Kislingbury Parish

Neighbourhood Development Plan - Basic Conditions Statement

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Introduction

Basic Conditions

This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared to accompany the Kislingbury Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires that Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) must meet the following basic conditions:
(i) the draft NDP must have appropriate regard to national policies and advice contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF);
(ii) the draft NDP must contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
(iii) the draft NDP must be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the local planning authority, in this case the JCS Plan; and
(iv) the draft NDP must meet the relevant EU obligations.

This Basic Conditions Statement addresses these requirements in four sections:
- Section 1 demonstrates the conformity of the NDP with the NPPF;
- Section 2 shows how the NDP will contribute to sustainable development;
- Section 3 demonstrates the conformity of the NDP with the JCS Plan; and
- Section 4 demonstrates compliance with the appropriate EU obligations.

Submitting Body

The Kislingbury Neighbourhood Development Plan is submitted by Kislingbury Parish Council, which is a qualifying body as defined by the Localism Act 2011.

Neighbourhood Area

The Plan applies to the Parish of Kislingbury in South Northants.

In accordance with Part 2 of the Regulations South Northants District Council, the local planning authority, publicised the application from Kislingbury Parish Council to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan and advertised a consultation period beginning on 22nd August 2013 and ending on 4th October 2013. The application was approved by the Cabinet of SNC on 10th February 2014 and the Kislingbury Parish designated as the Neighbourhood Area.

Kislingbury Parish Council confirms that this Kislingbury Neighbourhood Development Plan:
- relates only to the Parish of Kislingbury and to no other Neighbourhood Areas; and
- is the only Neighbourhood Development Plan in the designated area. No other Neighbourhood Development Plan exists or is in development for part or all of the designated area.

Kislingbury: Location

Kislingbury is located in Nene River Valley, West of the town of Northampton, the South Northants District. The maps in Figures I and II show both the general location of the district and the parish within it.
Figure I: South Northants (Towcester) Context Map

Figure II: Kislingbury Parish in South Northants District
Section 1: NPPF Obligations

1.1 National Policy

The NDP must have appropriate regard to national policy. The following section describes how the NDP proposal relates to the National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012).

Sustainable Development
The central theme of the NPPF is the presumption in favour of sustainable development. In this context sustainable development is broadly defined internationally as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The NPPF uses three ‘dimensions’ to describe sustainable development: economic, social and environmental, and requires the planning system, and thus the NDP, where appropriate:

• to contribute to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and by improving the local supporting infrastructure.

• to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community’s needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being; and

• to contribute to protecting and enhancing the natural, built and historic environment; helping to improve biodiversity, making better use of natural resources, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.

The NPPF specifies that delivery of sustainable development by the planning system is to be through the application of 12 core planning principles and the pursuit of 13 sustainability objectives supporting the three economic, social and environmental dimensions described above.

1.2 NDP Fit with the NPPF Core Planning Principles

There are 12 core planning principles put forward in the NPPF (Paragraph 17). Table I, below, lists these core planning principles and maps them to the Kislingbury Neighbourhood Plan’s Goals and Policies.
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<th>NPPF Core Principle</th>
<th>Kislingbury NP Goal</th>
<th>Policies/Decision Criteria</th>
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<td>Plan-led based on a positive local vision</td>
<td>• All NDP goals apply</td>
<td>The Plan has developed a vision for the village based on village appraisals, village surveys and village consultations, and developed goals that will help deliver the community’s aspirations.</td>
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<td>Enhance and Improve places in which people live</td>
<td>• To provide existing and future residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home.</td>
<td>The Plan has polices for new housing (H1, H2, H3, H5, H6, H53), which specify high development standards (D1).</td>
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<td>• To minimise the impact of new development on the surrounding countryside and landscape.</td>
<td>The Plan has polices to protect the local environment and green space while encouraging growth and amenity improvement (C1).</td>
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<td>• To ensure road traffic congestion does not get worse</td>
<td>The Plan seeks to reduce pollution and inconvenience caused by road congestion by siting homes away from local problem areas and by ensuring existing or proposed Transportation Network is not unduly affected (C3, T1, T2)</td>
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<td>Economic development &amp; delivery of homes and infrastructure</td>
<td>• To enhance the prospects for local business enterprise and employment.</td>
<td>In addition to encouraging the construction of new, affordable, social and open market housing suitable for employees in local business enterprises (H1, H2, H3, H4, H5) the Plan includes polices on improving electronic communications (C3), and non-residential uses (EM1).</td>
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<td>High quality design and standard of amenity</td>
<td>• To provide existing and future residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home.</td>
<td>The Plan has a policy which specifies high development standards (D1).</td>
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<td>• To maintain the character and vitality of the village.</td>
<td>The plan includes policies (C1 to C4) which protect and improve the local amenities, and site allocation to minimise the negative impact on green space and the surrounding countryside. (HS3)</td>
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<td>Promote the character and vitality of communities</td>
<td>• To maintain the character and vitality of the village.</td>
<td>The plan includes policies (C1 to C4) which protect and improve the local amenities. Development site allocation (HS3) and design policy (D1) protect the rural nature of the village.</td>
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<td>Climate change, flood risk and reduced carbon usage</td>
<td>• To reduce harm to the environment by seeking to minimise pollution.</td>
<td>The Plan sites new development close to essential village services (HS3), encourages recycling, the use of renewable energy (D1) and seeks to promote walking and cycling (T2) and encourage home working (C3)</td>
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<td>• To ensure road traffic congestion does not get worse</td>
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<td>Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</td>
<td>• To minimise the impact of new development on the surrounding countryside, landscape and eco-systems.</td>
<td>The Plan includes policies (C1, D1) and allocates a development site (HS3) to protect the landscape and rural nature of the village.</td>
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<td>Using Brownfield land</td>
<td>• The Plan does not propose any Site that falls into the category of a Brownfield site as there are none suitable or available.</td>
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<td>Promoting mixed use</td>
<td>• The Plan does not propose any Site that falls into the category of a Brownfield site as there are none suitable or available.</td>
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<td>Conserving Heritage</td>
<td>• To maintain the character and vitality of the village.</td>
<td>The Plan includes a policy (HE1) to protect and conserve heritage assets.</td>
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<td>Encourage sustainable transport</td>
<td>• To ensure road traffic congestion does not get worse</td>
<td>The plan allocates development to a site (HS3) within easy walking distance of all essential village facilities and includes transport policy (T1) to ensure Transport networks are not unduly affected and (T2) to encourage walking and cycling.</td>
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<td>Health and social and cultural well being</td>
<td>• To ensure that the Village Community Spirit is enhanced</td>
<td>The Plan specifies a small development that is easily integrated socially, designed to maintain a demographic balance, close to essential health, education and cultural facilities (HS3), and supports community well-being (C4). In addition Transport Policies T1 and T2, and EM1 support the Pollution and Congestion goals</td>
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Table I: Map of NPPF Core Planning Principles against the NDP Goals
1.3 NDP and Sustainable Development in Kislingbury Parish

