

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Council		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	12 th March 2026 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	9 Neighbourhood Plan update		
Background	<p>Prior to Christmas, our Neighbourhood Plan was forwarded to the Examiner. Who visited Congleton to undertake a review of the detail contained within the plan. We asked Urban Imprint to review the Examiner's report in more detail. Their key findings and comments are as follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All consultations were undertaken in accordance with legal procedure and guidance.• The examiner acknowledges that, in places where existing policy is repeated, it is done with subtle differences and gives emphasis to matters important to Congleton Town Council.• 18 changes are proposed in order to ensure the NP meets the 'basic conditions'. The vast majority of these are procedural and do not substantially affect the contents of any policy. All policies will be retained almost entirely as drafted. <p>Overall, this is good news for the Town Council and indicates that the examination is likely to conclude with a positive end, but I note that this is not the final examiner's report, and that this version has been provided to you for 'fact checking'. As per the Examiner's original email, this is simply to ensure factual errors within the report, such as place names or references, are correct. Comments need to be returned to the examiner by the 12th March.</p>		
Updates and summary	<p>Urban Imprint have offered their assistance (albeit charging for our time) or otherwise would be happy to answer questions as necessary to assist the Town Council to respond directly.</p> <p>Once this requirement has been met, the next stage will be for the Plan to go to Referendum</p>		
Financial	Minimal		
Environmental	No implications for this decision.		
Equality and Diversity	No implications for this decision.		
Decision Request	To receive the update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan		