

Statement on Impartiality and Conflict of Interest – Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 Consultation)

The Parish Council recognises the importance of ensuring impartiality and transparency in the preparation and consultation stages of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). In light of the proposed inclusion of a previously omitted Local Green Space (LGS) and the upcoming Regulation 14 consultation, the Council resolves the following:

1. All members of the NDP working group and Parish Council are expected to adhere to the principles of objectivity, openness, and impartiality during all discussions and decisions relating to the Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Any Councillor with a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) or other interest as defined in the Council's Code of Conduct – particularly where they live adjacent to or near the proposed LGS – must declare such interests and take no part in decision-making where required.
3. This declaration of intent to remain impartial shall be minuted at this meeting and reaffirmed at each stage of the NDP revision process.
4. The Parish Council will make efforts to ensure that all consultation materials and public communications are balanced, factual, and not unduly influenced by the views of any individual member or resident.

Approved at the meeting of Bradleys Both Parish Council 22nd July 2025