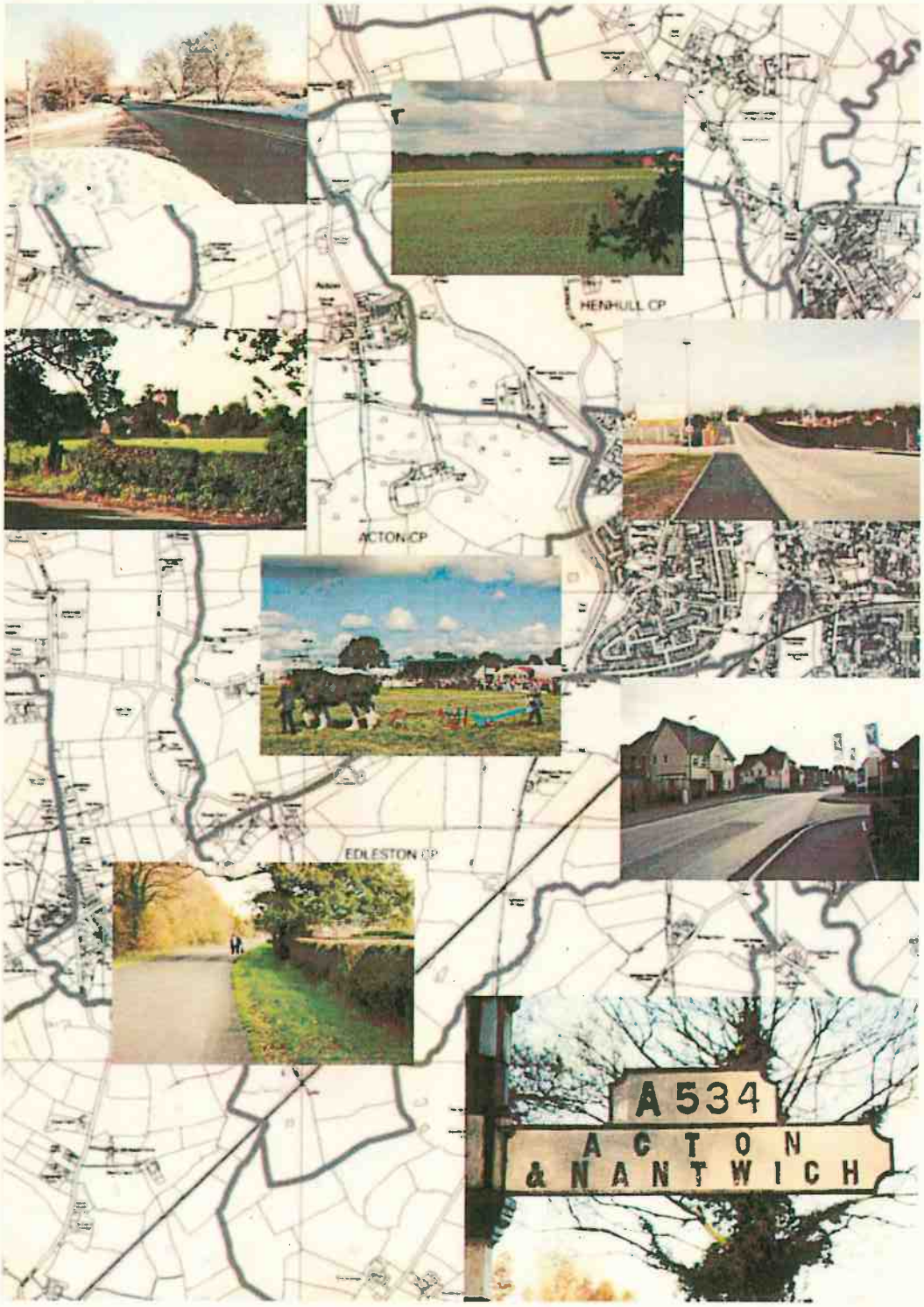
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BRIEF SUMMARY



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Introduction

The Acton Edleston and Henhull Neighbourhood Plan has taken over 31/2 years to research, design and compose, with the help of a Neighbourhood Plan group and working partners comprising members of the Parish Council, Cheshire Community Action and Cheshire Wildlife Trust..

