

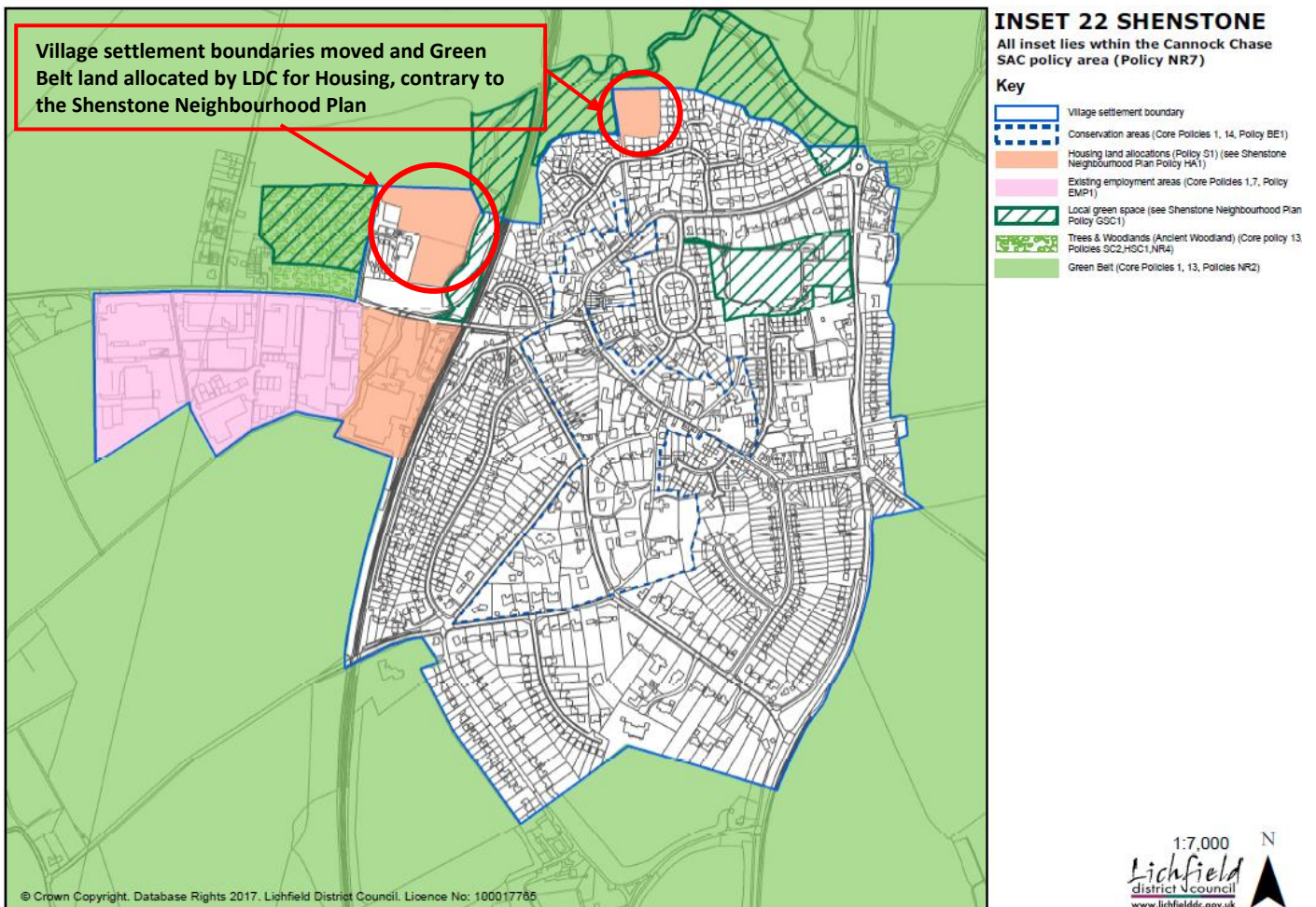
Lichfield District Council Local Plan Allocations

Loss of Shenstone Green Belt

Release for housing development

The government's website explains the neighbourhood planning system introduced by the Localism Act and states: '**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 development for their community where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.'**

(ref: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2>)



The Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan is now being ignored by Lichfield Council, despite the Localism Act and the Neighbourhood Plan's approval by villagers and original adoption by the council.

The referendum for the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan took place on Thursday 17 November 2016. 88.7% of people who voted, voted in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. Villagers carefully considered the needs and character of the village and the various options for allocations of land around the village to be designated for housing allocation. The final plan submitted for referendum allocated the reuse of a brownfield site at Birchbrook Industrial Estate for mixed use residential development. Changes to village settlement boundaries affecting green belt land **were rejected**.

Lichfield District Council decided by resolution of Full Council on 13/12/2016 to 'make' the Shenstone Neighbourhood Development Plan under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Shenstone Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the Development Plan for Lichfield District.

However, Lichfield District Council has since decided to ignore the democratic process, the Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan and the Localism Act, and stated in its Local Plan Allocations that the recommended Brownfield site at Lynn Lane Industrial Park (Site 1) is:

'insufficient to meet the housing requirement for Shenstone'.

Lichfield District Council has provided details within its Local Plan Allocations (Policy S1) of its extension to cover, **in addition** to 'Site 1) Land at Lynn Lane, Shenstone' (*i.e. Birchbrook Industrial Estate*),

... that Green Belt village settlement boundaries will be changed to allow residential development at: -

Site 2) Land adjacent Shenstone Pumping Station, Lynn Lane, Shenstone

Site 3) Land off Millbrook Drive, Shenstone (*i.e. rear of Essington Close/ Millbrook Drive, adjacent to Lammas Land*)

Both of the above areas are shown on map ' Inset 22 Shenstone' and in the policy below.

Policy S1: Shenstone Housing Land Allocations		
The following sites, shown on the adopted local plan policies map, are allocated for residential development within the Plan period, subject to the 'Key Development Considerations' set out below. 'Key Development Considerations' are not all encompassing, other matters may arise during the planning application process that applicants will need to address.		
Site reference	Site name	Approx. yield of homes delivered by 2029
S1	Land at Lynn Lane, Shenstone	50
S2	Land adjacent Shenstone Pumping Station, Lynn Lane, Shenstone	40
S3	Land off Millbrook Drive, Shenstone	10
Total		100

Lichfield District Council's Local Plan Allocations can be found at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/allocations
The Local Plan Allocation is also available to view at the council's offices in Frog Lane.

There will be a local consultation event at Shenstone on 5th April (3:30pm – 6.30pm) at St John the Baptist Church Hall. Make your voice heard.

The final deadline to comment is by 5pm on 12th May 2017.

The next meeting of Shenstone Parish Council is on Tuesday 11th April at 7.15pm at Little Aston Village Hall.