



Standish Neighbourhood Plan

Representations submitted at the
Regulation 16 stage

February 2019

Submitted Representations

This paper sets out all the representations received during consultation on the final draft of the Standish Neighbourhood Plan, which was consulted on for 6 weeks from 7 November to 19 December 2018.

A total of 180 representations were received, including from residents and local groups, statutory consultees, developers or landowners. These are set out in the following appendices.

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General comments	
20	I have found a couple of slight errors as follows: 2.2 No reference made to the Neighbourhood Area incorporating a small part of the Wigan Central ward although its boundary comes up to Boars Head Bridge. 4.2 as above in 2.2 and also reference should be made to “Shevington with Lower Ground ward” not Shevington with Standish Lower Ground ward. 4.10 and Map 8. It appears that two houses on the Standish side of the boundary marker stone and Neighbourhood Plan Area, fall into the Green Hill conservation area and reference is only made to two conservation areas being within the Neighbourhood Area, whereas this should be three.
59	I am a new resident, residing in one of the new developments in the area. I am concerned that there does not seem to be any reference to community safety (policing) in the plan. This area has seen some theft and anti-social behaviour and also as a general point if the newly created / and or refurbished open areas are not deemed by residents to be safe, they will not be used to their full potential. There are also issues re dog fouling on the refurbished path near the high school, whilst I appreciate there is or was a dogs trust initiative there, it does not seem to be working
110	Wigan Council, what is wrong with you. Are you afraid of having a green bit in the middle of the village where children can play safely, sod the 3car household's, if they don't like the village why the hell did they move here, cheap affordable housing for Scousers? They ruined Appley Bridge, now they want to ruin Standish. Tell them to 'Piss Off', we don't need another car park. Make the Bastard's walk or catch the bus if they prefer to live on the Sewerage Field, or has no-one told them about that yet?
120	Our village has been allowed to become too full of takeaways to the detriment of other types of shops. However parking remains a problem in the village and a disincentive to shop at individual shops. A communal attractive central area in the village would enhance the community feel in the village. We should be building houses for everyone--age and price being relevant.
123	See Appendix 2
141	Essential is that we are not swamped by too many houses, forming a virtual concrete jungle and there must be affordable housing for local residents. The infrastructure has to be able to support extra housing i.e. Medical facilities, recreation facilities with play parks etc. (the current promised new leisure centre does not even provide a swimming pool) parking, schools, public transport, paying particular attention to congestion and pollution levels. Also the assurance that the 'village' has sufficient policing and security to deal with the inevitable increase in criminal incidents. What is left of our green areas must be protected and preserved from further building

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143	We already have more than enough extra housing in Standish. Standish village itself is in desperate need of parking areas
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Housing	
22	I cannot take any more housing developments I infrastructure cannot take the extra traffic I green belt should also be left alone as development in or on these areas still results in extra traffic in the village
30	Very concerned by the recent housing developments. Most of the 100s of new house on the new estates are just very high density small ¾ bed detached houses which are attracting mainly incomers who will be commuting on the M6 . Apart from providing hardly any of the housing need for locals (the elderly, young families and first home buyers) they are also very monotonous as all seem to look the same apart from generating mainly 2 car commuting householders so having a great impact on the local community and its environment . People are probably attracted by the local green fields and walks but this needs urgent protection before the area becomes one big estate. Pressure on local services goes without saying and congestion is everywhere but my main concerns are environmental
42	I have lived in I for the last 43 years. During that time I have endured more & more houses being built without any attempt to alleviate the growing traffic problems. I housing density is now far above the national average. My doctor tells me that as a consequence, the air quality is now causing people with breathing defects much greater problems. I houses being built are not of the type or the price to satisfy the needs of young people needing starter homes. Whenever the local residents are surveyed the result is the same, we are already suffering from over building. This present Government has intervened in the planning process by overturning the wishes of the vast majority of residents, thus further exacerbating the intrinsic problems – more traffic jams & a further deterioration in air quality. It is time for Local Authorities to stand up against the builders who only seek to maximise their personal fortunes.
135	We do not need an ymore housing in Standish. The village cannot cope.
163	It is my understanding that designated, much needed employment land, cannot be utilized for residential new house building, so I would like to know “Why” have Ainscoughs been granted planning permission on Bradley Hall estate for over 100 residential properties, it is a well-known fact that a good many businesses on that estate have been told to leave, and are struggling to find somewhere else to re-locate to, the council claim to have an abundance of safeguarded land to build new housing on, so why is this not being utilized instead of turfing much needed business owners off the estate, “Why” have our Local Councillors “Not” protested over this ?? Again it is my understanding that

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	<p>Chadwicks the second largest employer within the I area, along with Ainscoughs the first largest, are closing down, and selling to a developer who is proposing to construct 100+ new apartments with access onto the very congested [morning, noon and night, 7 days a week] Wigan Road highway, I cannot believe that the council would even give this proposal the slightest consideration, its gridlock to start with, and would become an even bigger nightmare than what it already is, potentially another 100+ vehicles entering the highway so close to the traffic lights, [we all know that drivers in a queue of stationary traffic “will as a matter of courtesy” allow waiting vehicles out of a side road, to join the queue, that’s great and nothing wrong in doing so, but what about all those poor souls at the back of the queue, probably as far back as Ashfield Park !! this would most likely double their journey time home to and from work. Quite apart from this, this will also be another employment site lost. Councillors are you listening??</p>
Open space (Southlands Recreation Ground)	
15	<p>The recreation ground must be left as it is so that youngsters can run around, keep fit and healthy. We should be aiming to reduce childhood obesity, the way to do this is through exercise. No need for playground equipment, or benches etc as these attract youths and unsavoury characters exhibiting anti-social behaviour. At the moment this doesn’t happen, as these people do not want to sit on wet grass. I certainly do not want a car park opposite my home. Drivers can park on Aldi for heavy shopping. And walk for other shopping. Standish needs a bypass, this is all the enhancement needed, bypass means less traffic through the centre. To conclude: I do not support the Neighbourhood Plan, as I do not agree with Standish Voices Proposals for the Recreation ground. I myself with members of Don’t Wreck our Rec have worked hard to ensure that this historic field should be retained as a playing field for the children of Standish as intended by the benefactor Lady Helene Du Perusse, almost one hundred years ago. Please consider the above points. Thank you</p>
28	<p>I joined Friends of the Rec, a group of people who only came together as a result of Standish Voice ridiculous idea of making a car park on the only playing field in the centre of Standish. Standish Voice committee cannot accept an alternative view to their own and react in much the same way as Donald Trump trying almost anything to suppress criticism even down to moving the meeting venue a mile out of the village centre they purport to make more vibrant, in an effort to reduce criticism. Standish Voice organize a Christmas Market every year, a great day that many people enjoy, although it takes out of use five car parks and most of the on street parking in the village and the day still is a great success so is parking really as much of an issue as S.V. make it out to be. Hot Food outlets and Pubs will be driven by market forces not a group of well-meaning controllers. A village centre park and extra parking are still on the neighbourhood plan again making the Friends of the Rec and a second group Don't Wreck our Rec have further concerns that the Rec is again a target of the S. V. committee</p>
37	<p>Protecting valuable green spaces from development I am a member of Save or REC relating to open area near</p>

