



**Submitted Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan –
Middlesbrough Council Consultation Statement**

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This Consultation Statement has been prepared:

In respect of public consultation undertaken from 5 July to 16 August 2021, by Middlesbrough Council following the submission of the Stainton and Thornton Neighbourhood Plan, and accompanying supporting documentation, by Stainton and Thornton Parish Council.

Consultation and engagement procedures

1. Under the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended), it is a requirement that as soon as practicable following submission of a Neighbourhood Plan, local authorities must undertake a (minimum) six week public consultation process, to enable residents and other local stakeholders to comment on the draft Plan, before an independent examination can take place.
2. As well as the above legal consultation requirements, the Council also has its own planning public engagement procedures, that it must undertake. These engagement procedures are set-out in its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) consultation framework. The SCI details the methods of consultation that local residents and other stakeholders can expect, when we publicly consult on planning documents. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, (particularly at the start of the consultation period) the Council has had to modify some of these public engagement procedures, in order to comply with the Government's public health guidelines.
3. This has meant that the most of the consultation, in this instance, has been undertaken 'online' by utilising the Council's social media and consultation platforms. Public health restrictions have also resulted in the temporary closure or restricted public access to some of the Council's buildings e.g. the Civic Centre and local branch libraries. Due to these temporary building closures and public access restrictions, it was not possible to provide 'hard copies' of the submitted documentation, for inspection purposes. In order not to disadvantage individuals from obtaining or inspecting the documentation, they could request copies of the submitted Neighbourhood Plan and response form to be posted out them, by writing to the Council or by contacting officers via a dedicated telephone number.
4. The consultation and engagement procedures included the following:

Availability of documentation:

- Throughout the consultation period, the submitted Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation were made available to view and download on the Council's website.
- Hard copies of the submitted Neighbourhood Plan and response forms, were made available upon request, and posted out to those who did not have access to a

computer or online facilities, and/or could not inspect copies at main Council buildings and local branch libraries.

How people were invited to make representations:

- All contacts on the Council’s planning policy consultation database were contacted via letter or email (according to the individual’s preferences) informing them of the consultation event, how, where and when they could view documents, and on how they could respond (see Appendix 1). In addition, the Parish Council through its own webpage and parish newsletter notified local residents about the consultation event, how, where and when they could view documents, and how they could make representations.

Method of Notification:	Total Number Sent:
Letters	815
Emails	837
Stainton & Thornton Parish Council Newsletter (paper & email formats).	1,000 (approx. circulation)

- Information about the consultation event was advertised on the Council’s website, and social media platforms.
- A press release detailing the consultation event, dates and how to submit representations, was prepared and distributed to local media outlets (see Appendix 3).
- Public notices were attached to lamp-posts and main entry points within the Neighbourhood Area informing residents and other stakeholders about the consultation, event, how they can get involved, and where to send their representations (see Appendix 3).

Engagement processes:

- Access to a dedicated ‘online’ Stainton and Thornton Neighbourhood Plan consultation page via the Council’s website was made available to consultees to view and download the various consultation documents, and to submit representations.
- A dedicated email address and contact telephone number provided an opportunity for main and other consultees, members of the public, and other stakeholders to contact the planning policy team with any queries regarding the consultation.

Responses received

5. At the end of the six-week consultation period the Council had received 17 responses (see Appendix 4). The majority of these responses were made via email, with only four being submitted via the ‘online’ form. Included in the total number of received responses, are

representations from statutory and non-statutory bodies i.e. the Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England, Sport England, and the National Grid (see Appendix 4).

Next Steps

6. In accordance with the above Regulations, the Council is required to send to the appointed Independent Examiner: the submitted Neighbourhood Plan; all relevant supporting documentation and a copy of the representations received during the submission public consultation event. Once the Independent Examiner is satisfied that they have received all the relevant documentation, and that it meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements, they will then undertake the independent examination.

