



Escrick

Neighbourhood
Development Plan

Basic Conditions Statement

September 2021

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1. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This statement has been prepared on behalf of Escrick Parish Council to accompany its submission to the local planning authority, Selby District Council (CDC) of the Escrick Neighbourhood Development Plan (“the Neighbourhood Plan”) under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”).

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Escrick Parish Council, a qualifying body, for the Neighbourhood Area covering the parish of Escrick as designated by SDC on November 2017.

The policies described in the Neighbourhood Plan relate to the development and use of land in the designated Neighbourhood Area only. The plan period of the Neighbourhood Plan extends until the end of 2035 and it does not contain policies relating to excluded development in accordance with the Regulations.

This statement addresses each of the five ‘basic conditions’ required by the Regulations and explains how the Neighbourhood Plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act.

The Regulations state that a Neighbourhood Plan will be considered to have met the basic conditions if:

- Having regard to national policies and advice contained in the 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 is compatible with European Union (EU) and European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) obligations;
- The making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.¹

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On 28 December 2018, the Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018 came into force. Amongst other things, these Regulations amended the basic condition prescribed in Regulation 32 and Schedule 2 (Habitats) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) which stated:

- The making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site either alone or in combination with other plans or project.

2. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

In 2017 the Escrick Neighbourhood Plan (ENP) area was formally designated by SDC. In 2018 Escrick Parish council started work on the ENP. The purpose of producing a NDP is to help positively shape and influence new development and to support the aims of the local community.

A Neighbourhood Plan project group was formed which includes residents and local councillors. A series of engagement and consultation events and activities were undertaken in 2018 and 2021 to help inform the scope and content of the Plan. The ENP has been produced working closely with officers at SDC with several drafts of the document being shared with SDC for comment before pre-submission consultation to ensure the Plan and its content are considered appropriate. Where required amendments were made in response to comments received and additional pieces of evidence gathering were undertaken.

The key engagement and consultation stages were:

- Public surveys
- Public drop-in events
- Sharing of drafts with SDC
- SEA & HRA screening opinions undertaken by SDC
- Regulation 14 Consultation

Following a series of amendments the Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan was produced during 2021 and a Regulation 14 consultation undertaken from Monday 7th June until Sunday 18th July 2021. Responses received from pre-submission consultation have been considered, and amendments were made to the policies, evidence and supporting text in the Neighbourhood Plan and Design Code.

It is now considered suitable to be submitted to SDC, the Local Planning Authority, for further publicity and independent examination.

3. REGARD TO NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared with regard to national planning policies as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) of February 2019 and to guidance subsequently issued by the Secretary of State. It is also mindful of the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG), updated by the government in October 2019 in respect of preparing Neighbourhood Plans.

Table 1 below, is a summary of how each Escrick Neighbourhood Plan policy has regard to the policies of the NPPF. The paragraphs referred to in the table are those considered the most relevant and appropriate to each policy but are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all possible relevant paragraphs.

Table 1 - Neighbourhood Plan Policies' regard to NPPF Policies

NDP Policy	NPPF Paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
CF1 Community facilities	84, 85, 93	<p>Policy CF1 seeks to retain and or enhance existing community facilities and promote the creation of new facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • para 84 (d) the retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship. • para 85 (retaining and developing accessible local services and community facilities in rural areas) and; • para 93 C) (guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs;
CF2 Local Green Spaces	101, 102	<p>The designation of sites as local green spaces is in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • para 101 - The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them • para 102 - The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is: a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

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NDP Policy	NPPF Paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
H1 Allocation Housing numbers	60, 61, 62,	<p>This policy supports housing development in line with the Tier 2 village status of Escrick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This aligns with NPPF paras 60, 61, 62 by referring to SDC policies which propose the amount of housing to be allocated in Escrick.
H2 Sustainable design and construction	154, 155	<p>Policy HN1 encourages new development to be of sustainable design and construction, aiming for low-carbon, is in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> para 154 (New development should be planned for in ways that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> avoid increased vulnerability to the range of impacts arising from climate change. When new development is brought forward in areas which are vulnerable, care should be taken to ensure that risks can be managed through suitable adaptation measures, including through the planning of green infrastructure; and can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as through its location, orientation and design. Any local requirements for the sustainability of buildings should reflect the Government's policy for national technical standards.) para 155 (To help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy and heat)
H3 Housing mix	62	<p>Policy HN2 sets out the expected mix of new housing in Escrick</p> <p>Para 62 'Within this context, the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies'</p>
H4 Home working	82	<p>Policy HN4 encourages new housing development to include space to facilitate homeworking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> para 82 (Planning policies should: d) be flexible enough to accommodate needs not anticipated in the plan, allow for new and flexible working practices (such as live-work accommodation), and to enable a rapid response to changes in economic circumstances)

