

Hart District Council
Odiham and North Warnborough
Neighbourhood Plan Review 2014-2032

Decision Statement

Proceeding to referendum

February 2025

Summary

1. Hart District Council has resolved that the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan Review 2014-2032, incorporating the Examiner's recommended modifications and a corrective Council modification to Policy 2i, should proceed to referendum. The referendum area will be the Parish of Odiham.

Introduction

2. This document sets out the decisions made by Hart District Council following receipt of the Examiner's Report into the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan Update 2014-2032. It is the statement required by [Regulation 18\(2\) of the Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012 \(as amended\)](#). These decisions were made at Cabinet on 6th February 2025.

Background

3. Odiham Parish Council has undertaken a review (or update) of the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2032 that was made in June 2017.
4. The 'Review Plan' relates to the area that was designated by Hart District Council as a Neighbourhood Area on 7 August 2014. This area is coterminous with the Odiham Parish boundary and is entirely within Hart district.
5. Odiham Parish Council undertook a 'pre-submission' consultation on a Draft Review Plan between January – March 2024 (under [Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012 \(as amended\)](#)). The Parish Council then submitted a revised version of the Draft Review Plan to Hart District Council on 5th July 2024.
6. Hart District Council publicised the Draft Review Plan for an eight-week period and representations were invited in accordance with [Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012 \(as amended\)](#). The publicity period ran from 22 July to Monday 16 September 2024.

Independent examination

7. The Council appointed Mr Andrew Ashcroft, with the consent of Odiham Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the Draft Review Plan.
8. Early in the examination the Examiner determined that a referendum was necessary due to the nature of some of the changes proposed to the existing Neighbourhood Plan that was made in 2017.
9. The Examiner's report was received on 13 December 2024.
10. The report concludes that subject to making the modifications recommended by the Examiner, the Plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements and should proceed to referendum.
11. The Examiner recommends that the referendum area coincides with the Neighbourhood Area that was designated by the Council on 7 August 2014 i.e. the area covered by the Plan.

12. Odiham Parish Council accepted the Examiner's Report and the recommended changes therein at its Full Council meeting of 17th December 2024 (Item 233/24 on the [Minutes](#)).

Hart District Council decisions and reasons

13. Following receipt of the Examiner's report Hart District Council has made a number of decisions required [by Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act \(as amended\)](#) as applied to neighbourhood plans by [Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#)),

Consideration of the Examiner's recommendations

14. Table 1 sets out the Examiner's recommended modifications to the Draft Review Plan.

15. In accordance with paragraph 12(2) of Schedule 4B the Council has considered each of the Examiner's recommendations, and the reasons for them, and has decided to accept all of them for the reasons set out in the Examiner's report.

Council modifications

16. In addition to accepting all of the Examiner's recommendations, Hart District Council has decided, under paragraph 12(6)(e) of Schedule 4B, to make the following modification to correct an error:

Delete criterion (g) of Policy 2(i) Land at Longwood (approx. 9 dwellings):

“g. A financial contribution (in accordance with SAMM principles in force at that time) will be sought from the developer towards monitoring measures across the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (TBHSPA) in the event that Site i, Site ii and Site v in combination deliver more than 50 new dwellings.”

Reason for this change:

17. Criterion (g) requires a payment towards Strategic Access Management and Monitoring (SAMM) in the event that sites 2i, 2ii and 2v combined deliver more than 50 new dwellings. This requirement stemmed from the approach set out at paragraph 4.4 in the [Thames Basin Heaths Delivery Framework](#), and reflected at criterion (c) of Policy NBE3 in the [Hart Local Plan \(Strategy and Sites\) 2032](#), that between 5km and 7km from the SPA residential developments of over 50 homes should be assessed and may be required to provide appropriate mitigation.

18. However, a SAMM payment is no longer required from Site 2i in light of Site 2v being deleted in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations. The two remaining adjoining sites (2i and 2ii) are allocated for a combined total of approximately 24 homes (15 (net) already built at Site 2v Land at 4 Western Lane plus approximately 9 at Site 2i Land at Longwood). This is well short of the 50 plus threshold in the zone 5km to 7km from the SPA, and so the need for any SPA mitigation falls away. This position is set out in an Addendum Memo to the Habitat Regulations Assessment dated 17th January 2025. If criterion (g) of Policy 2i is *not* deleted, Policy 2i would wrongly require a SAMM contribution.