Appendix 1

**Copy of the letter sent to consultees listed in the planning policy
consultation database**

Direct Line: (01642) 729065

Our Ref: Local Plan/S&TNP/

Your Ref:

When telephoning please ask for :

Charlton Gibben

Dear Sir/Madam

Submitted Draft Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

Stainton & Thornton Parish Council has submitted its draft Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation to Middlesbrough Council for public examination. The Council will be commencing a six-week public consultation event from **Monday 5th July to Monday 16th August 2021**, before undertaking an independent public examination into the draft Plan.

This Neighbourhood Plan, once adopted, will sit alongside Middlesbrough's Local Plan, and can determine where new development should go, or what places should look like within Stainton & Thornton.

Copies of the draft Plan and supporting documentation are now available to view and download from the Council's website at <https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/planning-and-housing/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/stainton-and-thornton-neighbourhood-plan>

If you wish to comment on the draft Neighbourhood Plan, the easiest way to respond is to complete an online response form, which can be accessed from the above web-link. Responses can also be submitted by email to planningpolicy@middlesbrough.gov.uk or via post to: Planning Policy, Middlesbrough Council, PO Box 504, First Floor, Civic Centre, TS1 9FY.

Unfortunately, due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be placing hard copies of the documentation in the Council's local libraries.

If you have any queries regarding the Neighbourhood Plan or the consultation process please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number, or via the above Planning Policy email address.

Yours faithfully,
Charlton Gibben
Senior Planning Policy Officer
Planning Services

Appendix 2

Copy of the response form



Office use only:	
Ref No:	_____
Date Received:	/ /
Date Acknowledged:	/ /

**Submitted Draft Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan
Consultation Representation Form**

Stainton & Thornton Parish Council has submitted its draft Neighbourhood Plan to the Council for public examination. In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the Council will be commencing a six-week public consultation event from **Monday 5th July to Monday 16th August 2021.**

Copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation are now available to download from the Council's Neighbourhood Planning webpages relating to Stainton & Thornton West at <https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/planning-and-housing/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/stainton-and-thornton-neighbourhood-plan>

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If you require any further assistance regarding completing this form please do not hesitate to contact Planning Policy on tel: 01642 729065.

1.	Your Contact Details	2.	Agent Details <i>(if applicable)</i>
	Title <input type="text"/>		Title <input type="text"/>
	First Name <input type="text"/>		First Name <input type="text"/>
	Surname <input type="text"/>		Surname <input type="text"/>
	Organisation <input type="text"/>		Organisation <input type="text"/>
	Address <input type="text"/>		Address <input type="text"/>
	Postcode <input type="text"/>		Postcode <input type="text"/>
	Tel. No. <input type="text"/>		Tel. No. <input type="text"/>
	E-mail <input type="text"/>		E-mail <input type="text"/>

Please tick one of the relevant boxes below if you support or do not support the draft Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan.

Support:

Do not support:

If you wish to comment further on the contents of the draft Neighbourhood Plan, please use the space below and indicate which policy number your comment refers to, e.g. Policy ST1: Green Infrastructure, or relevant sub-title.

Your comment is:

(please use a separate sheet, if required and attach it to this form before returning it)

Signature

Date

Declaration: I understand that all comments submitted will be considered in line with this consultation; that my comments will be made publicly available and my personal information will be processed in line with our privacy notice.*

Please ensure that responses are returned by 5:00pm Monday 16th August 2021 to:

**Planning Policy,
Planning Services,
Civic Centre – First Floor,
Middlesbrough Council,
PO Box 504,
Middlesbrough, TS1 9FY.**

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**Please note, following recent changes to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Planning Policy's privacy notice has been updated. Should you wish to read this it can be downloaded via the Council's website www.middlesbrough.gov.uk*

Appendix 3

Copy of the Public Notice and Press Release



PUBLIC NOTICE

LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012

Stainton & Thornton Draft Neighbourhood Plan Submission Public Consultation

Stainton & Thornton Parish Council recently submitted its Stainton & Thornton draft Neighbourhood Plan to Middlesbrough Council for public examination. The Council will be undertaking a six-week public consultation event from:

9am Monday 5th July to 5pm on Monday 16th August 2021

Copies of the draft Plan and supporting documentation will be available to view and download from the Council's Neighbourhood Planning webpages relating to Stainton & Thornton at:

<https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/planning-and-housing/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/stainton-and-thornton-neighbourhood-plan>

If you wish to comment on the draft Plan, the easiest way to respond is to complete an online response form, which can be accessed from the above webpages.

