POLICY INTENTIONS QUESTIONNAIRE - RETURNS (16/8/14)

Question	Agree D	Disagree	General Comments (Clarification)
Question Do you agree with the policy intentions for the Conservation of Green Environment and Habitats?	Agree D	0	I agree wholeheartedly with the policy intentions for this section. Since WWII, hedges and woodland have been cleared, both for agricultural purposes and use as building land. I would not like to see the loss of any more green spaces and nibbling into farm land – for example, where part of Burghwallis Park was initially acquired by a householder for recreational purposes and has now been granted permission for building on (see maps and photos). It is because of the green open spaces, vistas and arable farm land, that Burghwallis has been able to keep its rural outlook and attraction. Nature has an important part to play in our lifestyles and the health of residents. We believe this policy is important. The deer park/farm and the woodlands and pastures are pleasing amenities. The bridle paths south of the village need access to be maintained. This is not a planning issue, therefore falling outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan and would need to be referred to DMBC. There appears to be no mention of the need to protect the land between Burghwallis and the A1 / Campsall / Barnsdale Bar. It is not clear precisely which area of land this comment relates to, however this general area falls outside of the designated neighbourhood plan area (which follows the Parish boundary). As such, this area cannot therefore be managed/protected under the scope of the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan. Surely any harmful development would form part of an authorised planning process irrespective of this policy? Whilst the national policy and local policy as contained within National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Doncaster MBC Core Strategy do contain policies relating to the conservation and protection of the green environment, the Neighbourhood Plan offers the opportunity to add an additional tier to the decision making process, containing polices which have a local context and are based upon issues specific to Burghwallis, as opposed to solely a borough wide approach. The Doncaster Core Strategy can be accesse

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Do you agree with the policy intention for the Preservation of Public Amenities / Assets?	29	8 * #	The future of the pub and its environment is a considerable concern.
			 As previously stated. What does worry me is if the pub was to close permanently, where would village meetings and indoor activities take place? I assume some thought has been given to this possible problem.
			 We have already lost the church hall as a community centre. We need to keep the village pub and playing field as these are the only places left where villagers can gather to hold events. If they were to disappear the heart would go out of the village.
			A nice village pub is an asset for the community.
			 Due to the loss of the village church hall, these are the only places left in the village for residents to meet and strengthen the bands between residents and neighbours. All are very important assets. We feel it is important that we do everything possible to keep them for both the villagers now and those in the future.
			 I have children who play on the playing field and park. The pub can bring the community together and has in the past where charity events have been held.
			• My only comment would be regarding the ownership of the land at the back of the pub and the car park. Would the Policy Intentions, if accepted, have the power to override the intentions of the owners of the pub and surrounding land? The Neighbourhood Plan has the power to allocate land to safeguard for public benefit, however this does not necessarily mean that nobody will then ever apply for planning consent there. The Neighbourhood Plan, once adopted (made), will form a material consideration in the determination of planning applications, including any land which it has allocated for safeguarding purposes. Whilst this is never a cast iron guarantee that development will be prohibited (for example applicants may appeal the refusal of the planning authority), it gives this area a far greater degree of protection, which must be taken into account by decision makers, than it would otherwise have.
			* The change of use restriction stifles economic growth and directly contradicts the Core Policy adopted by Doncaster Council. No change of use should be restricted unless evaluated against the LDF and considered in the wider context of the Core Strategy. This policy does not call for the blanket prevention of change of use applications. Each application for such changes of use would be determined on its own merits, taking into account the requirements of national, local and neighbourhood policies. The policy does not seek to stifle economic growth, but to ensure that an adequate provision of community assets can be retained throughout the village, meeting the need of present and future generations. The neighbourhood plan is not allowed to contain policies which directly conflict with national and local policy and Doncaster Council will inform the Working Group if they believe that is the case in any instance.
			 # Access to pub is the responsibility of the pub – not the village. Assets are protected from change of use anyway. The playing field is a waste of space unless it's opened to dogs. I've lived here 5 years and have only seen 2 children using it. There is no immunity from Planning applications for changes of use. Such applications can be made anywhere but are determined in accordance with local and national policy (and neighbourhood policies where they exist!).
General			Letter received from English Heritage.
Comments			Received confirmation that Ed Miliband is out of the country at the time of this consultation.