

ODIHAM AND NORTH WARNBOROUGH

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1. Introduction

This document

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been produced to accompany the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan. It sets out how the Basic Conditions prescribed by Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 are considered to have been met. The Basic Conditions are:
- Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the Neighbourhood Plan.
 - The making of the Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
 - The making of the Neighbourhood 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).
 - The making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.
 - Prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the Neighbourhood Plan. The prescribed condition is that the making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2012) or an offshore marine site (as defined in the Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats Regulations 2007) (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects).
- 1.2 There are two further basic conditions but these only apply to the making of a Neighbourhood Development Order and are thus not considered relevant for this document.
- 1.3 The Levelling Up and Regeneration Act was granted Royal Assent on 26 October 2023. This includes an amendment to the Basic Conditions in respect of general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan. However, there is currently no commencement date associated with this Part of the Act and, until otherwise confirmed by the Secretary of State, the tests of the Basic Conditions for the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan remain as set out in paragraph 1.1 above.

Other supporting documents

- 1.4 The Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan is supported by a Consultation Statement and this Basic Conditions Statement.
- 1.5 The Neighbourhood Plan also makes use of evidence prepared by and on behalf of Hart District Council as part of the Local Plan process. These and other documents are referenced as appropriate in the Neighbourhood Plan and include:
 - Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
 - Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report.
 - Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Village Design Statement.
 - Odiham and North Warnborough Local Green Space Assessment (2024).

Key statements

- 1.6 Odiham Parish Council is the qualifying body and is entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for the Plan area. The Neighbourhood Area was designated on 7th August 2014 (see Appendix 1).
- 1.7 The Neighbourhood Plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. There are no other adopted Neighbourhood Development Plans which cover the neighbourhood area.
- 1.8 The Neighbourhood Plan sets out policies that relate to development and the use of land within the neighbourhood area, as shown in Figure 1.
- 1.9 In 2014, the Parish Council commenced preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan which was made in June 2017.
- 1.10 From September 2023, Odiham Parish Council undertook a review and update of the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure its general conformity with the current Hart Development Plan including the Hart Local Plan (Strategy and Sites 2032 (Adopted April 2020), national policy and regulation updates and other local changes since the Neighbourhood Plan was first made.
- 1.11 The Neighbourhood Plan covers the period 2014 to 2032. This aligns with the Hart Local Plan which covers the same period. The Neighbourhood Plan includes a commitment to monitoring and review, and which may trigger changes to the policies and Plan period as appropriate.
- 1.12 The Neighbourhood Plan does not contain any policies which relate to excluded development as defined by section 61k of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.



Figure 1. The designated Neighbourhood Plan Area

Vision, goals and objectives

- 1.13 The Basic Conditions Statement refers, where appropriate, to the vision, goals and objectives stated in the Neighbourhood Plan. These are reproduced below.

Vision

Odiham and North Warnborough will remain special historic Hampshire villages but each with their own distinctive character. The villages will remain separated by attractive green spaces that will be more accessible for recreational use.

Both villages will grow and ensure their communities continue to have access to the housing and services required. This will include housing that is as affordable as possible for younger families, local people and downsizers and suitable accommodation for the elderly. The quality of design will be high and be in keeping with the established character of the area.

A key consideration in managing development will be to secure the preservation of the many special and significant views both within, from and towards the settlements and consequently retaining the essentially rural nature of the villages' location and surrounding landscape.

The character and vitality of Odiham's village centre will be maintained or enhanced, providing an attractive and interesting place for people to meet. Existing and new businesses and services will be encouraged, whilst retaining the special historic and rural character of the area but with traffic and car parking managed more effectively.

The Parish will have improved footpaths and cycleways that connect settlements, amenities, green space and historic attractions in an environmentally sustainable way. The Parish will flourish as a place for both residents and visitors.

Recreational facilities will be sustained with green space preserved both within and adjoining the settlement areas and enhanced for everyone to enjoy. Particular attention will be paid to increasing biodiversity in public open spaces and encouraging management of privately owned spaces to do the same.

The schools of the villages will continue to thrive and expand to provide excellent educational facilities but without compromising the historic and rural character of the area.

An effective and close community partnership with RAF Odiham will continue, with local residents able to make use of available RAF sporting facilities and with military personnel and their dependants encouraged to continue to utilise the many services and facilities available within the Parish

Goals and objectives

3.1 The vision for Odiham and North Warnborough has been developed into a set of goals and sub-objectives which are intended to help inform preferred directions of future growth and other interventions. They are:

Goal 1: To support future growth, whilst retaining the distinctive historic character of the respective villages, together with respecting the rural setting and views. The objectives of this goal are as follows:

- *To ensure new development is sustainable and helps to protect the distinctiveness, character and historic assets of the Parish including the Odiham, North Warnborough and Basingstoke Canal Conservation Areas;*
- *To deliver a housing growth strategy focused on the development of small sites (up to 30 dwellings) or small/medium sites (up to 60 dwellings), rather than large sites, but avoiding isolated and/or intrusive sites;*
- *To ensure that, as far as possible, development does not harm the heritage significance of the Conservation Areas and other designated heritage assets; preserves valued views and green spaces and is within reasonable walking distance of village facilities;*
- *To allocate new development to sites immediately adjacent to existing settlement boundaries;*
- *To identify any brownfield sites within the settlement boundary for suitable re-development;*
- *To ensure an adequate supply of pre-school places in the Parish; and*
- *To provide a residential nursing care home.*

Goal 2: To ensure new housing is of high quality design, in keeping with the established character of the area and that meets the needs of the community. The objectives of this goal are as follows:

- *To require a high quality of design that is in keeping with the scale and established character of the area surrounding development sites;*
- *To provide an appropriate mix of housing types that meets the needs of the existing and future community; and*
- *To provide affordable homes and more small market houses and flats and accommodation suitable for the elderly.*

Goal 3: To maintain and enhance the character and vitality of Odiham High Street, and the Parish's ability to attract visitors. The objectives of this goal are as follows:

- *To seek to strengthen and support the economic activity of retail units and commercial premises in and around the High Street;*
- *To encourage Odiham High Street to continue to provide an attractive environment and a good place for residents and visitors to shop, eat, drink and socialise;*