The NDP has been developed with Sustainability at the core of all of all its Policies. With this Objective a Sustainability Framework was developed to ensure that all required aspects of Sustainability were covered. Based on this a Sustainability Assessment was carried out to ensure that the Policies conformed, and that the Site Selection Process complied with requirements.

The Sustainability Framework Document is Attachment A to this Basic Conditions Statement. The Sustainability Assessment Document is Attachment B to this Basic Conditions Statement.

1.4 NDP Fit with the NPPF Sustainability Policies

The following section seeks to show the link between the sustainability policies of the NPPF with those of the NDP (in brackets).

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<th>Building a strong, competitive economy</th>
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<td>The NPPF (paragraph 21) requires that planning policies should:</td>
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<td>i. recognise and seek to address potential barriers to investment, including a poor environment or any lack of infrastructure, services or housing; and</td>
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<td>ii. facilitate flexible working practices.</td>
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<td>NDP Response</td>
<td>The NDP supports this policy by:</td>
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<td>i. providing affordable social housing and low cost open-market housing for employees of local enterprises (H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, HS3); and</td>
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<td>ii. seeking to improve the infrastructure, and facilitate home working, through improved broadband services (C3)</td>
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<th>NPPF Sustainability Policy 2</th>
<th>Ensuring the vitality of town centres</th>
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<td>This NPPF policy has particular relevance to towns or large villages with a recognised centre. Kislingbury is a village without a generally recognised village centre. There is a shop, Post Office, and Pub located close to each other, another Pub and a Butcher are in the High Street, and a third Gastro Pub Located just after the entrance to the Village over the Nene River Bridge. Several provisions of the policy do apply: (i) the requirement that development is well connected to services, and (ii) the recognition that residential development can play an important role in ensuring the vitality of centres</td>
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<td>NDP Response</td>
<td>The NDP supports this principle by:</td>
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<td>(i) allocating the residential site in proximity to those Services (HS3); (ii) seeking the protect community assets in the Village (C2); and (iii) encouraging the provision of additional community facilities (C4).</td>
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<th>NPPF Sustainability Policy 3</th>
<th>Supporting a prosperous rural economy</th>
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<td>The NPPF states that neighbourhood plans should:</td>
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<td>i. promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship, (Paragraph 28); and</td>
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<td>ii. support the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business and enterprise in rural areas.</td>
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<td><strong>Promoting sustainable transport</strong></td>
<td>The NPPF states 'The transport system needs to be balanced in favour of sustainable transport modes, giving people a real choice about how they travel. However, the Government recognises that different policies and measures will be required in different communities and opportunities to maximise sustainable transport solutions will vary from urban to rural areas'; (Paragraph 29).</td>
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<td><strong>NDP Response</strong></td>
<td>The NDP supports this policy by: i. promoting a balanced approach to an improved transport infrastructure. This is effected by:  • controlling development that would add to existing problems of traffic congestion (T1, EM1, and C4);  • locating the site close to essential village facilities to encourage walking and cycling (HS3);  • improving pedestrian facilities (T2);  • requiring a Transport statement where significant amounts of movement may be generated (EM1); and  • reducing the need for travel by improving the electronic communications infrastructure (C3).  ii. Promoting the use of the Building for Life Standard, which seeks to integrate transport infrastructure into well-designed and sustainable places (D1) and requiring that developers provide access to local facilities and public transport links via convenient, direct paths suitable for those pushing a pushchair, in a wheelchair, walking with a stick or walking frame or using a mobility scooter.</td>
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**NDP Response**
The NDP supports this policy by:

i. allocating a site for approximately 40 new homes (HS3).
ii. Allowing for infill development on sites within the Village (HS2).
iii. requiring a mix of property types and tenure, and delivering the number of Affordable Housing Dwellings to meet local needs (H1, H2, H3, H4, H5); and
iv. basing the housing requirement on Housing Needs and expected demographic changes.

