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Representing_Relevant_Body	Yes
Relevant_Body_Reason	We are a Parish Council
Town_Parish_Council	Parish Council
Neighbourhood_Name	Weston and Basford Neighbourhood Area
Neighbourhood_Area_Description	<p>Weston and Basford is one of the crescent of parishes bordering the south and east of the built up area of Crewe and abuts the Staffordshire border. It's close to the national transport network and is within minutes of Junction 16 on the M6 and Crewe railway station. The area comprises around 1000 dwellings and comprises 7 communities each of which has its own character and identity within an attractive rural setting. Weston village forms its focus and houses a primary school, pre-school nursery, church, pub, shop and post office. Other communities are: Basford, Englesea Brook, Gorsty, Stowford, Wychwood Village, and part of Wychwood Park. Wychwood Village, and Wychwood Park are new communities. There are two conservation areas, the historic centre of Weston Village and Englesea Brook, the home of Primitive Methodism.</p>
Neighbourhood_Area_Appropriate	<p>The area is experiencing intense pressure for speculative and planned development. It is subject to two major strategic allocations in the submitted Local Plan - Basford East and the proposed South Cheshire Growth Village. It lies within the strategic road and rail corridor (A500/Junction 16 of the M6 and the Crewe hub of HS2) which is effectively the gateway to Crewe and the northwest. This corridor will inevitably become the focus for additional development pressures in the future which can potentially result in the unchecked continuous urban sprawl physically linking our communities with the built up area of urban Crewe. The existing infrastructure in the area is already overloaded. It is essential that future development is of a planned nature which respects the existing infrastructure and retains the unique character and integrity of the 7 communities which make up the neighbourhood area. The preparation of the neighbourhood plan is an adjunct to the Local Plan and is considered an essential tool within the planning framework to protect the area for the future. A parish plan was prepared for this area in 2011 and a neighbourhood plan is seen as a natural progression of this.</p> <p>Please note: Wychwood Park lies partly within the parish of Weston and Basford and partly within the Parish of Hough and Chorlton. Close liaison will take place with Hough and Chorlton during the preparation of the plan.</p> <p>The parish boundary is a recognised political boundary, is understood by residents and local organisations including the Local Planning Authority and Parish Council, and although the boundary does subdivide existing and proposed development sites (notably proposed sites in the north of the parish at - South Cheshire Growth Village and Basford West), this is not a barrier to the production of a neighbourhood plan and such issues will be addressed through close co-operation with neighbouring parishes and the LPA. The proposed area does not include any land in another parish or beyond the boundary of Weston and Basford Parish.</p>
Intention_Development_Plan	yes

Weston and Basford Proposed Neighbourhood Area

