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PM1	Pages 8 and 53	<p><u>Section 2 – Preparing the Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>Amend the reference at paragraph 2.2.2 to refer to the NPPF (December 2023).</p> <p><u>Section 8 – Background Information</u></p> <p>Amend the reference to the National Planning Policy Framework to refer to the December 2023 version.</p>	Agree – Modifications required to update the Plan.
PM2	Page 22	<p><u>Policy SB1 – Location of New Development</u></p> <p>Amend Policy title to read “<b>Proposals for New Development</b>”.</p> <p>First paragraph of Policy text – clause a) – delete the words “brownfield development” and replace with “<b>previously developed or suitable vacant sites</b>”.</p> <p>Second paragraph of Policy text – delete the words “outside of the Steeple Bumpstead Development Boundary” in the first line of text and replace with “<b>elsewhere within the Plan area</b>”.</p> <p>Second paragraph of Policy text – delete the words “or uses appropriate to the countryside</p>	Agree.

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		<p>such as agricultural uses” in the second and third lines of text and replace with <b>“to uses and types of development that are compatible with their location within the countryside of the Plan area.”</b></p> <p>Add new third paragraph of Policy text to read as follows:</p> <p><b>“All proposals for new development in the Plan area should take account of the need, where relevant, to secure Biodiversity Net Gain in accordance with national policy requirements, to provide multifunctional green infrastructure in accordance with national and local requirements for the benefit of people and wildlife and to mitigate the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour in order to create a safe environment.”</b></p>	
PM3	Page 22	<p><u>Policy SB2 – Protected Views</u></p> <p>Add new second sentence to the first paragraph of Policy text to read as follows:</p>	Agree.

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		<p><b>"This Policy protects the most important views to ensure that new developments do not have an adverse impact on the landscape character of the areas concerned."</b></p> <p>Add the word <b>"All"</b> to the start of the second paragraph of Policy text.</p> <p>Amend the words "visual impact assessment" in the second paragraph of Policy text to read <b>"Visual Impact Assessment"</b>.</p>	
PM4	Page 22	<p><u>The Built and Historic Environment Objectives</u></p> <p>Delete text of second objective in full and replace with:</p> <p><b>"To minimise the impact of any new developments on the heritage assets and their settings within the Parish."</b></p>	Agree.
PM5	Page 25	<p><u>Policy SB3 – Design in Harmony with the Built and Historic Environment</u></p> <p>Amend the first sentence of Policy text to read as follows:</p>	Agree.

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		<b>"All proposals for new development in the Plan area should demonstrate good quality design and that they respect the existing character and appearance of the surrounding area, and that they also conform with the Steeple Bumpstead Design Guidance and Codes which is attached to this Plan as an Appendix."</b>	
PM6	Page 27	<u>Policy SB4 – Residential Development on Garden Land</u>  Delete the word "permitted" in the second line of Policy text and replace with " <b>supported</b> ".  Delete the word "neighbourhood" in clauses a. and b. of the Policy text and replace with " <b>area</b> ".  Insert space between the words "of" and "appearance" in the text of clause b.	Agree.
PM7	Pages 12, 27, 29, 30 and 33	<u>Section 3.3 Housing</u> <u>Section 5.4 – Housing</u> <u>Policy SB5 – Affordable Housing</u>  Update the 2011 Census demographic and household data contained at paragraphs 3.3.1	Agree. To include the most up to date information in the Neighbourhood Plan.

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		<p>and 5.4.1 with the equivalent data from the <b>2021 Census</b>.</p> <p>Paragraph 5.4.14 - delete this paragraph in full, including the Case Study regarding Thurston Parish Council.</p> <p>Re-number paragraphs 5.4.15-5.4.26 to be <b>5.4.14-5.4.25</b>.</p> <p><u>Policy SB5</u></p> <p>Amend clause b. of the Policy text to read as follows:</p> <p><b>"Take account of the current identified local needs for affordable housing in the Parish and demonstrate how the proposed development will assist in meeting local needs; and"</b>.</p> <p>Second paragraph of Policy text – delete the words "Outside of the defined Steeple Bumpstead village Development Boundary, proposals for a Rural Exception Site will be supported," and replace with <b>"In those parts of the Plan area beyond the defined</b></p>	

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		<b>Steeple Bumpstead Village Development Boundary, proposals for Rural Exception Affordable Housing developments on suitable sites will be supported,".</b>	
PM8	Page 36	<p><u>Policy SB6 – Protecting Existing Business Uses</u></p> <p>Delete existing Policy text in full, and replace with:</p> <p><b>"This Plan seeks to support and retain existing local businesses and employment opportunities.</b></p> <p><b>Proposals which would result in the loss of existing sites and premises within the Plan area that are in business and employment use (including Use Classes B2, B8 and E) will only be supported where:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) the site/premises have been marketed for continued business uses for a period of at least 12 months; and</b></li> <li><b>b) it can be demonstrated that the continued use of the site/premises for</b></li> </ul>	Agree.

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		<p><b>business and employment purposes is no longer viable.</b></p> <p><b>Map 5 identifies the existing site within the Plan area that is allocated for business uses."</b></p>	
PM9	Page 37	<p><u>Policy SB7 – Farm Businesses</u></p> <p>Delete the words "Outside development boundaries," in the first paragraph of Policy text and replace with "<b>Within the Plan area, and subject to the requirements of other relevant Policies in this Plan,</b>".</p>	Agree.
PM10	Page 41	<p><u>Policy SB8 – Provision for Open Space, Sport and Recreation</u></p> <p>Delete the word "permitted" in the first and second paragraphs of Policy text and replace with the word "<b>supported</b>".</p> <p>Delete the word "generally" in the second paragraph of Policy text.</p>	Agree.
PM11	Page 42	<p><u>Policy SB9 – Protecting Community Uses</u></p> <p>Delete the first paragraph of Policy text in full and replace with:</p>	Agree.

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		<p><b>"This Plan seeks to protect the existing community uses within the Plan area.</b></p> <p><b>Proposals which would result in the loss of an existing community use including Uses Classes E and F) within the Plan area will only be supported where:</b></p> <p><b>a) the site/premises have been marketed for its further community use for a period of at least 12 months; and</b></p> <p><b>b) it can be demonstrated that the continued use of the site/premises either for its current community use or for an alternative community use is no longer viable."</b></p>	
PM12	Page 47	<p><u>Policy SB10 – Impact of New Development on Traffic</u></p> <p>Amend clause a. of the Policy text to read as follows:</p> <p><b>"Provide safe and convenient access for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists with visibility splays in accordance with the</b></p>	Agree.



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		<p><b>adopted standards of the Highways Authority; and".</b></p> <p>Amend clause b. of the Policy text to read as follows:</p> <p><b>"Where required, submit a Transport Assessment or Statement and Travel Plan as part of the planning application for the proposed development."</b></p>	
PM13	Page 47	<p><u>Policy SB11 – Parking Provision</u></p> <p>Amend the words "to the resident" in the first paragraph of Policy text to read <b>"to residents"</b>.</p>	Agree. For clarity.
PM14	Page 49	<p><u>Section 6 – Monitoring and Review</u></p> <p>Add new Paragraph 6.0.4, as follows:</p> <p><b>"The relationship with the Local Plan is particularly important as Braintree District Council has commenced a review of its current adopted Local Plan. Any implications for this Neighbourhood Plan will need to be considered. If necessary, the Neighbourhood Plan will be reviewed to ensure that it remains an important</b></p>	Agree.

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		part of the statutory development plan for the Parish.”	