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	<p>Southlands Avenue. This land was bequeathed for the children on Standish and we have achieved Green Space Award. We regularly tend to the weeding and are at present in the process of planting 150 small trees with the support of three different school and brownies and guides also. A local football team are applying to use this venue too. I regularly walk past this open space and REQUIRE IT TO BE OPEN and not with benches or slides and swings etc or winding paths so that any child of any age can use it for a variety of purpose WHICH I OFTEN SEE. I do not want limitations due to fixtures or the implications during the evening to type of evening usage on other such areas I have visited. Creating a new park in the centre of Standish As above I reiterate not fixed fitted playgrounds to limit is usage. Young adults need to have somewhere to play and meet and play and have a kick around with grandparents with junior age children for ball games. Enhancing existing recreation areas, parkland and open space We are enhancing this open space and maintaining more all the time. We have lots of actions on our agenda to improve it further for all ages of the local community. Local green space should we hope protect it too. Supporting more car parking in the village centre. If we are indeed of car parks I know that Don't Wreck of Rec have advised of lots of unsightly unused areas that you could facilitate NOT green space. A lot of STANDISH people feel the same and we will not let this happen without a fight!!</p>
40	<p>Can I commend Standish Neighbourhood Plan for designating Southlands Ave. 'Rec' as an asset of community value. However, I should like to reinforce that the field remain part of the green corridor along the historic 'mineral line'. I should like to see an increase in its biodiversity with careful planting projects. It should be used by young people and enjoyed as a 'green lung' for the rest of our community. It only requires junior pitches to be marked. I feel there will be little room for informal pathways. There would be limited space for a small playground. The idea of 'incredible edibles', while laudable, has unfortunately been floundering in the community through lack of volunteer support. However, the Methodist church organisations are successfully working on their plots adjacent to the Rec'. The Friends of Standish Rec' are already working on projects to plant trees this autumn and other events and initiatives are being planned. It is hoped it will be designated a Local Green Space in the near future</p>
45	<p>Dear Sir, Standish Voice say that "The People" of Standish have been consulted over the Neighbourhood Plan for Standish, this is incorrect, I live opposite The Rec and I have not been consulted and neither have any of my neighbours. They said that when they initially started to push for having a car park on The Rec and none of us knew about it, they kept us in the dark. They now say that WE want to make The Rec into a park, that is incorrect, we already have very good parks in Standish, in particular the one at Ashfield. If it was to become a park who would look after it because it would be very high in maintenance costs which I am sure Wigan Council can't afford and don't want, and if it became a park the next thing that Standish Voice would be saying is that a car park is needed for those visiting the park so SV would have got what they originally wanted. I want it to become a Local Green Space</p>

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	and remain as it is, it is across the road from my house and I can confirm that it is well used during the dry months of the year, no-one from SV lives nearby and therefore they don't get to see it when it's in use.
47	████████ Southlands Rec, on Southlands Avenue, This should not be turned into a park. It would be best used for football matches (as it was for many years). Maybe mark it out for Junior football teams. Also to be used for other local events. In the past it has been used for bonfire nights, The Queen's Jubilee Party. It's been used by Scout groups, Girl Guides, Cubs etc. It has also been used for dog training groups. It has so much potential for various groups in the future.
53	I feel that as a resident of 45 years. Standish now has enough housing except provision for older people. Needs far more car parking spaces to aid older people to shop in Standish without walking too far and also to encourage outsiders to Standish to spend money in the shops. A public park in the centre of Standish i.e. on "the Rec" site with a few car parking spaces. Now Standish has grown so quickly and to aid the traffic problems the Village should be seriously considered for a railway station. After reading the Final Neighbourhood Plan as proposed by Standish Voice I feel that overall their ideas are mostly correct.
54	I think that the Recreation ground which is opposite my home should be left as it is, a green space for youngsters to run around, kick a ball, fly a kite etc. I strongly object to the idea of a community park, as it would attract anti-social youngsters, drinking and using illicit substances as has been happening recently at Alexander park and Enfield street park, as reported in Wigan Observer, November 27th. At the present time this does not happen on the Rec, but park benches, play equipment which can be sat on late into the evening will attract undesirable youngsters which damp grass does not. Standish Voice think a park would be nice but none of their committee lives near. So LEAVE THE REC AS IT IS! Thank you.
62	Standish Rec needs to remain a playing field. This is a fantastic amenity to the people of Standish and was gifted to the village for use as a playing field and should remain that way. It is not necessary to have more allotments immediately round the corner from the existing ones at St Marie's, nor is it necessary to have a children's play area, just minutes away from the currently under used, and frankly, abused play area on Woodhurst Drive. We desperately need to retain its use as a playing field for the benefit of the children of Standish to encourage participation in team sports and to promote outdoor activity in line with government guidelines for children's exercise. Keep our Rec as intended when gifted to Standish over 100 years ago and let the children of various Church groups and sports teams benefit from it for many more years to come.
63	Keep the Rec
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65	In my opinion the plans that have been discussed for the rec playing fields are a waste of time money and effort, I

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	<p>can see no reason why the rec cannot be left as a playing field as it is already used by local people and groups for that purpose. I have grandchildren who love nothing more than to run around the field and just enjoy it the way it is, we use the other play parks when they want something else and the majority of the time we are the only ones at the play parks or there are a handful of other people there they are in no way over used! I would not wish to see another play park built on there or anything else, it should be left as it is now.</p>
66	<p>Standish Rec is one of the few places where children of all ages can run around safely, getting the exercise we are constantly being told their lives lack. There is no need for more swings etc, let children make their own play; their lives today over planned and over supervised. I don't think land left in a covenant specifically for children should be used for allotments and fruit trees. Children chasing a ball will forever be in trouble for damage to plants, the two do not go together and there are already allotments in Standish for those adults that want extra garden space. A landscaped park might sound good but who would maintain it; the council don't even maintain the footpath that runs beside the Rec; the green areas on the neighbouring estate are inadequately mown, overgrown with nettles and I fear the Rec would soon be a neglected eye sore, at least the open space gets mown at the minute and through. the goodwill of local residents the boundary fence has been weeded and new trees planted. Standish Rec should be levelled as far as practical, drained and maintained to the high standard the children of Standish deserve.</p>
67	<p>Please leave Standish rec as a playing field there are enough houses being built in Standish what we need are green spaces</p>
69	<p>The Recreation Ground should be left as a playing field. We need football pitches for junior football but do not need more parks, you can find two parks within 5minutes walk of the recreation ground another one is not needed</p>
70	<p>Firstly i'm not sure if this relates to Open Spaces or Sport and Leisure. My grandchildren play football for a local club Standish Panthers, this club have many teams at different ages yet none play in Standish. Standish Rec is ideal for children's football teams and should be used for local teams. A park as been suggested which is a crazy idea and waste of money as there is already a disused park on Southland Ave estate, why not modernise that? There is also a park on the estate behind The Beeches, about 5mins walk So basically i would like to see the rec stay as a football field and local teams encouraged to use it.</p>
72	<p>To whom it may concern, My husband and I live next to Standish Rec playing field and have received an email to comment on the new plans for the Rec. We would love for the Rec to remain as a playing field as it is used by many children and families, especially in the sunnier months. We would, however, love to have thick shrubs/bushes as borders around the edges of the playing field, for protection and to reduce noise. We have recently bought a few new fence panels, due to footballs hitting them. Also, on the Rec, there are large Laurel bushes [REDACTED] [REDACTED] hat are overgrown. [REDACTED]</p>

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	I hope to hear from you soon. Many Thanks
74	We live on Southlands Ave & we wish that the rec is left as a playing field. We have 3 young grandchildren who love to run about all over the rec, if they want to go on a playground we walk 400 yards away. There is already allotments at St Marie's. We have taken part in the neighbourhood clean up of the rec, after it's been mown in the summer months it provides an excellent field for youngsters to play football & do exercises on.
75	I feel that to lose a family recreation site which is convenient for a lot of families in Standish would be very detrimental given the need for people to become more active which I believe should be a priority give the rise of obesity in the population as a whole. My understanding was that Wigan council was very aware of this need given the active life incentives.
78	this space is well used by the community as it is and should be left as it is .it was left to the people of Standish to be used by all of the community for recreation.
79	The Rec has been a playing field for decades and should stay that way. It's the only green space left in the centre of the village and is used a lot by local lads playing football. No need for another park or allotments we already have enough in Standish
80	I would like to see Standish rec be designated as Local Green Space. I would like the rec to be left as a football pitch. There is no need for another park in that area of Standish and having one would lead to anti-social behaviour in the evenings.
83	Local Green Space designation is a must for Standish rec its the last green space in the centre of our village. I like to see the rec remain a playing field as Standish as a shortage of youth football pitches. We do not need another park in that area.
84	The recreation ground as been a football pitch for decades and should be left that way. Local kids have nowhere to kick a ball about. I have recently heard that a local football team as booked it for next year so please leave it as it is or better still invest in making the playing surface better. Leave it as a football pitch. I believe it can be protected also so I think it should have Local Green Space protection
85	The recreation ground should be left as a football pitch, the children need open spaces to play ball games and local football teams including Standish Panthers can use it. Orchards on the rec is just a silly idea, fruit trees are being planted along the line. Local Green Space Designation is a great idea for the rec
87	Great idea to designate Standish Rec as Local Green Space, it is a part of Standish history. Standish Rec should be