- *To investigate the use of appropriate traffic calming measures where this will not detract unduly from the visual amenity of the Odiham Conservation Area; and*
- *To continue to provide visitors with an attractive destination to visit and explore the villages and the surrounding countryside including the Basingstoke Canal.*

Goal 4: To maintain and ideally improve recreational and sporting facilities and other community amenities including footpaths and cycleways. The objectives of this goal are as follows:

- *To protect and ideally extend the provision of recreational opportunities and sporting facilities for community use;*
- *To sustain, and where possible, improve and extend footpaths in the Parish and Odiham Core Walking Zone (LCWIP, 2024) for all residents, including those with limited mobility; and*
- *Where possible to provide cycleways between Odiham and North Warnborough, RAF Odiham and Hook within key development sites and to key amenities such as the schools and Hook Train Station (See Route 200 of the LCWIP 2024).*
- *To maintain and protect the natural environment and the open/green spaces within and adjoining the villages and the wider surrounding rural areas. The objectives of this goal are as follows:*
- *To establish a public open space as both an amenity and a gathering place for residents and visitors;*
- *To protect the natural environment of the villages, their ecosystems, SSSIs and to conserve or enhance biodiversity;*
- *To protect and enhance open/green spaces in or adjoining the villages and the wider surrounding rural areas; and*
- *To improve, where possible, public access to the green spaces most valued by the community.*

Neighbourhood Plan policies

1.14 The policies within the submission version Neighbourhood Plan are:

Reference	Policy Title
Policy 1	Spatial Plan for Parish
Policy 2	Housing Development Sites
Policy 3	Local Gap
Policy 4	Housing Mix
Policy 5	General Design Principles
Policy 6	Odiham Conservation Area

Policy 7	North Warnborough Conservation Area
Policy 8	Basingstoke Canal Conservation Area
Policy 9	Odiham High Street
Policy 10	Education
Policy 11	Local Green Spaces
Policy 12	Natural Environment
Policy 13	Assets of Community Value
Policy 14	Dunleys Hill Open Space

2. National Planning Policy

Introduction

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Plan must show that it has regard to national policies contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State. This is principally provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and associated Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) published by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.
- 2.2 Work on drafting the Neighbourhood Plan update was undertaken in line with the December 2023 version of the NPPF. The NPPF states at paragraph 18 that neighbourhood plans should contain non-strategic policies. At paragraph 21 it states that strategic policies (in the Development Plan) provide a clear starting point for non-strategic policies and that strategic policies *'should not extend to detailed matters that are more appropriately dealt with through neighbourhood plans or other non-strategic policies'*.
- 2.3 The power of a neighbourhood plan is clearly set out in paragraph 30 of the NPPF, which states that *'once a neighbourhood plan has been brought into force, the policies it contains take precedence over existing non-strategic policies in a local plan covering the neighbourhood area'*.
- 2.4 This section demonstrates that the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan has regard to relevant goals within the NPPF in relation to:
- Delivering a sufficient supply of homes
 - Building a strong, competitive economy
 - Ensuring the vitality of town centres
 - Promoting healthy and safe communities
 - Promoting sustainable transport
 - Supporting high quality communications
 - Making effective use of land
 - Achieving well-designed and beautiful places
 - Protecting Green Belt land
 - Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
 - Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
 - Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals
- 2.5 The Neighbourhood Plan has four primary goals. We summarise them in Table 1 below and identify which NPPF goals each Neighbourhood Plan goal addresses. The sections following this provide a summary of how policies in the Neighbourhood Plan conform to the NPPF goals.

Table 1. Alignment of NDP Objectives with NPPF

Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan Goals	Relevant NPPF goals
<p>Goal 1: To support future growth, whilst retaining the distinctive historic character of the respective villages, together with respecting the rural setting and views.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering a sufficient supply of homes • Achieving well-designed and beautiful places • Conserving and enhancing the historic environment • Making effective use of land
<p>Goal 2: To ensure new housing is of high quality design, in keeping with the established character of the area and that meets the needs of the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering a sufficient supply of homes • Achieving well-designed and beautiful places • Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
<p>Goal 3: To maintain and enhance the character and vitality of Odiham High Street, and the Parish's ability to attract visitors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a strong, competitive economy • Ensuring the vitality of town centres • Promoting sustainable transport • Conserving and enhancing the historic environment • Achieving well-designed and beautiful places
<p>Goal 4: To maintain and ideally improve recreational and sporting facilities and other community amenities including footpaths and cycleways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting healthy and safe communities • Promoting sustainable transport • Achieving well-designed and beautiful places • Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change • Conserving and enhancing the natural environment

Delivering a sufficient supply of homes

NPPF Section 5, paras 60 - 84

- 2.6 The Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan reflects this section of the NPPF through **Policy 2** which allocates seven sites for housing development.
- 2.7 **Policy 4** supports the NPPFs intention of delivering a sufficient supply of homes by supporting proposals for development that contribute to a balanced mix of housing and help meet local needs, including affordable housing.
- 2.8 **Policy 5** also recognises that proposals for development will come forward in the area and where they do, they should respond to the character of the area. **Policy 5** then provides criteria as to the general design principles that development should follow.
- 2.9 Furthermore, **Policy 9** makes clear that residential uses will be suitable on upper floors of buildings on Odiham High Street where they complement ground floor uses.

Building a strong, competitive economy

NPPF Section 6, paras 85 - 89

- 2.10 The Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan reflects this section of the NPPF through **Policy 9** which supports proposals for new or extended Class E(a) retail development on Odiham High Street.
- 2.11 In addition, **Policy 5** supports development proposals that assist homes working including the alterations of buildings and the development of live-work units.

Ensuring the vitality of town centres

NPPF Section 7, paras 90 - 95

- 2.12 **Policy 9** defines a High Street area around the junction of King Street and High Street. This area is also a designated Local Centre in Policy ED4 of the Hart District Local Plan. Retail and other complementary uses are supported in such locations and which maintain the diversity and vitality of the retail function.
- 2.13 **Policy 9** supports the NPPFs intention of ensuring the vitality of town centres by establishing a range of use types suitable for the High Street area, including community and employment uses that complement retail activity and thus support the role of the centre in terms of providing for day-to-day needs. It also states that schemes must be designed carefully to avoid noise and odour conflicts between uses.

