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#### **Editorial**

#### Dear readers

On the front cover there is a beautiful picture from John Measures of a rare sight for some in the garden - a Hedgehog, whose name is Sally! John's friend helps the Peterborough Hedgehog Hotel with rescued and injured Hedgehogs which are nursed back to health and released back into the wild. Sally is seen here snuggling down, waiting for the release box door to open later that night into John's garden. Sally is one of the 'Longueville Eight', a parentless litter rescued earlier on in the year. At this time of year, please remember to check your garden bonfires as the Hogs will soon be starting to hibernate.

The Stibbington and Wansford WI are holding a charity coffee morning on Saturday 23rd November, to raise money for T-21 charity, supporting young people with Down's Syndrome. Please support it if you can, details are on page 12.

It's getting closer to the festive season, there's information about the Advent Windows in Wansford on page 17, Wansford Church Choir are auditioning on page 8, and Nene Valley Railways launch their North Pole Adventure on page 29.

There is also information about this year's Augean Grants, Scouting in Castor and Ailsworth holding their AGM, the Friends Of St Remigius Harvest Festival and St Mary's Church Cake Sale.

Finally, near the back of this month's issue, you'll find information about the Countryside Charity's cost of living support page regarding the Winter Fuel Allowance and eligibility (P33), and on page 30 -33, Sibson-cum-stibbington Parish Council offer a step by step guide for those residents who are having difficulty accessing the Online Portal and have their say regarding the development on sites at Sibson, Chesterton and Allwalton. Also see our 'Letters' on page 22.

If you have contributions for upcoming editions of this, your local magazine, please get in touch using the contact details on page 34.

Best wishes

#### Craig

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3rd	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion for St. Leonard
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.50 a.m.	Remembrance Service

St. Marv's, Wansford

Every Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer			
	10.50 a.m.	Remembrance Service	
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	

#### St. Mary's and All Saints, Nassington

Every Thursday 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP			
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3 <sup>rd</sup>	g.30 a.m. Songs of Praise		
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.55 a.m.	Remembrance Service	
17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	a.m. Holy Communion	
24 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 p.m.	Christingle Craft Church	

#### St. Mary's. Woodnewton

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#### St. Andrew's, Thornhaugh

3rd	9.30 a.m.	Remembrance Prayers and Morning Praise
17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

#### St. Mary Magdalene's, Yarwell

10 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 p.m.	Remembrance Service
17 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 p.m.	Methodist Service
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

#### **CASTOR BENEFICE**

We are still maintaining the following service pattern every Sunday in each of our **Parish churches** until further notice. **Marholm** 9.00am - Holy Communion (Morning Prayer on 4th Sunday) **Castor** 8.00am Holy Communion (said service) 10.15am - Sung Eucharist **Sutton** 9.00am on 4th Sunday of the month - Holy Communion Every **Wednesday** morning at **10am** there is a service of Holy Communion at **Castor**.

We still continue to celebrate **Evensong via Zoom at 6pm every Sunday**, if you wish to join us please contact the Benefice office for the Zoom link and access code. <a href="mailto:admin.castor@btconnect.com">admin.castor@btconnect.com</a>

The next service at **St. John the Baptist, Stibbington** will be **Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 4pm**, see opposite.

#### **David Ridgeway**

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST STIBBINGTON

#### **CAROL SERVICE**



SUNDAY 15th December 4.00 pm

Do come and join us, you will be assured of a very warm welcome, mulled wine will be served on arrival

By the time you read this, the clocks will have changed, it will be getting lighter later in the mornings and the nights will feel

#### REFLECTIONS

longer. In these darker days of the year, it seems good to focus on light; light overcoming the darkness and indeed, light in the darkness. That is very much a theme within the Church during November. The month begins with the celebration of All Saints' Day, as we recall all those who have been inspirational in the life of the Church and in whom we can find encouragement and companionship now. So many of the saints we remember faced darkness of many kinds, but they were not overcome and trusted in the light of God.