19. The Examiner made a catch-all recommendation on page 40 of his report to enable Odiham Parish Council and Hart District Council to make consequential changes to general text in light of changes to policies:

“Modification of general text (where necessary) to achieve consistency with the modified policies and to accommodate any administrative and technical changes.”

20. However, the deletion of policy wording at site 2i goes beyond the modification of ‘general text’ and so this modification has been identified as a specific Council modification to correct an error.

21. As this modification is a correction, it can be made by the Council under paragraph 12(6) of Schedule 4B without recourse to inviting representations or a further examination.

Decision to proceed to referendum

22. The Council has decided under paragraph 12(4) of Schedule 4B that the Draft Review Plan, incorporating the Examiner’s recommended modifications and the Council’s corrective modification to Policy 2i meets the basic conditions set out at paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B, is compatible with Convention rights (within the meaning of the [Human Rights Act 1998](#)), and complies with the provision made under sections [38A](#) and [38B](#) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and as such must proceed to referendum.

23. The Examiner concluded that with his recommended modifications the Draft Review Plan would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements. The Council sees no reason to reach a different view other than to incorporate the corrective modification to Policy 2i Land at Longwood.

Decision on the referendum area

24. The Examiner recommended that the referendum area should be the neighbourhood area that was designated by Hart District Council on 7th August 2014. The Council has considered this recommendation and the reasons for it and agrees that the referendum area should be the designated neighbourhood area. The Council does not consider it appropriate to extend the referendum area beyond the designated neighbourhood area.

Table 1: Examiner’s recommended modifications and the Council’s decision on each one

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1	Front page	16	In the Plan’s title replace ‘Update’ with ‘Review’	Agree with the modification for the reasons set out in the Examiner’s Report.
2	Policy 1 – Spatial Plan for the Parish	18	Revise the settlement boundary on Dunleys Hill/Western Lane to correspond with the deletion of Policy 2v	Agree with the modification for the reasons set out in the Examiner’s Report.
3	Policy 2 - Housing Development Sites Pages 27-43	25	Delete Policies 2ii, 2iii and 2v	Agree with the modification for the reasons set out in the Examiner’s Report. Site 2ii and 2iii are recommended for deletion because those sites are already built out. Site 2v is recommended for deletion along with Policy 14 Dunleys Hill Open Space for the reasons set out in the Examiner’s report.
4	Policy 2 - Housing Development Sites Pages 27-43	25	In Policy 2i delete criterion f) and the final paragraph (commentary on the links with Policy 14).	Agree with the modification for the reasons set out in the Examiner’s Report. This modification removes the need for site 2i to make any financial contributions towards the Dunleys Hill public open space

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				at Policy 14 which has been deleted from the plan.
5	Policy 2 - Housing Development Sites Pages 27-43	25	Delete the sites for Policies 2ii, 2iii and 2v sites from the Policies Map	Agree with the modification for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report.
6	Policy 3 – Local Gap Page 26	26	Extend the extent of the Local Gap as shown on the various maps in the Plan to incorporate the site shown as Policy 2v (Dunleys Hill) in the submitted Plan	Agree with the modification for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report.
7	Policy 5 – General Design Principles Page 48	27	Replace criterion xiv with: 'Development proposals should be designed, constructed, and operated to ensure that there are no unacceptable levels of noise pollution. In addition, development should comply with relevant noise standards and guidelines, including any relevant local thresholds.' Replace criterion xvi with: 'Development proposals should be designed, constructed, and operated to ensure that lighting is unobtrusive and does not result in	Agree with the modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report.

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			<p>an unacceptable level of light pollution that could impact on the character and appearance of the countryside.'</p>	
8	<p>Policy 6 – Odiham Conservation Area Page 49</p>	28	<p>Replace criterion a with: 'pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance the Conservation Area and its setting.'</p>	<p>Agree with the modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report.</p> <p>This modification applies to criterion ii a.</p>
9	<p>Policy 11 – Local Green Spaces Pages 70-88</p>	37	<p>Delete LGS 11ix Hatchwood Park Delete LGS 11 xi Little Park Delete the final part of the policy Delete paragraphs 3.93 and 3.94 (and the associated map of Hatchwood Park) Delete paragraphs 3.96 to 3.101 (and the associated map of Little Park) Delete the proposed Little Park and Hatchwood Farm LGSs from the Policies Map Clarify the extent of the designated area on the map for LGS11viii Football Club on page 80 of the Plan.</p>	<p>Agree with the modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report.</p>