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**Table II-vii**
**NPPF Sustainability Policy 7**
**Requiring good design.**

The NPPF states ‘Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, is indivisible from good planning, and should contribute positively to making places better for people’, (Paragraph 56) and requires:

i. that neighbourhood plans develop robust and comprehensive policies that set out the quality of development that will be expected for the area;
ii. that developments
  • establish a strong sense of place, respond to local character and history and promote or reinforce local distinctiveness
  • create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder are discouraged,
  • are visually attractive as a result of good architecture and appropriate landscaping.

**NDP Response**
The NDP supports this policy by:

i. including polices to encourage good design (D1).
ii. requiring developers to
  • take account of the Village Character Assessment as far as the Village Character is concerned and the Zones within the Village and use locally sourced building materials; (D1)
  • adopt the guidance produced by the Building for Life Partnership which deals with design, sustainability and community considerations and includes consideration of connections with surroundings, access to facilities and services, public transport, meeting housing need, distinctive character, responding to context, creating well-defined streets and spaces, integrating streets and parking into development, and external storage.(D1)
  • ensure that new development incorporates Anti-crime and Safety principles (D1); and
  • ensure that all new houses meet Lifetime Homes standards (H6).

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**Table II-viii**
**NPPF Sustainability Policy 8**
**Promoting healthy communities**

NPPF policies to promote healthy communities include:

i. creating safe, accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion;
ii. creating safe and accessible developments, containing clear and legible pedestrian routes, and high quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas;
iii. guarding against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community’s ability to meet its day-to-day needs;
  • providing a sufficient choice of school places to meet the needs of existing and new communities and working with schools promoters to identify and resolve key planning issues before applications are submitted.

**NDP Response**
The NDP supports this policy by:

i. requiring developers to incorporate Anti-crime and Safety principles (D1);
ii. requiring consideration of access to community facilities and transport, especially through use of Building for Life (BfL12) (D1, T2);
iii. requiring all new developments to have safe pedestrian access to existing or proposed footpaths providing easy access to village facilities (T2);
iv. protecting Assets of Community Value (C2);
v. supporting proposals for additional community facilities (C4);
vi. seeking developer contributions to improve community facilities.

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**Table II-ix**
**NPPF Sustainability Policy 9**
**Protecting Green Belt land**
| Table II-x | NPPF Sustainability Policy  10  
Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change |
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<td>The NPPF states ‘Planning plays a key role in helping shape places to secure radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimising vulnerability and providing resilience to the impacts of climate change, and supporting the delivery of renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure. This is central to the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development’, (Paragraph 93).</td>
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| NDP Response | Kislingbury is located in the Nene River valley at an altitude of 74 meters. There are water courses and Zone 2 and 3 flood risk areas. The NDP supports this policy by:  
i. Ensuring site selection avoids development in risky Flood zones (HS3)  
ii. NDP policy D1, which aims to reduce vehicle emissions by:  
  • requiring developers to use locally sourced building materials, thus reducing transportation emissions;  
  • locating a site close to essential village facilities to encourage walking and cycling (HS3);  
  • creating a more pedestrian and cycle friendly neighbourhood and providing access to local facilities and public transport links via convenient, direct paths suitable for those pushing a pushchair, in a wheelchair, walking with a stick or walking frame or using a mobility scooter(HS3,T2);  
  • seeking to reduce the need for travel by improving the electronic communications infrastructure (C3).  
iii. promoting waste water management both in respect of sustainable drainage and water capture (for use in activities such as gardening, car washing) (D1) to mitigate the effects of future water shortages;  
iv. requiring developers to maximise the use of renewable energy opportunities offered by a particular site (D1); |

| Table II-x | NPPF Sustainability Policy  11  
Conserving and enhancing the natural environment |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| | The NPPF requires the planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:  
i. protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, soils and the best agricultural land;  
ii. minimising impacts on biodiversity;  
iii. re-using and remediating previously developed sites (Brownfield land);  
iv. minimising pollution of all kinds  
v. conserving landscape and scenic beauty in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. |
| NDP Response | The NDP supports this principle by:  
i. requiring the impact of development on landscape, including trees and hedgerows, to be considered (C1);  
ii. seeking to minimise light pollution (D1) and reducing pollution from motor vehicles (T1, T2)  
iii. giving high priority to the potential development site (HS3) that:  
  • reduce the need to use cars in the village;  
  • has a low impact on a sensitive landscape |

