Examples and Evidence of Reg 14 Consultation:

5.4.1 Public Notice:



CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Public Notice: Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

Have Your Say on the Future of Cranage – Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Opens

Cranage Parish Council is inviting residents and stakeholders to comment on the draft Cranage Neighbourhood Plan. This consultation, carried out under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, will run from **Friday 2nd May to Monday 16th June 2025**.

The Neighbourhood Plan will shape how our parish evolves over the next 10 years, influencing development, protecting green spaces, and supporting the needs of our community.

What's in the Plan?

- Policies to enhance rural values and protect valued green spaces
- Preservations for walking and cycling routes, and bridleways
- Safeguards for community facilities

Where to View the Plan:

- You can view the draft Neighbourhood Plan online at:
www.cranageparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan

Printed copies are available at:

- Cranage Village Hall, Knutsford Road, Cranage.
- Devere Cranage Estate (Reception), Byley Lane, Cranage.
- Hollins Farm (Reception), Hermitage Lane, Cranage.
- Holmes Chapel Library, London Road, Holmes Chapel.
- Holmes Chapel Community Centre, Station Road, Holmes Chapel.

How to Respond:

Please send your comments by 16th June 2025 via:

- The on-line survey on our website – as above
- Email: clerk@cranageparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Or write to Cranage Parish Council, c/o 1 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel CW4 7AZ

For more information or to request a paper copy, please contact Parish Clerk Sue McKay

- Email clerk@cranageparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Telephone 07871 661813

5.4.2 Newsletter:



SPRING 2025

CRANAGE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH NEWSLETTER

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Opens

Have Your Say on the Future of Cranage!

The Cranage Neighbourhood Plan is ready for your views – and now is the time to get involved again in shaping the future of our community.

The Parish Council has been developing the Neighbourhood Plan since 2020. Following updates to the assessment criteria, the initial draft required revision. These changes have now been incorporated, and we have reached the stage where the updated plan will be submitted for consultation with relevant stakeholders — including approximately 50 representatives from public bodies.

Most importantly, this is also the opportunity for Cranage residents to share their views. This article outlines how you can provide your feedback, and we warmly encourage everyone to take part.

Following this consultation phase, the plan will be revised as necessary before being brought to a referendum, where residents will have the chance to vote for or against its adoption.

From **Friday 2nd May to Monday 16th June 2025**, the Parish Council is holding a **Regulation 14 Public Consultation** on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This important document sets out a local vision for development in Cranage over the next 10 years.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan gives our community more control over how land is used and developed locally. Once adopted, it becomes a legal part of the local planning framework, meaning it will influence future planning applications and decisions.

What's in the Plan?

The draft plan includes policies to:

- Enhance rural values and green sustainability
- Protect important green spaces
- Enhance walking and cycling routes, and bridleways

- Safeguard community facilities
- Maintain our landscape character

We want your feedback

This is your chance to let us know if we've got it right – or if anything needs changing. Whether you support the plan, have concerns, or would like to suggest improvements, every comment matters.

How to View the Plan and Respond

You can view the full draft plan and supporting documents on our website:

www.cranageparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan

Printed copies are also available at:

- Cranage Village hall, Knutsford Road, Cranage
- Devere Cranage Estate, Byley Lane, Cranage
- Hollins Farm, Reception, Hermitage Lane, Cranage
- Holmes Chapel Library, London Road, Holmes Chapel
- Holmes Chapel Community Centre, Station Road, Holmes Chapel.
- Or on request to the Clerk.

To give your feedback, you can:

- Fill out the online consultation form on our website: www.cranageparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan using the SUBMIT FEEDBACK button.
- Email your comments to: clerk@cranageparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Fill out one of the paper feedback forms which are with the paper copies and send to: Cranage Parish Council, c/o 1 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7AZ.
- Or write to Cranage Parish Council with any comments at the address above.

5.4.3 Website Screenshot:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.cranageparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan>. The page content includes:

- Where to View the Plan:** Here is the Regulation 14 version of the Neighbourhood Plan. A button labeled "VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN" is visible.
- Printed copies are available at:** A list of locations: Cranage Village Hall, Devere Cranage Estate (Reception), Hollins Farm (Reception), Hermitage Lane, Cranage, Holmes Chapel Library, and Holmes Chapel Community Centre.
- How to Respond:** Fill out the online consultation form using this button: A button labeled "SUBMIT FEEDBACK" is visible.
- Or:** A list of options: Email your comments to clerk@cranageparishcouncil.gov.uk, Fill out one of the paper feedback forms which are with the paper copies and send to Cranage Parish Council, c/o 1 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7AZ, and Write to Cranage Parish Council with any comments at the address above.

For more information, please contact Parish Clerk Sue McKay at the details above.

5.4 Along with local residents, the following people and groups were consulted as part of the Regulation 14 consultation - See Appendix 1.

5.7 **What issues and concerns were raised?** A total of 9 comments were received at the Regulation 14 stage, from 104 consultees. These were from 3 residents and 3 statutory bodies, 1 local business, 1 Parish Council and Cheshire East Council. The issues raised included comments about wording to strengthen and give clarity to policies and ensure conformity, comments regarding the local green spaces and comments on design.

