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Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan

Basic Conditions Statement



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report has been prepared by DOWSETTMAYHEW Planning Partnership for, and on behalf of, Slinfold Parish Council (SPC). It is in support of their preparation of the Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan (SNP).
- 1.2. As part of the formal submission of the SNP for Examination, there is a requirement for the Parish Council, as the 'qualifying body' to illustrate that they have complied with a series of 'basic conditions' as set out in the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as Amended).
- 1.3. This statement has been prepared in order to illustrate compliance with these basic conditions. Section 2 of this report summarises the legislative requirements associated with these 'basic conditions'; Section 3 summarises and responds to the matters that the appointed Examiner must consider; Sections 4 - 9 set out the basic conditions and assesses how the SNP meets these requirements; Section 10 confirms that the NP is compatible with the Convention Rights.
- 1.4. It is considered that the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) complies with the requirements of the basic conditions as set out in Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

2. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town & Country Planning Act (as amended) sets out the basic conditions which the NP must comply with. Detailed below are the matters that must be considered by the appointed NP Examiner, and the "basic conditions" that the NP must meet in order to be found sound and be able to progress to a Referendum.
- 2.2. Paragraph 8(1) states that the Examiner must consider the following:
 - (a) *whether the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions (see subparagraph(2)),*
 - (b) *whether the draft order complies with the provision made by or under sections 61E(2), 61J and 61L(The provision of 61E, 61J & 61L as amended by Section 38C(5)(b) is by reference to the provisions of 38A and 38B of the 2004 Compulsory Purchase Act)*
 - (d) *whether the area for any Referendum should extend beyond the Neighbourhood Area to which the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan relates, and*
 - (e) *such other matters as may be prescribed.*
- 2.3. Paragraph 8(2) states that a draft Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions if:
 - (a) *having regard to National Policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan,*
 - (d) *the making of the order contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,*
 - (e) *the making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is in general conformity with the strategic Policies contained in the Development Plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area),*

(f) the making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and

(g) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Neighbourhood Development Plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

- 2.4. The requirements of Paragraph 8(2)(b), (2)(c) (3), (4) and (5) are not of relevance to the compliance with the basic conditions tests.
- 2.5. Paragraph 8(6) states that the Examiner is not to consider any matter that does not fall within subparagraph 8(1), apart from considering whether the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan is compatible with the Convention Rights.

3. WHAT THE EXAMINER MUST CONSIDER

- 3.1. The following details how the requirements of Paragraph 8 4B (1) have been met.

4B 8 (1)(a) Whether The Draft NP Meets The Basic Conditions

- 3.2. This requires it to be demonstrated that the NP complies with paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the T&CP Act.
- 3.3. This is considered in detail in Sections 4 - 9 of this Statement.

4B 8 (1)(b) Whether The Draft Order Complies With Sections 38A & 38B Of The Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

- 3.4. This requires the draft order to comply with Sections 38A & 38B of the Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 3.5. Section 38A sets out the “Meaning of Neighbourhood Development Plan”. S38A(1) states that *“any qualifying body is entitled to initiate a process for the purpose of requiring a Local Planning Authority in England to make a Neighbourhood Development Plan.”*
- 3.6. SPC is the qualifying body and entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Development Plan for their Parish.
- 3.7. S38A(2) states that a *“Neighbourhood Development Plan is a plan which sets out policies (however expressed) in relation to the development and use of land in the whole or any part of a particular neighbourhood area specified in the plan.”*
- 3.8. The SNP sets out Policies that relate to the development and use of land within the neighbourhood area.
- 3.9. The remainder of Section 38A, Paragraphs (3) - (12), are not of relevance to the submission phase of the NP.
- 3.10. Section 38B sets out the provisions that may be made by the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Paragraph 38B1(a) notes that a Neighbourhood Development Plan *“Must specify the period for which it is to have effect.”*

- 3.11. The SNP covers the period up to 2031. This would be for a period of 15 years from the date of submission. The end date reflects the plan period of the Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF).
- 3.12. Paragraph 38B1(b) states that a Neighbourhood Development Plan “*may not include provision about development that is excluded development.*”
- 3.13. The SNP does not include provision for excluded development (as defined in Section 61K of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).
- 3.14. Paragraph 38B1(c) states that a Neighbourhood Development Plan *may not relate to more than one neighbourhood area.*
- 3.15. The SNP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It solely relates to the Neighbourhood Plan Area as ratified by Horsham District Council (HDC) on 20th May 2014.
- 3.16. Paragraph 38B(2) states that only one Neighbourhood Development Plan may be made for each neighbourhood area.
- 3.17. There are currently no other NP’s in place in this neighbourhood area.
- 3.18. Paragraph 38B(3) states that, if to any extent a policy set out in a Neighbourhood Development Plan conflicts with any other statement or information in the plan, the conflict must be resolved in favour of the policy.
- 3.19. There are no conflicts within the NP.
- 3.20. Paragraph 38B(4)(a) states that Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions for “*restricting the provision that may be included in Neighbourhood Development Plans about the use of land.*”
- 3.21. These Regulations are set out in Statutory Instrument 2012 No 637, The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, which have been used to inform the process of making the SNP. These Regulations set out the process by which NP’s are to be made and set out.
- 3.22. Paragraph 38B(4)(b) states that Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions “*requiring Neighbourhood Development Plans to include such matters as are prescribed in the Regulations.*”
- 3.23. The SNP has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal (SA), including the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).
- 3.24. In discussions with HDC it was confirmed that there were no European Sites in, or near the SNP area which would be affected by the policies within the SNP and it was agreed that a Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) was not required.
- 3.25. The remaining requirements of Section 38B, which include paragraphs 38B(4)(c), 5 & 6, are not of relevance to this Basic Conditions Statement.

4B 8 (1)(d) Whether The Referendum Should Extend Beyond The NP Area

- 3.26. This requires the Examiner to consider whether the area for any Referendum should extend beyond the NP Area to which it relates.
- 3.27. The SNP relates solely to land that falls within the Parish of Slinfold.

4B 8 (1)(e) Other Matters

- 3.28. This requires the Examiner to consider such other matters as may be prescribed.
- 3.29. There are no other prescribed matters.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH THE BASIC CONDITIONS

- 4.1. Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the T&CP Act sets out the basic conditions that must be met by a draft NP. Subsections (a),(d),(e), (f), and (g) are of relevance to this statement.
- 4.2. Set out below in Section 5 - 9 is an assessment and justification of how the SNP complies with each of these basic condition tests.