All Saints' Day is followed by All Souls' Day when we remember those we love who have died, and whom we see no longer. As we remember the sadness of their loss we also recall the light they brought into our lives, and the light that joyful memories still bring to us. Of course, there is Hallowe'en as well, and although many might see that as a fun day of scary things, we also remember that the light does come again, that light and goodness are always stronger than the darkness.

We recall that also the following week, on Remembrance Sunday when we recall the darkness of war, and those who gave their lives for our freedom. Giving thanks for their courage in the midst of darkness can lead us to the light of hope, even as we face the darknesses we see around us now. We will have prayers for Remembrance-Tide at St. Andrew's on 3rd November as well as our Remembrance Service at Wansford on 10th November. The theme continues as we draw to the end of November, which brings us to Advent Sunday, the beginning of the Christian year and the time we begin to look towards Christmas. This is the ultimate triumph of light over darkness; Jesus, who was and is, the Light of the World, who came to bring the light of hope and life to our world.

Where-ever you find light; in the company of family and friends, in the things you enjoy, in fellowship with the God who loves us, may these darker days of Autumn be filled with light and joy, remembering the Light in the darkness and the Light that overcomes all darknesses – our Lord Jesus.

With every blessing, Revd. Jane

#### SINGING AT CHRISTMAS

Wansford Church Choir will shortly begin rehearsals for the annual Community Carol Service

to be held this year on Sunday 15 December at 6pm in St Mary's Church, Wansford.

The choir meets on Thursday evenings 7.15- 9.00 at 19A Old Leicester Road, PE8 6JR

We would extend a very warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us

The first rehearsal will take place on Thursday 7 November

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#### The Friends of St Mary's and St Andrew's

There will be a Coffee Stop in St Mary's church on **Wednesday 13th November**, from 10.30am after Morning Prayer All are welcome.

#### **Caroline Ashley**

#### **NEWS FROM WANSFORD PHARMACY**

Did you know our pharmacy is able to "prescribe" antibiotics and other prescription only medications for a range of conditions under the new NHS Pharmacy First Service? This time of year sinusitis and tonsilitis are two regular culprits of ill health. Sinusitis, commonly referred to as a sinus infection, is the inflammation of the sinuses, which are small air-filled cavities located in the skull around the nose and eyes. This condition can arise due to infections, allergies, or other factors that lead to mucus build up and blockage of the sinus passages. We can treat acute sinusitis which lasts less than four weeks and often follow a viral infection like a cold. Common symptoms include nasal congestion, facial pain or pressure, and a decreased sense of smell. Self-care measures: Rest, hydration, over-the-counter pain relievers such as ibuprofen, saline nasal sprays, and steam inhalation can alleviate symptoms. Although many cases will resolve of their own accord we are here to help identify and treat cases where more than self-care may be needed.

Tonsillitis is an inflammation of the tonsils, which are two masses of tissue located at the back of the throat. Tonsillitis is usually caused by viral or bacterial infections most commonly by group A streptococcus (strep throat). The main symptoms of tonsillitis include:

- Sore throat
- Swollen, red tonsils (sometimes with white or yellow coating)
- Fever
- Difficulty swallowing
- Swollen lymph nodes in the neck
- Bad breath
- Headache
- Loss of appetite

In children, additional symptoms may include stomach pain, vomiting, and drooling. Westock Step tests and can chat with you to check is any of these above symptoms apply to

you, take a visual check of your throat and offer appropriate treatment, whether over-the-counter

remedies or with antibiotics, typically penicillin.

While tonsillitis cannot be completely prevented, you can reduce your risk by:

- · Practicing good hygiene
- Avoiding close contact with infected individuals
- Washing hands frequently
- Not sharing utensils or personal items

Most cases of tonsillitis resolve within a week with proper treatment and rest. So, this Autumn you can count on us to support your health.

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#### STIBBINGTON & WANSFORD WI

#### Today's women working for tomorrow's world





This month's article starts with a big thank you, not one but many.

Firstly, a fabulous thank

Firstly, a fabulous thank you to the cake bakers, coffee drinkers and cake munchers, all their generosity helped to make our annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan cancer support such a success.

We have been able to donate a fantastic £420 to this amazing charity.