| Table II-xi | NPPF Sustainability Policy  12  
Conserving and enhancing the historic environment. |
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<td>The NPPF requires a positive approach to ‘the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage assets most at risk through neglect, decay or other threats’.</td>
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| NDP Response | There is a significant statutorily protected built heritage in Kislingbury but few recorded archaeological monuments or findspots in the parish. The NDP protects all designated historic assets in the parish, any monuments, and areas that may be scheduled (HE1).  
Kislingbury has a conservation area, but no world heritage sites. |
| Table II-xiii | NPPF Sustainability Policy 13  
| Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals |
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|  | The NPPF (paragraph 142) notes that "Minerals are essential to support sustainable economic growth and our quality of life. It is therefore important that there is a sufficient supply of material to provide the infrastructure, buildings, energy and goods that the country needs. However, since minerals are a finite natural resource, and can only be worked where they are found, it is important to make best use of them to secure their long-term conservation." |
| NDP Response | Mineral extraction is excluded development in terms of neighbourhood plans and is therefore not dealt with. |
Section 2: Delivering Sustainable Development

2.1 Requirement

The NDP must contribute to sustainable development (as defined in the NPPF and summarised in section 1.1 of this Basic Conditions Statement) and presented (paragraph 7 of the NPPF) as consisting of three dimensions:

- to contribute to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy,
- to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities; and
- to contribute to protecting and enhancing the natural, built and historic environment. This section shows how the policies of the NDP deliver sustainable development.

2.2 Fit of NDP Goals and Objectives with Sustainable Development

Table III shows, for each dimension of sustainability, the alignment of the NDP with the aims of the NPPF.

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<td><strong>NPPF Definition</strong></td>
<td>Contribute to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure.</td>
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| **NDP Goal** | • To enhance the prospects for local business enterprise and employment.  
• To control road traffic congestion |
| **NDP Policies** | C3 Fibre to the Premises  
EM1 Land for non-residential use  
T1 Traffic Congestion  
HS3 Site Allocation |
| **Commentary** | These NDP policies contribute to economic sustainability by:  
• improving the opportunities for home working and local businesses to promote themselves more widely;  
• ensuring that potential customers are not deterred by traffic difficulties.  
Plus the provision of additional housing will generate more customers for local businesses, and provide local workers with housing. |

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<td><strong>NPPF Definition</strong></td>
<td>Support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community’s needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being</td>
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| **NDP Goal** | • To provide existing and future residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home.  
• To maintain the character and vitality of the village.  
• To control road traffic congestion |
| **NDP Policies** | HS3 and HS4 Housing site allocation  
H1 – H5 Housing type and mix  
C2 Assets of Community Value  
C4 Community Facilities and Services  
T2 Pedestrian Footways  
D1 Good Design, and Anti crime and Safety principles |
Commentary

These NDP policies contribute to social sustainability by:
- Providing a site for new housing;
- Specifying housing that recognises the need for affordable housing, housing for young families and housing for a village population that is aging;
- Ensuring that all new developments have safe pedestrian access to shops, schools, medical services and other community facilities;
- Protecting valued community assets;
- Seeking to improve community assets, including by requiring developers to contribute; and
- Seeking to improve road safety and the security of people’s homes.

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<td>Contribution to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.</td>
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| NDP Goal | • To minimize the impact of new development on the surrounding countryside, landscape, and ecosystems  
• To reduce harm to the environment by seeking to minimise pollution.  
• To control road traffic congestion |
| NDP Policies | HE1 Historic Environment  
HS1 Scale of New Development  
HS2 Infill Housing in the Village  
C1 Green space and Landscaping  
T1 Traffic Congestion  
D1 Design Principles and Minimise Light Pollution  
T2 Pedestrian footways |
| Commentary | The NDP contributes to environmental sustainability by:  
• explicitly protecting the historic environment;  
• selecting a site with little biodiversity, relatively low landscape value, biologically not diverse, and minimising light pollution;  
• protecting the hedges, trees and landscape;  
• reducing CO₂ emissions by requiring the use of locally sourced building materials, encouraging walking and cycling around the village, encouraging public transport, encouraging the incorporation of renewable energy technologies and waste water management systems into new builds. |

In short, the NDP contributes to the achievement of sustainable development by:
- planning positively for housing growth to meet the needs of present and future generations and identifying a site to meet the housing need up to 2029;
- encouraging flexible working in the parish by improving the electronic infrastructure, and, by allocating new housing, helping local businesses and organisations;
- protecting the environment and local habitats through careful site selection;
- protecting community assets that both enhance the quality of life in the village and reduce the need to travel to obtain these services elsewhere;
- locating new development within easy walking or cycling distance of existing village facilities (including schools, and services), close to bus stops, and to control traffic congestion and thus the related emission and pedestrian safety concerns; and
- protecting and enhancing the built and historic environment of Kislingbury by encouraging high quality development that responds to the distinctive South Northants village character of Kislingbury and protecting the open spaces within the built up area.
Section 3: The JCS Plan Obligations

3.1 Requirement

The NDP must demonstrate that it is in general conformity with the development plan for the area of the local authority (or any part of that area). This section shows how the NDP is in general conformity with the strategic objectives and policies in the JCS Plan adopted on December 15th 2014 which covers the South Northants District in which the Parish is located.