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	kept as a full size football pitch so that children of all ages can use it as it was intended. Standish does not need another park but we do have a shortage of junior football pitches, this was pointed out in a Wigan Council report several years ago, since then the population as increased surely increasing the problem
88	Standish Rec, in Southlands Ave, is only just big enough for the junior football pitch that Standish Panthers want and have booked to use from March 2019. The Rec is the only site of its size in the centre of Standish and is within walking distance of hundreds of homes - an important point in a village with serious traffic problems. It is not suitable for dividing up into a park with all the things suggested in the plan. There are 2 allotment sites nearby (one opened this year on the adjacent land owned by the Methodist Church) and an area with play equipment within easy walking distance. The Council's Needs Assessment did not identify a need for more of the things Standish Voice propose in Central Standish. On the other hand, the Needs Assessment did identify a shortage of junior football pitches. The park proposal would result In the provision of un-needed facilities at the expense of a much needed junior football pitch. Standish Voice's proposals bear no regard to what is needed or wanted and is based on the totally false assertion that it is redundant. Standish Voice have no mandate for a park on the Rec. In fact the consultation on final draft clearly indicated that the vast majority of respondents WANTED THE REC TO BE KEPT AS A FOOTBALL PITCH FOR JUNIORS. This is the purpose for which it was given as made abundantly clear in the deed under which it was donated to the children of Standish. STANDISH VOICE HAS BROUGHT THE LOCAL PLANNING PROCESS INTO DISREPUTE BY THE WAY IT TRIED TO PUSH THROUGH ITS PROPSALS FOR THE REC AND THE WAY IT IGNORED THE MAJORITY VIEW EXPRESSED IN THE CONSULTATION ON THE FINAL DRAFT. The Rec is very important to the people of Standish. It is an historic site suitable for LOCAL GREEN SPACE and we support the proposal that it be given this status as a means of protecting it for the foreseeable future.
89	I played football on the Standish Rec when at school. I continued to play on a youth team and then as an adult. It is the only pitch in the centre of Standish and to put facilities on it which are available nearby is a waste of valuable space. We wish the site to be available for children to play ball games for ever and hope it can be given Public Green Space Status. These comments have been submitted by [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
90	I played hockey on the Standish Rec when at school. It is the only pitch in the centre of Standish and to put facilities on it which are available nearby is a waste of valuable space. We wish the site to be available for children to play ball games for ever and hope it can be given Public Green Space Status. These comments are submitted by [REDACTED]
91	I do not want Standish Rec to be used for anything except a pitch for children's ball games. I want to see it protected by Local Green Space Status This comment is submitted by [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]

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92	Standish Rec has always been used as a football pitch. There is not call for a park and I want it to remain a football pitch. I would like to see the Rec get Public Green Space Status. These comments are submitted by [REDACTED]
93	Southlands Rec is a football pitch and should remain one. We do not need a park there
94	The Rec should be kept as it is for children to play football and other games. It should be protected against more housing. We need the open space.
95	The Rec is the only place for children to play football I the centre of Standish and it should be kept for that. I do not want to see houses on it so it should be give Public Green Space Status. Comments submitted by [REDACTED]
96	Southlands Recreation Ground as been used by generations of Standishers to play football and many other sports, it's the only open green space left in the centre of the village and is used daily by teenage children. There is a redundant park on the Southlands estate which says to me a park is not needed in that area. Woodhurst Drive as a recently upgraded park and is less that 5mins walk from the rec. How many parks do you need in one area? Standish Voice have been misleading the residents of Standish for quiet some time now, telling anyone who would listen that the rec is not big enough to hold a football pitch. However it is more than big enough to hold a U15/16 football pitch and that is exactly what I would like to see on there. Your own report as established that we have a shortage of junior football pitches. I feel very strongly that of the areas put forward to be designated as Local Green Space the rec fits the criteria best of all. As this area was gifted to the children of the village it is essential that the land is protected as Local Green Space Use the money that would be wasted on a park to upgrade the drainage on the playing field, Standish Panthers and other local teams have already expressed an interest in playing football on the rec. Standish as an above average population of teenagers, these teenagers need sports fields and open spaces not slides and swings. Don't deny them the opportunity to use a facility their parents and grandparents both enjoyed
97	As someone who enjoys frequently playing with grandchildren on the Rec I will be saddened to see it's use being changed. Where else locally can we throw our Frisbee and just enjoy running around with our football and playing cricket. Please keep our open space it is a great community asset and a haven away from all the hustle and bustle of the gridlocked High Street
99	Whilst I appreciate all the work Standish Voice have done, I do feel they have been short-sighted in their perspective regarding Standish Recreation Ground. the Recreation ground was gifted to the young people of Standish & we should honour this gift on behalf of our young people now & future generations. Sometimes we have to think outside the box when making decisions, & not go for the easier option, which is again very short-sighted Friends of Standish Rec are working hard very successfully, to put a fresh lease of life into the field, which is very Community inclusive

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	Also we need green spaces within the environment to offset pollution Whoever reads these comments I urge you to take them seriously Warmest regards
100	I think the rec should have some money spent on it to make the pitch better, drainage and how about some changing rooms. If you can't do that leave it as it is. I definitely disagree with making a park on the rec, it would bring the anti-social behaviour from ashfield park into the centre of the village. I like the idea of designating the areas listed as local green space. We need to protect the green areas we have left
103	Please leave the Rec as it is. There are already play areas within the Standish community which would better suit funding to improve. Instead of wasting funding on another play area. Please leave as a playing field. It is what nearby residents would prefer
108	The playing field the Standish Recreation field should be left as it is. There should be no planting of bushes etc which impede the clear sight lines there at present which could give cover to drug dealers (who already frequent Quaker fields) or cover for other undesirables who may prey on children. There are so few open play areas for formal or informal football etc in Standish so this one should be preserved as it is. If the council have any money to spend (which I doubt) it would be better simply to cut the grass and maintain it as an open plan football area as it is well used by youngsters during the summer and should be safe as long as it remains well overlooked and transparent. There is a fancy play area already within walking distance down the road using a short cut, it would be pointless to have 2 so close together. IF you really want to spend money why not flatten out the gradient on the existing pitch. With the health and obesity problems we have currently we should not be reducing in any way the use of this green space for football which is played by all genders and ages. I understand there are also allotments within walking distance elsewhere already so there is no need for more. You should allow the wishes of the family who gifted the land for sports play use and residents on the nearest estates to the REC to take precedence over the costly ideas of non residents and business people
112	Leave it as a recreational field.
114	It is important that Southlands Rec is kept as a playing field where local children continue to play ball games. It is useful space for local groups such as Cubs / Brownies who also use it regularly. By putting a park on there would reduce its usage for ball games and other activities and would also invite anti-social behaviour in the evening. Lots of local children visit the rec playing football, rugby and rounders. The improvements by friends of Standish rec have made the area look tidier and also given opportunity for local children to plant hedgerow etc. With regular mowing the rec is a great space for children of all ages to come and play with their friends. The preservation of this green space is even more important with all the current building going on in Standish.
122	My comments concern the Southlands Recreation area. I would like to support the plan to convert it to a part paved,