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NDP Policy	NPPF Paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
H5 Siting, scale and density of development	20, 106, 125	<p>This policy sets out appropriate requirements for development and is in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para 20 'Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and design quality of places' • Para 106 'Supporting sustainable transport, and walking and cycling' • Para 125 'Area based character assessments'.
H6 Design	124, 125, 128, 127, 129, 130	<p>The setting out of key design principles in policy H6 in relation to new development is in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • para 124 (achieving appropriate densities d) the desirability of maintaining an area's prevailing character and setting (including residential gardens), or of promoting regeneration and change; and e) the importance of securing well-designed, attractive and healthy places.) • para 125 (design guides and codes) • para 127 (re clear design vision and expectations and grounded in an understanding and evaluation of each area's defining characteristics. Neighbourhood Plans can play an important role in identifying special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development) • para 128 (re To provide maximum clarity about design expectations at an early stage, plans or supplementary planning documents should use visual tools such as design guides and codes) • para 129 (. Design guides and codes can be prepared at an area-wide, neighbourhood or sitespecific scale) • para 130 Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments: (re b) are visually attractive as a result of good architecture, layout and appropriate and effective landscaping; c) are sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting, while not preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation or change (such as increased densities); d) establish or maintain a strong sense of place, using the arrangement of streets, spaces, building types and materials to create attractive, welcoming and distinctive places to live, work and visit; f) create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible and which promote health and well-being, with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience. • para 130 (re Permission should be refused for development of poor design that fails to take the opportunities available for improving the character and quality of an area and the way it functions, taking into account any local design standards or style guides in plans or supplementary planning documents. Conversely, where the design of a development accords with clear expectations in plan policies, design should not be used by the decision-maker as a valid reason to object to development).

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NDP Policy	NPPF Paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
H7 Infill, backland, replacement dwellings	119	<p>Policy H7 seeks to ensure that proposals for infill, backland and replacement homes are done in a way that does not negatively impact the residential amenity of the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning policies and decisions should promote an effective use of land in meeting the need for homes and other uses, while safeguarding and improving the environment and ensuring safe and healthy living conditions.
ED1 Small business development	81, 82, 83, 84, 85	<p>ED1 supports appropriate business development in the Parish, this aligns with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para 81 'Planning policies and decisions should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt'. • Para 82 'set out a clear economic vision and strategy which positively and proactively encourages sustainable economic growth'. • Para 83 'recognise and address the specific locational requirements of different sectors'. • Para 84 'a) the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings; b) the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses; c) sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments which respect the character of the countryside; and d) the retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship. • Para 85 'Planning policies and decisions should recognise that sites to meet local business and community needs in rural areas may have to be found adjacent to or beyond existing settlements, and in locations that are not well served by public transport. In these circumstances it will be important to ensure that development is sensitive to its surroundings, does not have an unacceptable impact on local roads and exploits any opportunities to make a location more sustainable (for example by improving the scope for access on foot, by cycling or by public transport). The use of previously developed land, and sites that are physically well-related to existing settlements, should be encouraged where suitable opportunities exist.

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NDP Policy	NPPF Paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
ED2 Village amenities	93	ED2 seeks to retain and enhance village amenities in line with para: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para 93 a) a) plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments; • b) take into account and support the delivery of local strategies to improve health, social and cultural well-being for all sections of the community;
ED3 Reuse of redundant buildings	84	ED3 supports the reuse of redundant buildings which is in line with: Para 84 'a) the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings;
ED4 Agriculture	84	ED4 supports agricultural diversification which is in line with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para 84 b) 'the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses;
ED5 Digital connectivity	114	The policy supporting the development of enhanced broadband and promoting its provision in new development is in line with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • para 114 (policies supporting the expansion of electronic communications networks; policies prioritizing full fibre connections to new developments).
ED6 Business expansion	84	ED6 supports business expansion which is in line with: Para 84 'a) the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings;

