

WNC Councillors Report

Braunston & Crick Ward

To:	Barby & Onley Parish Council Meeting
Date:	8th June 2026
From:	Cllr Rosie Humphreys Cllr Andrew Simpson

1) WNC Matters

a. New Local Plan

Consultation for this ended on the 27th March and we understand that around 6,500 responses were received which was something of a record. One of the most controversial inclusions in the last version was a rural housing allocation which saw villages allocated with target housing numbers to accommodate up to the end of the plan in 2043. Barby Parish was allocated 58 new dwellings.

Planning Officers are seeking further views concerning this and conducting a further qualitative assessments on the village hierarchy assessments. Questions have been raised around the application of village confines in relation to rural exceptions sites and this is being reviewed.

In relation to Neighbourhood Development Plans there has also been a proposal to look at Neighbourhood Forums/Area Plans which might include a number of villages. This might be something West Haddon PC would like to pursue in relation to surrounding Secondary Service villages.

2) Local Issues

a. WND/2021/0767 Barby Sporting Club

After 5 long years of uncertainty the planning application to extend the shooting hours and build additional bunds has finally been "disposed of" by WNC. The date of this decision notice 29th May was the date your Chair, together with the Chair of Kilsby PC and ourselves met with the case officer Eamon McDowell to seek progress on both this application and 2023/5783/MAF. He acknowledged that both applications had dragged on for far too long and accepted responsibility for this.

At the meeting we questioned why the applicant had been given unlimited time to supply further noise assessments, for which the case officer did not have a satisfactory answer. He undertook to request a short timeline for this outstanding information, instead issued the disposed of notice. We have a further meeting to expedite a resolution on the 2023 application and have chased WNC highways for their response. Network Rail, responsible for the two railway bridges along the revised proposed route along Nortoft Lane seem only to have been added as a consultee belatedly.

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