5. 4B 8 (2)(a) NATIONAL POLICIES

- 5.1. Section 4B(2)(a) states that a draft NP will meet the basic conditions if, having regard to National Policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan.
- 5.2. The following sections sets out compliance of the policies contained in the SNP with those contained in higher level national guidance.
- 5.3. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) provides national planning guidance and is a material consideration in the formation of Development Plan Documents (DPD's). Paragraphs 183-185 of the NPPF confirm that an NP must have regard to the policies contained within the NPPF and must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan.

National Planning Policy Framework

- 5.4. The 'golden thread' running through the NPPF is a requirement for development plans to comply with the aims of sustainable development. There is a presumption in favour of sustainable development.
- 5.5. Paragraph 7 confirms that sustainable development comprises of sustainable economic, social and environmental development. In order to achieve the aims of sustainable development policies must seek to deliver all three strands jointly and simultaneously.
- 5.6. The SA (incorporating the requirements of the SEA), prepared in support of the SNP has fully assessed the sustainability of all policies in the SNP and found them to all meet the aims of sustainable development. The following details where policies are specifically in accordance with the NPPF.
- 5.7. The following chapters of the NPPF are considered of relevance to 4B 8 (2)(a) assessment:
- Chapter 1: Building a strong and competitive economy;

- Chapter 3: Supporting a prosperous rural economy;
- Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport;
- Chapter 5: Supporting high quality communications infrastructure;
- Chapter 6: Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes;
- Chapter 7: Requiring good design;
- Chapter 8: Promoting healthy communities;
- Chapter 10: Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change;
- Chapter 11: Conserving and enhancing the natural environment; and
- Chapter 12: Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.

Chapter 1 - Building A Strong And Competitive Economy

5.8. This chapter seeks to ensure that planning acts to encourage growth and not as an impediment to growth. Planning policies should seek to recognise and address barriers to investment, such as poor environment, infrastructure, services and housing.

Policies should:

- Set criteria, or identify strategic sites, for local and inward investment and to meet anticipated needs over the plan period;
 - Support existing business sectors, taking account of whether they are expanding or contracting and, where possible, identify and plan for new or emerging sectors likely to locate in their area. Policies should be flexible enough to accommodate needs not anticipated in the plan and to allow a rapid response to changes in economic circumstances;
 - Plan positively for the location, promotion and expansion of clusters or networks of knowledge driven, creative or high technology industries;
 - Identify priority areas for economic regeneration, infrastructure provision and environmental enhancement; and
 - Facilitate flexible working practices such as the integration of residential and commercial uses within the same unit.
- 5.9. The Parish has two main employment centres, both located on the southern fringes of Slinfold. There are a number of small business units in the Parish which provide significant floor space, job opportunities and a range of employment types.
- 5.10. The SNP wishes to support the local business economy and retain and/or enhance existing employment areas. It includes a number of Strategic Objectives to:
- Encourage existing businesses to prosper and attract new businesses with high-quality employment opportunities.
 - Encourage and support small businesses throughout the Parish.
- 5.11. The SNP also includes related policies to deliver these Strategic Objectives. These include Policy 13: Existing Employment Centres and Policy 14: Economy and Enterprise.

Chapter 3: Supporting a Prosperous Rural Economy

- 5.12. This chapter seeks to support economic growth in rural areas in order to create jobs and prosperity. There should be a positive approach taken to sustainable new development that will support a strong rural economy.
- 5.13. Policies should:
- Support sustainable growth of all business and rural enterprises;
 - Promote diversification;
 - Support leisure and tourism;
 - Promote retention of local services and community facilities.
- 5.14. Sinfold is a predominantly rural Parish with the primary settlement being Slinfold Village. There are a number of small business units in the Parish which provide significant floor space, job opportunities and a range of employment types.
- 5.15. The SNP wishes to support a prosperous rural economy and includes Strategic Objective's to:
- Encourage existing businesses to prosper and attract new businesses with high-quality employment opportunities.
 - Encourage and support small businesses throughout the Parish.
 - Promote the retention and development of local services in the Parish.
- 5.16. The SNP also includes related policies to deliver these Strategic Objectives. These include Policy 13: Existing Employment Centres, Policy 14: Economy and Enterprise, Policy 15: Community Facilities, Policy 16: Open Space and Policy 17: School Provision. It also includes Aim 1: Superfast Broadband and Aim 7: School Provision.

Chapter 4: Promoting Sustainable Transport

- 5.17. This chapter requires policies to facilitate sustainable development that contributes to wider sustainability and health objectives. The transport system should be balanced in favour of sustainable transport, but it acknowledges solutions will vary across different geographies.
- 5.18. Policies should:
- Encourage the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;
 - Ensure that major developments are accompanied by Travel Plans which seek to promote sustainable transport modes;
 - Ensure development that generates significant movements are located where the need to travel will be minimised;

- Seek to use sustainable transport modes for goods and people. This includes priority for pedestrians and cyclists, safe layouts of new development, provision of charging points for electric cars and includes facilities for disabled people;
- Ensure there is a mixture of land uses within an area;
- Ensure key facilities are in walking distance; and
- Ensure parking facilities in centres are improved.

5.19. The SNP wishes to promote sustainable transport and includes Strategic Objectives to:

- Improve highway safety;
- Ensure safe vehicular and pedestrian access and promote pedestrian safety;
- Increase the opportunities for residents and visitors to travel by sustainable and non-car modes of transport; and
- Maintain and improve the connectivity of Public Rights of Way (PRoW) throughout the Parish.

5.20. The SNP also includes related Aims to deliver these Strategic Objectives. These include Aim 2: Village Centre, Aim 3: Public Rights of Way. Aim 4: Quiet Lanes, Aim 5: Off Street Parking and Aim 6: Public Transport.

Chapter 5: Supporting High Quality Communications Infrastructure

5.21. This chapter notes how high speed broadband technology plays a vital role in enhancing and supporting economic growth and community facilities and services.

5.22. The SNP includes a Strategic Objective to “Promote the retention and development of local services in the Parish.

5.23. The SNP also includes Aim 1: Superfast Broadband to deliver this Objective.

Chapter 6: Delivering A Wide Choice Of High Quality Homes.

