

Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan

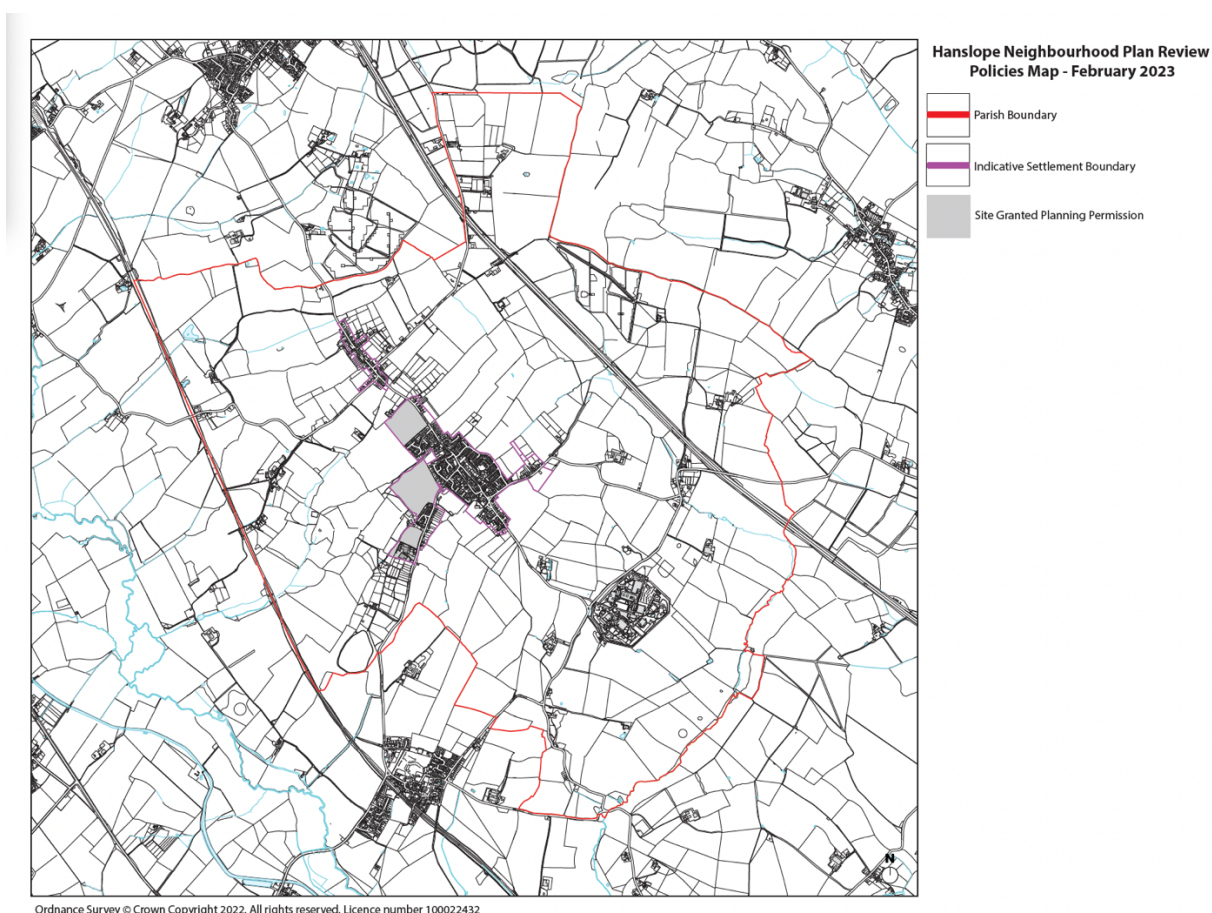
Proposed 2024 updates

Neighbourhood Plans are an essential tool in local planning. They give the residents of settlements like Hanslope the ability to set policies for what development they do and don't want to see in their neighbourhood. Milton Keynes Council Planning Department, not Parish Councils, approve or reject planning applications. By developing a Neighbourhood Plan, a Village creates rules that Milton Keynes council Planning Officers are required to abide by, when considering applications, as long as they are meeting their housebuilding objectives to Central Government.

As such, the Neighbourhood Plan forms a legally binding document, containing local planning policy and must be start being updated every 2-3 years to ensure that it remains effective in defending against unwanted development, alongside evolving Central Government legislation and the changing nature of the village. Parish Councillors and local volunteers are helping to update the plan.