My second thank you goes to those that have made hundreds of poppies for our Remembrance day memorial display for this year. The crafting ladies have now started to assemble the display, at the end of the session it was still work in progress, thanks to the large number of poppies made and donated for the display. When finished it will be installed outside the church in November.

If you have made a poppy, please drop off at 4, Elton Road by 4th November, we will then carrying out the

final assemble and installation of our display during the craft meeting on 5th November. We would love to include your poppy.

This month, our speaker was Mike Murray one of the volunteers from King's Cliffe airfield museum. He took us through the history of the site, its first use during the first world war, when it was used as a night landing ground for the Bedford based 75 home defence squadron. All the way to the second world war, where it had a number of RAF squadrons based there, before the Americans were based there from 1943 until the end of the war. They expanded the site to its current size, and as many locals know, the hanger was the host



of Glenn Millers' last hanger concert in 1944. The museum is open the second Sunday of each month if you wish to find out more from the dedicated group of volunteers.

Autumn is here, so our monthly meeting will take place in Wansford Community Hall, other meetings, please check each individual event. If you wish to attend one of our upcoming meetings to hear one of our visiting speakers, please get in touch. Please see below for our upcoming events:

Tuesday 12th November 2024, Proscecco and pudding Evening

**Tuesday 5th & 11th November 2024**, 2-4pm Coffee, Cake & Craft club, at Wansford Community Hall

**Book Club meeting**, at The Cross Keys Wansford, December meeting has not yet been finalised, look in the next issue for confirmation.

Both the Coffee & Craft club, and Book Club are open to all, (not just for WI members) and we look forward to others joining us.

Rhona Punter, email - rhonapunter@aol.com

Stibbington & Wansford W.I. are hosting a charity coffee morning in support of T-21 charity and The Birch Tree café.

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024, 10.30am to 12.30pm at St Mary's Church Wansford.



All welcome, please come along and support this wonderful local charity, which aims to provide employment, develop life skills and build independence for young

adults with Down's Syndrome in a welcoming and supportive community environment.





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#### WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL



Wansford Parish Council met on 14 October 2024, 6 councillors were present and Cllr Gavin Elsey from PCC

Minutes of previous meeting approved

#### Nene Close Parking

WPC held a meeting with Nene Close residents on 4th October. it was noted that there were 4 objectors to the proposal to construct new parking bays to the north of the play area. No agreement on an alternative solution could be found. Having explored several options, WPC cannot progress the parking issues any more. It is now up to the residents of Nene Close to propose their own solution.

Untaxed and unused vehicles in Nene Close have been repeatedly reported to the relevant authorities with no tangible result.

#### Accounts

Planned expenditure was approved.

#### **WPC Standing Orders**

Amended standing orders agreed at a special meeting were approved and are posted on the WPC website.

#### Bus Campaign group.

The feedback from people using the service has been fantastic. People have been able to secure work previously unobtainable through lack of transport, people are accessing shops and medical appointments independently for the first time in over 4 years, and crime has reduced in Wittering where young people are now able to get out and do practical things to alleviate boredom.

#### Wansford Grade 1 Stone Bridge and HGV's

PCC are carrying out fresh surveys prior to commenting further.

#### A1 Traffic in the village.

There have been a number of instances where careless impatient drivers have damaged parked cars in Bridge End. Another reason to slow the traffic over the bridge.

#### Village Notice Boards.

The Nene Close notice board has been refurbished and is available for non Parish Council notices. The main Parish notice board by the Church is also to be repaired and refurbished.

#### **Village Benches**

A new bench has been installed by The Parish council on Old Leicester Road near the entrance of Robins Field.

#### Planning

24/00945/FUL It is noted that External insulation to 2,4and 25 Nene Close has been approved by PCC, It is disappointing that the new render is to be White rather than a more appropriate colour.

#### A47 Dualling

WPC are awaiting further updates from Highways England, We are hopeful the works will start in the Summer after new contractors are appointed.

#### Clir Martyn Handley

#### SIBSON-CUM-STIBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet on the 7th November at 7pm in the Christie Hall. A report will appear in a future copy of Living Villages.

#### THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The next Thornhaugh Parish Council Meeting will take place at **7.00 pm on 11th November 2024** in St Andrew's Church, Thornhaugh. A report will appear in a future copy

of Living Villages.