5.24. This chapter seeks to significantly boost the supply of housing. Housing applications should be considered in the context of the presumption in favour of sustainable development.

5.25. Policies should:

- Deliver a wide choice of high quality homes. Based on demographic trends they should plan for a mix of housing sizes, types and tenure. It should include affordable housing;
- Ensure there is a requirement, especially in rural areas, to plan housing development to reflect local needs particularly affordable housing;
- In rural areas, ensure new housing is located to enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities;
- Promote sustainable development in rural areas. Isolated new homes should be avoided, unless there are special circumstances such as where it relates to; a rural worker, the most appropriate use of a heritage asset; the re-use of a redundant or disused building; or where development is of exceptional quality or innovative nature.

- 5.26. The SNP positively responds to the need for new housing including affordable housing and is expected to deliver some 77 dwellings across the life of the Plan. All sites have been assessed by the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and require the delivery of appropriate infrastructure and facilities.
- 5.27. The SNP wishes to support the delivery of a wide choice of high quality homes and includes Strategic Objectives:
- To enable local people to stay in the parish throughout their lifetime and as their needs change.
 - To ensure an adequate supply of affordable housing to meet the needs of the Parish.
 - To maintain a strong community by ensuring a mix of home types and integration between different types and tenures of housing with the Parish.
- 5.28. The SNP also includes related Policies to deliver these Strategic Objectives. These include: Policy 6: Development Principles, Policy 7: Housing Mix, Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane, Policy 9: End of West Way, Policy 10: Crosby Farm, Policy 11: West of Spring Lane and Policy 12: The Cobblers.

Chapter 7: Requiring good design

- 5.29. This chapter confirms the importance of design and how it contributes to sustainable development. Good design is indivisible from good planning and should positively contribute to making places better for people.
- 5.30. Policies should:
- Ensure development is inclusive and high quality;
 - Respond to local character and the important qualities of local defining characters should be understood;
 - Ensure new development is planned for the long term, establish a strong sense of place, optimise site potential, have an appropriate mix of uses, reflect local character and materials, create safe and accessible areas, are visually attractive and result in good architecture.
 - Include local design codes to facilitate development;
 - Ensure architectural style is not imposed and innovation is not stifled;
 - Secure high quality development that goes beyond architectural appearances.
- 5.31. The SNP includes Policies requiring good design. These include Policy 6: Development Principles, Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane, Policy 9: End of West Way, Policy 10: Crosby Farm, Policy 11: West of Spring Lane and Policy 12: The Cobblers.

Chapter 8: Promoting Healthy Communities

- 5.32. This chapter seeks to facilitate social interaction, healthy and inclusive communities. Local communities should be involved in planning and neighbourhood planning should be promoted.
- 5.33. Policies should:

- Deliver social, recreational and cultural facilities that the community needs;
- Positively plan public spaces;
- Protect against the loss of valued facilities;
- Ensure shops, services and facilities are able to develop in a sustainable manner;
- Ensure great weight is attached to the provision of adequate school places;
- Ensure communities have access to high quality open spaces, sport and recreation facilities;
- Ensure open space, sports and recreation buildings and land are not generally built on;
- Ensure public rights of way are protected and enhanced.

5.34. The SNP wishes to promote healthy communities and includes Strategic Objectives:

- To enable local people to stay in the Parish throughout their lifetime and as their needs change.
- To promote the retention and development of local services in the Parish.

5.35. The SNP also includes related policies to deliver these Strategic Objectives. These include: Policy 3: Protection of Local Green Spaces, Policy 4: Green Infrastructure, Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane, Policy 9: End of West Way, Policy 10: Crosby Farm, Policy 11: West of Spring Lane, Policy 12: The Cobblers Policy 15: Community Facilities, Policy 16: Open Space and Policy 17: School Provision.

5.36. The SNP also includes related Aims to deliver the Strategic Objectives. These include, Aim 3: Public Rights of Way and Aim 7: School Provision.

Chapter 10: Meeting The Challenge Of Climate Change, Flooding And Coastal Change

5.37. This chapter places planning policy at the centre of driving to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and minimise the impacts of climate change. It also seeks to facilitate a transition to low carbon technologies.

5.38. Policies should:

- Plan for new developments in locations which reduce greenhouse gases, support energy efficiency and require building sustainability;
- Expect communities to contribute towards energy generation from renewable or low carbon technologies;
- Ensure plans take account of climate change over the long term and factors such as flooding, water supply, biodiversity and landscape;
- Ensure development is directed away from flood sensitive areas.

5.39. The SNP wishes to meet the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change and includes a Strategic Objective to “Ensure development does not take place in areas at risk of flooding or where it may cause flooding elsewhere.

5.40. The SNP includes related policies to deliver this Objective. This includes: Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane.

Chapter 11: Conserving And Enhancing The Natural Environment

- 5.41. This chapter seeks to ensure that the planning system contributes to and enhances the natural and local environment.
- 5.42. Policies should:
- Protect and enhance valued landscapes;
 - Recognise wider benefits of ecosystems;
 - Minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains where possible;
 - Ensure plans minimise pollution and other adverse impacts on the environment;
 - Aim to encourage the redevelopment of brownfield land;
 - Protect the most versatile agricultural land;
 - Avoid major developments in designated areas such as National Parks;
 - Avoid noise impact on health and quality of life as part of new developments;
 - Not unreasonably restrict well established land uses on noise grounds because of changes in nearby land uses;
 - Limit the impact of light pollution through good design.
- 5.43. The SNP wishes to conserve and enhance the natural environment and includes Strategic Objectives:
- To protect and enhance the rural character, heritage assets and biodiversity of the Parish.
 - To protect the identity of Slinfold and prevent coalescence with Broadbridge Heath.
 - Maintain the distinctive views and visual connectivity with the surrounding countryside from public places within the built-up area.
 - To retain a separate rural identity with its natural landscape.
- 5.44. The SNP also includes related policies to deliver these Strategic Objectives. These include: Policy 1: Preventing Coalescence between Slinfold and Broadbridge Heath, Policy 3: Protection of Local Green Spaces, Policy 4: Green Infrastructure and Policy 5: Protect and Enhance Biodiversity.