The current Neighbourhood Plan was approved in 2019 and can be found [here](#).

The settlement area of the village that the Neighbourhood Plan applies to is outlined with a purple line.



The updates proposed this year are minor and can be implemented quickly and without referendum. No new areas of development have been recommended in this plan.

The updates fall into the five key areas outlined overleaf.

1. Updating key views to reflect new housing developments and inclusion of views cherished by residents

Neighbourhood plans ensure that any development should protect the key scenic and distinctive views into and out of the village (including the Conservation Area), and across the open fields, and minimise the visual impact on the landscape.

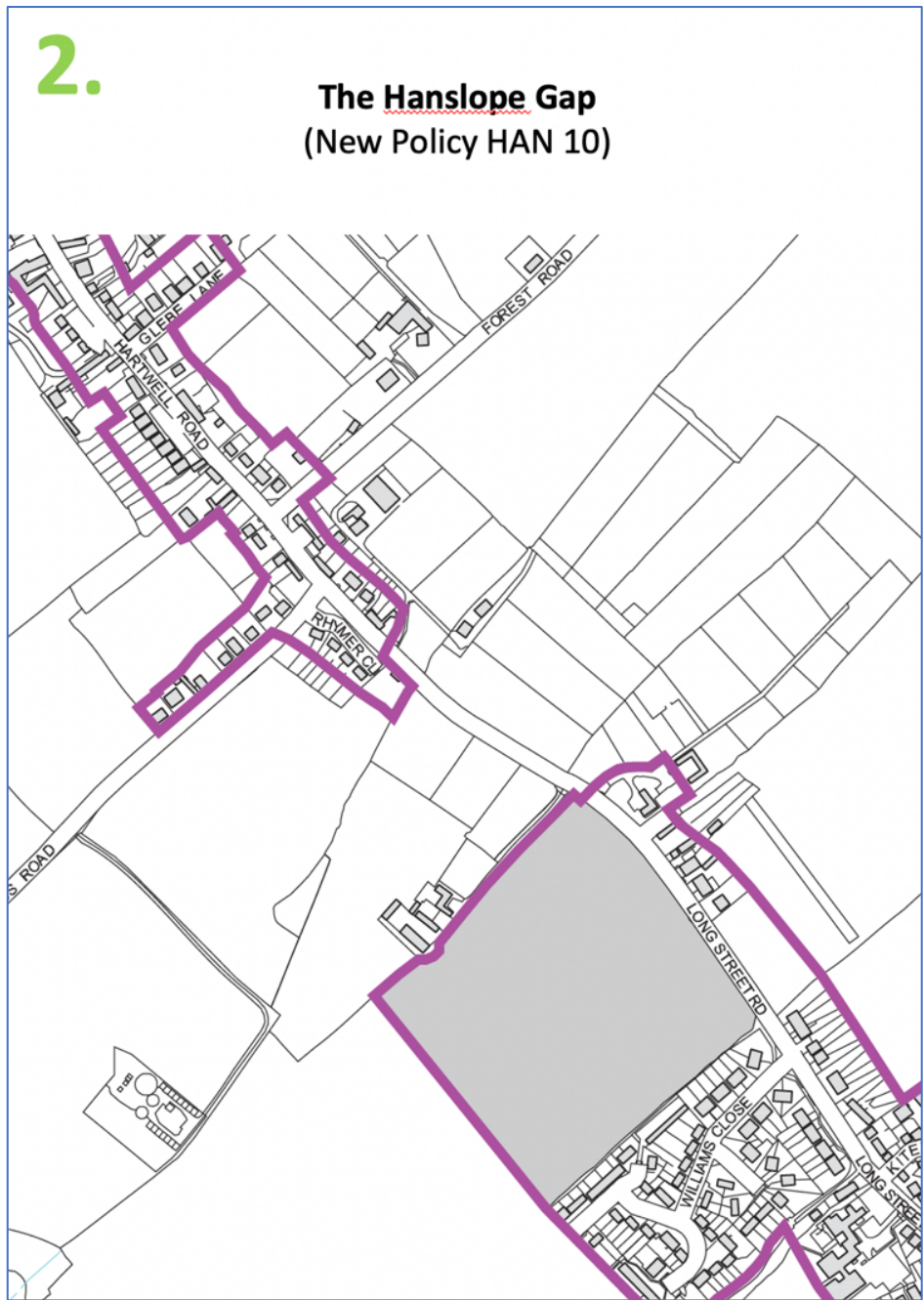
Since the last plan in 2019, the Bloor, Wheatfields and Hayfields developments have been commenced or completed and as a result, several key views have been lost. It is proposed that the plan will be updated to include new views from the backs of these estates, as well as a view from Newport Road towards Stoke Park Woods.