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NDP Policy	NPPF Paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
MT1 Traffic flow along A19	104	<p>MT1 seeks to ensure that development will not cause additional undue impacts on the highway network which is in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para 104 'Transport issues should be considered from the earliest stages of plan-making and development proposals, so that: • a) the potential impacts of development on transport networks can be addressed; • b) opportunities from existing or proposed transport infrastructure, and changing transport technology and usage, are realised – for example in relation to the scale, location or density of development that can be accommodated; • c) opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport use are identified and pursued; • d) the environmental impacts of traffic and transport infrastructure can be identified, assessed and taken into account – including appropriate opportunities for avoiding and mitigating any adverse effects, and for net environmental gains; and • e) patterns of movement, streets, parking and other transport considerations are integral to the design of schemes, and contribute to making high quality places.
MT2 Car parking	107	<p>MT2 sets expectations for local car parking which is in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para 107 - local parking standards
MT3 Pedestrian and cycle connections	112	<p>MT3 encourages safe and convenient pedestrian and cycle connections which is in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para 112 a) 'give priority first to pedestrian and cycle movements, both within the scheme and with neighbouring areas'
MT4 Village bus infrastructure	112	<p>MT4 encourages improvements to local public transport infrastructure which is in line with: Para 112 a) 'to facilitating access to high quality public transport, with layouts that maximise the catchment area for bus or other public transport services, and appropriate facilities that encourage public transport use;</p>

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NE1 Green infrastructure	175, 179	<p>This policy encourages new development to include provision of green infrastructure and have regard to, and enhance, existing identified green infrastructure sites, is in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • para 175 (taking a strategic approach to maintaining and enhancing networks of habitats and green infrastructure); • para 179 (a) Identify, map and safeguard components of local wildlife-rich habitats and wider ecological networks)
NE2 Green space connectivity	175	<p>This policy encourages new development to include provision of green infrastructure and have regard to, and enhance, existing identified green infrastructure sites, is in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • para 175 (taking a strategic approach to maintaining and enhancing networks of habitats and green infrastructure)
NE3 Accessing nature	175	<p>This policy encourages new development to include provision of green infrastructure and have regard to, and enhance, existing identified green infrastructure sites, is in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • para 175 (taking a strategic approach to maintaining and enhancing networks of habitats and green infrastructure)
BEH1 Drainage and flood prevention	153, 159	<p>This policy seeks to better manage surface water and reduce the likelihood and severity of flooding, which is in line with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para 153 'Plans should take a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change, taking into account the long-term implications for flood risk' • Para 159 'Inappropriate development in areas at risk of flooding should be avoided by directing development away from areas at highest risk (whether existing or future). Where development is necessary in such areas, the development should be made safe for its lifetime without increasing flood risk elsewhere.'

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BEH2 Respecting traditional design	190	This policy seeks to ensure that new development responds to and enhances local character, which is in line with: Para 190 ' 190. Plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment'
BEH3 Historic rural environment	190	This policy seeks to ensure that new development responds to and enhances local character, which is in line with: Para 190 ' 190. Plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment'
BEH4 Street scene	112	This policy seeks to promote pedestrian and cycle friendly streets which is in line with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para 112 ' Within this context, applications for development should: a) give priority first to pedestrian and cycle movements, both within the scheme and with neighbouring areas;

4. GENERAL CONFORMITY WITH THE STRATEGIC POLICIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The development plan for Escrick comprises the Selby Core Strategy (CS) adopted in 2013.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to ensure its general conformity with the above applicable components of the adopted development plan.

Table 2 below sets out how each Neighbourhood Plan policy is in general conformity with the development plan.

NDP Policy	Development Plan Policy	Comments on Conformity
CF1 Community facilities	SP12 (Access to Services, Community Facilities and Infrastructure) SP14A (Town Centres and Local Services)	CF1 seeks to retain and enhance community facilities which is in line with development plan policies SP12 and SP14A
CF2 Local green spaces	SP12 (Access to Services, Community Facilities and Infrastructure)	CF2 seeks to designate locally important sites as Local Green Spaces which is in line with development plan policy SP12
H1 Allocated housing numbers	SP5 The scale and distribution of housing	H1 covers the allocated housing numbers for Escrick and relates to development plan policy SP5.
H2 Sustainable design and construction	SP1 (Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development) SP15 (Sustainable Development and Climate Change) SP16 (Improving Resource Efficiency) SP17 (Low-Carbon and Renewable Energy) SP18 (Protecting and Enhancing the Environment) SP19 (Design Quality)	H2 encourages homes to be designed utilising sustainable design and construction which is in line with development plan policies, SP1, SP15, SP16, SP17, SP18, and SP19