Chapter 12: Conserving And Enhancing The Historic Environment

- 5.45. This chapter seeks to ensure that there are positive strategies for the conservation and enjoyment of heritage assets. Heritage assets are irreplaceable resources and should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance.
- 5.46. Policies should:
- Take account of the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets' wider social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits, the desirability of new development contributing to local character and distinctiveness, and opportunities to draw on the contribution of the historic environment;

- Ensure great weight is attached to the conservation of heritage assets. Significance can be harmed through alteration, destruction or impact on setting. Impacts should avoid substantial harm or total loss;
- Ensure where development proposals would lead to a less than substantial harm on a designated heritage asset, this should be weighed against public benefit.

5.47. The SNP wishes to conserve and enhance the historic environment and includes Strategic Objectives to: Protect and enhance the rural character, heritage assets and biodiversity of the Parish.

5.48. The following policy seeks to conserve and enhance the historic environment: Policy 2: Conservation Area.

6. 4B 8 (2)(d) SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

6.1. Section 4B 8 (2)(d) states that a draft neighbourhood plan will meet the basic conditions if the making of the order contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.

6.2. The SNP is considered to fully comply with the aims of, and contribute to the achievement of, sustainable development, as set out in the various sections of the NPPF.

6.3. All policies contained within the Submission Version SNP have been tested within the SA (incorporating the requirements of the SEA) to ensure that the most sustainable policy option was chosen. The SA carefully appraises each policy against a series of alternatives and then compares them to the sustainable objectives.

6.4. The SNP contributes to the achievement of sustainable development through its Strategic Objectives, Policies and Aims. The SNP comprises a balance of economic, social and environmental goals.

6.5. The economic goal is to;

- Encourage existing businesses to prosper and attract new businesses with high quality employment opportunities; and
- Encourage and support small businesses throughout the Parish.

6.6. The social goals are to;

- Plan positively for housing growth to meet the current and future needs of the Parish up to 2031;
- Enable local people to stay in the Parish throughout their lifetimes and as their needs change;
- Provide an adequate supply of affordable housing to meet the needs of the Parish;
- Seek the provision of a range of new dwellings including size and tenure;
- Promote the retention and development of community facilities and local services in the Parish; and
- Promote safer and more sustainable journeys.

- 6.7. The environmental goals are to;
- Protect and enhance the rural character, heritage assets and biodiversity of the Parish;
 - Protect the identity of Slinfold and prevent coalescence with Broadbridge Heath;
 - Ensure development does not take place in areas at risk of flooding or where it may cause flooding elsewhere;
 - Maintain the distinctive views and visual connectivity with the surrounding countryside from public places within the built-up area; and
 - Retain the Parish’s rural identity and protect its natural landscape.
- 6.8. The SNP accordingly complies with, and contributes to, the achievement of sustainable development in its three limbs of economic, social and environmental.

7. 4B 8 (2)(e) GENERAL CONFORMITY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 7.1. Section 4B(2)(e) states that a draft Neighbourhood Plan will meet the basic conditions if, the making of the NP is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the Development Plan for the area (or any part of that area).
- 7.2. The relevant Development Plan for the area in this instance is the HPDF.
- 7.3. The HDPF sets out the planning strategy for the District up to 2031 and clearly sets out and identifies the strategic policies which the SNP must be in “general conformity” with. The SNP reflects these policies and plans positively to support them.
- 7.4. The table below sets out the strategic policies of the HDPF, a summary of the strategic policy and identifies which Policies and/or Aims of the SNP are in “general conformity”.

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Polices and Aims
Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.	When considering development proposals the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.	Full conformity, all Policies and Aims.

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Policies and Aims
<p>Policy 2</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.</p>	<p>The spatial strategy to 2031 is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus development in and around the key settlement of Horsham, and allow for growth in the rest of the district in accordance with the settlement hierarchy. • Recognise and develop Horsham town’s role complemented by redevelopment at Broadbridge Heath Quadrant. • Bring forward three strategic development areas of at least 2,500 dwellings immediately to the north of Horsham Town, around 600 dwellings West of Southwater, and around 150 dwellings South of Billingshurst. • Bring forward a strategic mixed used opportunity at the former Novartis site for employment, education and specialist housing at the equivalent of around 200 units. • Continue to support the sustainable development of settlements. • Manage development around the edges of existing settlements in order to prevent the merging of settlements. • Provide access to strategic green space and recreational opportunities in and around the built-up urban areas. • Encourage the effective use of previously developed (brownfield land). • Identify existing sites of important employment use, safeguard their function through flexible policies and designation of Key Employment Areas. • Provide for the varied housing needs. • Support the provision of rural housing which contributes towards the provision of affordable housing. • Retain and enhance natural environmental resources. • Support development which protects, conserves and enhances the District’s built heritage. • Monitor delivery of the Strategy. 	<p>Policy 1: Preventing Coalescence between Slinfold and Broadbridge Heath</p> <p>Policy 2: Conservation Area</p> <p>Policy 3: Protection of Local Green Spaces</p> <p>Policy 4: Green Infrastructure</p> <p>Policy 5: Protect and Enhance Biodiversity</p> <p>Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane</p> <p>Policy 9: End of West Way</p> <p>Policy 10: Crosby Farm</p> <p>Policy 11: West of Spring Lane</p> <p>Policy 12: The Cobblers</p> <p>Policy 13: Existing Employment Centres</p> <p>Policy 14: Economy and Enterprise</p>

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Policies and Aims
<p>Policy 3</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Development Hierarchy.</p>	<p>Development will be permitted within towns and villages which have defined built-up areas.</p> <p>Any infilling and redevelopment will be required to demonstrate that it is of an appropriate nature and scale to maintain characteristics and function of the settlement in accordance with the settlement hierarchy.</p>	<p>Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane</p> <p>Policy 9: End of West Way</p> <p>Policy 10: Crosby Farm</p> <p>Policy 11: West of Spring Lane</p> <p>Policy 12: The Cobblers</p>
<p>Policy 4</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Settlement Expansion.</p>	<p>The growth of settlements across the District will continue to be supported.</p> <p>Outside built-up area boundaries, the expansion of settlements will be supported where;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site is allocated in the Local Plan or in a Neighbourhood Plan and adjoins an existing settlement edge. • The level of expansion is appropriate to the scale and function of the settlement type. • The development is demonstrated to meet the identified local housing needs and/or employment needs or will assist the retention and enhancement of community facilities and services. • The impact of the development individually or cumulatively does not prejudice comprehensive long term development • The development is contained within an existing defensible boundary and the landscape and townscape character features are maintained and enhanced. 	<p>Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane</p> <p>Policy 9: End of West Way</p> <p>Policy 10: Crosby Farm</p> <p>Policy 11: West of Spring Lane</p> <p>Policy 12: The Cobblers</p>