- 2.14 **Policy 9** also supports proposals for new or extended Class E(a) retail development on Odiham High Street and sets out principles for the design of shop fronts and signs to preserve and enhance heritage and character on Odiham High Street and in the Village Centre.
- 2.15 **Policy 5** sets design principles that support improvements to the quality and attractiveness of Odiham including a requirement for development proposals to demonstrate how they have responded to the assessments and advice in the adopted Village Design Statement.

Promoting healthy and safe communities

NPPF Section 8, paras 96 - 107

- 2.16 The NPPF states that planning policies should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places. Relevant policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are:
- **Policy 10** safeguards land adjoining Robert May's School for educational purposes and establishes criteria for these such that outdoor recreational facilities are prioritised and can be shared with the local community.
 - **Policy 11** designates several Local Green Spaces which are demonstrably special to the local community. These Local Green Spaces were informed by community engagement to better understand the role, function and value of the spaces in line with the criteria for designation established in the NPPF.
 - **Policy 13** seeks to protect Assets of Community Value from loss or significant harm unless it can be clearly demonstrated it is no longer financially viable. The five designated Assets of Community Value are considered to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.
 - **Policy 14** establishes principles in respect of high quality design of, and access to, Dunleys Hill Open Space.

Promoting sustainable transport

NPPF Section 9, paras 108 - 117

- 2.17 Several sub-objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan promote sustainable transport, for example the Plan aims to improve and extend footpaths in the Parish and Odiham Core Walking Zone (LCWIP, 2024), investigate the use of appropriate traffic calming measures and provide interconnecting cycleways between Odiham, local facilities and surrounding settlements.

- 2.18 Several site allocations under **Policy 2** refer to providing improved and pedestrian and cycling access and infrastructure including footpaths, cycle paths and bicycle parking.
- 2.19 **Policy 5** sets out several design principles including one that sets out to integrate existing pathways and cycleways and prevent restricting the movement of cyclists or pedestrians.
- 2.20 In addition to policies, the NDP also establishes a set of wider aims and objectives which are not necessarily land-use and development related, but are important projects that the Community would like to see delivered in the area. In respect to promoting active travel, the Neighbourhood Plan aims to improve pedestrian and cyclist comfort and safety in Odiham's Core Walking Zone and establishing an active travel route between Hook and Odiham.

Supporting high quality communications

NPPF Section 10, paras 118 - 122

- 2.21 The Neighbourhood Plan does not include policies which relate to this NPPF aim, therefore decisions on this matter will need to refer to the Hart Local Plan.

Making effective use of land

NPPF Section 11, paras 123 - 130

- 2.22 The NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should promote effective use of land. Relevant policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are:
- **Policy 1** sets out an approach to effectively use land by supporting development within the settlement boundaries of Odiham, North Warnborough, RAF Odiham and Broad Oak. With a focus for growth in Odiham and North Warnborough.
 - **Policy 2** allocates housing development sites within the settlement boundaries of Odiham and North Warnborough. Supporting evidence and the site assessment process were used to locate sites and ensure the sites are suitable, available and deliverable. The scale of development is in proportion to the size of the Plan area and are located where the local community is thought more likely to be supportive of new development.
 - **Policy 5** aims to optimise land use by ensuring that development appropriately responds to the existing built environment in terms of scale, density, massing, separation, and layout.
 - **Policy 9** supports new or extended retail development in Odiham High Street as well as office space, community facilities, and residential units on upper floors.

- **Policy 12**, which seeks to protect and enhance wildlife areas including Sites of Special Scientific Interest and locally designated Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation.

Achieving well-designed and beautiful places

NPPF Section 12, paras 131 - 141

- 2.23 This section of the NPPF stresses the importance of high quality design in buildings and places.
- 2.24 **Policy 2** allocates housing development sites and sets out principles of design that will supported to achieve well-designed places. These principles include responding positively to the character of the built and natural environment, providing appropriate access and providing financial contributions towards the maintenance of open space on Dunleys Hill.
- 2.25 **Policy 3** seeks to protect the Local Gap between Odiham and North Warnborough to avoid coalescence and maintain the separate identity and character of the two settlements.
- 2.26 **Policy 5** seeks to reinforce local character and identity, drawing upon guidance in the Village Design Statement that sits alongside the Neighbourhood Plan, and which includes guidance on the appropriate height, design and layout of development across the Plan area.
- 2.27 **Policy 6, Policy 7** and **Policy 8** support development within the Odiham, North Warnborough and Basingstoke Canal Conservation Areas provided they positively contribute to the character and appearance of the Conservation Areas, establishing key principles that should be reflected within new development, responding to and strengthening the defining features and characteristics of those areas.
- 2.28 Furthermore, **Policy 14** establishes design principles for the layout and construction of the Dunleys Hill Open Space including, for example, that parking and associated recreational or maintenance buildings should be sensitively designed and should comply with the design principles set out in **Policy 5**.
- 2.29 In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan refers to the Hart District Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (2024) which sets out opportunities to create well-designed pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure.

Protecting Green Belt land

NPPF Section 13, paras 142 - 156

- 2.30 The Neighbourhood Plan area is located outside the Metropolitan Green Belt. The approach to Green Belt land set out in the NPPF does not therefore apply to the Plan area. The Neighbourhood Plan does though include policies, such as **Policy 1**, which seeks to take an approach to sustainable development that supports development within the settlement boundary and thus limit the loss of green field land.

Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change

NPPF Section 14, paras 157 – 179

- 2.31 This section of the NPPF supports the transition to a low carbon future. Relevant policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are:
- **Policy 2** allocates housing development sites and sets out principles of design that will reduce the risk of flooding supported to achieve well-designed places. These principles also include responding positively to the character of the built and natural environment, providing appropriate access and providing financial contributions towards the maintenance of open space on Dunleys Hill.
 - **Policy 12**, which seeks to protect and enhance wildlife areas including Sites of Special Scientific Interest and locally designated Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation. **Policy 12** also sets out support for development proposals that mitigate and manage the risk of flooding.