5.8 **How have the issues and concerns been considered?** The issues and concerns have been given full consideration, and changes have been made to the Neighbourhood Plan accordingly, in preparation for formal submission. Various wording in the text and policies have been amended and one policy removed, as per suggestions, to add clarity to the Neighbourhood Plan. Changes were made to policies

- RV1 Rural Values and Green Sustainability
- ENV 1 Footpaths and Bridleways
- ENV 2 Wildlife Sites, Wildlife Corridors and Biodiversity
- ENV 3 Trees , Hedgerows and Watercourses
- COM 1 Local Green Spaces
- COM 2 Community Facilities
- COM 3 Rural Economy
- DES 1 Landscape Character
- DES 2 Design for New Developments

Work to redefine the boundaries of the Local Green Spaces sites was carried out in line with feedback from Cheshire East Council following Regulation 14 and a new appendix to clarify these Local Green Spaces was included.

5.9 A summary of the representations made, along with the responses and recommended amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan is detailed in Appendix 2.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The publicity, engagement and consultation completed throughout the production of the Cranage Neighbourhood Plan has been open and transparent, with opportunities provided for both statutory consultees and those that live and work within the Neighbourhood Area to feed into the process, make comment, and to raise issues, priorities and concerns for consideration.

6.2 All statutory requirements have been met and consultation, engagement and research has been completed. This Consultation Statement has been produced to document the consultation and engagement process and is considered to comply with Part 5, Section 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

APPENDIX 1: LIST OF CONSULTEES AND RESPONDENTS

Groups Contacted during Regulation 14 Consultation		
Organisation / Company	Contact	Email
Cranage Village Hall Committee	Rachel Hurst	rachel.hurst@cranagevillagehall.co.uk
Devere Cranage Estate Hotel	manager	Morrell, Richard <Richard.Morrell@devere.com>
Holmes Chapel Health Centre	manager	phil.holt1@nhs.net
Friends of the Dane Meadow	H Sutcliffe	Hazel Sutcliffe <h.p.sutcliffe@gmail.com>
Hurricanes Football team committee	T Sheldon	Tim Sheldon <tim.sheldon@btinternet.com>
Holmes Chapel Primary School	F Gresty	head@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk
Hermitage Primary School	H Ross	head@hermitage.cheshire.sch.uk
Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School	N Bielby	nigel.bielby@hccs.info
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APPENDIX 2: REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE REGULATION 14 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

Ref	Consultee	Comment	Steering Group /Parish Council response
1	Cheshire East Council	Cheshire East Council welcomed the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and commended the evidence-gathering work, but raised concerns about duplication with existing Local Plan policies and advised that several policies should be reviewed to be more locally specific or simplified. They made detailed comments on most policies, suggesting rewording, clearer policy tests, improved mapping, and stronger justification in places, particularly for Local Green Space designations where several sites were considered too extensive or insufficiently justified against NPPF criteria. The Council also recommended removing or amending elements already covered by strategic policy and improving clarity in design, landscape and environmental policies. Overall, they indicated that many issues could be resolved through redrafting rather than fundamental changes to the plan.	The comments were noted and policies amended as a result of the changes suggested.
2	Holmes Chapel Parish Council	Holmes Chapel Parish Council is supportive of this Neighbourhood Plan.	The comments were noted by the Parish Council.
3	United Utilities	United Utilities noted that no new site allocations were proposed but requested early engagement where development may affect water and wastewater assets in the parish. They sought stronger references in the plan to climate resilience, water efficiency and sustainable drainage, and flexibility for biodiversity net gain around infrastructure sites. UUW also asked that the plan explicitly supports future water and wastewater infrastructure investment, including in protected areas where needed.	The comments were noted by the Parish Council.
4	Natural England	Natural England did not have any specific comments to make and highlighted their general strategies.	Noted. No action required.
5	Historic England	Historic England provided largely generic advice, noting the presence of heritage assets in the parish and recommending that the plan include a positive strategy for their conservation and enhancement. They advised using evidence such as heritage or character studies, consulting the Historic Environment Record, and ensuring that	Noted. No action required.

		neighbourhood plan policies add local detail rather than duplicating higher-level policy. The response also highlighted the need for careful site selection, good design principles, and consistent use of heritage terminology in line with national guidance.	
6	Resident 1	We commend the Parish Council for writing such a comprehensive plan that we feel overall reflects the wishes of the community. The resident agreed with the policies in the plan.	Thank you for your comments, no action required.
7	Resident 2 and 3	Commented on the low quality of the maps in the website version – this was resolved and no further comments made.	The plan was amended with higher quality maps included on the electronic version.
8	Local Business 1	I have had good look at the plan and you have done a wonderful job and fully support what you and the Parish team want to achieve for all the residents of Cranage. We are fully supportive of the plan and recognise the great commitment to be more sustainable which is great to see and aligned with our company values. Keep up the good work. Thanks	Thank you for your comments, no action required.