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Polices and Aims
<p>Policy 7</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Economic Growth.</p>	<p>Sustainable employment development will be achieved by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocating land for a high quality business park at Land North of Horsham. • Redevelopment, regeneration, intensification and smart growth of existing employment sites. • The formation and development of small, start-up and move-on businesses, as well as home working and home based businesses. • Encouraging appropriate workspace and ICT infrastructure, • Retention of Key Employment Areas, for employment uses. • Promotion of the district as an attractive place to stay and visit, • Encouraging sustainable local employment growth through Neighbourhood Development Plans. • Encouraging the expansion of higher education facilities • Identifying additional employment areas. 	<p>Policy 13: Existing Employment Centres</p> <p>Policy 14: Economy and Enterprise</p>

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Policies and Aims
<p>Policy 12</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Vitality and Viability of Existing Retail Centres.</p>	<p>The hierarchy for the district’s town and village centres is established as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary centre: Horsham town. • Secondary centres: Billingshurst, Henfield, Pulborough, Southwater, Steyning and Storrington. • Tertiary centres and outlying small retail units: Smaller village centres and shops. <p>The hierarchy of retail centres will be supported and enhanced through;</p> <p>Positive measures to improve Horsham town centre as the primary centre. The other town and village centres within the district will be encouraged to help sustain their roles in meeting needs and acting as a focus for a range of activities.</p> <p>Promotion and encouragement of activities in town and village centres so they continue to be the prime focus for community life in the district by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining a diverse range and choice of suitable uses. • A well designed and maintained attractive public realm. • Promotions, outdoor events and entertainment and markets. • A choice of accessible and affordable means of travel. • Respect for historic character and good urban design principles. • A convenient, cohesive and concentrated primary area which contains a high proportion of retail (A1) uses. • In the larger centres encouragement for variety in the “offer” which for Horsham town centre has meant the identification of distinct “quarters” that define character and ambiance. • For the secondary areas defined within larger town centres a wider range of class A uses as well as other use classes can be located. • Suitable residential use in existing older and new buildings. 	<p>Full conformity.</p>

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Policies and Aims
<p>Policy 15</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Housing Provision.</p>	<p>Provision is made for the development of at least 16,000 homes and associated infrastructure; 2011-2031, at an average of 800 homes per annum.</p> <p>This will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing completions for the period 2011 – 2015 • Homes that are already permitted or agreed for release; • Strategic Sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) At least 2,500 homes at Land North of Horsham. b) Around 600 homes at Land West of Southwater. c) Around 150 homes at Land South of Billingshurst. • The provision of at least 1500 homes throughout the district in accordance with the settlement hierarchy, allocated through neighbourhood planning. • 750 windfall units. 	<p>Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane</p> <p>Policy 9: End of West Way</p> <p>Policy 10: Crosby Farm</p> <p>Policy 11: West of Spring Lane</p> <p>Policy 12: The Cobblers</p>
<p>Policy 16</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Meeting Local Housing Needs.</p>	<p>Development should provide a mix of housing sizes, types and tenures.</p> <p>All residential developments of 5 dwellings or more will be expected to include an appropriate proportion of affordable homes in accordance with the following thresholds and targets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. On sites providing 15 or more dwellings, or on sites over 0.5 hectares, the Council will require 35% of dwellings to be affordable. b. On sites providing between 5 and 14 dwellings, the Council will require 20% of dwellings to be affordable or where on-site provision is not achievable a financial contribution equivalent to the cost of the developer of providing the units on site. <p>If a development site is sub-divided so as to create two or more separate development schemes one or more of which falls below the relevant threshold, the Council will seek an appropriate level of affordable housing to reflect the provision that would have been achieved on the site as a whole had it come forward as a single scheme for the site.</p> <p>The Council will support schemes being brought forward through Neighbourhood Plans.</p>	<p>Policy 7: Housing Mix</p>

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Polices and Aims
<p>Policy 21</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Gypsy and Traveller Sites Allocations.</p>	<p>Provision shall be made for 39 net additional permanent residential pitches for Gypsies and Travellers within the period 2011 – 2017.</p> <p>In order to help fulfil the current backlog of unmet need and future need identified through the Council’s Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment, the following sites have been identified and will be allocated for traveller site development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rowfold Nurseries, Coneyhurst (10) • Southview, Five Oaks (4) • Land adjacent Hillside Park, Small Dole (12) • Lane Top, Pulborough (3) • Sites that have been granted planning permission since the study (13). 	<p>SNP reliant on HDPF higher tier policy.</p>
<p>Policy 23</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation</p>	<p>The following criteria will be taken into consideration when determining the allocation of land for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople and any planning applications for non-allocated sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There must be no significant barriers to development exist in terms of flooding, poor drainage, poor ground stability or proximity to other hazardous land or installation where conventional housing would not be suitable. • The site is served by a safe and convenient vehicular and pedestrian access. • The site can be properly serviced and is supplied with essential services. The site must also be large enough to provide adequate vehicle parking. • The site is located in or near to existing settlements, or is part of an allocated strategic location, within reasonable distance of a range of local services and community facilities. • The development will not have an unacceptable impact on the character and appearance of the landscape and the amenity of neighbouring properties, and is sensitively designed to mitigate any impact on its surroundings. <p>In assessing sites for Travelling Showpeople or where mixed-uses are proposed, the site and its surrounding context must be suitable for mixed residential and business uses, including storage required and/or land required for exercising animals, and would not result in an unacceptable loss of amenity and adverse impact on the safety and amenity of the site’s occupants and neighbouring properties.</p>	<p>SNP reliant on HDPF higher tier policy.</p>