### **Bench Love in Thornhaugh**

This is what Facebook driven community results in . So proud of the 5 people involved in using their different skills to revitalise this bench on



Russell Hill, just outside Thornhaugh village. Once the grass regrows and the bulbs are planted and blossomed, it will look amazing. Do feel free to rest awhile and enjoy it.

Team work and community spirit make things happen.

Nikki Higgins



### **Augean Community Fund**

October 2024

The **Augean Community Fund** uses monies provided by Augean under the Landfill Communities Fund.

The company's donations relate to its two landfill operations located at Thornhaugh near Peterborough, and King's Cliffe in Northamptonshire.

Recommendations on all grants from the Fund are made by King's Cliffe Environmental Association (KCEA) and Thornhaugh Environmental Association (TEA).

These two committees comprise volunteers from the villages of King's Cliffe, Thornhaugh and nearby, who are best able to represent local community priorities.

#### **Application Closing Dates**

There are usually two funding rounds each year, the next two closing dates are:

**Wednesday 13 November 2024** decisions by end Ian 2024

Wednesday 07 May 2025 decisions by end July 2025



#### Who can apply?

Groups with projects that are located within 10 miles of the King's Cliffe landfill site or the Thornhaugh landfill site may apply for grants. Priority will be given to applications received for projects located within 5 miles of Augean's Thornhaugh and King's Cliffe landfill sites.

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#### Something to contemplate

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When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers. The moon and stars which you



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Psalm 8 NIV

I believe that you and I, like the universe, were formed out of that amazing and undisputed Love. Do you have another answer?

#### **DAVID B JOHNSON**

#### FRIENDS OF ST REMIGIUS WATER NEWTON

### A FAMILY LATE HARVEST FESTIVAL and LUNCH 3rd November at 1 pm

Our next service at St. Remigius will take place on Sunday 3rd November.

All from our villages are most welcome. As this is our Harvest Festival, we will gratefully receive any donated tinned or dried foods which will be delivered to the Peterborough Food Bank.

Following the service, we will enjoy a late harvest lunch. We will request a small donation towards the lunch.

This is a family service and children will be most welcome.





#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

#### email craig@ascotgraphics.co.uk

#### Dear Editor and local residents

You may or not be aware that Huntingdonshire District Council is now actively considering many new housing sites that are being put forward for their Local Plan.

Of particular relevance to Wansford (North & South), Elton & Stibbington is the proposed Sibson Garden Village (4,500-5,000 homes), which is being proposed for a large swathe of land around Sibson Airfield. I have attached a picture, which I have marked up to help get your bearings plus a list of the published developer's intentions. I am not sure how many houses are in Wansford (North & South) but this will be over 10X bigger

If you support or object, you have until 27th Nov to register and comment. It's important that HDC receive as many individual submissions as possible to give them a clear

view of local resident's opinion.

I found the on-line portal to be quite clunky and difficult to navigate. Therefore this QR code takes you directly to the Sibson development pages and the direct link to add your comments:

Talking with a planning officer at Yaxley drop-in meeting, it is also okay to send your comments to local.plan@huntingdonshire.gov.uk. Whilst being sympathetic to new homes, I must admit being very concerned about the impact on our beautiful Wansford, regards increased traffic (domestic & construction), pedestrian safety and damage to our bridge. The nature of Wansford conservation area could be irrevocably damaged.





#### Gary Punter

#### **Promoters Intentions**

- 4.500 homes
- circa 240 continuing care retirement community homes (circa 3.12ha)
- circa 50 plots for self and custom build housing
- EcoDynamo Sustainable Business Park to comprise 87,500 100,000sqm of floorspace
- SGC Town Centre to be circa 4.43 ha, comprising retail, leisure and community uses
- Commercial leisure uses to be included within the town centre
- 1 new secondary school (6FE), 2 new primary schools (3FE) and 1 new primary school (2FE), nursery and community centre
- circa 0.35 ha for medical centre(s)
- Realignment of A1 and new junction (11.37 ha), parking areas within the town centre
- Renewable energy park, principally solar, part standalone at circa 20 ha
- Minimum of 41.5 ha of formal open space plus 51.5 ha of additional informal open space
- 92 ha of formal and informal open space to achieve 15% biodiversity net gain
- 0.4 ha required for specific attenuation features plus additional land within 92 ha of open space