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			<p>At the end of paragraph 3.68 add: 'The NPPF advises that the designation of appropriate land as Local Green Spaces when local and neighbourhood plans are prepared or updated'.</p> <p>Replace the final sentence of 3.69 with: 'Policy 11 designates additional Local Green Spaces. Where practicable, the Parish Council will work with other public organisations to ensure that they are connected through a network of pedestrian routes. This approach will prioritise the use of existing pedestrian routes, Core Walking Zones and proposed Cycle routes outlined in the LCWIP.'</p>	
10	Policy 14 – Dunleys Hill Open Space Pages 95-96	39	<p>Delete the policy</p> <p>Delete paragraph 3.133</p> <p>Delete The Dunleys Hill Open Space from the Policies Map</p>	Agree with the modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report.
11		39	<p>Under the heading "Other Matters – General" the Examiner recommends: Modification of general text (where necessary) to achieve consistency with the modified policies and to</p>	Agree for the reasons set out in the Examiner's report.

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			accommodate any administrative and technical changes.	
12	Paragraphs 1.6 to 1.13	Page 40, Para 7.110	<p>Other Matters – Specific:</p> <p>Amend the text in the Plan in accordance with Hart District Council's comments on paragraphs 1.6 to 1.13</p>	<p>Agree with the modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report.</p> <p>The changes to affected paragraphs are shown below.</p> <p>Note that the changes to paragraph 1.9 differ from the original changes proposed by HDC because it requires a 'matter of fact' revision in light of Policy 2v being deleted (identified by the Examiner at paragraph 7.111 of his report):</p> <p>1.7 At the local level, the key documents are the Hart Local Plan (Replacement) 1996-2006 and First Alterations – Saved Policies ("Adopted Hart Local Plan") and the Hart Local Plan (Strategy and Sites) (2011-2032). <u>the key document is the Hart Local Plan (Strategy and Sites) 2032 (HLP32) adopted in April 2020.</u> <u>Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the 'strategic' policies in the local plan. Appendix 4 of the HLP32 sets out which policies are 'strategic' for the purposes of neighbourhood plans. In addition to the Hart Local Plan 2032 there remain some 'saved' polices from an</u></p>

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				<p><u>earlier local plan - the Hart Local Plan (Replacement) 1996-2006).</u></p> <p>1.9 In April 2020, the Hart Local Plan (Strategy and Sites) 2032 was adopted. The Hart Local Plan sets out (See Policy SS1 Spatial Strategy and Distribution of Growth and Table 1 – Sources of Housing Supply) the housing supply sources that are expected to deliver 7,384 dwellings over the plan period. This includes 111 dwellings on “Sites in the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan without planning permission at 1st April 2018”. A total of 119 dwellings are allocated across seven sites in the Neighbourhood Plan. As of July 2024, 54 dwellings have been permitted and 24 dwellings have been delivered on the allocated sites. 50 windfall dwellings have been delivered over the same period, with 12 of these dwellings delivered on a rural exception site. The remaining housing requirement for the Neighbourhood Plan is therefore 65 dwellings still to be permitted and 95 still to be delivered. It identified an expected supply of 119 homes from sites allocated in the original Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan (111</p>

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				<p>from homes without planning permission at <u>1st April 2018 plus 8 homes from Crumplins Business Court which already had permission at 1st April 2018</u>). This is set out at <u>Table 1 of the HLP32 (paragraph 92)</u>. Following this Review, and on the recommendation of the Examiner, one of the development sites (for 30 dwellings) has been removed. This reduces the expected supply of homes from sites allocated in the <u>Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan to 89 homes</u>. At July 2024, 53 homes had been permitted on the allocated sites, leaving a further 36 homes to be permitted on allocated sites. In addition to the site allocations, there have been 50 new homes from "windfall sites" from the start of the plan period to July 2024 including 12 affordable homes on a rural exception site.</p> <p>1.12 Hart District Council has defined which of its saved policies are 'strategic' for the purpose of guiding the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans (see Hart Local Plan Appendix 4 for Strategic Policies of the Hart Development Plan for Neighbourhood Planning purposes).</p>