The drawings 1a shows the views in the current plan. 1b shows the proposed new views.



2. New policy language for The Hanslope Gap - clearly defining Long Street as a separate settlement, to maintain the gap. New Policy proposed: HAN10.

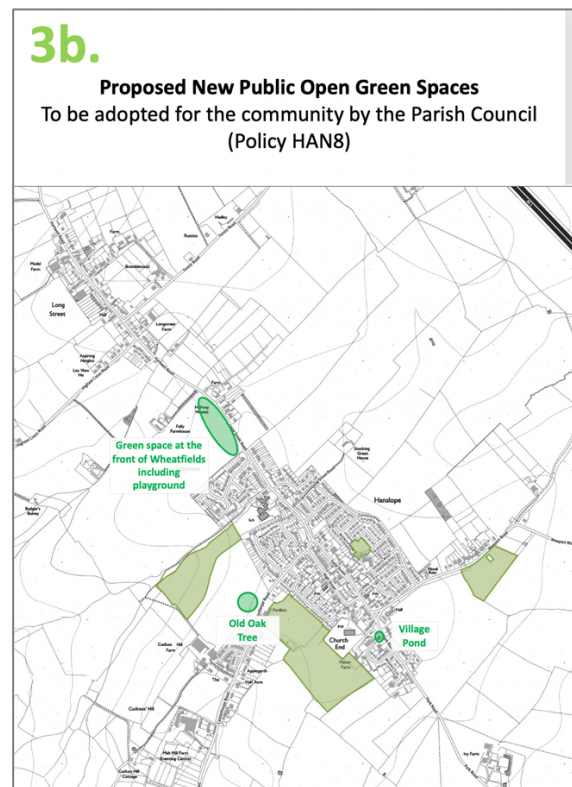
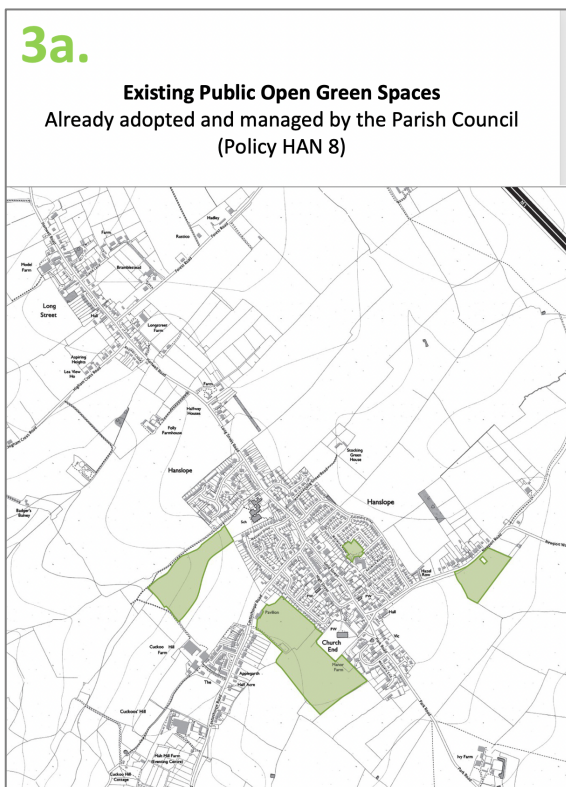
It is important to ensure that the two settlements of Hanslope and Long Street remain distinct from one another and protected from any future development applications. A new policy will provide this area with additional protections.