#### THE ARTS SOCIETY PETERBOROUGH

The Arts Society is a leading arts education organisation that brings people together through a shared curiosity for the arts. Each year The Arts Society Peterborough (TASP) holds nine illustrated talks given by experts in their field on subjects ranging widely, including old Masters, modern sculpture, silver jewellery, the work of David Hockney and music in art. The talks are held at

The Fleet in Fletton Peterborough on the second Thursday of each month except June, July and August. The talks start at 10.45 am but you are welcome to come earlier and meet like-minded people for a chat over a cup of coffee, doors open at 10.15am. Non-members are always welcome, so come and join us!

In addition to the live talks, annual members also receive other benefits. If you wish to find out more about our Society or about becoming a member, please visit our website, www.the-arts-society-peterborough.org.uk Our next two talks are:

#### 14th November 2024

'The twelve Plants of Christmas', with Timothy Walker, lecturer in Botany and Plant Conservation and ex Director of Oxford Botanic Garden.

This talk puts the record straight and rewrites the zoocentric song replacing partridges with poinsettias, and maids with mistletoe.

#### 12th December 2024

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#### Castor & Ailsworth Scouts AGM - 4th December

The 63rd Peterborough (St Kyneburgha) Scout Group, which meets in Castor, has its Annual General Meeting on 4th December. This is our annual opportunity to appoint new trustees to the board, who help make sure the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers continue to have brilliant experiences with the group.

The trustee board would welcome anyone with energy, enthusiasm and a little time to help the group run smoothly. No prior experience of scouting or being a trustee is required, and no specific skills or knowledge are needed. We would, however, be particularly keen to hear from anyone with legal, public relations, human resources or general professional skills.

The board meets every couple of months, usually in the evening. If you are interested in becoming a trustee, please contact Nathan Binmore on gsl@63rdpeterborough.org.uk for an invite to the AGM.



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#### Wansford Horticultural & Craft Society

On Thursday 10th October: we had a delightful talk from the **National Garden Scheme**. Many of you will know about NGS because of the yellow book, which advertises Open Gardens with glorious teas & coffees. What we did not realise is the history of the NGS linking back to the origins of district nursing and that the the NGS is now the biggest charity donor into the health care system in the UK. A very worthy cause and we got a sneak preview of the gardens to be opened locally in 2025.



We also had a bit of fun and ran our own bulb auction. We sold 6 lots of tulips & alliums for £133 to add to the previous £450. It was great to see a good turnout (28) for the evening.

**Gary Punter** 













#### Horticultural Society Traditional Christmas Social

7pm, Christie Hall, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, £15 A Thank You evening with friends.

- Great roast pork dinner (veg option available)
  - All drinks included
  - top quality food sourced locally
    - cooked by your committee.
- We will share our events for 2025 and AGM update
  - Xmas tree & table decoration competition
    - Raffle & our popular quiz.

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#### Nene Valley Railway - Christmas at the Railway: A North Pole Adventure

This year Nene Valley Railway have launched an all new, never seen before Christmas experience, Christmas at the Railway: The North Pole Adventure.

We are very excited to share this experience with our visitors, whether they have been coming for generations or for the very first time. This is our biggest family event of the year and has been put together with Darling Princess Parties.



This is a fully immersive festive experience with 14 professional actors, as well as our wonderful volunteers and will see visitors journey through our autumn forest, snow frosted portal and Santa's workshop where the children will help the elves make toys before meeting Santa and Mrs Claus to receive their gift. Tickets will include a round trip on the train with on train performers and the whole event will last approximately one and a half to two hours.

This new experience will not include our usual food service, however our on-site café franchise, Origin8 have put together a food offering that people can pre-order from their website and collect prior to boarding the train.