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				<p>1.13 Hart District Council's saved rural policy RUR 1 "Definition of areas covered by RUR policies" states that North Warnborough, Broad Oak, Bartley Heath and RAF Odiham are to be regarded as rural settlements to which any of its saved Rural Policies must be applied. Its policy URB 1 "Definition of areas covered by URB policies" says Odiham is to be regarded as a "rural centre" to which its saved Urban Policies must be applied. The Neighbourhood Plan's consultation found preservation of the rural nature of the Parish is a major priority for residents. <u>In the HLP32</u> Odiham and North Warnborough are together identified as a Secondary Local Service Centre in Hart District Council's Settlement Hierarchy ("Tier 3"), but they are separate settlements, each with its own settlement boundary. This hierarchy also identifies RAF Odiham as a "Main Village" (see Plan B). The majority of the Parish lies outside the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area beyond the 5km zone (see Plan C) <u>although North Warnborough, Broad Oak and most of Odiham fall within</u></p>

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				<p><u>the 5km to 7km zone where larger developments may require SPA mitigation.</u></p>
13	Paragraphs 1.33 and 1.37	Page 40, Para 7.110	<p>Other Matters – Specific</p> <p>Amend the text in the Plan in accordance with Hart District Council's comments on paragraphs 1.35 and 1.36</p>	<p>Paragraphs 1.35 and 1.36 are within a section discussing Habitat Regulations Assessment (paragraphs 1.33 to 1.37 of the Draft Review Plan).</p> <p>In light of the decision to delete site 2v the Examiner has identified that paragraph 1.36 requires updating (see Modification 20 below), so it is not appropriate to amend the text entirely in accordance with the Council's original comments.</p> <p>With site 2v deleted the need for SPA mitigation falls away, and there is scope for the Plan to be more concise on this issue. In keeping with the Examiner's point that an update is required, the following change to this section is made:</p> <p>Replace paragraphs 1.33 to 1.37 with the following text:</p> <p>“Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)</p> <p>Under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) has been undertaken to test if the Odiham</p>

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				<p>and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan Update could significantly harm the designated features of the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area.</p> <p>North Warnborough, Broad Oak and most of Odiham fall within 5km to 7km from the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area where developments of more than 50 homes may require mitigation (see Policy NBE3 of the Hart Local Plan (Strategy and Sites) 2032 and the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area Delivery Framework 2009. The plan does not include any sites, or combination of adjoining sites that exceed 50 homes, and the conclusion reached is that no likely significant effects will arise on any European sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.”</p>
14	Paragraph 3.16	Page 40, Para 7.110	<p>Other Matters – Specific</p> <p>Amend the text in the Plan in accordance with Hart District Council's comments on paragraph 3.16</p>	<p>Agree with the modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report.</p> <p>Amend Para 3.16 as follows (note that the change from seven sites to four is a consequential 'matter-of-fact' revision to paras 3.16 to 3.18 (and Table 1) – see Modification 22).</p>

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				<p>"3.16 In addition to the delivery of houses from the seven <u>four</u> sites allocated in this policy residential development is also likely to take place on windfall sites within the Plan area. As part of this process the further conversion of business and office premises to residential use is expected, subject to the provision of policies in the development plan. The yield on these and other sites will be monitored and assessed against the overall housing need for the District and against any housing requirement figure set for the Neighbourhood Plan area. Where necessary Neighbourhood Plan policies will be reviewed accordingly. <u>(referred to as 'windfall sites') is additional to the yield from the allocated sites and contributes to meeting district-wide housing targets.</u>"</p>
15	Paragraphs 3.19 to 3.21	Page 40, Para 7.110	<p>Other Matters – Specific</p> <p>Amend the text in the Plan in accordance with Hart District Council's comments on paragraph 3.19 (Note: may not be needed with recommended changes to Policy 2)</p>	<p>Agree with the modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report.</p> <p>Paragraph 3.19 (and 3.20 and 3.21) discuss SPA mitigation which the plan no longer needs in light of Site 2v being deleted. All three paragraphs (3.19, 3.20 and 3.21) are therefore deleted.</p>

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16	Paragraph 3.129	Page 40, Para 7.110	Other Matters – Specific Amend the text in the Plan in accordance with Hart District Council's comments on paragraph 3.129	Agree with the modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report. Amend para 3.129 as follows: The following properties have been designated by Hart District Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Baker Hall (Listed 13 October 2023) • The Cross Barn (Listed 13 October 2023) • North Warnborough Village Hall (Listed 13 October 2023) • The Library Building ("The Bridewell") (Listed 10 June 2019) • The Bell Public House (28 June 2021)
17	Paragraph 3.133	Page 40, Para 7.110	Other Matters – Specific Amend the text in the Plan in accordance with Hart District Council's comments on paragraph 3.133	Agree with the modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report. HDC identified a duplication of paragraph 3.132 which was removed before the Draft Review Plan was submitted for examination by HDC.
18	Paragraph 4.19	Page 40, Para 7.110	Other Matters – Specific Amend the text in the Plan in accordance with Hart District Council's comments on paragraph 4.19	Agree with the modifications for the reasons set out in the Examiner's Report. Amend para 4.19 as follows: 4.19 In addition, it is possible that Odiham Parish Council will secure funding from planning obligations and the <u>potentially a</u>