The plan has been drafted according to the statutory requirements and within the framework of compliance to ensure that it conforms to the principles enshrined in the Cheshire East Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework 2018. Consequently, it may not have been possible to address all the communities' wishes and aspirations within the plan either because they were outside the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan or because they would not have complied with the required policies locally and nationally.

The Acton Edleston and Henhull Neighbourhood Plan offers a measure of control and influence. To ensure that growth and development within the designated area are appropriate and acceptable in meeting the requirements of the community. The Policies in the Plan therefore reflect the desires and needs of the Acton Edleston and Henhull community and mirror the wishes of its people in determining future planning.

The Vision

The Vision provides the foundation for the Neighbourhood Plan. It outlines a direction and provides guidance for the future development of the Parishes in accordance with the wishes of its residents. A clear majority of respondents supported the draft vision which has gone on to be used as the baseline research for the Neighbourhood Plan Policies.

Acton, Edleston and Henhull Parishes will continue to grow and develop as a thriving community, maintaining its strong links with, and easy access to, the surrounding countryside.

The key objectives set out in the Plan for Acton, Edleston and Henhull parishes will have:

- Residents who uphold a close relationship with the open countryside and wildlife
- An economically viable natural landscape with wider field margins, mature specimen trees, a wide range of habitats and biodiversity.
- Preserved, protected and enhanced heritage assets.
- An improved sense of place and vitality for Acton village.
- Continue to support and encourage agricultural based occupations.

- Employment, housing or recreation will be in keeping with the local character and be of good design making a positive contribution to the surroundings and to demonstrate genuine progress in meeting the needs and aspirations of all its residents.
- Communities which are well connected to the existing settlement and countryside by improved footpaths and cycleways, amenities and services.
- More use of sustainable transport.
- Traffic management which is sensitive to the needs of the local residents.
- A thriving canal business at Basin End.
- High Speed broadband across all Parishes.

Summary of Policies

ENV1 -7
To emphasise protection of wildlife and biodiversity from any development proposal, which threatens to have an adverse effect on wildlife corridors and habitats. To protect and preserve the identity of Acton, Edleston and Henhull and its landscape character by ensuring any new development is of an appropriate scale, density and design. Any negative impact on the visual character of the landscape including local views and skylines will not be supported. Protect trees, hedgerows and waterways from adverse effects of any development and insists, where appropriate, mitigation to preserve amenity, landscape character and appearance within the Parishes. Maintain and enhance the local green spaces and to protect Acton Local Green Gap. Promote access to the countryside by supporting non vehicle networks to develop cycle ways and walkers.

HER 1-3
Protects all assets of an historical or architectural nature especially within the Acton Conservation Area. Preserve and enhance the canal and its wider environment in line with current historical and conservation philosophies.

DEV 1-7
Any new developments, alterations or extensions, regardless of use should demonstrate the principles of good design and incorporate use and characteristic features representative of the local vernacular and traditions. Type and mix of any housing should include a full range of house types including those suitable for first time buyers, those wishing to downsize and also those who have additional mobility or other needs.

COMM 1-2
Seeks to support the development of permitted small scale employment opportunities, new community facilities, including green spaces, and conservation or restoration of existing community buildings. Improved broadband and telecommunication infrastructure is essential for economic growth and social wellbeing.

TRA 1-2

Access to the countryside will be promoted through protection and maintenance of the existing Public Right of Way network.

Support will be given to improvements and enhancements in parking and lays down conditions for any new development to provide easy accessible traffic free routes for non motorised users to include pedestrians, disabled people, people with prams or buggies, cyclists and where appropriate equestrian users. In relation to congestion, traffic flows on highways and road safety, support will be given to new and improved measures for road safety, new cycle ways, improved public transport provision and facilities. The Parishes will be seen to look for contributions to the community through CIL or section 106 contributions towards delivery of these long term community transport projects.