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	wild flower garden/park facility with provision made for a scaled down sports pitch for junior use. This in my view would safeguard the Rec from future housing development and make it far less vulnerable than if it were to be left in its current state
126	I think the recreation ground should remain a football pitch and money should be spent to improve the pitch, all the green areas are being built on and this should be protected. It is used regularly by the scouts and cubs and after speaking to both groups of youngsters they would like it to remain as a large football pitch
129	The plan looks great. Just the one thing that i don't approve of, Standish rec was gifted to the children of Standish and should continue being used by the children in the form of a 11 a side football pitch. We have Ashfield park and don't need another in the centre of the village
130	Fantastic to see the four areas put forward to be designated as Local Green Space it would be lovely if they where all granted, as we are losing so many green areas. I don't agree with the plan for a park in the centre of Standish, there is a new park on Woodhurst drive only a few minutes walk away. I've recently read that a local kids football team will be playing on the rec soon, it keeps them fit and of the streets so leave it as it is and spend the money elsewhere.
131	The plan for a new park is a waste of tax payers money, incredible edible is a fab idea in a perfect world but we don't live in a perfect world and it would finish up looking a right mess. I'd prefer you to upgrade the football field to encourage local teams to use it
137	The Standish Rec should be left as it is. This land was gifted to the children of Standish and Wigan Council have no right to take away this land. If we carry on there will be no green space left in Standish. Wigan Council are slowly ruining the village of Standish. I would suggest that the council and planning dept pay visits to some of the beautiful villages in the UK for more inspiring ideas instead of allowing 2nd rate builders to concrete over Standish. We have lived in Standish for over 36 years and in that time I can honestly say that it has not improved for the better,
139	I do not want either a car park or a park to be built on the REC on Southlands Avenue. Having monitored this during the last 12 months it is clear that it needs to be left well alone. Noticed lots of activity, football games, Brownies doing activities and people just enjoying the open space. We don't need another park in Standish as there are already many that are not being used and in need of repair. The upkeep of the REC by the Council as it is at the moment needs to be improved.
145	See Appendix 3
150	I strongly disagree with policy SLC2 which proposes turning Southlands Rec into an urban park. It is currently a playing field and should remain that way. I understand it has recently been booked by Standish Panthers. We were told repeatedly by Standish Voice that the Rec was redundant and had been declared unsuitable for football clubs by the Council. Clearly this is not the case. I fully support the policy to give it Local Green Space status and I am not

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	opposed to increasing the biodiversity but the playing pitch must be retained at all costs. Thank you
151	I disagree with proposals to convert Southlands Rec into a park. It is a playing field and has been for decades. It should be retained as a playing field to be used by the young people of Standish. There are excellent play facilities a few hundred yards away. Food growing sounds good but not on the Rec. It is a beautiful open green space and needs to be kept that way
152	As a young person I know how important it is to get fresh air and exercise. I think Southlands Recreation Ground should be used as a playing field and be kept available for young people to play on. There are well equipped playgrounds nearby. Please leave our Rec alone
153	I would like to see Standish Rec left as it is please. It has been a recreation ground for over 100 years. It is part of our heritage and should be used as a playing field by the children of Standish.
154	I would like to see Standish Rec left as it is please. It has been a recreation ground for over 100 years. It is part of our heritage and should be used as a playing field by the children of Standish
155	I do not want the Rec turned into a park. It has been a football pitch all of my lifetime. I believe it has now been booked to be used again for this purpose. On top of this it is used as an open space by adults and children. By all means make sure it is maintained and improved but do not do anything that prevents it from being used as a playing pitch
156	Please do not allow our Rec to be turned into a park. There is a great park at Ashfield and lots of playgrounds already. Leave the Rec as a playing field.
157	I am in favour of keeping Southlands Rec the way it is. It is the only bit of public green space in the middle of Standish
164	I've played football on the rec for years, who are Standish voice to say that today and tomorrows kids don't want to play football on it. The population is growing yet they want to take away the only green field left in the middle of Standish. Teenagers want open spaces not play equipment. Protect the rec for future kids with the local green space and leave it as a 11 a side football field.
165	See Appendix 3.
166	I feel a recreation/sports field is essential. Children need to be involved in sports and with schools cutting back on extra curriculum activities there is a need for sports clubs to develop. If the Rec can be modified for use then it would be ideal and in a good central position in Standish. I appreciate car parking is also in great demand but the influx of cars to access a car park there would be a hazard.
167	In the sport and leisure section you want to replace a children's football pitch to make it more popular with the older generation, this is silly, there is very little for teenagers to do in Standish and they need the rec to blow of steam

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	besides having the extra health benefits of running around. We already have parks so i am against the idea to create another one. Spend the money upgrading the football pitch
169	I disagree with the idea of creating a park in the centre of Standish, My in laws lived close to the rec and i know from personal experience that lots of children use the rec when the weather allows, if they want to play on a park they go to Ashfield or the new park on the estate behind the beeches, upgrade the drainage on the rec and it will be used even more. Local Green Space designation for the rec is a must, it's an historic site
171	I don't feel that Standish Voice are not being totally truthful about the recreation ground. They have been telling us all along that it isn't fit for purpose, it obviously is as Standish Panthers have booked it for next year and having been involved in teenage football i give my full support to saving the football pitch and it will be good to see Standish Panthers back in Standish. I think it's worth mentioning that Standish Panthers are a growing club and need the support of our community. We should be getting behind these clubs, not taking away the local pitches.
174	Its ridiculous that people or even thinking about a community park on the rec. There's nothing better than watching youngsters play football, they make friends for life, that builds community spirit. We've had a football pitch on the rec as long as i can remember and should remain one and the voice should start listening to what the community want, not what they want. NO PARK. KEEP IT AS IT IS [REDACTED]
177	My house backs onto Standish Rec and I can confirm that the reports by the neighbourhood group that say it is redundant are a fabrication, children play regularly when the weather allows. The recreation ground is our village green in all but name and i'd like it to remain totally green. The estate has a children's play area that is not used so why do Standish voice want to waste tax payers money on another one. It makes no sense at all. Seems to me that the Standish Voice committee don't listen to us residents, they even moved the meeting venue from the middle of the village to make it more difficult for people to attend and air our views. So please consider what the residents want , not Standish voice and leave our rec as it is
178	We don't want the rec to become a park and if they'd asked everyone and not just them with computer they'd know that. I went to their meeting in the unity club with hundreds of other people but they wouldn't listen then they moved the meeting to the high school to make it more difficult to get there if you don't have a car. They don't represent Standish people at all, they don't listen.. My husband played for st wilfrids for years on the rec its a lovely central football pitch. Please leave it as it is.
Open space	
50	The green areas in Standish MUST be protected. Having lived in Standish for over 15 years, the green areas are beautiful and we need somewhere to walk our dogs. For a number of personal reasons, I have moved from Robin Hill Drive onto the Wainhomes estate off Almond Brook, and whilst I agree that development is a needed contribution

