

What has changed?

There are many minor changes and these are shown in the “Comparison Report on the Review of the Neighbourhood Plan”

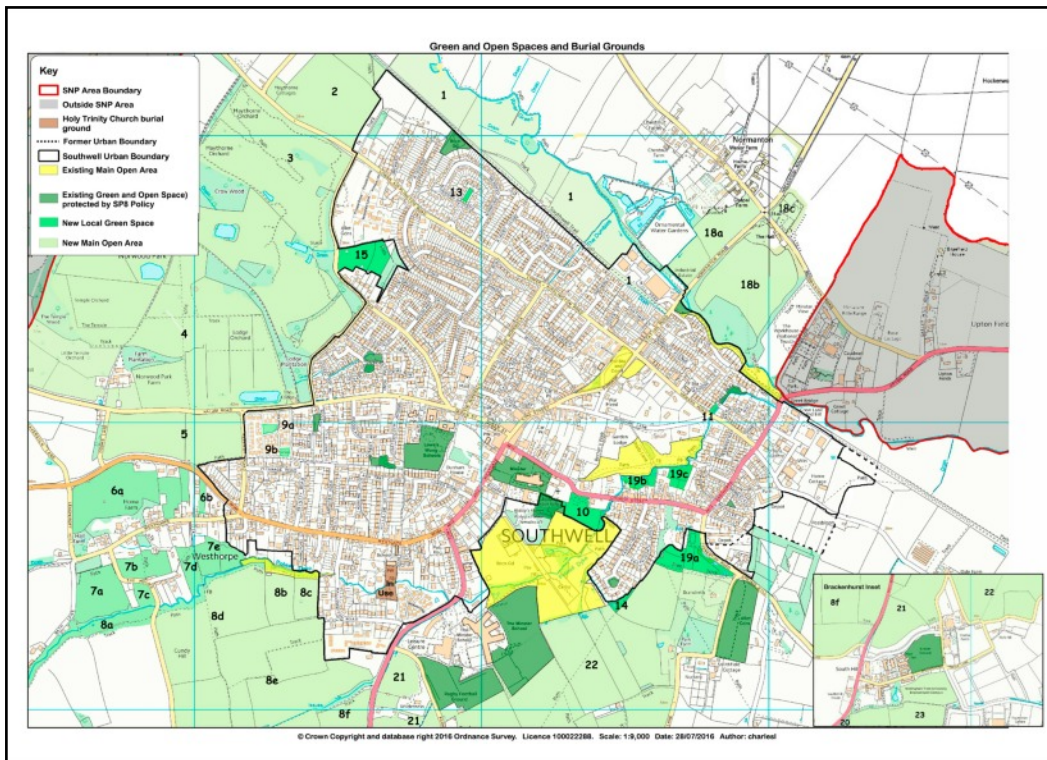
The **Evidence Base** has been updated and planning laws and policies have been updated to the latest documents. The narrative about the town has been brought up to date.

Environmental policies have been reinforced and new ones introduced to improve standards and in many cases where the plan previously stated “should” this has been changed to “shall” or “must” to make policies stronger. The Flood Risk assessment and Mitigation policies have also been strengthened.



The Design Guide in the original plan was largely ignored and this has been re-written as **Design Codes**

Additional protection has been added to many open spaces which are not covered by the District Council's Local Plan, in the form of an updated "**Green and Open Spaces**" map and appendix 4 gives illustrated justifications for the inclusion of the additional areas.



Local Green Space 14	Description	Test against LGS criteria in the NPPF
Bery's Meadow	A small Triangular piece of land south of Watling Close, mostly grass with a footpath running through it. The land is owned by the Town Council.	The land lies within the extended Conservation Area. It gives access from Farthingale Close to a footpath up to Bradenhurst across area 22. It provides a peaceful haven close to the local communities of Watling Close and Farthingale.

Summary

Close Proximity	Specimen Characteristics	Historical	Nature	Recreational Value	Topical	High Quality	Location Character	Extensive?	In Conservation Area	Contributes to Landscape Setting of Town/Village
yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes

Looking SW from the NE corner, the footpath is on the left, the backs of houses on Watling Close on the right.

The future.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will be a constantly evolving document always taking account of new legislation and local circumstances. It is anticipated that the next review will start in 2029

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