In Section 3.2 conformity with the JCS Plan Strategy Objectives is demonstrated
In Section 3.3 conformity with the relevant JCS Plan Policies is demonstrated

3.2 Relevant JCS Plan Objectives and Policies

The JCS Plan sets sixteen objectives to deliver the Plan’s vision, of which 9 are directly applicable to the NDP:

- **Objective 1 - Climate Change**
- **Objective 2 - Infrastructure and Development**
- **Objective 3 - Connections**
- **Objective 4 - Protecting and Building Urban Communities**
  - Not applicable to Kislingbury Parish which is a Rural Settlement
- **Objective 5 - Supporting Northampton Town Centre**
  - Not applicable to Kislingbury Parish which is not part of Northampton
- **Objective 6 - Supporting Daventry Town Centre**
  - Not applicable to Kislingbury Parish which is not part of Daventry
- **Objective 7 - Supporting Towcester and Brackley’s Town Centres**
  - Not applicable to Kislingbury Parish which is not part of Towcester or Brackley
- **Objective 8 - Economic Advantage**
  - Not applicable to Kislingbury Parish as no significant Economic activity is proposed
- **Objective 9 - Specialist Business Development**
  - Not applicable to Kislingbury Parish which is a Rural Settlement
- **Objective 10 - Educational Attainment**
  - Not applicable to Kislingbury Parish which is a Rural Settlement
- **Objective 11 - Housing**
- **Objective 12 - Protecting and Supporting Rural Communities**
- **Objective 13 - Rural Diversification and Employment**
- **Objective 14 - Green Infrastructure**
- **Objective 15 - High Quality Design**
- **Objective 16 – Heritage**

The JCS Plan has 76 Policies, some of which are extensions of NPPF requirements and which are covered in the NDP through compliance with the NPPF, and other policies which are not applicable to this NDP.

- Policies complied with through NPPF (10) – SA, C1, C2, C5, H1, BN2, BN7A, BN7, BN9, R3
- Policies Not Applicable to this NDP (59) – S2, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9, C3, C4, C6, RC1, RC2, E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, E7, E8, H3, H5, H6, BN1, BN3, BN4, BN6, BN8, BN10, INF1, INF2, R2, plus all Policies related to Places - Northampton, Daventry, Towcester, Brackley.
- Policy the responsibility of SNC (1) – S3
Relevant JCS Plan Policies assessed for Conformity in Section 3.3

1. POLICY S1 – The Distribution of Development
2. POLICY S10 – Sustainable Development Principles
3. POLICY S11 – Low Carbon and Renewable Energy
4. POLICY H2 – Affordable Housing
5. POLICY H4 – Sustainable Housing
6. POLICY BN5 – The Historic Environment and Landscape
7. POLICY R1 – Spatial Strategy for the Rural Areas
Table IV maps the relevant strategic objectives of the JCS Plan with the Goals and Objectives of the Kislingbury Neighbourhood Plan, demonstrating clear correspondence and conformity with the overarching strategic objectives for the JCS Plan.

### Table IV-i

**JCS Plan Objective 1 - Climate Change**

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<td>To minimise demand for resources and mitigate and adapt to climate change, by: Promoting sustainable design and construction in all new development; Ensuring strategic development allocations are located and designed so as to be resilient to future climate change and risk of flooding; Encouraging renewable energy production in appropriate locations; and Ensuring new development promotes the use of sustainable travel modes.</td>
<td>To provide existing and future residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home. To minimize the impact of new development on the surrounding countryside, landscape and ecosystems To reduce harm to the environment by seeking to minimise pollution.</td>
<td>To ensure that new development is of high quality design, is built to a high sustainability standard and reinforces local distinctiveness. To ensure that the design and location of new development is resilient to the effects of climate change and flooding. To protect and enhance the village’s open spaces. To protect, enhance and conserve the landscape and views.. To conserve and enhance biodiversity. To use land efficiently and to preserve high quality agricultural land. To position development in order to avoid increasing pollution from traffic congestion. To link all developments to the village centre with footpaths, where appropriate.</td>
<td>C1, C2, D1, HS1, HS2, HS3, T1, T2, EM1</td>
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**JCS Plan Objective 2 - Infrastructure and Development**

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<td>To protect and enhance existing local services and to ensure social, physical and green infrastructure is adequately provided to meet the needs of people and business in a timely and sustainable manner in response to regeneration and new development in West Northamptonshire.</td>
<td>To minimize the impact of new development on the surrounding countryside, landscape and ecosystems To enhance the prospects for local business enterprise and employment.</td>
<td>To protect and enhance the village’s open spaces. To protect, enhance and conserve the landscape and views. To protect and enhance the historic environment of the village and District. To conserve and enhance biodiversity. To use land efficiently and to preserve high quality agricultural land. To encourage and support home working. To provide local low cost market housing for local employees.</td>
<td>C1, C2, C3, C4, D1, EM1, H1, H2, H3, H5, HS3, HE1</td>
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### Table IV-iii  
**JCS Plan Objective 3 - Connections**

| Relevant Objective | To reduce the need to travel, shorten travel distances and make sustainable travel a priority across West Northamptonshire by maximising the use of alternative travel modes. In so doing, combat congestion in our main towns and town centres, reduce carbon emissions and address social exclusion for those in both rural and urban areas who do not have access to a private car. |
| NDP Goal | • To control road traffic congestion |
| NDP Objectives | • To link all developments to the village centre with footpaths, where appropriate.  
• To position new development such that current problems with congestion, parking and road safety are not exacerbated. |
| NDP Policies | • D1, EM1, HS3, T1, T2 |