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	to the village, too much development WILL kill the heart of our village. The Robin Hill field near the high school is where I, and a large volume of others, walk our dogs. If this field were to be developed, it would be an absolute travesty. This area MUST be protected for future generations so that they can enjoy too.
136	It is vital that Open Spaces remain. The ponds are frequented by great crested newts and need to be protected. Increased housing means that Open Spaces are at risk. There should be no more new housing in Standish as the village cannot cope with so many more houses
Traffic	
7	We need to sort the traffic out as at times it is totally gridlocked, extra routes / roads are need
8	The plan will do little or nothing to prevent the current habit of traffic using roads and streets such as Greenwood Road and Broomfield Road as a Speed track rat run to avoid any delays presented by jams and traffic controls of the High Street and Wigan /Preston Roads.
21	It is vital that the plan is not changed as it hoping to reduce traffic congestion. More housing being built in the area must be stopped as the centre area is choked by too much traffic without parking spaces, and causing a health hazard from emissions
71	Shevington Parish Council would like to submit the following comment: Paragraph 11.8 on page 34 states that 'a review of signage at M6 Junction 27 on roads near Standish is being undertaken with the aim of reducing journeys through the village centre.' While Shevington Parish Council are sympathetic to the desire of Standish residents to reduce the congestion in Standish village centre, they are EXTREMELY concerned about the negative impact that any signage intended to divert traffic away from the centre of Standish could have on the centre of Shevington, on the village of Appley Bridge and on the hamlet of Shevington Moor.
102	We have submitted our recommendations for amendment to the Standish Neighbourhood Plan via email as this page does not allow the attachment of documents. See Appendix 2
115	Despite the best efforts of the committee I believe that the proposals detailed in no way alleviate the traffic congestion. Even if the proposals are accepted they will in no way deal with future traffic growth and therefore have a very short "shelf life". Bicycle lanes and improved footpaths !! if the thinking is that both will force people from their cars then that is delusional, how will a parent with children who have to shop in Standish without the use of a vehicle manage ? walk or cycle ! These measure will only serve to kick this issue into the long grass and not address the needs of the community. As a businessman, would i really invest somewhere that dictates how my car parking will be used ?. No I would look elsewhere. Unfortunately Standish Voice in its efforts to be formerly recognized as a community forum have had to, in turn, comply with all the rules and regulations of planning rather than as it was, A true opposition group that really did voice the concerns of the community. I am not criticizing them I feel they have

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	fallen foul of the system, accepted funding, become a recognized body that is now part of the planning "framework". I believe the air quality issue at the crossroads will prove to be crucial (more so than the death that occurred there or the accidents that keep happening), I would like all involved to publish the readings on a regular basis along with what the acceptable levels are and should be. I have taken the time to write this in the knowledge that it probably will not be read, but at least I had my say
Sport, Leisure and Community Facilities	
101	See Appendix 2.
127	I have recently moved to what I now consider to be a badly planned new development (cat i'th window) . The part of the estate I live on as seen neighbourhood nuisance, petty theft etc and I find the permitted development not taking into account community safety issues for open areas and the unfortunate people who live in surrounding properties. I would urge the council to hold developers more accountable on community safety planning when approving developments such as this. That said, the area between the cat i'th window estate and Bloor estate will be joined by the road , Almond Brook Avenue, thus diminishing some of the benefits of the mineral line bridle path and that open space. I would strongly urge the council not to further diminish the benefit of the remaining opens space in the area by putting even more ill conceived new build estates around the little open space remaining. It is also worth noting that there are issues with the general infra structure of Standish not being able to cope: constant traffic jams, road noise, difficulty getting doctors and dentists in thd area. Any further over building will make it more uncomfortable for the council tax paying citizens in the area.
Support	
2	An excellent document that should be invaluable for the future of Standish. It is comprehensive with detailed evidence for all policies.
3	I fully support the Neighbourhood Plan in its entirety and in its current form. I particularly endorse the stance on inappropriate housing development within the village
4	I am fully supportive of all the policies in the draft plan as they provide a balance covering social, economic and environmental policies to ensure the future needs of our village are provided for and protected. In particular I fully support the housing policies as they will provide for the affordable housing and accommodation for older people that is desperately needed and the other housing policies are also fully supported.
6	I believe that the plan has been well thought through and researched and that the whole of the community have been engaged with its preparation. I am fully supportive of the plan and look forward to helping shape the future of Standish in the ways suggested
9	I wholly support all of the proposals for the Neighbourhood Plan for Standish. There are already far too many houses

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	being built in Standish and it's time someone put a stop to it. The takeaways are taking over the village which is adding to the litter problem. The traffic is horrendous both in and out of the village as it is such a bottleneck at the lights. I know the new houses generate a lot of money for the council but please have a look at our village and give these plans the green light
10	I fully support the neighbourhood plan for Standish, and the work of Standish voice and the community for caring so much about our village
11	I am in full support of the final neighbourhood plan for Standish. It has been carefully thought out to include all aspects of the residents needs as well as realistic housing needs. It builds an attractive future for all residents without the overburden of excess housing and retaining the village features and atmosphere. Am in full support of prioritizing independent traders to the village shopping centre rather than more hot and cold food outlets
12	I strongly agree with all your proposals with emphasis on the following: An urgent need to reduce the number of fast food outlets - the biggest cause of litter. Vet all intended uses of empty shops - thinking here as to what will happen when RBS building becomes vacant? Another takeaway, beauty shop or vape store??? Consider a change in priorities at the main junction and review the signage to make it clearer as to which lane is for where.
13	I fully support the Neighbourhood Plan submitted by Standish Voice
14	I totally support the Neighbourhood Plan and support informed development of the village. I would also support the provision of a cycle track by the side of Rectory Lane. At the moment it is very difficult for cyclists to negotiate the traffic lights/bridge without dicing with death. My grandson wishes to go to Standish High by bike, but finds it both dangerous and user-unfriendly.
16	I think the Standish plan is excellent and give it my full support.
17	I agree
18	I support the Final Neighbourhood Plan for Standish. My husband and I have witnessed the loss of green fields, trees and wildlife due to development. Trees on an open space which according to plans are supposed to have been planted as yet have not materialised. Traffic to village centre has already increased.
19	Dear Wigan Council, Neighbourhood plans were introduced as part of the Localism Act and the government website (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2) sets out the purpose and guidelines for such documents as follows: "Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of

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	development for their community". Standish is a thriving community but it will lose its identify and character all too quickly if we continue to build on every bit of available land and open space. In particular it is especially important to retain Standish's Green Belt for residents (both old and young) to continue to enjoy - enhancing fitness and mental health. The plan has been developed to align with the principles within the NPPF and Local Plan and as such I fully support it.
23	I fully support the Final Neighbourhood Plan for Standish in its entirety.
24	Just want to comment that I support the plan.
25	I support the final plan.
26	I have read the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan for Standish and would like to thank everyone involved for producing such a thorough, thoughtful and considerate document. Wonderful work.
27	It is vital for the future of the village that development is controlled and our green spaces are protected. The Standish plan is a way forward that can enhance the quality of environment for existing residents and those who choose to settle here. Over development will just lead to more affluent council tax payers leaving the area.
29	I support the proposals to reduce traffic congestion and improve parking. I also support proposals to protect and improve footpaths for waking around Standish. I would like to see more green footpaths in the town as the number of houses increases and takes away green spaces. I am very interested in a railway station in Standish. HOUSING If there is any further building of homes, I support proposals for more suitable accommodation of older people and affordable accommodation for young people. GENERAL I very much support this plan. It is an excellent basis for the development of Standish
31	I am pleased that we have more control of housing types, numbers etc it is where we all live and we want the best for our village.
33	Firstly may I say that I fully support the Standish Neighbourhood Plan. This has been drafted by persons either living or working in Standish who have first hand experience of the issues/problems here and are therefore best placed to offer solutions. For many years now a Standish "by-pass" has been talked about to reduce the amount of traffic passing through the village centre. The amount of traffic will increase dramatically as Standish population grows. It is my hope that as this Neighbourhood Plan is considered, the provision of this so called "by-pass" becomes reality
34	Just want to endorse the neighbourhood plan generally and register my concern regarding the overdue elopement
35	I am writing to support the Standish Neighbourhood Plan and very strongly believe it essential that local residents have a say in the scale and type of homes to be built. Standish can hardly be called a village now given the amount of unwanted development that has taken place in the last year or so. Its character has drastically altered too largely

