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Date: 10th September 2025 To: All Councillors From: Parish Clerk

Report to Council: **Update on Bagworth, Thornton, and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan 2023–2039**

The independent examination of the Bagworth, Thornton, and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan 2023–2039 is scheduled to commence on **Friday 5th September 2025**.

Key points of the examination process include:

* **Document Review:** The examiner will read the Submission Draft Plan, supporting documents, and representations received.
* **Site Visit:** The examiner may visit relevant parts of the neighbourhood area. This visit is expected to be **unaccompanied**, with no discussions held with council representatives, parish councils, or members of the public.
* **Hearing Decision:** The examiner will decide if a hearing is necessary. Most examinations are conducted through **written representations**.
* **Examination Report:** A final report will be produced following the examination.
* All examination documents will be available on **Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council’s website**.

**Follow-up Actions:**

Some queries have already been raised by the Examiner to the Neighbourhood Plan Group, including:

1. Provision of **2021 census data** relevant to the neighbourhood area.
2. Availability of **clearer copies of Figures 11, 14, and 15** from the draft Plan, preferably electronically shared with all recipients, or alternatively in A3 format sent to Tim Jones, No5 Chambers, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 3AG (or via document exchange DX 16075 Birmingham).
3. A **map showing the boundaries of parcels 701, 702, 703, 704, 710, 711, 712, and 750**, which make up the proposed Durham Walk Recreation Area Local Green Space (Figure 9 of the draft Plan).

The Clerk contacted Mary Briggs for guidance. She confirmed that the information required mainly relates to Bagworth and Thornton, and advised that the Clerk there will be able to manage this. Regarding the census figures, it is unclear how much data has been released, but Ann is expected to compile the necessary information. Requests for an update from the Clerk at Bagworth and Thornton Parish Council have been made.