Conserving and enhancing the natural environment

NPPF Section 15, paras 180 - 194

- 2.32 This chapter of the NPPF promotes the positive impact that planning policies and decisions can have on the natural environment, specifically through protection and enhancement of landscapes, biodiversity, character and soil quality. Relevant policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are:
- **Policy 3** seeks to protect the Local Gap between Odiham and North Warnborough to avoid coalescence and maintain the separate identity and character of the two settlements. An outcome of this policy is that the visual amenity and recreational space between the settlements is preserved.
 - **Policy 12** seeks to protect and enhance wildlife areas including Sites of Special Scientific Interest and locally designated Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation. **Policy 12** also refers to the biodiversity net gain required under a

statutory framework introduced by Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

NPPF Section 16, paras 195 - 214

- 2.33 This section of the NPPF promotes the conservation and enhancement of heritage assets.
- 2.34 **Policy 2** allocates housing development sites and sets out principles of design that will support the achievement of well-designed places. These principles include responding positively to the character of the built and natural environment, providing appropriate access and providing financial contributions towards the maintenance of open space on Dunleys Hill.
- 2.35 **Policy 5** seeks to reinforce local character and identity, drawing upon guidance in the Village Design Statement that sits alongside the Neighbourhood Plan, and which includes guidance on the appropriate height and design of development across the Plan area.
- 2.36 **Policy 6, Policy 7** and **Policy 8** supports development within the Odiham, North Warnborough and Basingstoke Canal Conservation Areas provided they positively contribute to the character and appearance of the Conservation Areas.

Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals

NPPF Section 17, paras 215 - 223

- 2.37 The Neighbourhood Plan does not include policies which relate to this NPPF aim, therefore decisions on this matter will need to refer to the Hart Local Plan and the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan.

3. Sustainable Development

Achieving sustainable development

- 3.1 The NPPF, at paragraph 7, states that the *'purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development'*. Sustainable development is defined as *'meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs'* (paragraph 7).
- 3.2 The NPPF views sustainability as made up of three objectives: economic, social and environmental. These objectives are interdependent and should be pursued in mutually supportive ways. The objectives are:
- *Economic*: to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure.
 - *Social*: to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering a well-designed and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being.
 - *Environmental*: to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.
- 3.3 The following sections summarise how the objectives and policies in the Neighbourhood Plan contribute toward sustainable development, as defined in the NPPF. This demonstrates that the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan are considered to comprise a balance of social, economic and environmental goals.

Economic objectives

NPPF definition:

3.4 *'Building a strong, responsive and competitive economy'*

Relevant Neighbourhood Plan Objectives:

- To seek to strengthen and support the economic activity of retail units and commercial premises in and around the High Street.
- To encourage Odiham High Street to continue to provide an attractive environment and a good place for residents and visitors to shop, eat, drink and socialise.
- To continue to provide visitors with an attractive destination to visit and explore the villages and the surrounding countryside including the Basingstoke Canal.

Relevant Neighbourhood Plan Policies:

- **Policy 5:** General Design Principles.
- **Policy 9:** Odiham High Street.

Commentary on how the Neighbourhood Plan meets the NPPF Economic objectives:

- 3.5 Odiham High Street is an important local centre for services and facilities in the Neighbourhood Area. **Policy 9** of the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to extend or provide new retail development on Odiham High Street and sets out the mix of uses that are appropriate here, and which include local shops and other employment generating opportunities.
- 3.6 The Neighbourhood Plan also sets out principles for the design of shop fronts and signs to continue to provide an attractive environment for residents and a visitors (**Policy 9**). Policies also extend to supporting opportunities for home working (**Policy 5**).

Social objectives

NPPF definition:

3.7 *'Support strong, vibrant and healthy communities'*

Relevant Neighbourhood Plan Objectives:

- To ensure an adequate supply of pre-school places in the Parish.
- To provide a residential nursing care home.
- To provide an appropriate mix of housing types that meets the needs of the existing and future community.
- To provide affordable homes and more small market houses and flats and accommodation suitable for the elderly.
- To protect and ideally extend the provision of recreational opportunities and sporting facilities for community use.
- To sustain, and where possible, improve and extend footpaths in the Parish and Odiham Core Walking Zone (LCWIP, 2024) for all residents, including those with limited mobility.
- Where possible to provide cycleways between Odiham and North Warnborough and, RAF Odiham and Hook, within key development sites and to key amenities such as the schools and Hook Train Station (See Route 200 of the LCWIP 2024).
- To establish a public open space as both an amenity and a gathering place for residents and visitors.
- To protect and enhance open/green spaces in or adjoining the villages and the wider surrounding rural areas.
- To improve, where possible, public access to the green spaces most valued by the community.

Relevant Neighbourhood Plan Policies:

- Policy 1: Spatial Plan for Parish.
- Policy 2: Housing Development Sites.
- Policy 4: Housing Mix.
- Policy 5: General Design Principles.
- Policy 10: Education.
- Policy 11: Local Green Spaces.
- Policy 13: Assets of Community Value.

- Policy 14: Dunleys Hill Open Space.

Commentary on how the Neighbourhood Plan meets the NPPF Social objectives:

- 3.8 The Neighbourhood Plan includes a range of policies that support social inclusion, health and wellbeing. It supports new housing (**Policy 1, Policy 2 and Policy 4**), safeguards educational facilities (**Policy 10**) and seeks to protect and enhance assets of community value (**Policy 13**).

Environmental objectives

NPPF definition:

- 3.9 *'Contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment'*

Relevant Neighbourhood Plan Objectives:

- To ensure new development is sustainable and helps to protect the distinctiveness, character and historic assets of the Parish including the Odiham, North Warnborough and Basingstoke Canal Conservation Areas.
- To allocate new development to sites immediately adjacent to existing settlement boundaries.
- To identify any brownfield sites within the settlement boundary for suitable re-development.
- To establish a public open space as both an amenity and a gathering place for residents and visitors.
- To protect the natural environment of the villages, their ecosystems, SSSIs and to conserve or enhance biodiversity.
- To protect and enhance open/green spaces in or adjoining the villages and the wider surrounding rural areas.
- To improve, where possible, public access to the green spaces most valued by the community.
- To encourage Odiham High Street to continue to provide an attractive environment and a good place for residents and visitors to shop, eat, drink and socialise.
- To continue to provide visitors with an attractive destination to visit and explore the villages and the surrounding countryside including the Basingstoke Canal.
- To protect and ideally extend the provision of recreational opportunities and sporting facilities for community use.