For many years Nene Valley Railway ran the Santa Specials, which were very popular. This has raised the question with some as to why the change? The Santa Specials require a lot of volunteers to run to the standard that people expect. Unfortunately, last year was a real struggle to get the volunteer numbers required for each running day and unexpected sickness leaves us having to find replacements for key people, sometimes at cost. Our new experience will allow volunteers to take part in the event while removing some of the stress and pressure from them and ensuring high standards are maintained.

Response to Christmas at the Railway has been largely positive and tickets sales are performing very well. We are confident this will become a firm favourite with our visitors.

After all, the Santa Specials were new once too!

Christmas at the Railway will run on selected dates between **30th November and 24th December**. We have an accessibility coach available on some of those dates, for which people who have mobility issues are encouraged to phone us in order to book their seats as these cannot be booked online. We also have our Festive Lounge, which seats up to 16 people in their own private carriage with a



dedicated Elf to entertain them. These are nearly all sold out!

Adult Standard Ticket £35.00 Child Standard Ticket (1 to 15 years old) £35.00 Child Standard Ticket (Under 1 years old) £5.00 Compartment (Up to 8 people) £225.00 Festive Lounge (Up to 16 people) £640.00

For the accessibility coach, our contact number is 01780 784444 and for all other bookings, the web address is: https://nvr.org.uk/product.php/510/the-north-pole-adventure

#### HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN FNGAGEMENT 2024

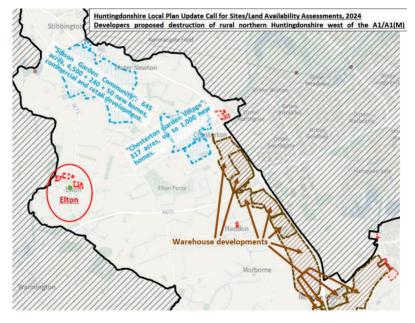
We understand that residents are having some difficulty accessing the Portal to make their observations and concerns, and have their say regarding the Sites at Sibson, Chesterton and Allwalton.

Below is a path to follow to enable engagement regarding the proposed sites.

**Sibson Garden Community** – the site developer proposes 4,500+ houses, one new secondary school, three new primary schools a nursery and community centre as well as residential care for the elderly.

**Chesterton Garden Village -** Up to 1,000 homes Primary school, community building, supporting retail (e.g. local shop), mobility hub, sports pitches

**Chesterton - Land West of A1 (North of Peterborough Motorway Services) -** The developer is seeking permission for the construction of industrial distribution units, warehousing with accompanying offices.



Map detailing all proposed sites in and around Elton

If you wish to make comment concerning this proposed development on these proposed developments in the local area, then please see the attached HDC Land Availability Assessments – 'How to Comment' document. Alternatively, where you can view this document and follow the link <a href="https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/">https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/</a> to the Huntingdonshire District Council website to comment.

### Huntingdonshire District Council Land Availability Assessments How to Comment

The potential construction of all proposed housing developments on larger sites at Sibson, Chesterton and Great Haddon progressing to the Local Plan, would have immeasurable impact on the surrounding countryside, causing irreversible damage to the beauty of the landscape that we are lucky enough to enjoy. If you wish to respond and make a comment the following instructions are designed to help you register, login and find the Land Availability Assessments pages, using Sibson Garden Village site as an example:

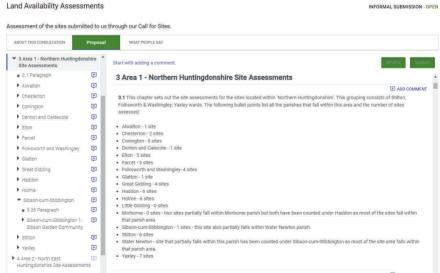
 Start by going to Huntingdonshire Districts Council's consultation page using the link below to locate the consultation portal.

#### https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/

- Once you have reached the site, scroll down to \*Land Availability Assessments\* the second box down on the lefthand side.
  - a. Please note to comment you need to 'Register' shown in blue toward the bottom of the Land Availability
     Assessments box. (If you do not wish to comment initially you can view the site information you would like to look
     at by clicking on 'Respond' and following the instructions from point number 3).
  - b. Note when you have registered HDC will send you an email to confirm its you. This may go in to your 'Junk' folder. You need on the link to confirm its you and you should be returned to the login area within Land Availability Assessments. The webpage link should be the same as the one shown below.