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	<p>down to the volume of traffic to be found on Preston Road most times of the day. It is a common feature now for traffic queues to stretch back way past Pepper Lane roundabout both towards Chorley and the motorway. It has become a nightmare trying to get out of the estate I live on and join traffic headed in the Wigan direction. I also agree in particular with the recommendations made regarding parking, fast food outlets and protection of historic pubs</p>
36	<p>I just want to acknowledge my support for the neighbourhood plan and to register my general concern regarding the over development of Standish that is currently happening. It is blatantly obvious to residents in the village that the road network cannot support all the house building. The original ribbon developments along the narrow roads of a mining village years ago hasn't changed and cannot cope with the volume of traffic. Where I live it takes a good ten minutes during peak times to get out of our road if I am turning right to go through the lights at Standish to travel those few hundred yards. Travelling from the North on the M6 we regularly experience tail backs on the slip road that go all the way to the traffic lights in the centre of the village. With the additional new houses, nearly 2000 being built off Rectory, it can only get worse and in my view a long overdue bi pass is needed. Add to this the problems at the traffic lights, where I have nearly been run over with motorists turning illegally; I am sure there will be another fatality. Add to that that I can no longer walk safely to the green spaces (former Golf Course) with my dogs. I now add to the traffic problems by getting in my car and traveling over to Elnup, Red Rock, Hic Bibi, etc. The once relatively clean air in Standish is no more, we can smell the fumes from idling engines at rush hour and I am sure it must be detrimental for all the children in the school playground at this time of day. Surely we have now got to saturation point with housing development and I can envisage Standish becoming a place where no one wants to live anymore as it is such a challenging place to get about and through. Add to that the lack of parking which has been an issue for a number of years before all the new developments, the village is fastly becoming an undesirable place to live.</p>
38	<p>The plan gives a clear direction for the future of Standish. It has positive ideas to deal with our issues and provides a cohesive framework to help us achieve these goals for the present + future population of Standish. I would also like to comment on the complete lack of any sense of duty of care that Wigan council have demonstrated towards us. Their only objective appears to be purely generating as much money as possible from the area. Without the dedication and commitment from these local people they would have made their 30 shillings and then abandoned us.</p>
39	<p>I am more than happy with this final draft. In all areas and in all aspects. I hope the government, local and national respect and abide by it.</p>
41	<p>I fully support the plan, particularly the desire to limit house building and protect green spaces. This protects the 'village' concept. For too long housebuilders have built four and five bed homes on green land, when local surveys suggest there is demand for smaller homes for older people, who would then release their larger homes to the market</p>

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43	I wholeheartedly approve of the Final Neighbourhood Plan for Standish.
44	I totally approve the Final Neighbourhood Plan for Standish
46	I fully support the Standish Neighbourhood Plan and the policies it contains, but specifically the Housing policies. The housing needs assessment carried out clearly shows that the 1,800 houses currently under construction are totally at odds with what is required by the people of Standish.
48	I am generally in agreement with this policy. I do feel that a bypass is desperately needed. I like the improvements made to the pathway parallel to Preston Rd and use it regularly. Further housing development in Standish must be halted.
49	I fully support all aspects of the plan, in particular sections H1 to H7 and T1 to T5.
51	I am adding my support to the recent and final Neighbourhood Plan put forward by Standish Voice on behalf of the residents of Standish, myself being one of those residents. The plan is the best deal for the area and addresses all the concerns of local people particularly with regard to protecting green belt land and considering the type of properties being built and proposed by builders in the future. The village has grown dramatically in the six years I have lived here and the plan endorses keeping the village identity while considering the problems and issues that growth will bring, so I support the plan and the ideas for the future development and shaping of Standish.
52	At last a neighbourhood plan that has the interests of the local residents at heart. Improvement to the environment, the village centre, traffic movement & parking is essential if the village is not to slide into being just another uncontrolled featureless sprawl of the Wigan Borough. In recent years the village has become an area of massive housing development with buildings being erected to best suit the profit of the developers with little regard to the wishes & needs of local residents. Infrastructure, traffic needs & village centre amenities have been woefully ignored This neighbourhood plan is not just needed but is essential if the people who have the interest of the village of Standish at heart are to be given a say in what is best for its residents
55	I feel Standish's Green Belt is still vulnerable to change and possible alteration to favour of house building in the draft Greater Manchester plan. For this reason, I fully support the Standish Neighbourhood Plan and believe it is vital that local people have a say in the scale and type of homes to be built in Standish in the future.
56	I look forward to the neighbourhood plane being endorsed. The whole community would benefit from its proposals and give it a sense of true ownership. Its through community ownership that Standish will thrive and prosper in the years to come and build a place our children and grandchildren can live work and play. I respectfully request that Wigan Council approve the plan with NO amendments.
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58	I am very much in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan for Standish. There is a significant need for Standish Residence to have a say in changes that affect the way we live. The Plan has given us a chance to express our concerns and to see some structure to the way future changes will be implemented. We live in the real world and understand that new homes are needed but not at the detriment to those who are already living in Standish. I am fully in favour of the Plan and hope that it will be accepted and implemented
60	👍 (In case this form doesn't actually support Unicode, that's a thumbs up emoji - I support the Neighbourhood Plan.)
68	After reading through the draft neighbourhood plan for the development of the village of Standish until 2030 my husband and I fully support the policies set out in the plan. Please add our support to the views of others hoping that this plan is implemented in its final form.
76	The plan will give the people of Standish a voice in how Standish will develop in the future.
77	This plan will help Standish move forward and develop in a way that allows the people of Standish to influence the decisions made by the council.
81	It is obvious that a lot of time, effort and expertise, have gone in producing the plan, and I must say my overall impression is very positive and I hope the proposals will be implemented
82	I fully agree with the proposals
86	Standish Neighbourhood Plan is a fair and balanced blueprint for the future of the village. A huge amount of consultation has been undertaken to come up with a well-rounded document that puts the community at the heart of land-use planning. It is sustainable and caters for the needs of the community as well as promoting development where appropriate. The four green amenity areas which have been highlighted as candidates for Local Green Space are all highly valued by the community in areas within the village where they need to be preserved to ensure the quality of life of residents is sustained. The village centre policies provide a sensible starting point to look at how this area can be improved sensitively but also commercial development enhanced with due regard for Standish's historic buildings and layout. Standish is a continually changing community and Standish Neighbourhood Plan encourages that but also preserves the best of the village
98	I fully support the neighbourhood plan and the policies contained within it.
104	I am pleased to support the plan in full
105	I support the full plan
106	I support the full plan

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107	I support the Standish Neighbourhood plan to safeguard our environment for future generations. I object in the strongest possible terms to any further housing development. I would appreciate your consideration in this matter.
109	I think the plan is excellent and well thought out. It addresses the needs of a growing community whilst also trying to protect and enhance the environment and the green spaces the community enjoy.
111	I would like to register my support for the Standish Neighbourhood Plan
113	I support the Standish neighbourhood plan
116	I strongly support all the objectives of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, especially those aiming to better match future development type to the needs of present and future residents
117	I am in support of the plans Standish voice are proposing
118	The Neighbourhood plan for Standish is a well thought through plan and will be an improvement for business's and Standish residents. • The plan improves community life in Standish, looking at lifestyle, social activities and the general overall appearance and sustainability of the projects. • The plan addresses many issues that impact on the environment, and the policies should be accepted as the wishes of the majority. There is clear evidence that a neighbourhood plan such as this being consulted on is needed. The project demonstrates equality and diversity, and the retention of a thriving community up until 2030
119	Having been born and lived in Standish all my life I have seen many changes. Many for the good, but in the past 5 years the views of residents have been ignored I fully support this plan and hope that it goes forward. I hope that the views of those who live and work in Standish are listened to.
121	The maintenance and increase in accessibility to green spaces is essential to support well-being not only for the existing population but also residents of newer housing. I am generally in support of all the recommendations in the plan.
124	I agree with all points raised in Standish Voice Neighbourhood Plan and that it reflects the best interests for the area and its residents
125	I fully support all the policies in the neighbourhood plan especially the housing policies. The need to ensure that developers are building the right type of housing to reflect local housing needs such as accommodation for older people and more much needed affordable home is the right approach for Standish. We also need to ensure that developers planning contributions are spent locally and on needed infrastructure. Traffic congestion and pollution are major issues and the impact on amenity and the environment by building more homes must be considered properly by the Council when looking at all planning applications Local residents are not all NIMBY'S, we just want sustainable, fully considered development which works with existing places and communities.