- To sustain, and where possible, improve and extend footpaths in the Parish for all residents, including those with limited mobility.
- Where possible to provide cycleways between Odiham and North Warnborough and RAF Odiham, within key development sites and to key amenities such as the schools.

Relevant Neighbourhood Plan Policies:

- Policy 1: Spatial Plan for Parish.
- Policy 2: Housing Development Sites.
- Policy 3: Local Gap
- Policy 4: Housing Mix.
- Policy 5: General Design Principles.
- Policy 6: Odiham Conservation Area.
- Policy 7: North Warnborough Conservation Area.
- Policy 8: Basingstoke Canal Conservation Area.
- Policy 9: Odiham High Street.
- Policy 11: Local Green Spaces.
- Policy 12: The Natural Environment.
- Policy 14: Dunleys Hill Open Space.

Commentary on how the Neighbourhood Plan meets the NPPF Environmental objectives:

- 3.10 The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to protect natural features (**Policy 12**), retain hedging and established trees and to enhance landscaping to provide for biodiversity (**Policy 5**), mitigate flood risk and maintain and enhance green infrastructure (**Policy 2**), protect Local Green Spaces (**Policy 11**) and enhance biodiversity (**Policy 12**).
- 3.11 Several policies in the Neighbourhood Plan seek to use land effectively and ensure development sites are located in close proximity to services, the existing settlement and are designed to respond to the existing built environment in terms of scale, density, massing, separation, and layout (**Policy 1 and Policy 5**).
- 3.12 Furthermore, in the Neighbourhood Plan aims and proposals the Plan aims to calm traffic and support walking and cycling infrastructure projects and thus helping to mitigate the impacts of climate change through active travel.

4. The Development Plan

Introduction

- 4.1 For Neighbourhood Plans to meet the Basic Conditions set out in the Neighbourhood Planning regulations they need to demonstrate general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan.
- 4.2 The NPPF establishes what should be covered by a strategic policy in a Local Plan. It states that such policies should provide a clear starting point for any non-strategic policies that are needed and should not extend to detailed matters that are more appropriately dealt with through neighbourhood plans or other non-strategic policies. It states (at paragraph 20) that such policies should help to deliver:
- Housing (including affordable housing), employment, retail, leisure, and other commercial development;
 - Infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, security, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);
 - Community facilities (such as health and cultural infrastructure); and
 - Conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, including landscapes and green infrastructure, and planning measures to address climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Adopted Local Plan

- 4.3 The Hart Local Plan (Strategy and Sites) was adopted in April 2020, covering the period up to 2032. The Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan aims to build on the policies contained within the Hart Local Development Plan by providing neighbourhood level planning policy where it is appropriate.
- 4.4 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to ensure its general conformity with the strategic policies set out in Appendix 4 of the adopted Local Plan.
- 4.5 The Table below summarises the conformity of the Neighbourhood Plan policies with the strategic policies in the Hart Local Plan.

Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan policy	Development Plan Policy (Strategic Policies)
Policy 1	It is consistent with the definition of Odiham and North Warnborough as Secondary Local Service

<p>Spatial Plan for Parish</p>	<p>Centres. The scale of development provided for in the new boundaries is consistent with that regarded as suitable in this location relative to the Thames Basin Heaths SPA (NBE3) – and see separate Habitats Regulations Assessment report) and with national nature conservation designations (NBE4). It takes account of the sensitive landscape setting to the settlements (NBE2) and of controlling development in the open countryside (NBE1). It continues to focus development within the settlement boundaries (SD1 and SS1). Odiham and North Warnborough are the main settlements in that area.</p>
<p>Policy 2 Housing Development Sites</p>	<p>Policy 2 makes seven site allocations, each of which are located in sustainable locations as considered by Policy 1 of the Local Plan. The development principles of each allocation have taken into account a series of relevant development management policies of the adopted Local Plan, notably the provisions of NBE5 (Managing Flood Risk), NBE4 (Biodiversity), NBE2 (Landscape), SS1 (Spatial Strategy and Distribution of Growth), H1 (Housing Mix), INF1 (Infrastructure), INF4 (Open Space, Sport and Recreation) and INF3 (Transport). In all cases, the allocations are considered to be in general conformity with these policies as a matter of principle, although it will be for planning applications to determine the details of each scheme. Where an allocation has required special attention to a saved policy, for example in relation to the proposals on the edge of the current Local Gap designation between Odiham and North Warnborough, then the supporting text explains the rationale and the indicative plan shows how those principles may be successfully addressed.</p>
<p>Policy 3 Local Gap</p>	<p>This policy supports Local Plan Policy NBE2 which sets out to enhance the special characteristics, value or visual amenity of the District's landscapes. The Local Gap Policy prevents the physical or visual coalescence of settlements (NBE2). The Local Gap between Odiham and North Warnborough accommodates the</p>

	<p>three allocations of Policy 2 that lie on the edge of the gap, but which will not compromise its visual integrity.</p>
<p>Policy 4 Housing Mix</p>	<p>The policy sets out to provide a mix of dwelling sizes and types in accordance to evidence set out by Odiham Parish Council or Hart District Council. This complements policy H1 of the Local Plan which sets the required number of accessible and adaptable homes, specialised/supported accommodation and self and custom built homes.</p> <p>In terms of the delivery of affordable homes, It does not in itself seek to establish a different quantum of affordable homes. However, Policy 4 states that the delivery of affordable homes should be in accordance with the latest relevant Local Plan Policy (H2).</p>
<p>Policy 5 General Design Principles</p>	<p>Policy 5 sets design principles that support improvements to the quality and attractiveness of Odiham which include preserving, complementing and enhancing the natural and built-environment. This policy supports several Strategic Local Plan policies including the aims to retain and enhance views (NBE2), provide for biodiversity (NBE4), protect heritage assets (NBE8), retain green infrastructure (INF2), integrate and protect existing pathways and cycleways (INF3) and minimise light and sound pollution (NBE11).</p> <p>Policy 5 also conforms with the Local Plan’s main design policy (NBE9). Although NBE9 is not a Strategic policy, Policy 5 provides more locally specific guidance in the absence of a strategic policy on design, which has been informed by local evidence, including the Village Design Statement.</p>
<p>Policy 6 Odiham Conservation Area</p>	<p>Drawing on conservation area appraisals and other supporting evidence, Policy 6 conforms and further develops Local Plan Policy NBE8 to establish Odiham Conservation Area specific principles for the design of new development that helps preserve and enhance the local historic environment.</p>