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Polices and Aims
<p>Policy 24</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Environmental Protection.</p>	<p>The high quality of the district’s environment will be protected.</p> <p>Developments will be expected to minimise exposure to and the emission of pollutants including noise, odour, air and light pollution and ensure that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address land contamination; • Are appropriate to their location; • Maintain or improve the environmental quality of any watercourses, groundwater and drinking water supplies, and prevents contaminated run-off to surface water sewers; • Minimise the air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions • Contribute to the implementation of local Air Quality Action Plans; • Maintain or reduce the number of people exposed to poor air quality including odour; • Ensure that the cumulative impact of all relevant committed developments is appropriately assessed. 	<p>Policy 1: Preventing Coalescence between Slinfold and Broadbridge Heath</p> <p>Policy 2: Conservation Area</p> <p>Policy 3: Protection of Local Green Spaces</p> <p>Policy 4: Green Infrastructure</p> <p>Policy 5: Protect and Enhance Biodiversity</p> <p>Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane</p>
<p>Policy 25</p> <p>Strategic Policy: The Natural Environment and Landscape Character.</p>	<p>The Natural Environment and landscape character of the District, together with protected landscapes and habitats will be protected against inappropriate development. The Council will support development proposals which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protects, conserves and enhances the landscape and townscape character. • Maintains and enhances the Green Infrastructure Network and addresses any identified deficiencies. • Maintains and enhances the existing network of geological sites and biodiversity. • Conserve and where possible enhance the setting of the South Downs National Park. 	<p>Policy 1: Preventing Coalescence between Slinfold and Broadbridge Heath</p> <p>Policy 2: Conservation Area</p> <p>Policy 3: Protection of Local Green Spaces</p> <p>Policy 4: Green Infrastructure</p> <p>Policy 5: Protect and Enhance Biodiversity</p>

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Policies and Aims
<p>Policy 26</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Countryside Protection.</p>	<p>Outside built-up area boundaries, the rural character and undeveloped nature of the countryside will be protected against inappropriate development.</p> <p>Any proposal must be essential to its countryside location, and meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the needs of agriculture or forestry; • Enable the extraction of minerals or the disposal of waste; • Provide for quiet informal recreational use; or • Enable the sustainable development of rural areas. <p>In addition, proposals must be of a scale appropriate to its countryside character and location.</p> <p>Development will be considered acceptable where it does not lead, either individually or cumulatively, to a significant increase in the overall level of activity in the countryside, and protects, and/or conserves, and/or enhances, the key features and characteristics of the landscape character area in which it is located.</p>	<p>Full conformity, all Policies and Aims.</p>
<p>Policy 27</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Settlement Coalescence</p>	<p>Landscapes will be protected from development which would result in the coalescence of settlements.</p> <p>Development between settlements will be resisted unless it can be demonstrated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no significant reduction in the openness and ‘break’ between settlements. • It does not generate urbanising effects within the settlement gap. • Redevelopment of existing sites that seek to reduce the existing urbanised character and appearance of an area between settlements, particularly along road corridors, will be supported. • Proposals contribute to the conservation, enhancement and amenity of the countryside, including where appropriate enhancements to the Green Infrastructure network or provide opportunities for quiet informal recreation. 	<p>Policy 1: Preventing Coalescence between Slinfold and Broadbridge Heath</p>

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Polices and Aims
<p>Policy 32</p> <p>Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development.</p>	<p>Development will be expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an attractive, functional, accessible, safe and adaptable environment; • Complement locally distinctive characters and heritage; • Contribute a sense of place; • Optimise the potential of the site to accommodate development and contribute to the support for suitable complementary facilities and uses; and • Help secure a framework of high quality open spaces. 	<p>Policy 6: Development Principles</p> <p>Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane</p> <p>Policy 9: End of West Way</p> <p>Policy 10: Crosby Farm</p> <p>Policy 11: West of Spring Lane</p> <p>Policy 12: The Cobblers</p>
<p>Policy 35</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Climate Change.</p>	<p>Development will be supported where it makes a clear contribution to mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change and to meeting the District's carbon reduction target.</p> <p>Development must be designed so that it can adapt to the impacts of climate change, reducing vulnerability, particularly in terms of flood risk, water supply and changes to the district's landscape.</p>	<p>Policy 6: Development Principles</p> <p>Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane</p>
<p>Policy 36</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Appropriate Energy Use.</p>	<p>All development will be required to contribute to clean, efficient energy in Horsham.</p> <p>Commercial and residential developments in Heat Priority Areas or the strategic development locations will be expected to connect to district heating network.</p> <p>All (C)CHP must be of a scale and operated to maximise the potential for carbon reduction.</p> <p>All applications for residential or commercial development must include an Energy Statement.</p> <p>Developments in Heat Priority Areas and strategic developments should demonstrate and quantify how the development will comply with the heating and cooling hierarchy.</p> <p>The Council will permit schemes for renewable energy (e.g. solar) where they do not have a significant adverse effect.</p>	<p>SNP reliant on HDPF higher tier policy.</p>

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Polices and Aims
<p>Policy 38</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Flooding.</p>	<p>Development proposals will follow a sequential approach to flood risk management, giving priority to development sites with the lowest risk of flooding and making required development safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere. Proposals will be supported where they;</p> <p>Comply with the recommendations set out in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA).</p> <p>Incorporate the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) where technically feasible.</p> <p>Consider the vulnerability and importance of local ecological resources such as water quality and biodiversity when determining the suitability of SuDS.</p> <p>Utilise drainage techniques that mimic natural drainage patterns.</p> <p>Are in accordance with the objective of the Water Framework Directive, and accord with the findings of the Gatwick Sub Region Water Cycle Study.</p>	<p>SNP reliant on HDPF higher tier policy.</p> <p>Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane</p>
<p>Policy 39</p> <p>Strategic Policy: Infrastructure Provision.</p>	<p>The release of land for development will be dependent on there being sufficient capacity in the existing local infrastructure to meet the additional requirements arising from new development, or suitable necessary mitigation arrangements for the improvement of the infrastructure caused by the development being provided.</p> <p>Where there is a need for extra capacity, this will need to be provided in time to serve the development.</p> <p>Arrangements for new or improved infrastructure provision, will be secured by planning obligation / Community Infrastructure Levy.</p>	<p>SNP reliant on HDPF higher tier policy.</p>

