

# Representation Form for Cople Neighbourhood Plan

**The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

**Regulation 16 Consultation**

Cople Parish Council as the ‘qualifying body’ has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) for its Parish with the help of the local community. The Plan sets out objectives for the future of the Parish and contains planning policies to guide the development and use of land in Cople Parish. Following submission to Bedford Borough Council, the Plan is now subject to a six week public consultation. Once the consultation has closed, the Plan will be submitted for independent examination and a local referendum. If successful, the Cople Neighbourhood Plan will be ‘made’ (brought into legal force) and will then form part of the Bedford Borough Council Development Plan and be used in the determination of planning applications relating to land in Cople Parish.

Copies of the Cople Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the Council’s website:

[www.bedford.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning)

Hard copies are also available for inspection during normal opening hours at the following location:

Five Bells Pub  
1 Northill Rd, Cople, MK44 3TU

The consultation period is from: **30 June to 11 August 2025**

**There are a number of ways to make your comments:**

Complete this form and email it to: [planningforthefuture@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:planningforthefuture@bedford.gov.uk)

Print this form and post it to: Planning Policy Team, Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP. This is not a freepost address; please use a stamp.

All comments will be publicly available. Please note that personal information provided will be processed by Bedford Borough Council in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.

## How to use this form

Please use this form to submit your comments on the Cople Neighbourhood Plan. Please remember that the Examiner is only testing whether the Plan meets the ‘Basic Conditions’ and other relevant legal requirements set out in the Localism Act 2011. The basic conditions are as follows:

* having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood plan,
  + - the making of the neighbourhood plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
    - the making of the neighbourhood plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area),
    - the making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and
    - prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood plan.

Further information on the ‘Basic Conditions’ can be found in the National Planning Practice Guidance here: [http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/](http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/the-basic-conditions-that-a-draft-neighbourhood-plan-or-order-must-meet-if-it-is-to-proceed-to-referendum/)

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Please note that your representation should succinctly cover all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify your representation and any suggested changes, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations. All representations received will be sent to the Examiner for his/her consideration as part of the examination. After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Examiner, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies through the examination.

Please complete Part A in full, in order for your representation to be taken into account at the Neighbourhood Plan Examination.

Please complete Part B, identifying which paragraph your comment relates to by completing the appropriate box. Please include a separate form for each comment.

Please complete Part C, stating whether you would like to participate at an oral examination if one is held and if you would like to be notified if the Plan gets ‘made’.

## All comments must be received by 5pm on 11 August 2025.

**PART A**

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|  | **Your Details** |
| **Full Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |
| **Telephone** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Organisation (if applicable)** |  |
| **Position (if applicable)** |  |

**PART B – please include a separate form for each comment.**

**To which part of the Neighbourhood Plan or any of the submitted evidence base documents (e.g. site assessment) does your representation relate? Please state the paragraph number which relates to your representation or Policy reference if relating to the Neighbourhood Development Plan.**

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| Paragraph Number |  | Policy Reference: |  |

**Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment on this paragraph? (Please select one answer)**

Support

Support with modifications

Oppose

Have comments

## Please give details of your reasons for support/opposition, or other comments in the box below. If objecting, please give details of the grounds on which you are objecting. Please be as precise as possible. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

**Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Plan able to proceed to the next stage of examination and eventually referendum, related to the objection you have raised. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary).**

**PART C**

The majority of examinations are expected to be through written representations. Should the Examiner decide there is a need for an oral examination (hearing), please state below whether you would like to participate.

## If an oral examination is necessary would you like to participate? (please select one answer)

*No, I do not wish to participate at an oral examination* ........................................................

*Yes, I wish to participate at an oral examination* ..................................................................

## Please note the Examiner will determine whether an oral examination is necessary.

**If an oral examination is required, please outline why you consider that your participation is necessary: (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)**

**If you would like to be notified of Bedford Borough Council's decision to 'make' the Plan under Regulation 19 (to bring it into legal force), please tick the box below.**

*Please notify me* ................................................................................................................