<p>Policy 7 North Warnborough Conservation Area</p>	<p>Drawing on the conservation area appraisal and other supporting evidence, Policy 6 conforms and further develops Local Plan Policy NBE8 to establish North Warnborough Conservation Area specific principles for the design of new development that helps preserve and enhance the local historic environment.</p>
<p>Policy 8 Basingstoke Canal Conservation Area</p>	<p>Drawing on conservation area appraisals and other supporting evidence, Policy 6 conforms and further develops Local Plan Policy NBE8 to establish Basingstoke Canal Conservation Area specific principles for the design of new development that helps preserve and enhance the local historic environment.</p>
<p>Policy 9 Odiham High Street</p>	<p>Policy 9 conforms and refines Local Plan Policy ED4 on town centre/local centre shopping and commercial areas and shopfronts. Policy 9 provides guidance specific for Odiham High Street including support for new or extended retail development and appropriate ground and first floor uses. It also refines NBE8 in respect of the role the High Street plays in defining the Odiham Conservation Area.</p>
<p>Policy 10 Education</p>	<p>Policy 10 sets out to safeguard land adjoining Robert May's School and support the development of educational facilities. This policy conforms and refines Local Plan Policy INF8 which also sets out to safeguard land adjoining Robert May's School. Policy 10 is also in conformity with Policy INF5 which aims to retain and improve local services and community facilities that are sustainably located and accessible by sustainable transport modes.</p>
<p>Policy 11 Local Green Spaces</p>	<p>Policy 11 aims to protect and enhance Local Green Spaces in Odiham Parish. This policy conforms with Local Plan Policy INF4 which sets out to protect, enhance and improve open, sport and recreation spaces.</p>

<p>Policy 12 Natural Environment</p>	<p>Policy 12 aims to protect and enhance the natural environment and is conformity with several Strategic Local Plan policies. Notably Policy 12 sets out to protect and enhance green infrastructure (INF2), protect open landscapes and valued views and vistas (NBE2), conserve and enhance biodiversity (NBE4) and manage and mitigate flood risk (NBE5).</p>
<p>Policy 13 Assets of Community Value</p>	<p>Policy 13 aims to prevent either the loss of, or significant harm to Assets of Community Value. This policy is in conformity and with Local Plan INF5, and provides Odiham specific detail. Policy INF5 seeks to protect and enhance both community facilities and Assets of Community Value across Hart.</p>
<p>Policy 14 Dunleys Hill Open Space</p>	<p>Policy 14 allocates Dunley's Hill as a public open space. The policy sets out a range of principles and requirements so that the open space is delivered and managed appropriately. The policy is in conformity with Local Plan Policy INF4 which sets out to protect, enhance and improve the quality, capacity, accessibility and management of open, sport and recreation spaces.</p> <p>Policy 14 is also states that the Dunley's Hill public open space serves as part of the SPA mitigation required to deliver Policy 2 Sites. Policy is in conformity with Local Plan Policy NBE3 which requires developments to demonstrate that adequate measures will be put in place to avoid or mitigate any potential adverse effects on the SPA.</p>

- 4.6 Other Strategic Polices in the Local Plan are referred to in the Aims and Proposals section of the Neighbourhood Plan. One aim in the Neighbourhood Plan is to identify a further Rural Exception Site for a small number of houses on land outside (but adjacent to) the settlement boundary. This aim conforms with policy **H3** of the Local Plan which sets out to support rural exceptions sites where there is an identified need, but provides requirements for a rural exception site specific to Odiham.
- 4.7 One of the sub-objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan sets out to provide accommodation suitable for the elderly. This conforms with Local Plan Policy **H4** which supports the development of specialist and supported accommodation.

- 4.8 Another Neighbourhood Plan Aim focusses on Wildlife Areas and a need to address the impacts on water quality for example, development should ensure no adverse effects from increased runoff or access causing bank erosion and increased sedimentation and that the quality of water is preserved if not enhanced. This Aim is in conformity with Policy **NBE6** of the Local Plan which sets out to protect and enhance the water environment and water quality across the District.
- 4.9 Climate Change Impacts are another Neighbourhood Plan Aim which encourage the efficient use of energy and where appropriate micro-scale onsite/distributed renewable energy generation. This is in conformity with Policy **NBE10** of the Local Plan which supports the development of low-carbon and renewable energy sources.
- 4.10 There are seven other Strategic Policies in the Local Plan that are not referenced or which are not relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan. Strategic Policies **SS2** and **INF7** are location specific policies in the Local Plan that hold no relevance to the Odiham Neighbourhood Area. Other policies such as **ED1**, **ED2** and **ED3** are employment and economy policies that have no relevance as employment sites and rural employment opportunities are not priorities for the Neighbourhood Plan. Policy **H5** of the Local Plan sets out to retain and support the development of Gypsies, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation, however this is also not considered a key issue for the Neighbourhood Plan at this stage. is also not considered a priority for the Odiham Neighbourhood Plan Policy H5

5. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

- 5.1 The draft Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 14 version) was screened by HDC for the purposes of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in March 2024. HDC prepared a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) in February 2024. These were prepared in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.
- 5.2 The SEA regulations require the competent authority (Hart District Council) to determine whether or not a plan is likely to have a significant environmental effect and therefore whether an SEA is needed.
- 5.3 At the same time as the SEA screening an HRA was prepared for the Neighbourhood Plan, the purpose of which was to determine whether significant effects on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA could be ruled out on the basis of objective information and best scientific knowledge.
- 5.4 The SEA screening concluded that SEA is not required because housing site allocations were included in the Made 2017 Neighbourhood Plan and have not been significantly updated or changed. Furthermore, an SEA is not required because the HRA concluded that there is no potential for a significant adverse effects on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA.
- 5.5 The SEA screening report states:

*"there is no potential for significant effects in most respects, essentially because the allocation of land for development is outside the scope of the updating process. This is in the context of guidance emphasising the question of whether a neighbourhood plan 'allocates sites for development' as a key screening factor. [...] The plan deals with mitigating recreational pressure on the Thames Basin Heaths SPA, which automatically triggers a need for the Appropriate Assessment (AA) stage of Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). [...] In practice though, the AA has been completed and concluded no potential for significant adverse effects on the SPA, hence it is suggested that SEA is not triggered. [...] For these reasons, it is considered that **SEA is not required.**"*

5.6 The HRA / concluded that:

“when mitigation is considered, that the policy poses no potential for an adverse effect on the integrity of the Thames Basin Heaths SPA.”

6. Sustainability Appraisal

‘Light touch’ appraisal

- 6.1 Even though the Screening has determined that SEA is not required, a ‘light touch’ Sustainability Appraisal (SA), proportionate with the Neighbourhood Plan, has been prepared. This reflects best practice.
- 6.2 This section of the Basic Conditions Statement, and the SA objectives contained within it, are based on the SA prepared for the adopted Local Plan.
- 6.3 The objectives are listed in the table below, alongside which commentary is provided indicating how the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan responds to these objectives and will thus help contribute to the delivery of sustainable development in the Plan area through its blend of policies that will deliver social, economic and environmental benefits.

Hart District Council SA Objective	Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan Response
<p>Accessibility</p> <p>Protect and enhance the health and well-being of the population; Encourage increased engagement in cultural activity, leisure, and recreation across all sections of the community; Improve accessibility to all services and facilities; Maintain and improve opportunities for everyone to acquire the education and skills they need to find and remain in work.</p>	<p>Policy 1 and Policy 5 in the Neighbourhood Plan seek to use land effectively and ensure development sites are located in close proximity to services, the existing settlement and are designed to respond to the existing built environment in terms of scale, density, massing, separation, and layout. Policy 2 and Policy 5 refer to providing improved and pedestrian and cycling access and infrastructure including footpaths, cycle paths and bicycle parking. Sub-objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan also promote sustainable transport, with improvements to and extensions of footpaths and cycleways supported, thus improving access to services and facilities for all members of the community. This also supports healthier lifestyles and can contribute to the well-being of residents.</p> <p>Policy 11 and Policy 14 support and protect green, open and recreational spaces all of which can contribute to health and well-being.</p> <p>Policy 10 safeguards land adjoining Robert May’s School for educational facilities.</p>

	<i>The policies and projects in the Neighbourhood Plan are considered to result in a Minor Positive Effect.</i>
<p>Biodiversity</p> <p>Protect and enhance biodiversity.</p>	<p>Policy 12 seeks to protect natural features and deliver and sustain biodiversity net gain in accordance with national and local requirements. Policy 5 seeks to retain existing hedges and established trees, and to enhance landscaping to provide for biodiversity. Policy 2 seeks to maintain and enhance green infrastructure on housing allocation sites. Policy 11 designates and seeks to protect Local Green Spaces, including those which are important for purposes of wildlife, and thus protecting biodiversity.</p> <p><i>The Neighbourhood Plan is considered to result in a Minor Positive Effect.</i></p>
<p>Climate Change Mitigation</p> <p>Reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases and manage the impacts of climate change; Increase energy efficiency, security and diversity of supply and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources.</p>	<p>Policy 1 and Policy 5 seek to use land effectively and ensure development sites are located in close proximity to services, the existing settlement and are designed to respond to the existing built environment in terms of scale, density, massing, separation, and layout, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with transport over longer distances.</p> <p>Furthermore, in the Neighbourhood Plan supports traffic calming measures and supports walking and cycling infrastructure projects, thus helping to mitigate the impacts of climate change through active travel.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan also encourages the efficient use of energy and, where appropriate, micro-scale onsite/distributed renewable energy generation.</p> <p><i>The policies and projects in the Neighbourhood Plan are considered to have a Neutral Effect.</i></p>
<p>Communities</p> <p>Reduce inequality, poverty and social exclusion; Improve community safety by reducing crime and the fear of crime; Create</p>	<p>Policy 13 seeks to protect and enhance assets of community value, thus reducing social exclusion.</p> <p>Policy 5 sets out design principles that support improvements to the quality and attractiveness of Odiham, and Policy 9 sets out a range of appropriate uses for the High Street, including community facilities. Policy 9 also sets out principles for the design of shop</p>

<p>and sustain vibrant and locally distinctive settlements and communities; Stimulate regeneration where appropriate and encourage urban renaissance. N.B. there is cross-over with the objectives listed under 'Accessibility'.</p>	<p>fronts and signs to continue to provide an attractive environment for residents and visitors, thus sustaining vibrant and locally distinctive settlements and stimulating regeneration and urban renaissance.</p> <p>Policy 1 which directs new development to existing settlement areas which also stimulates regeneration and urban renaissance.</p> <p>Policy 3 and the designation of a local gap, which supports the separate identity and distinctiveness of settlements.</p> <p><i>The Neighbourhood Plan is considered to result in a Minor Positive Effect.</i></p>
<p>Employment and the Economy</p> <p>Maintain high and stable levels of employment and promote sustainable economic growth and competitiveness.</p>	<p>Policy 9 seeks to extend or provide new retail development on Odiham High Street and sets out the mix of uses that are appropriate here, and which include local shops and other employment generating opportunities. This policy also sets out principles for the design of shop fronts and signs to continue to provide an attractive environment for residents and a visitors.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan, at Policy 5, also supports opportunities for home working, thus. promoting economic growth and competitiveness.</p> <p><i>The Neighbourhood Plan is considered to result in a Minor Positive Effect.</i></p>
<p>Flood risk / climate change adaption</p> <p>Reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases and manage the impacts of climate change; Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to the local community, environment and economy.</p>	<p>Policy 2 allocates housing development sites and sets out design principles so that development responds positively to and minimises the risk of flooding.</p> <p>Policy 12 also sets out support for development proposals that mitigate and manage the risk of flooding.</p> <p><i>The Neighbourhood Plan is considered to result in a Neutral Effect.</i></p>