### Table IV-iv  
**JCS Plan Objective 11 - Housing**

| Relevant Objective | To provide a range of housing in sustainable locations to ensure all residents have access to a home that they can afford and that meets their needs. Housing development will be focused at the most sustainable location of Northampton, supported by Daventry and Towcester and Brackley in their roles as rural service centres with limited development in the rural areas to provide for local needs and support local services. |
| NDP Goal | • To provide existing and future residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home.  
• To minimise the impact of new development on the surrounding countryside, landscape, and ecosystems. |
| NDP Objectives | • To provide a limited amount of new housing to meet local needs; including a greater range of affordable housing for Kislingbury residents.  
• To provide a mix of housing types including smaller homes for elderly villagers wishing to downsize and for young singles, couples or families needing their first home.  
• To ensure that new development is of high quality design, is built to a high sustainability standard and reinforces local distinctiveness.  
• To ensure that the design and location of new development is resilient to the effects of climate change and flooding.  
• To protect and enhance the village’s open spaces.  
• To protect, enhance and conserve the landscape and views.  
• To protect and enhance the historic environment of the village and District.  
• To conserve and enhance biodiversity.  
• To use land efficiently and to preserve high quality agricultural land. |
| NDP Policies | • C1, C2, C4, D1, H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, HS3 |
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| **NDP Goal** | - To ensure that Village Community Spirit is enhanced  
- To maintain the character and vitality of the village. |
| **NDP Objectives** | - To link all developments to the village centre with footpaths, where appropriate.  
- To give preferential access to some new homes for people with a strong local connection.  
- To integrate new housing into Kislingbury such that today’s rural look and feel is maintained.  
- To provide homes for younger people and young families and so counter the growing demographic imbalance.  
- To preserve important village assets. |
| **NDP Policies** | - C1, C2, C4, D1, H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, HE1, HS2, HS3, T2 |

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| **NDP Objectives** | - To encourage and support home working.  
- To provide local low cost market housing for local employees. |
| **NDP Policies** | - C3, H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, HS3 |

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| **NDP Objectives** | - To protect and enhance the village’s open spaces.  
- To protect, enhance and conserve the landscape and views.  
- To protect and enhance the historic environment of the village and District.  
- To conserve and enhance biodiversity.  
- To use land efficiently and to preserve high quality agricultural land. |
| **NDP Policies** | - C1, C2, D1, HE1, HS3 |
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<th>Relevant Objective</th>
<th>JCS Plan Objective 15 - High Quality Design</th>
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<td>To achieve high quality design in both rural and urban areas that takes account of local character and heritage and provides a safe, healthy and attractive place for residents, visitors and businesses.</td>
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### NDP Goal

- To provide existing and future residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home.
- To maintain the character and vitality of the village.

### NDP Objectives

- To ensure that new development is of high quality design, is built to a high sustainability standard and reinforces local distinctiveness.
- To ensure that the design and location of new development is resilient to the effects of climate change and flooding.
- To give preferential access to some new homes for people with a strong local connection.
- To integrate new housing into Kislingbury such that today’s rural look and feel is maintained.
- To provide homes for younger people and young families and so counter the growing demographic imbalance.
- To preserve important village assets.

### NDP Policies

- C1, C2, D1, H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, HS2, HS3

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<td>To conserve and where possible enhance, through carefully managed change, the heritage assets and their settings of West Northamptonshire, and to recognise their role in providing a sense of place and local distinctiveness.</td>
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### NDP Goal

- To minimise the impact of new development on the surrounding countryside, landscape, and ecosystems.
- To maintain the character and vitality of the village.

### NDP Objectives

- To protect and enhance the village’s open spaces.
- To protect, enhance and conserve the landscape and views.
- To protect and enhance the historic environment of the village and parish.
- To integrate new housing into Kislingbury such that today’s rural look and feel is maintained.
- To preserve important village assets.

### NDP Policies

- C1, C2, D1, HE1, HS2, HS3
3.4 NDP Conformity with the Policies in the JCS Plan

This section compares the policies in the JCS Plan with the policies in the Kislingbury Neighbourhood Plan. The policies considered relevant are those listed in Table V. The Core Strategy policies for:

Northampton, Daventry, Brackley, and Towcester apply specifically to these towns; and Town centres and shopping, although referencing the larger villages, the policy is, as written, directed at Northampton, Daventry, Brackley, and Towcester.