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Table 2 - Conformity with development plan policies

NDP Policy	Development Plan Policy	Comments on Conformity
H3 Housing mix	SP4 (Management of Residential Development in Settlements) SP8 (Housing Mix) SP9 (Affordable Housing)	H3 encourages new housing development to provide a mix of house types to help meet local needs which is in line with development plan policies SP4, SP8 and SP9
H4 Homeworking		H4 encourages new homes to be designed to help support homeworking. There is no relevant policy in the Core Strategy but SDC are satisfied with this policy in the NDP
H5 Scale & Density of Residential Development	SP2 (Spatial Development Strategy) SP4 (Management of Residential Development in Settlements) SP8 (Housing Mix) SP18 (Protecting and Enhancing the Environment) SP19 (Design Quality)	H5 seeks to ensure that new development is of an appropriate scale and density relevant to the Parish. This is in line with development plan policies SP2, SP4, SP8, SP18, SP19
H6 Design	SP19 (Design Quality)	H6 sets acceptable design parameters and is in line with development plan policy SP19
H7 Infill, backland, replacement dwellings	SP2 (Spatial Development Strategy) SP4 (Management of Residential Development in Settlements) SP19 (Design Quality)	H7 seeks to managed infill, backland and replacement dwellings which is in line with development plan policies SP2, SP4 and SP19
ED1 Small business growth	SP13 (Scale and Distribution of Economic Growth)	ED1 supports small scale business growth which is in line with development plan policy SP13

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NDP Policy	Development Plan Policy	Comments on Conformity
ED2 Village amenities	SP14 (Town Centres and Local Services)	ED2 supports the retention of existing and creation of new village amenities in line with development plan policy SP14
ED3 Reuse of Redundant Buildings	SP2 (Spatial Development Strategy) SP13 (Scale and Distribution of Economic Growth)	ED3 supports the reuse of redundant buildings which is in line with development plan policies SP2 and SP13
ED4 Agriculture	SP2 (Spatial Development Strategy) SP13 (Scale and Distribution of Economic Growth)	ED4 supports agricultural diversification which is in line with development plan policies SP2 and SP13
ED5 Digital connectivity	SP12 (Access to Services, Community Facilities and Infrastructure)	ED5 encourages enhanced digital connectivity infrastructure which is in line with development plan policy SP12
ED6 Business expansion	SP2 (Spatial Development Strategy) SP13 (Scale and Distribution of Economic Growth)	ED6 supports business expansion which is in line with development plan policies SP2 and SP13
MT1 Traffic flow along A19		MT1 encourages developments that lead to a major increase in traffic movements to provide traffic safety measures. There is no relevant policy in the development plan.
MT2 Car parking	SP15 (Sustainable Development and Climate Change)	MT2 sets out acceptable parking standards for new development in Escrick and is in line with development plan policy SP15

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NDP Policy	Development Plan Policy	Comments on Conformity
MT3 Pedestrian and cycle connections	SP15 (Sustainable Development and Climate Change)	MT3 encourages new development to be well connected to existing pedestrian and cycle connections and where possible to provide new connections, which is in line with SP15.
MT4 Village bus infrastructure	SP15 (Sustainable Development and Climate Change)	MT4 encourages improvements to local bus infrastructure to enhance usability and functionality for users. This is in line with development plan policy SP15.
NE1 Green infrastructure	SP18 (Protecting and Enhancing the Environment)	NE1 seeks to protect and enhance local green infrastructure which is in line with development plan policy SP18.
NE2 Green space connectivity	SP18 (Protecting and Enhancing the Environment)	NE2 seeks to provide enhancements and connections between green spaces which is in line with development plan policy SP18.
NE3 Accessing nature	SP18 (Protecting and Enhancing the Environment)	NE3 seeks to retain and encourage new walking routes throughout the Parish connecting with green spaces, which is in line with development plan policy SP18.
BEH1 Drainage and flood prevention	SP15 (Sustainable Development & Climate Change)	BEH1 seeks to ensure development addresses concerns around surface water, flooding and drainage, which is in line with development plan policy SP15
BEH2 Respecting traditional design	SP18 (Protecting and Enhancing the Environment) SP19 (Design Quality)	BEH2 encourages development to reflect and reinforce the character of Escrick which is in line with development plan policies SP18 and SP19