3. Protecting our Public Open Green Spaces, by incorporating the new ones from the Bloor, Wheatfields and Hayfields Estates

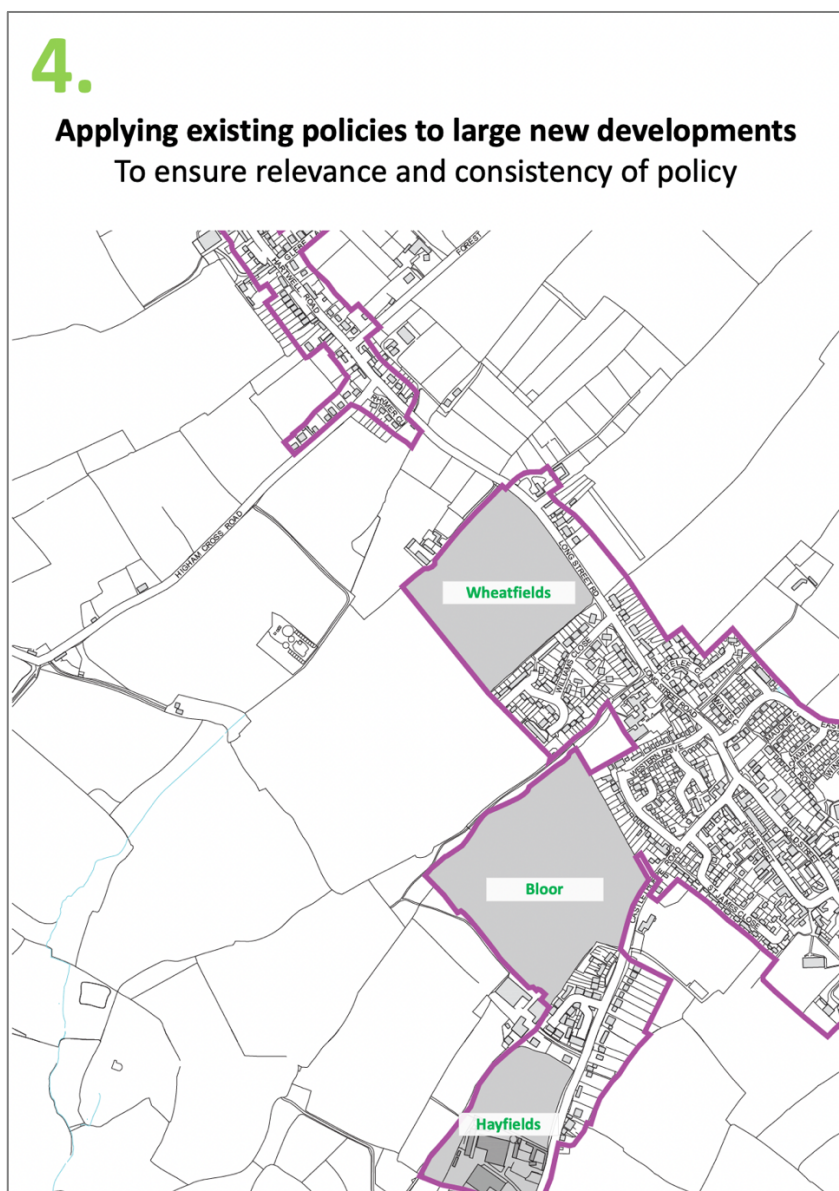
The Parish Council is responsible for maintaining Public Open Green Spaces in the village on behalf of the residents. There are several new ones that have resulted from the new developments, specifically the land at the front of Wheatfields, the Oak Tree in front of Bloor and grass surrounding and the village pond, which is an administrative formality as it has never previously been adopted.

3a shows the existing Public Open Green Spaces in the village, and 3b contains the proposed new spaces.



4. Applying existing policies to the new housing developments that didn't exist in the 2019 plan to ensure completeness

It's important that the newly developed areas of the village are incorporated into the new plan. This means that the plan will be up-to-date and reflective of the community today. The new development areas are shown in diagram 4.



5. General updates to ensure The Neighbourhood Plan is consistent with evolving legislation

There are general amendments needed to the wording in the policies within the current neighbourhood plan, to ensure that it is consistent with the prevailing legislation.

What we need from Hanslope residents:

The aim is to have this updated plan live by March 2024. For this to happen, residents need to have been consulted on the proposed changes and offer any proposed observations and inclusions.

Please provide any feedback or questions on the proposed changes by email to:

Eileen.price@hanslopeparishcouncil.gov.uk by 17th November 2023.

After the consultation has ended, alterations will be made to the existing policies and the new policies will be drafted. The completed plan will then be submitted to Milton Keynes Council Planning Department and it will be reviewed by an independent examiner for approval, before becoming a binding part of local planning policy.

If you would like to get involved developing this plan and future plans, please drop Eileen a line on the email address above.

Thank you for your support and input,

The Hanslope Neighbourhood Plan Working Group