#### https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/event/38140/section/

Click on 'Respond' in the Land Availability Assessments box. On the lefthand side scroll down to 3 Area 1 'Northern Huntingdonshire Site Assessments' Click on the small black arrow that is next to this area. You should then have a drop down of the sites within that area starting alphabetically with Alwalton - See Screenshot 1.



#### Screenshot 1

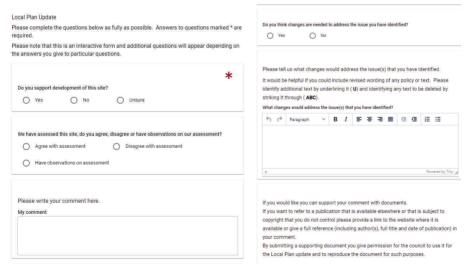
- 4. Click on the black arrow next to Sibson-cum-Stibbington and Sibson Garden Community should be visible
  - Screenshot 1.

Assessment of the sites submitted to us through our Call for Sites. ADDIT THE CONCULTATION WHAT DEADLE GAV ▼ 3 Area 1 - Northern Huntingdonshire ^ Start with adding a comment Site Assessments 3.1 Paragraph **(**  ■ ADD COMMENT Sibson-cum-Stibbington 1: Sibson Garden Community ▶ Alwalton **(** ▶ Chesterton ▶ Conington . Site reference Sibson-cum-Stibbington 1 ▶ Denton and Caldecote 

☑ [+] Site name Sibson Garden Community (F) Folksworth and Washingley Parish(es) Site area (ha) ▶ Glatton (<del>+</del>) The site was originally submitted for ▶ Great Gidding (F) Sibson-cum-Stibblington: Water 350 9ha of land but this was later **(** Sibson Garden Community ▶ Haddon revised and the site now only includes 260.9ha of land ▶ Holme . ▼ Sibson-cum-Stibbington Promoter's Intentions . • 3.26 Paragraph ▶ Sibson-cum-Stibbington 1: □ Promoter's anticipated uses Promoter's capacity Promoter's delivery expectations Sibson Garden Community . ▶ Stilton . 4 500 homos ▶ Yaxley **(+)**  circa 240 continuing care retirement . 4 Area 2 - North East community homes (circa 3 12ha) . circa 50 plots for self and custom build ► 5 Area 3 - Northern Central (+) EcoDynamo Sustainable Business Park to Huntingdonshire Site Assessments

Screen Shot 2.

- Click on Sibson Garden Community to open the window for the site and click on the main title of the site again to open the window giving details of the site, where you can then add a comment (if you are already logged in) – Screen Shot 2.
- 6. When you click on Add Comment you will see several questions for you to answer. See Screen shots 3 & 4 for example questions (this is not the full response window but two screenshots to give you an idea of what is required).



Screen Shots 3 & 4



#### Winter Fuel Payment, the cost of living andural communities

CPRE Cambridgeshire and Peterborough recognises that our rural communities are facing a disproportionate impact from the wider economic crisis.

The Government has announced that future Winter Fuel Payments would only be made to those in England and Wales on low incomes who receive pension credit or other means-tested benefits, meaning millions of pensioners will no longer receive the payment designed to help with the cost of adequate heating.

Rural consumers often have to afford the high cost of oil, bottled gas, coal or smokeless fuel, which is paid for in advance. The pension increases coming into effect in April 2025 will be delivered in small payments in arrears, so they will not help this winter.

We've updated the Cost of Living support page on our website for those affected by the loss of the Winter Fuel Payment (<a href="https://www.cprecambs.org.uk/cost-of-living-support.html">https://www.cprecambs.org.uk/cost-of-living-support.html</a>).

This page details resources to help with the cost of living, such as financial support, energy saving advice and warm hubs.

CPRE has joined the Warm This Winter' coalition calling for urgent action from the government. To add your voice, go to <a href="https://www.warmthiswinter.org.uk/">https://www.warmthiswinter.org.uk/</a>.



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