For the purposes of the NDP Kislingbury is assumed to be a Secondary Service Village within the hierarchy of Settlements in the JCS Plan (Policy R1). We acknowledge that SNC have yet to finalise the hierarchy of Rural Settlements within the SNC District. The Parish Residents make up around 1.5% of the population of South Northants District. As such these policies apply to different degrees to the NDP. At one extreme, policies for Northampton, Daventry, Brackley, and Towcester do not apply, while at the other, those for rural communities have immediate relevance.

Table V: JCS Plan policy areas relevant to Kislingbury are:

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<td>Policy BN5</td>
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<td>3.4.7</td>
<td>Policy R1</td>
<td>Spatial Strategy for the Rural Areas</td>
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### 3.4.1 The Distribution of Development

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| S1 The Distribution of Development | New Development in the Rural Areas will be limited with the emphasis being on: Development and Economic Activity will be distributed on the following basis:  
  - Enhancing and Maintaining the Distinctive Character and Vitality of Rural Communities;  
  - Shortening Journeys and Facilitating Access to Jobs and Services;  
  - Strengthening Rural Enterprise and Linkages between Settlements and their Hinterlands;  
  - Respecting the Quality of Tranquillity. | C1 – Green Space and Landscaping  
C2 – Assets of Community Value  
C3 – Broadband – Fibre to the Premises  
T2 – Pedestrian Footways  
HE1 – Historic Environment  
D1 - Good Design  
HS3 – Site Allocation |
### 3.4.2 Sustainable Development Principles

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| S10 Sustainable Development Principles | a) ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SUSTAINABLE DESIGN INCORPORATING SAFETY AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS AND A STRONG SENSE OF PLACE;  
b) BE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ADAPT TO CHANGES OF USE AND A CHANGING CLIMATE OVER ITS LIFETIME;  
c) MAKE USE OF SUSTAINABLY SOURCED MATERIALS;  
d) MINIMISE RESOURCE DEMAND AND THE GENERATION OF WASTE AND MAXIMISE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REUSE AND RECYCLING;  
e) BE LOCATED WHERE SERVICES AND FACILITIES CAN BE EASILY ACCESSED BY WALKING, CYCLING OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT;  
f) MAXIMISE USE OF SOLAR GAIN, PASSIVE HEATING AND COOLING, NATURAL LIGHT AND VENTILATION USING SITE LAYOUT AND BUILDING DESIGN;  
g) MAXIMISE THE GENERATION OF ITS ENERGY NEEDS FROM DECENTRALISED AND RENEWABLE OR LOW CARBON SOURCES;  
h) MAXIMISE WATER EFFICIENCY AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE;  
i) PROTECT, CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE ASSETS AND THEIR SETTINGS;  
j) PROMOTE THE CREATION OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORKS, ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY AND REDUCE THE FRAGMENTATION OF HABITATS; AND MINIMISE POLLUTION FROM NOISE, AIR AND RUN OFF. | C1 – Green Space and Landscaping  
C2 – Assets of Community Value  
HE1 – Historic Environment  
H6 – Lifetime Home Standards  
D1 – Good Design, and Anti crime and Safety principles, Flood and Water management  
HS3 – Site Allocation  
T2 – Pedestrian Footways |
### 3.4.3 Low Carbon and Renewable Energy

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<td>S11 Low Carbon</td>
<td>ALL NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (INCLUDING MIXED USE) ARE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE A MINIMUM OF LEVEL 4 STANDARD IN THE CODE FOR SUSTAINABLE HOMES AND TO ACHIEVE THE ZERO CARBON STANDARD FROM 2016 OR NATIONAL EQUIVALENT STANDARD, INCLUDING WHERE APPROPRIATE A CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY OR PRIVATE ENERGY FUNDS.</td>
<td>D1 – Good Design</td>
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<td>RURAL AREAS 50% IN ALL CASES THE PERCENTAGE REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO THE ASSESSMENT OF VIABILITY ON A SITE BY SITE BASIS.</td>
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<td>RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT MUST BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LIFETIME HOMES STANDARD SUBJECT TO THE ASSESSMENT OF VIABILITY ON A SITE BY SITE BASIS.</td>
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| BN5 The Historic Environment and Landscape | DESIGNATED AND NON-DESIGNATED HERITAGE ASSETS AND THEIR SETTINGS AND LANDSCAPES WILL BE CONSERVED AND ENHANCED IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL AND CUMULATIVE SIGNIFICANCE AND CONTRIBUTION TO WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S LOCAL DISTINCTIVENESS AND SENSE OF PLACE. IN ENVIRONMENTS WHERE VALUED HERITAGE ASSETS ARE AT RISK, THE ASSET AND ITS SETTING WILL BE APPROPRIATELY CONSERVED AND MANAGED. IN ORDER TO SECURE AND ENHANCE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AREA'S HERITAGE ASSETS AND THEIR SETTINGS AND LANDSCAPES, DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS OF LANDSCAPE SENSITIVITY AND/OR KNOWN HISTORIC OR HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO: | C1 – Green space and Landscaping  
C2 – Assets of Community Value  
HE1 – Historic Environment  
HS2 – Infill Housing  
D1 – Good Design, and minimise Light Pollution  
HS3 – Site Allocation |

1. SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE THE HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE FEATURES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA INCLUDING:
   a) CONSERVATION AREAS;
   b) SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC LANDSCAPES INCLUDING HISTORIC PARKLAND, BATTLEFIELDS AND RIDGE AND FURROW;
   c) THE SKYLINE AND LANDSCAPE SETTINGS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES;
   d) SITES OF KNOWN OR POTENTIAL HERITAGE OR HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE;
   e) LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY IMPORTANT BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND MONUMENTS

2. DEMONSTRATE AN APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT ON SURROUNDING HERITAGE ASSETS AND THEIR SETTING IN ORDER TO MINIMISE HARM TO THESE ASSETS, WHERE LOSS OF HISTORIC FEATURES OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS IS UNAVOIDABLE AND JUSTIFIED, PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE FOR RECORDING AND THE PRODUCTION OF A SUITABLE ARCHIVE AND REPORT

3. BE SYMPATHETIC TO LOCALLY DISTINCTIVE LANDSCAPE FEATURES, DESIGN STYLES AND MATERIALS IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SENSE OF PLACE

THE RETENTION AND SENSITIVE RE-USE OF DISUSED OR UNDERUSED HERITAGE ASSETS AND STRUCTURES IS ENCOURAGED IN ORDER TO RETAIN AND REFLECT THE DISTINCTIVENESS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CONTRIBUTE TO THE SENSE OF PLACE AND PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABLE AND PRUDENT USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

PROPOSALS TO SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE THE AREA'S UNDERSTANDING OF HERITAGE ASSETS, FOR TOURISM AND HISTORIC INTEREST AS PART OF CULTURAL, LEISURE AND GREEN NETWORKS WILL BE SUPPORTED.
3.4.7 Spatial Strategy for the Rural Areas

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C2 – Assets of Community Value  
C3 – Broadband – Fibre to the Premises  
C4 – Community Facilities and Services  
T1 – Traffic Congestion  
T2 – Pedestrian Footways  
EM1 – Heavy Goods Traffic  
HE1 – Historic Environment  
H1 – Tenancy and Ownership Mix  
H2 – Homes for Sale to Local Residents  
H3 – Affordable Housing  
H4 – Allocation of Affordable Housing  
H5 – Size of Homes  
HS1 – Scale of New Development  
HS2 – Infill Housing  
HS3 – Site Allocation  
D1 – Good Design  

Kislingbury’s designation within the Rural Settlement Hierarchy has not been finalised by SNC. However, for the purposes of developing the NDP, and in discussions with SNC, the working assumption has been that Kislingbury will be a Secondary Service Village. |
|  | • PRIMARY SERVICE VILLAGES;  
• SECONDARY SERVICE VILLAGES;  
• OTHER VILLAGES; AND  
• SMALL SETTLEMENTS/HAMLETS. |  |
|  | THE RURAL HIERARCHY IN THE PART 2 LOCAL PLANS WILL HAVE REGARD TO BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE FOLLOWING:  
1. THE PRESENCE OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO MEET THE DAY TO DAY NEEDS OF RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM SURROUNDING SETTLEMENTS;  
2. OPPORTUNITIES TO RETAIN AND IMPROVE THE PROVISION AND ENHANCEMENT OF SERVICES CRITICAL TO THE SUSTAINABILITY OF SETTLEMENTS;  
3. ACCESSIBILITY, PARTICULARLY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT, TO THE MAIN TOWNS AND SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES;  
4. EVIDENCE OF LOCAL NEEDS FOR HOUSING (INCLUDING MARKET AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING), EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICES;  
5. THE ROLE, SCALE AND CHARACTER OF THE SETTLEMENT;  
6. THE CAPACITY OF SETTLEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE DEVELOPMENT IN TERMS OF PHYSICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS;  
7. THE AVAILABILITY OF DELIVERABLE SITES INCLUDING PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND IN SUSTAINABLE LOCATIONS;  
8. SUSTAINING THE RURAL ECONOMY BY RETAINING EXISTING EMPLOYMENT SITES WHERE POSSIBLE, BY ENABLING SMALL SCALE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING TOURISM, THROUGH RURAL DIVERSIFICATION AND BY SUPPORTING APPROPRIATE AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT;  
9. PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE CHARACTER AND QUALITY OF THE RURAL AREAS’ HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND AREAS OF HISTORIC OR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPORTANCE; AND  
10. ENABLING LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO IDENTIFY AND MEET THEIR OWN LOCAL NEEDS. |  |
Section 4: European Union Obligations

4.1 Environmental Impact and Habitat Regulations

There are no sites that would make the Habitat Regulation apply.

The plan includes a new housing site allocation close to the Nene River, but not on the flood plain. After discussions with SNC a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was judged not to be necessary as part of the preparation of the NDP. However, a SEA Screening Request was submitted to SNC and this was published as part of the documentation available for the pre-submission consultation. The Response to this Request, which confirmed that no SEA is required, is included in Appendix I of the Plan Document.

4.2 Human Rights

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken and this is attached as Attachment C to this Statement.