<p>Housing</p> <p>Provide all residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home which meets their needs.</p>	<p>Policy 4 supports provision of a mix of dwelling sizes and types in accordance with local needs and evidence set out by Odiham Parish Council or Hart District Council.</p> <p><i>The Neighbourhood Plan is considered to result in a Neutral Effect.</i></p>
<p>Historic environment</p> <p>Protect and enhance the District's historic environment.</p>	<p>Policy 2 allocates housing development sites and sets out principles of design that will support the achievement of well-designed places. These principles include responding positively to the character of the built and natural environment.</p> <p>Policy 5 seeks to reinforce local character and identity, drawing upon guidance in the Village Design Statement that sits alongside the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Policy 6, Policy 7 and Policy 8 supports development within the Odiham, North Warnborough and Basingstoke Canal Conservation Areas provided they positively contribute to the character and appearance of the Conservation Areas.</p> <p><i>The Neighbourhood Plan is considered to result in a Minor Positive Effect.</i></p>
<p>Land and other resources</p> <p>Maintain and improve soil quality; Promote the efficient use of land through the appropriate re-use of previously developed land; Improve the efficiency of resource use and achieve sustainable resource management.</p>	<p>Policy 1 sets out an approach to the effective use of land by supporting development within the settlement boundaries of Odiham, North Warnborough, RAF Odiham and Broad Oak, with a focus of growth in Odiham and North Warnborough.</p> <p>Policy 2 allocates housing development sites within the settlement boundaries of Odiham and North Warnborough. The scale of development is in proportion to the size of the Plan area.</p> <p>Policy 5 aims to optimise land use by ensuring that development appropriately responds to the existing built environment in terms of scale, density, massing, separation, and layout.</p>

	<p>Policy 9 supports new or extended retail development in Odiham High Street as well as office space, community facilities, and residential units on upper floors, making effective use of previously developed land.</p> <p><i>The Neighbourhood Plan is considered to result in a Minor Positive Effect.</i></p>
<p>Landscape</p> <p>Protect and enhance the District's countryside and rural landscape.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan supports future growth where it respects the rural setting and views of Odiham and North Warnborough, with Policy 12 seeking to protect open landscapes and valued views and vistas.</p> <p><i>The Neighbourhood Plan is considered to result in a Minor Positive Effect.</i></p>
<p>Transport</p> <p>Improve accessibility to all services and facilities; Improve efficiency of transport networks by enhancing the proportion of travel by sustainable modes and promoting policies which reduce the need to travel.</p>	<p>Policy 1 and Policy 5 in the Neighbourhood Plan seek to use land effectively and ensure development sites are located in close proximity to services and the existing settlement thus reducing the need to travel.</p> <p>Policy 2 and Policy 5 refer to providing and improving existing pedestrian and cycling access and supporting infrastructure. Wider projects in the Neighbourhood Plan also promote sustainable transport, improving access to services and facilities for all members of the community.</p> <p><i>The policies and projects in the Neighbourhood Plan are considered to result in a Minor Positive Effect.</i></p>
<p>Water</p> <p>Maintain and improve the water quality of the District's rivers and groundwaters and other water bodies.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan includes a focus on Wildlife Areas and the need to address the impacts on water quality. For example, development should (i) minimise adverse effects from increased runoff, (ii) avoid erosion of banks, (iii) avoid increase the amount of sedimentation in waterways, and (iv) preserve or enhance water quality.</p> <p><i>The Neighbourhood Plan is considered to result in a Minor Positive Effect.</i></p>

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the TCPA 1990 are considered to be met by the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan and all the policies therein.
- 7.2 It is therefore respectfully suggested to the Examiner that the Neighbourhood Plan complies with the Basic Conditions, and, subject to any modifications recommended by the Examiner, should proceed to referendum.

Appendix A: Neighbourhood Plan Designation

The Neighbourhood Area was designated on 8 August 2014.

A copy of the designation notice is included within this appendix.



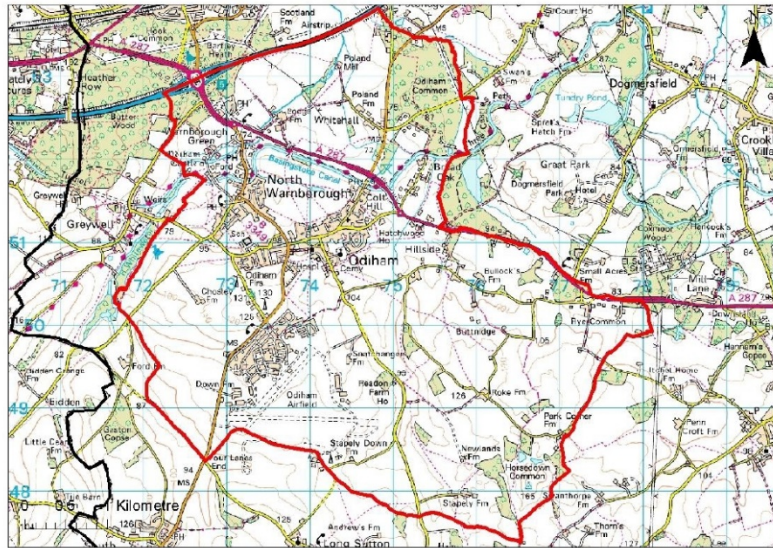
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DESIGNATION OF ODIHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING AREA

Hart District Council under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 hereby designate the whole of the area of 'Odiham Parish Council' as a Neighbourhood Area (for the purposes of section 61G(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended) as it is satisfied that the Parish is appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. The Council does not designate the Neighbourhood Area as a business area for the purposes of section 61H(1) of the Act as it is not wholly or predominantly business in nature.

- a) Name of Neighbourhood Area: Odiham
- b) Map of Neighbourhood Area: Attached
- c) Relevant body: Odiham Parish Council

Date 8 August 2014



Odiham Parish Council

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