

# THE SALHOUSE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROJECT

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Overall	Timeline	Resource	Deliverables	Risks
				

## Status Summary

**Overall:** Review of the Salhouse Neighbourhood Plan continues apace.  
**Deliverables:** Draft policies updated, Final Design Code in preparation. Household Survey results analysed to ensure revised Plan reflects residents' priorities.  
**Timeline:** Project on track to complete by end of 2026/27  
**Resource:** Sufficient but stretched. SPC originally allocated up to £20k of CIL monies for NP review. This covers the consultants' fee. Costs tracking to budget  
**Risks:** Key risks around capacity, evidence and dependencies

## This Reporting Period (1-30 April 2026)

**Governance:** The review has continued to make solid & steady progress strengthened through regular SPC reporting  
**Deliverables:** Updated draft policies prepared, full resident survey analysed, and key evidence—particularly heritage and character work—advanced. Design Code now in final development. Review remains aligned with wider planning requirements, including other NPs.  
**Timeline:** Project well-positioned to move into the next phase of evidence completion and policy refinement.

## Next Reporting Period (1-31 May 2026)

**Governance:** Next SG to be held on 21/5. Regular SPC reporting to continue.  
**Deliverables:** Near completion of remaining evidence work—including the Design Code, heritage and character assessments, and outstanding site-specific analysis. Draft NP policies approach near-final form and final checks undertaken to ensure they incorporate survey findings, consultee input, and updated national guidance.  
**Budget:** Overall budget of **£21k**. To date have spent **£4.3k** (essentially for Stage 1). Clarification to be sought on remaining forecast.  
**Timeline:**  
Stage 3 (Writing the NP): First cut of 'complete' NP potentially available by end of 5/2026. SPC submission in 6 or 7/2026 to be followed for Parish consultation/Exhibition  
Stage 4 (BDC submission): Potentially end of 2026  
Stage 5 (Examination, Adoption): Targeting end of 3/2027 but extent of external consultation out of SPC hands

## Key Risks

Key risks being managed are:

- **Capacity:** Heavy reliance on small volunteer group. Any reduction in availability or delays in drafting, reviewing, or approving documents could slow progress.
- **Evidence:** Completion of Design Code and remaining evidence (including heritage, landscape, and site-specific assessments) is essential, and any slippage would push back statutory consultation timetable.
- **External dependencies:** potential changes to national planning policy during 2026, the need for alignment with BDC emerging Local Plan, and delays in receiving technical feedback from statutory consultees. Formal Regs 14 & 16 stages carry inherent risks if consultation responses require significant redrafting.