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				<p>Hart Community Infrastructure Levy once in place in order to make financial contributions to a number of infrastructure projects during the life of the Neighbourhood Plan. Projects suggested during the course of the Neighbourhood Plan's consultation process included:</p> <p>Add new bullet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The implementation of improvements identified in the LCWIP in connection with the Core Walking Zone in Odiham and the new cycle route 200 (Hook to Odiham)</u>
19	Paragraph 1.9	Page 40, Para 7.111	Make matter of fact revisions as a consequence of deleting three housing sites	Para 1.9 is addressed at Modification 12 above.
20	Paragraph 1.36	Page 40, Para 7.111	Make matter of fact revisions as a consequence of deleting three housing sites	Para 1.36 is addressed at Modification 13 above.
21	Paragraph 3.14	Page 40, Para 7.111	Make matter of fact revisions as a consequence of deleting three housing sites	<p>Delete para 3.14 is deleted (rather than being updated as it is a superfluous paragraph.</p> <p>3.14 As is explained in paragraph 1.9, the remaining housing requirement for the</p>

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				Neighbourhood Plan is therefore 65 dwellings still to be permitted and 95 still to be delivered over the Plan period.
22	Paragraphs 3.16 to 3.18 (and Table 1).	Page 40, Para 7.111	Make matter of fact revisions as a consequence of deleting three housing sites	<p>Para 3.16 is dealt with at Modification 14 above.</p> <p>Change paras 3.17, 3.18 and Table 1 as follows:</p> <p>3.17 Policy 2 sets out the basis on which seven <u>four</u> sites will be allocated and developed for residential purposes...</p> <p>3.18 The following table outlines the Policy 2 Housing Development Sites and their status as of July <u>December</u> 2024. <u>(Note that the remaining sites have been renumbered from the original plan (some having been built already or in the case of Dunleys Hill, de-allocated form the Plan))</u></p> <p>Table 1:</p> <p>Delete site ii land at 4 Western Lane (completed)</p>

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				Delete site iii Land at Crumplins Yard (completed) Delete site v Land at Dunleys Hill (as per Examiner's recommendation).
23	Paragraph 3.22	Page 40, Para 7.111	Make matter of fact revisions as a consequence of deleting three housing sites	Change 3.22 as follows: Policy 2 allocates seven <u>four</u> sites for new housing development during the Neighbourhood Plan period to 2032 and establishes the key development principles for each site...
24	Paragraph 3.25 (and Table 2)	Page 40, Para 7.111	Make matter of fact revisions as a consequence of deleting three housing sites	In Table 2 delete reference to Sites ii, iii and v, and update the corresponding total number of dwellings to 66.
25	Paragraphs 3.26 to 3.28	Page 40, Para 7.111	Make matter of fact revisions as a consequence of deleting three housing sites	Amend 3.26 to 3.28 as follows: 3.26 The Habitat Regulations Assessment which was prepared in conjunction with and with regard to Natural England comments at PreSubmission, was undertaken to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan does not adversely affect the integrity of the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area. It should be noted that notwithstanding that the housing capacities and sketches set out above are indicative only, there is potential for three of the sites that physically adjoin

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				<p>i.e. land at Longwood (Site i), land at 4 Western Lane (Site ii) and land at Dunleys Hill (Site v), to deliver more than 50 dwellings in total. Given that these sites are located within the 5km to 7km zone from the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area and that these sites in combination could deliver 50 dwellings in total there will be a requirement for a partial Strategic Access Management and Monitoring (SAMM) financial contribution to be paid towards mitigation and avoidance of impacts on the TBHSPA. The contribution will be paid by the developer towards monitoring in the event that all three of the sites come forward and in combination would deliver 50+ new dwellings. In the event that the 50 dwelling total is not breached then a SAMM contribution is not likely to be required. The additional mitigation requirement for open green space is to be provided in any event in the form of public open space on land adjoining Site v (Dunleys Hill). <u>None of the sites in the plan, either on their own or in combination with adjoining sites trigger the 50 plus homes threshold above which mitigation may be required to address potential effects on the Thames Basin</u></p>