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128	The plans have been put together with a lot of thought and are for the good of Standish and it's residents. The residents are a very mixed bunch, young families, teenagers, older couples and singles. The new plans do seem to take in all these ranges except perhaps, not enough open spaces for teens to play ball games. Traffic congestion is a major, major problem and needs to be addressed immediately as do the problems for schools, surgeries etc that will be greatly affected by the new housing.
132	I fully support the suggestion that Standish would benefit more from an increase in the number of affordable homes and smaller properties suitable for older people who want to downsize rather than the 4-5 bed roomed houses which the developers seem to prefer. No further planning permissions should be granted as the number of houses built or under construction exceeds the number agreed in the Core strategy.
133	I am in full agreement with the proposal to replace lost due to development on a one-for-one basis. I hope that expert opinion will be sought as to the type of trees and that they are native species. Whilst much green space has been lost, there remains substantial green areas and paths and bridleways which I feel can be enhanced and that better signage would allow new residents to discover, enjoy and value these spaces
134	I fully support this plan. It acknowledges the need for growth in Standish whilst also protecting green space, character and amenities that will ensure Standish remains vibrant and a desirable place to live, work and play.
138	I support the whole of the plan, In particular ensuring new housing meets the needs of existing residents of Standish. Hopefully, if the plan is accepted The Standish Neighbourhood Forum will be in a position to influence the amount new houses applied for and protect green belt/field/spaces constantly under threat. More investment for Ashfield Park, play areas and recreation areas would possibly be secured by the Neighbourhood Plan, as well as creating a Village Centre Leisure Park. I think more money should be made available by the council and developers to rejuvenate the centre of the village. Wigan Council promised that Standish would have a car park, this hasn't happened but I believe the Neighbourhood Plan would be able to secure this to take the strain off the streets of Standish. The creation of cycle paths and footpaths would reduce the amount of traffic within the village. There are regular sitings of deer around the village, so the creation of wildlife areas around the village can only be good for the environment. I honestly believe The Neighbourhood Plan is the best thing to happen to Standish since 1974 when Wigan Council took hold of Standish Urban District Council
140	I am fully in support of the Standish Plan. After extensive consultation, it takes local opinion into account. Up to now, Standish people have just been told what is going to happen to their village by council planners and housing developers and their opinions have not mattered. I feel it is particularly important that green spaces are protected and enhanced, for example, Standish Rec should become more child-friendly, with proper facilities for play. It is also important that the type and amount of housing to be developed suits local people's needs, rather than providing the

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	most profit for the developers. We have enough large, 'executive-type' houses already.
146	I am in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan for Standish. Development in Standish has, up to now, gone ahead with a lack of consideration for what Standish residents want and need. Standish, and the people of Standish, should be the at the heart of planners' rationale, to build a thriving community, rather than the piecemeal, 'add-on' developments we have had so far, with few facilities and a loss of open green space. The Neighbourhood Plan has good ideas to benefit the local community, e.g., creating a proper park at the Rec and protecting the few open spaces that are left.
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168	I support this plan. I especially like Policy H1 Clause (i).
175	Having lived in Standish for over 40 years I have seen it change significantly over that time and I think it is essential that the Standish Neighbourhood Plan is supported to enable the sustainability of the village. The plan highlights the main areas which need focus, particularly congestion and car parking and I support the plans put forward for addressing this. I particularly support the idea of the Standish Loop and the green corridor to protect both the wildlife (we used to see deer on the fields near our house behind the Almond Brook hotel and now worry about where they have gone now their habitat has been built on) and also improve the health of the residents. The Standish mineral line improvements have already started the process of providing a healthier route to and from the village which was previously only accessible during good weather due to there being so much mud on the path. I support all the proposals put forward in the plan and that it be adopted
176	I have read the details of the Standish neighbourhood plan and support all the policies and suggestions put forward to ensure the village continues to thrive in the future. The areas identified are from consultation with the public and reflect those issues which have arisen over the last two decades since I moved to the village. I hope the plan is adopted

Appendix 2

Representation 101, 102 and 123

Response to Regulation 16 Consultation.

Policy SLC2.

Background. Standish Voice, our Neighbourhood forum was set up in May 2015 and immediately set about collecting answers to questions they had devised. They then analysed the answers they had received to come up with their neighbourhood Plan. They then presented their conclusions at a community dog show in September 2015, an event we have never heard of or can find reference to. Not the best way to communicate with the residents of Standish. They used 784 completed questionnaires answering the questions they wanted to ask and analysed by them. There was no further involvement of the community, the majority of who had no idea what was going on or who Standish Voice where. We all thought they were a village community group who organised the Christmas market and other activities within the village.

It was only when a leaflet dropped through our doors in March 2017, some 18 months after Standish Voice had reached their conclusions, that we realised what was going on. The community reacted to this leaflet very quickly to oppose the proposal to build a car park on Southlands Rec, with a high quality urban park. Some would be happy with a park but nobody wanted the car park.

Large numbers of residents began to attend Standish Voice committee meetings and some joined as members in the hope that they could have a say in what would be in the neighbourhood plan. It soon became obvious that the SV committee, particularly the Chairperson and the Vice chair were not prepared to allow this to happen.

We examined their Constitution and realised that rather than encourage input from its members and none members who are residents within the neighbourhood plan area. It specifically only gives any rights to the Standish Voice Committee members. The only action a member can take is to vote against a proposal at the AGM. There are no provisions for anyone to put forward opposing views.

Despite the large body of opposition against SV proposals for Southlands Rec, the committee refused to engage in any meaningful consultation with residents and deliberately excluded from the minutes of their meetings the presence of the residents' who opposed what they were doing and all that was said. Anyone examining their records will see no evidence of the existence of the majority view. 1700 residents signed a petition against a car park on the Rec and reluctantly SV committee, realised the strength of feeling against their proposal and removed the car park from the Neighbourhood Plan.

SV committee, this very small band of people, decided way back in 2015, before they had managed to consult the majority of residents or found out what residents wanted, what they thought was best for us. From that early time, 2015, they have

refused to be moved from their original thoughts and are still acting as if they know what is best for us, instead of listening to the Community.

Current Position. The Rec is the only item included in the Neighbourhood Plan that has caused an outcry from the community. The vast majority wish it to remain as a Rec, with its current use for playing pitch sports enhanced by proper maintenance, improvement of access for spectators beyond the pitch area and additional planting of low maintenance hedging and other species to improve the bio-diversity of the site. Any reduction to the playing area, to make room for other activities would prevent the ground from being marked out to support maximum use by the growing local football clubs, who are already struggling to keep up with demand from youngsters wanting to join new teams.

We believe from what is still included in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan that SV committee are still intent on having a park on the Rec, regardless of what the community wants.

The Rec has been their signature project from the start and they have spent a lot of time and effort on this project, as is evidenced by the ACOM consultant's report, which they commissioned.

The community has spoken very clearly that it wants the Rec to be given **LGS status** and used by the youngsters of the village as the only safe green field, that is accessible in the centre of the village and large enough to have a game of football, rugby or any other outdoor activity that keeps them active, healthy and happy.

Suggested Amendments. We therefore believe that if this neighbourhood plan is to be accepted by the majority of residents in the Plan Area, at the referendum stage, the following amendments will be necessary.

All the statements on Page 67 from 15-12 to 15-19 need to be re written as they are not correct. It is obvious that those statements have been left in place by SV in support of their original vision and what they are still trying to achieve, in the way of a Park. The Rec is simply not big enough to have both the required 9V9 playing pitch and all the additional items' listed by SV.

The neighbourhood Plan needs to clearly declare that the rec will continue to be used for pitch sports and remain as it is, but better maintained and encourage more use. Improvements are needed, but these should be to improve its current use, not to add additional uses that are not required by or supported by the majority of the community.