HDPF Strategic Policy	Summary of Policy	General Conformity of SNP Polices and Aims
Policy 42 Strategic Policy: Inclusive Communities	<p>Positive measures which help create a socially inclusive and adaptable environment for a range of occupiers and users to meet their long term needs will be encouraged and supported. Particular account will be taken of the need to address the requirements stemming from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The needs of an aging population; • People with additional needs, including the disabled or those with learning disabilities; • The requirements of rural workers or essential workers in rural areas; • The co-ordination of services to fulfill the needs of young people; • The specific needs of minority groups within the district, including Gypsies and Traveller's; and • The specific needs of faith and other community groups. 	Policy 12: The Cobblers

7.5. The table below sets out the Policies and Aims of the SNP and summarises the paragraphs of the NPPF and the Strategic Policies of the HDPF which they are in conformity with;

SNP Policy/Aim	NPPF	HDPF
Policy 1: Preventing Coalescence between Slinfold and Broadbridge Heath	Chapter 11: Conserving And Enhancing The Natural Environment, paragraph 109-110, 117.	<p>Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.</p> <p>Policy 27 Strategic Policy: Settlement Coalescence</p>
Policy 2: Conservation Area	Chapter 12: Conserving And Enhancing The Historic Environment, paragraph 126.	<p>Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.</p>

SNP Policy/Aim	NPPF	HDPF
Policy 3: Protection of Local Green Spaces	Chapter 8: Promoting Healthy Communities, paragraph 69-70, 73, 76, 77, 78.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.
Policy 4: Green Infrastructure	Chapter 10: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change, paragraph 99-100. Chapter 11: Conserving And Enhancing The Natural Environment, paragraph 109-110, 117.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development. Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development. Policy 25 Strategic Policy: The Natural Environment and Landscape Character. Policy 35 Strategic Policy: Climate Change. Policy 38 Strategic Policy: Flooding.
Policy 5: Protect and Enhance Biodiversity	Chapter 10: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change, paragraph 99-100. Chapter 11: Conserving And Enhancing The Natural Environment, paragraph 109-110, 117.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development. Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development. Policy 25 Strategic Policy: The Natural Environment and Landscape Character.
Policy 6: Development Principles	Chapter 6: Delivering A Wide Choice Of High Quality Homes, paragraph 47-48, 50, 55. Chapter 7: Requiring good design, paragraph 56-58, 60-61.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development. Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.
Policy 7: Housing Mix	Chapter 6: Delivering A Wide Choice Of High Quality Homes, paragraph 47-48, 50, 55.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development. Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.

SNP Policy/Aim	NPPF	HDPF
<p>Policy 8: East of Hayes Lane</p>	<p>Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.</p> <p>Chapter 6: Delivering A Wide Choice Of High Quality Homes, paragraph 47-48, 50, 55.</p> <p>Chapter 7: Requiring good design, paragraph 56-58, 60-61.</p> <p>Chapter 8: Promoting Healthy Communities, paragraph 69-70, 73, 76, 77, 78.</p> <p>Chapter 10: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change, paragraph 99-100.</p> <p>Chapter 11: Conserving And Enhancing The Natural Environment, paragraph 109-110, 117.</p>	<p>Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.</p> <p>Policy 3 Strategic Policy: Development Hierarchy</p> <p>Policy 4 Strategic Policy: Settlement Expansion</p> <p>Policy 15 Strategic Policy: Housing Provision</p> <p>Policy 24 Strategic Policy: Environmental Protection</p> <p>Policy 25 Strategic Policy: The Natural Environment and Landscape Character.</p> <p>Policy 26 Strategic Policy: Countryside Protection.</p> <p>Policy 32 Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development.</p> <p>Policy 35 Strategic Policy: Climate Change.</p> <p>Policy 38 Strategic Policy: Flooding.</p> <p>Policy 39 Strategic Policy: Infrastructure Provision.</p>

SNP Policy/Aim	NPPF	HDPF
<p>Policy 9: End of West Way</p>	<p>Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.</p> <p>Chapter 6: Delivering A Wide Choice Of High Quality Homes, paragraph 47-48, 50, 55.</p> <p>Chapter 7: Requiring good design, paragraph 56-58, 60-61.</p> <p>Chapter 8: Promoting Healthy Communities, paragraph 69-70, 73, 76, 77, 78.</p> <p>Chapter 10: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change, paragraph 99-100.</p> <p>Chapter 11: Conserving And Enhancing The Natural Environment, paragraph 109-110, 117.</p>	<p>Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.</p> <p>Policy 3 Strategic Policy: Development Hierarchy</p> <p>Policy 4 Strategic Policy: Settlement Expansion</p> <p>Policy 15 Strategic Policy: Housing Provision</p> <p>Policy 24 Strategic Policy: Environmental Protection</p> <p>Policy 25 Strategic Policy: The Natural Environment and Landscape Character.</p> <p>Policy 26 Strategic Policy: Countryside Protection.</p> <p>Policy 32 Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development.</p> <p>Policy 35 Strategic Policy: Climate Change.</p> <p>Policy 39 Strategic Policy: Infrastructure Provision.</p>

SNP Policy/Aim	NPPF	HDPF
<p>Policy 10: Crosby Farm</p>	<p>Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.</p> <p>Chapter 6: Delivering A Wide Choice Of High Quality Homes, paragraph 47-48, 50, 55.</p> <p>Chapter 7: Requiring good design, paragraph 56-58, 60-61.</p> <p>Chapter 8: Promoting Healthy Communities, paragraph 69-70, 73, 76, 77, 78.</p> <p>Chapter 10: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change, paragraph 99-100.</p> <p>Chapter 11: Conserving And Enhancing The Natural Environment, paragraph 109-110, 117.</p>	<p>Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.</p> <p>Policy 3 Strategic Policy: Development Hierarchy</p> <p>Policy 4 Strategic Policy: Settlement Expansion</p> <p>Policy 15 Strategic Policy: Housing Provision</p> <p>Policy 24 Strategic Policy: Environmental Protection</p> <p>Policy 25 Strategic Policy: The Natural Environment and Landscape Character.</p> <p>Policy 26 Strategic Policy: Countryside Protection.</p> <p>Policy 32 Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development.</p> <p>Policy 35 Strategic Policy: Climate Change.</p> <p>Policy 39 Strategic Policy: Infrastructure Provision.</p>