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NDP Policy	Development Plan Policy	Comments on Conformity
BEH3 Historic rural environment	SP2 (Spatial Development Strategy) SP18 (Protecting and Enhancing the Environment) SP19 (Design Quality)	BEH3 encourages development to respect the historic rural nature of the parish which is in line with development plan policies SP2, SP18 and SP19
BEH4 Streets and streetscene	SP19 - Design Quality	BEH4 encourages schemes to focus on the provision of safe and convenient pedestrian and cycle movement along streets which is in line with development plan policy SP19

5. CONTRIBUTION TO ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Although a formal sustainability appraisal is not required for a Neighbourhood Plan, an informal sustainability assessment has been undertaken for the purposes of this Basic Conditions Statement to assess the Neighbourhood Plan's contribution to achieving sustainable development.

The policies included in the plan are in response to local issues raised at engagement, and seeks to achieve local aspirations for the future of Wickersley. The policies relate to the overall vision for the Neighbourhood Plan and seek to achieve the aims and objectives stated in the Neighbourhood Plan. There is an emphasis on sustainability throughout the Neighbourhood Plan such as conserving the natural and local built environment and enhancing biodiversity and the landscape, where possible.

The sustainability assessment grades each policy in the Neighbourhood Plan against benchmark criteria and covering three dimensions of sustainability, environmental, social and economic. The assessment grades the impact of each policy against the criteria. The grades are:

- Significant positive impact (++) 
- Some positive impact (+) 
- No overall impact / Not applicable (0) 
- Some negative impact (-) 
- Significant negative effects (--)
- Uncertain of the impact / effects (?) 

The sustainability assessment on the next page summarises:

- The impact/contribution of policies as a whole in relation to the twelve individual benchmark criteria;
- The impact/contribution of policies on sustainability/benchmark criteria as a whole.

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Table 3. Sustainability Assessment

Benchmark Criterion	Escrick NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICY NUMBERS																										Impact on benchmark
	CF1	CF 2	H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6	H7	ED1	ED 2	ED 3	ED 4	ED 5	ED 6	MT 1	MT 2	MT 3	MT 4	NE1	NE 2	NE 3	BE H1	BE H2	BE H3	BE H4	
Biodiversity	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0
Landscape	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0
Heritage	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0
Natural Resources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0
Open Spaces	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+
Community	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+
Housing type & quality	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
Safety / Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Social Inclusion	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Jobs / Skills	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+
Summary impact of policy	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	

6. COMPATIBILITY WITH EU OBLIGATIONS AND LEGISLATION

The Neighbourhood Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act.

An SEA - HRA screening report was produced by Selby District Council in June 2021 and was shared with statutory consultees (Historic England, Environment Agency, and Natural England). The report concludes that:

As a result of the assessment above and the responses received from the consultees, it is unlikely there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the plan. The plan is in conformity with the Core Strategy (2013) which has been subject to a full Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating an SEA, finding no negative significant effects. Due to the nature of the plan, no sites are being allocated and the policies will have no significant effects and as such, the plan does not require a full SEA to be undertaken.

A full HRA of the plan is not required as it does not contain any specific development allocations or policies or proposals that would significantly affect any European site alone or in conjunction with other projects or plans.

The full report can be read <https://www.selby.gov.uk/escrick-neighbourhood-development-plan>

7. CONCLUSIONS

This Escrick Neighbourhood Development Plan Basic Conditions Statement addresses each of the four basic conditions required by the Regulations and demonstrates that the Neighbourhood Plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.

In line with the Regulations, this Basic Conditions Statement explains how the Escrick Neighbourhood Plan:-

- Has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- Is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for Selby;
- Contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- Does not breach and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations.
- Does not include policies which relate to excluded development
- Only covers the Escrick Neighbourhood Plan Area, which does not currently have an adopted Neighbourhood Plan in place

It is therefore respectfully suggested that the Escrick Neighbourhood Plan complies with Paragraph 8(1) (a) of Schedule 4B of the Act and subject to Examination, can proceed to a Referendum.