Incredible edible has very little support and its efforts around the village reflect this and confirm that any such activity on the Rec would fail. By comparison, the Methodist Church has set up immediately alongside the Rec a secure area in which they are introducing members of church organisations, both young and old to growing food and other plants. It is succeeding because it has been well planned, has a captive body of volunteers, (Beavers, Scouts, Brownies, Church congregation) and it is secured against vandalism.

Turning to the proposal for play areas. There are already established play areas close to the Rec, which are under used and badly maintained. There is also an area of land on Southlands estate that has never been provided with play equipment because there has never been any demand. What is the sense in providing yet another play area, whilst the council is struggling to maintain those that already exist? They are under used; they are not seen as a priority and are a common target for vandalism. We as a community should not be adding to the Council's problems by wanting a new play area when we are not using those that already exist.

We therefore suggest that Policy SLC2: Southlands Rec should be totally re-written with no reference to it becoming a community park. If it remains unaltered it is likely that the community will vote against the Neighbourhood Plan in the coming referendum. As all voting and communication so far has been on line, there are an overriding majority of residents who have not been able to have their say. The referendum, being a similar system to voting for councillors, will allow them to vote and that overriding majority cannot be ignored. If the Neighbourhood Plan is not altered we believe it will be rejected. If the Neighbourhood Plan is amended then the whole community can get behind it and vote in favour of it being adopted.

The following may be a suitable amendment.

Policy SLC2: Southlands Rec – Maintaining the Gifted Land for use by the community as a Recreation Ground will be supported.

In keeping with the wishes of Helene Perusse Standish, the community will work with Wigan Council in safeguarding, maintaining and enhancing the open space for use by children and the youth of the community to engage in sport and outdoor leisure activities. Increased maintenance, enhancement of the playing surface, adding to the biodiversity and improving accessibility to all will increase the safe use of this valued community asset.

- ***Regular cutting of grass to maintain the playing surface in a usable condition.***
- ***Marking of pitches for a variety of sports.***
- ***Provision of spectator access footpaths beyond the playing area***
- ***Increase biodiversity***
- ***Encourage community activity and involvement with the maintenance and improvement of the Rec.***

Any use of the Rec should not have significant adverse impact on neighbouring properties and have due regard for the prevention of anti-social behaviour.

We believe that the suggested amendment would bring the whole community together in support of the Neighbourhood Plan, which surely is the ultimate aim of all those that have been involved.

We hope that whoever inspects the documents that have been presented by Standish Voice in support of the Neighbourhood Plan has been made aware of what

has been left out of their evidence base and that the process set up, by Standish Voice Committee, to produce this Neighbourhood Plan did not achieve the level of involvement that could reasonably be expected by the majority of the community. Our wishes are still being ignored by Standish Voice Committee. They appear hell bent on completing the process rather than getting a Neighbourhood plan that will deliver what the community is asking for.

Response to Regulation 16 Consultation.

Policy T4

There appears to be a lack of understanding within Standish Voice with regard to car parking. To maximise the opportunity for as many residents as possible to park and shop in the village spaces need to be available. By restricting the time allowed in a parking space to a period that reflects the time required to shop, that space can be used by more shoppers each day. That is why restricting the time you are allowed to park at Aldi, by example, has ensured that the car park can cope with the vast increase in customers since they took over the store. Aldi are a good business and their car park management has resulted in spaces always being available.

By comparison, if you applied Policy T4 to a new business setting up in the village, that business could find itself with all of its parking spaces filled, throughout the whole day, with cars that do not belong to its customers, being left on their site for 3 hours. Its customers would have nowhere to park so would be unlikely to enter their shop.

It is highly unlikely that any new business inflicted with this policy would consider Standish Town Centre a suitable site for their business. The policy T4 will prevent economic development and help drive the village into decline.

Whilst there may be a small number of residents who can justify a need to be parked in the village for such a long period as 3 hours, there are very few towns where that would be possible without substantial payment. The vast majority of residents would feel that they were being anti social by parking free, for 3 hours in a car park, which had been provided by a business, at which they did not shop.

There are very few examples of Free Parking, without restrictions, in town centres. These can only be provided at out of town sites which have been planned to cater for such, on vast areas of land, which are not available in Town Centres. This clause is not appropriate for Standish Neighbourhood Plan for the reasons already stated.

An appropriate policy would commit new businesses to allow customers who are shopping at their premises to visit other shops in the village, providing they do not exceed the maximum time allowed by the new business. It may also be appropriate to include a minimum period that shoppers can park, but that period needs to be a lot less than 3 hours to give more shoppers the opportunity of having a car parking space available on arrival.

Appendix 3

Representation 165: Friends of the Rec

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to comment on the Final Draft Standish Neighbourhood Plan. I am the Chairperson of the Friends of Standish Recreation Ground. We are a group of local people who care for Standish Rec and involve the community in making sure it is used. I am writing on behalf of our group which has an agreed policy on the future of the Rec.

Essentially, we would like to see it retained as a green space and continue to be used as a playing field. The Rec is not large enough to accommodate a full-sized adult pitch, but it is large enough for youth and junior pitches and we have been working successfully with Wigan Council and Standish Panthers to bring junior football to the Rec. We have also been working to better maintain it.

The pitch has been more frequently mowed during the most recent growing season which has improved the pitch quality greatly. The ground has a slight slope which aids natural drainage. Now that the pitch is back in use it will benefit from pre-season preparation and regular routine maintenance will raise the pitch quality further.

I attach a copy of our Aim and Objectives. These include improving biodiversity. We are already working towards this and have recently planted new hedgerow on one side of the field. The native plants were supplied by the Woodland Trust and we engaged with local Brownies, Guides, Scouts and Cubs to do the planting. We are currently in discussion with Lancashire Wildlife Trust about planting wildflower areas; particularly those that support native insects including bees.

We have considered Policy SCL2 and have some concerns. We don't believe there is enough room on the field to accommodate many of the things described as well as retaining room for a playing pitch. The policy refers to "New Children's play provision". We are not clear what this means, but we would be against play equipment being installed on the Rec. There is limited room for this and we want to retain as much of the grassed area as possible. There is an unused play area a few hundred yards away on the Southlands estate, and a recently enhanced play park at Woodhurst Drive a few hundred yards to the north. We believe an open grass playing field is a fantastic resource for young people and access to areas like this is increasingly rare.

The policy refers to "New informal footpaths". These could be helpful, but it is important they do not reduce the area available as a playing pitch. Similarly, community growing areas are a positive thing but should not encroach on pitch space. It is worth noting that our neighbours, Standish Methodists, have created an extensive community garden next to the Rec. This includes areas for food growing. The policy also refers to wildflowers and increased diversity. We support this and as already mentioned have this in hand.

To summarise we feel that the Rec has a lot to offer and is worth protecting. With the help of Wigan Council and our support the Rec has had new life breathed into it recently. We are committed to continuing to care for it and improving it. We have an excellent relationship with our Green Spaces Development Officer and have more recently linked up with the Wigan Borough Community Partnership. This has opened up many sources of help and potential funding to support our objectives.

We don't believe we need large scale changes to the Rec. It does not need to be converted into a park. We just need to encourage ongoing use and provide ongoing care.

Appendix 4

Representation 145: Don't Wreck Our Rec

Appendix 5: Representations from Statutory Consultees

Representations have been received from the following statutory consultees:

Rep ref:	Statutory consultee
1	Environment Agency
5	Historic England
32	Natural England
61	Chorley Council
73	United Utilities
158	The Coal Authority

Appendix 6: Representations from Developers / Landowners

Rep Ref:	Developer	Agent
142	Gladman Developments	
148	Story Homes	
149	Persimmon Homes	Mosaic
159, 160, 161, 162	Seddon Homes	Indigo
170	Persimmon Homes and Morris Homes	Mosaic
172, 173	Five Star Homes	
179	HIMOR Land Ltd	Emery Planning
180	Homes England	