Responses can also be submitted by email to:
planningpolicy@middlesbrough.gov.uk

or via post to:
Planning Policy, Middlesbrough Council, PO Box 504, First Floor, Civic Centre,
TS1 9FY

If you wish to discuss any matters concerning the Neighbourhood Plan, please contact 01642 729065 or email planningpolicy@middlesbrough.gov.uk

All representations are required to be with the Council before **5.00pm on Monday 16th August 2021**.

News Release



Media information from Middlesbrough Council
Press and Public Relations Office

VIEWS SOUGHT ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

LOCAL residents are being asked for their views on a Neighbourhood Plan for a Middlesbrough community.

Stainton and Thornton Parish Council has recently submitted its Draft Neighbourhood Plan to Middlesbrough Council for public examination.

The council is now conducting a six-week public consultation event from 9am on Monday, July 5 until 5pm on Monday, August 16.

Neighbourhood Plans were introduced in the 2011 Localism Act, and work alongside the Council's Local Plan to help determine where new homes and shops should go, or what places should look like within the designated area.

Copies of the draft plan and supporting documentation will be available to view and download from the Council's Neighbourhood Planning webpages relating to Stainton & Thornton at: www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/planning-and-housing/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/stainton-and-thornton-neighbourhood-plan

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**Online and other representations submitted during the public
consultation period**

Table 1: Representations received via the Council's 'online' response form.

Respondent No. & Name		Support/Do not support the Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan	Identified Policy/Paragraph No.	Received Representation
01	J. Killington (Local resident)	Do not support	-	We were promised houses would not be built upon green sites. Disrupting local agriculture is not good for the environment or local residents, especially during these difficult times. Green spaces should be preserved for our mental health, not built upon.
02	S. Sharp (Sutcliffe Play Ltd)	Support	-	No further comment made.
03	C. Woodward (Local resident)	Do not support	-	No proper consideration for mandala meadow or spine road the plan to stop this was supported by Andy Preston as his mayoral election pledge. Council comment: The above response refers to another site within Middlesbrough, however, it was submitted 'online' in respect of the Stainton & Thornton Neighbourhood Plan consultation process, and the respondent in answer to the specific question Do you support or Not support the Neighbourhood Plan, indicated that they do not support the Neighbourhood Plan.
04	Rev'd. C. Todd (St. Peter & St. Pauls Church, Stainton)	Support	-	Although I do in principle support the Neighbourhood Plan, I would express concerns about the extra traffic and parking in and around the centre of

				Stainton. The roads are not really designed for a lot of traffic, and there is already more through traffic due to the new housing on the edge of Stainton. In addition, parking is very limited near the pub, and the shops, and this will only be exacerbated by further housing. In addition, with schools already being over-subscribed in Middlesbrough, the rise in population in this area will only serve to create further difficulties if the planning of new schools is not adequate enough to take into account the needs of families over the next 20-30 years.
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In addition to the above 'online' representations, representations have been received from the following respondents (these representations are in pdf. format and can be downloaded from the Council's Stainton and Thornton Neighbourhood Plan webpage. If you are unable to download copies, please contact the Planning Policy Team on telephone number: 01642 729065.

05	Forestry Commission
06	G. Sullivan
07	Here for You Hospitality Ltd – Sporting Lodge
08	Highways England
09	Historic England
10	Miller Homes
11	Mr Trainor
12	National Grid
13	Natural England
14	Taylor Wimpey Ltd
15	Sport England
16	Stagecoach
17	Bellway Homes Ltd

Received total number of online responses, emails and letters: 17.

