

1. Introduction

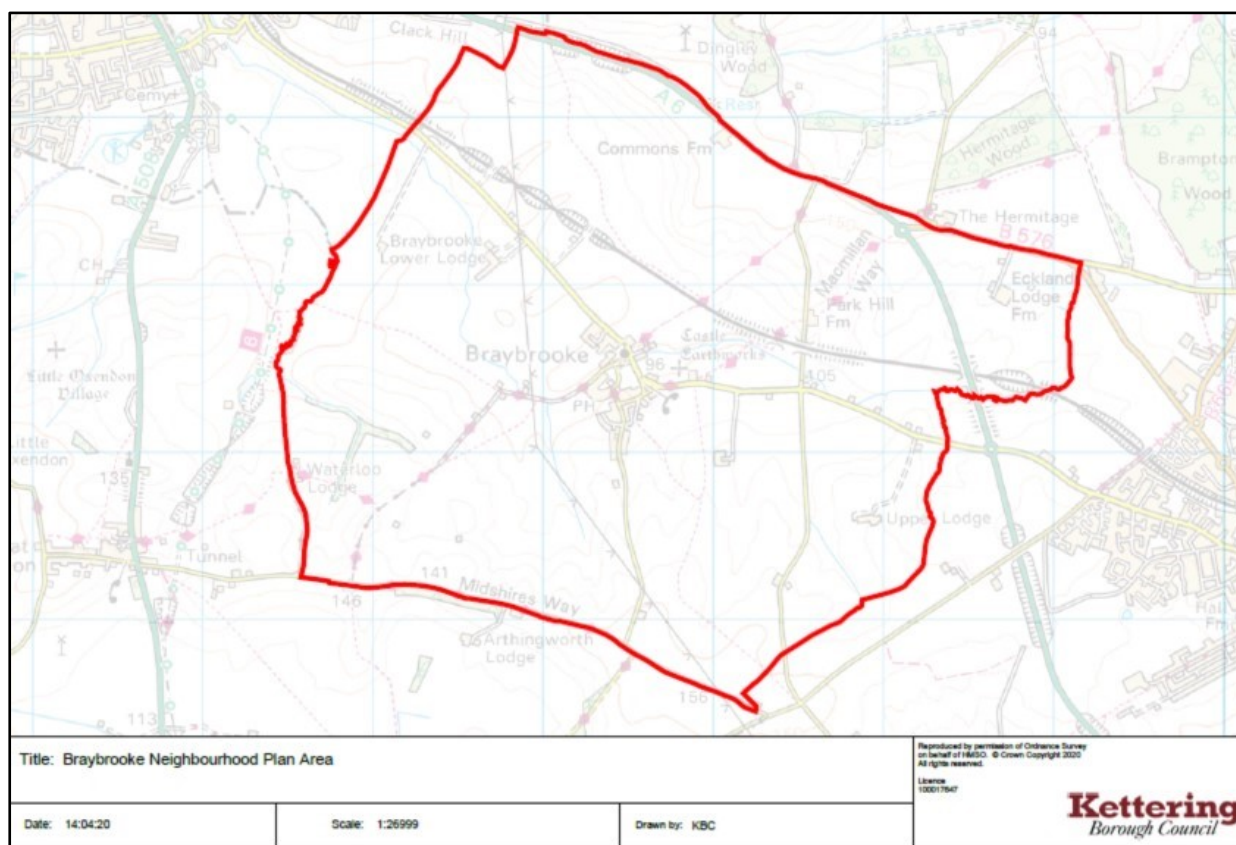
The Braybrooke Neighbourhood Plan (the NP) has been prepared by the Braybrooke NP Steering Group, which brings together members of the local community and Parish Councillors.

A key part of the Government's Localism agenda, a NP is a new type of planning document that gives local people greater control and say over how their community develops, now and in the future. This includes, for example, where new homes, shops, etc. should be built, what new buildings and extensions should look like, and which areas of land should be protected from development.

As the Plain English Guide to the Localism Act 2011 states, "Instead of local people being told what to do, the Government thinks that local communities should have genuine opportunities to influence the future of the places where they live".

The NP covers the whole of the Parish of Braybrooke (Figure 1). Once Made, it will sit alongside, and be aligned with, the North Northamptonshire Joint Care Strategy and Kettering Local Plan Part 2. It cannot undermine the strategic policies contained within the Core Strategy or the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan. Other than that, the Braybrooke Neighbourhood Plan is able to shape and direct sustainable development in the Parish. The policies it contains will take precedence over non-strategic policies in the Local Plan.

Figure 1 Braybrooke Neighbourhood Area



The NP sets out a long-term approach for the development of Braybrooke, and clear development related policies to realise this.

In preparing a NP, a community is not working from ‘a blank piece of paper’. Legislation requires that the NP, and the policies it contains, must be prepared in a certain manner; in particular, the policies must be in general conformity with relevant national and local planning policies.

The NP is now at the formal pre-submission stage. All comments received from a wide range of stakeholders will be recorded and responded to, indicating where the NP has changed, as appropriate.

It will then be submitted to North Northamptonshire Council who, after making sure that the NP has followed appropriate processes, will undertake further statutory consultation before passing the Plan to an Independent Examiner. Once all recommendations from the Examination have been incorporated into the NP, it will be brought back to Braybrooke where a referendum will be held. It will pass if it achieves over 50% of the votes cast.

Once made, the NP will form part of the Statutory Development Plan for North Northamptonshire. This means that it must be taken into account when considering planning applications affecting Braybrooke.