SNP Policy/Aim	NPPF	HDPF
<p>Policy 11: West of Spring Lane</p>	<p>Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.</p> <p>Chapter 6: Delivering A Wide Choice Of High Quality Homes, paragraph 47-48, 50, 55.</p> <p>Chapter 7: Requiring good design, paragraph 56-58, 60-61.</p> <p>Chapter 8: Promoting Healthy Communities, paragraph 69-70, 73, 76, 77, 78.</p> <p>Chapter 10: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change, paragraph 99-100.</p> <p>Chapter 11: Conserving And Enhancing The Natural Environment, paragraph 109-110, 117.</p>	<p>Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.</p> <p>Policy 3 Strategic Policy: Development Hierarchy</p> <p>Policy 4 Strategic Policy: Settlement Expansion</p> <p>Policy 15 Strategic Policy: Housing Provision</p> <p>Policy 24 Strategic Policy: Environmental Protection</p> <p>Policy 25 Strategic Policy: The Natural Environment and Landscape Character.</p> <p>Policy 26 Strategic Policy: Countryside Protection.</p> <p>Policy 32 Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development.</p> <p>Policy 35 Strategic Policy: Climate Change.</p> <p>Policy 39 Strategic Policy: Infrastructure Provision.</p>

SNP Policy/Aim	NPPF	HDPF
<p>Policy 12: The Cobblers</p>	<p>Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.</p> <p>Chapter 6: Delivering A Wide Choice Of High Quality Homes, paragraph 47-48, 50, 55.</p> <p>Chapter 7: Requiring good design, paragraph 56-58, 60-61.</p> <p>Chapter 8: Promoting Healthy Communities, paragraph 69-70, 73, 76, 77, 78.</p> <p>Chapter 10: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change, paragraph 99-100.</p> <p>Chapter 11: Conserving And Enhancing The Natural Environment, paragraph 109-110, 117.</p>	<p>Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.</p> <p>Policy 3 Strategic Policy: Development Hierarchy</p> <p>Policy 4 Strategic Policy: Settlement Expansion</p> <p>Policy 15 Strategic Policy: Housing Provision</p> <p>Policy 24 Strategic Policy: Environmental Protection</p> <p>Policy 25 Strategic Policy: The Natural Environment and Landscape Character.</p> <p>Policy 26 Strategic Policy: Countryside Protection.</p> <p>Policy 32 Strategic Policy: The Quality of New Development.</p> <p>Policy 35 Strategic Policy: Climate Change.</p> <p>Policy 39 Strategic Policy: Infrastructure Provision.</p>
<p>Policy 13: Existing Employment Centres</p>	<p>Chapter 1 - Building A Strong And Competitive Economy, paragraph 20.</p> <p>Chapter 3: Supporting a Prosperous Rural Economy, paragraph 28.</p>	<p>Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.</p> <p>Policy 7 Strategic Policy: Economic Growth.</p>
<p>Policy 14: Economy and Enterprise</p>	<p>Chapter 1 - Building A Strong And Competitive Economy, paragraph 20.</p> <p>Chapter 3: Supporting a Prosperous Rural Economy, paragraph 28.</p>	<p>Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.</p> <p>Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development.</p> <p>Policy 7 Strategic Policy: Economic Growth.</p>

SNP Policy/Aim	NPPF	HDPF
Policy 15: Community Facilities	Chapter 8: Promoting Healthy Communities, paragraph 69-70, 73, 76, 77, 78.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development. Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development. Policy 39 Strategic Policy: Infrastructure Provision. Policy 42: Strategic Policy: Inclusive Communities
Policy 16: Open Space	Chapter 8: Promoting Healthy Communities, paragraph 69-70, 73, 76, 77, 78.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development. Policy 2 Strategic Policy: Strategic Development. Policy 39 Strategic Policy: Infrastructure Provision.
Policy 17: School Provision	Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development. Policy 39 Strategic Policy: Infrastructure Provision.
Aim1: Superfast Broadband	Chapter 5: Support high quality communications infrastructure, paragraph 42	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development. Policy 39 Strategic Policy: Infrastructure Provision.
Aim 2: Village Centre	Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.

SNP Policy/Aim	NPPF	HDPF
Aim 3: Public Rights of Way	Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.
Aim 4: Quiet Lanes	Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.
Aim 5: Off Street Parking	Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.
Aim 6: Public Transport	Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development.
Aim 7: School Provision	Chapter 4: Promoting sustainable transport, paragraph 29, 35, 39.	Policy 1 Strategic Policy: Sustainable Development. Policy 39 Strategic Policy: Infrastructure Provision.

8. 4B 8 2(f) COMPATIBLE WITH EU OBLIGATIONS

- 8.1. Section 4B 8 (2)(f) states that a draft Neighbourhood Plan will meet the basic conditions if, the making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations.
- 8.2. The SA submitted with the SNP includes the provisions of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which is required by European Law.

- 8.3. A Scoping Report of the SA (including the requirements of the SEA) was submitted directly to Historic England, the Environment Agency and Natural England for assessment against environmental requirements. The Scoping Report was also provided to HDC and published for public consultation.
- 8.4. Amendments and additional document/objectives were then considered when the SA was formally prepared. The SA is a live document and has been continually updated.
- 8.5. In discussions with HDC, it was confirmed that there were no European Sites in or near SNP Neighbourhood Plan Area that would require a Habitat Regulation Assessment.
- 8.6. The SNP does not breach any EU obligations and would be otherwise compatible with all EU obligations.

9. 4B 8 (2)(g) COMPLIANCE WITH PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS AND MATTERS

- 9.1. Section 4B 8 (2)(g) states that a draft Neighbourhood Plan will meet the basic conditions if prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and prescribed matters have been complied with.
- 9.2. The Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and the prescribed conditions and matters are considered to be met by the SNP. It is therefore submitted that the SNP complies with Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

10. 4B(6) COMPATIBILITY WITH CONVENTION RIGHTS

- 10.1. Section 4B(6) states that the Examiner is not to consider any matter that does not fall within subparagraph 4B(1) apart from considering whether the draft Neighbourhood Plan is compatible with Convention Rights.
- 10.2. The SNP has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the EU convention on human rights. It has particularly had regard to Article 1 - respecting rights, Article 8 - privacy and Article 14 - discrimination. It is submitted that the SNP complies with the Human Rights Act 1998.