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				<u>Heaths Special Protection Area (refer to relevant paragraphs above).</u>
26	Paragraphs 3.30 and 3.31	Page 40, Para 7.111	Make matter of fact revisions as a consequence of deleting three housing sites	<p>Amend 3.30 and 3.31 as follows:</p> <p>3.30 The Hart Local Plan Policy NBE2 sets out to protect special characteristics, value or visual amenity of the District's landscapes. Through this policy development proposals will be supported if the development does not lead to the physical or visual coalescence of settlements or damage their separate identity. The previous Hart Local Plan Policy CON21 (Local Gaps) identified several Local Gaps in the District which has since been superseded by Policy NBE2 (Landscape) in the adopted Hart Local Plan. The Local Plan continues to support Neighbourhood Plans designating 'gaps' between settlements (see paragraph 235 of the Hart Local Plan). Three of the allocated housing sites in the Neighbourhood Plan are located in the Odiham/North Warnborough Gap, namely land at Western Lane (Site ii), Longwood (Site i) and Dunleys Hill (Site v). Notwithstanding the small proposed reduction of the Local Gap that would be brought about by the residential</p>

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				<p>development of these sites at Longwood and Western Lane and a part at Dunleys Hill (1 hectare of the total site area is selected for housing development and the remaining 3.48 ha will be retained as Local Gap and Public Open Space), the function of the Local Gap would not be prejudiced. As shown on the Policies Map the 1 ha site selected for housing on Dunleys Hill is confined mostly to the southern boundary on a low lying piece of land adjoining houses fronting Western Lane. One of the main vista points across the site from the south-eastern corner at the junction of Western Lane and Dunleys Hill would remain open and outside the proposed development area. This policy has the benefit to the community of preserving a very substantial proportion of the land as a local gap, creating a Public Open Space and at the same time delivering some land use for new dwellings.</p> <p>3.31 Furthermore, the entire frontage of the Dunleys Hill site, which adjoins the main spinal route through the settlements, would be kept free from development and so continue to allow the principal open views across the Gap which create the</p>

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				<p>sense of separation between the two settlements of Odiham and North Warnborough. The development site on Land at 4 Western Lane (Site ii) is surrounded by a tall dense tree screen and Land at Longwood (Site i) is concealed from view beyond. As such these two sites contribute very little to the views and openness that help reinforce, when viewed on the ground, the physical separation and gap between the two settlements. In addition, the importance to the community of securing a Public Open Space on land at Dunleys Hill which would be secured through the limited development of immediately adjoining sites, gives added weight to the selection of these sites, notwithstanding the existing Local Gap designation. Policy 3 of the Plan is intended to replace Hart District Council Saved Policy CON21 as it applied in this Parish and redefines this Local Gap accordingly.</p>
27	Paragraph 3.72	Page 40, Para 7.111	Make matter of fact revisions as a consequence of deleting three housing sites	<p>Amend 3.72 (b) as follows:</p> <p>b) Recognising that, alongside planning to accommodate new development (including by allocating seven <u>four</u> sites for approximately 119 66 new homes under</p>

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				Policy 2 in addition to the recent completion of 124 homes at Montfort Place and Oak Tree Close), it is necessary to protect green spaces that are demonstrably important to local people;
28	Paragraph 3.131 and 3.132	Page 40, Para 7.111	Make matter of fact revisions as a consequence of deleting three housing sites	<p>Para 1.131 does not need any revisions.</p> <p>Amend para 1.132 as follows:</p> <p>3.132 The land is served by a permissive footpath which is well-used by the local community both for informal recreation and to provide a short-cut towards Robert May's School. In the past the land was regularly used to hold various events such as circuses and fun fairs. Its central location between the two settlements of Odiham and North Warnborough makes it an ideal focal site to accommodate community events. It is for this reason that the community considers the land would be an ideal location for a public open space to serve as a destination for social interaction and to bring the community together. In order to deliver and secure public ownership of the land for this purpose, the Neighbourhood Plan designates a 1ha area of land to the southern side of the site for housing,</p>

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				<p>leaving the remaining 3.48 ha of the site as an open space to be transferred to community ownership under Policy 2 (v) of this Neighbourhood Plan. This would be in addition to the Local Gap designation of the 3.48 ha site under Policy 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
29	Paragraph 3.73	40	Make matter of fact revisions as a consequence of deleting two Local Green Spaces	<p>Amend as follows: This policy designates 45 <u>13</u> Local Green Spaces...</p>