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### i. Introduction

- 1.1 Harborough District Council has been asked by Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan Group to undertake this screening report for Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- 1.2 This screening report is used to determine whether or not the content of The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan (KNP) requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.
- 1.3 The purpose of The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan is to reflect the desires of the community and consider through theme groups issues such as:
  - Housing and the Built Environment
  - Employment and Retail
  - Community and Leisure Facilities
  - Transport and Access
  - Environment
- 1.4 The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan seeks to:
  - Refine and clarify how Harborough District Council's planning policies should be applied to development proposals that affect the Parishes of Kibworth Beauchamp and Kibworth Harcourt;
  - Set out specific development proposals for certain defined areas within the Parish;
  - Document a number of aspirations that are intended to help determine the suitability of possible future development proposals;
  - Establish local design principles for new development;
  - Protect specific important local buildings and services;
  - Safeguard important environmental areas within the two Parishes.
- 1.5 The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan specifically considers the following:

**POLICY SD 1: PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** – When considering development proposals, the Plan will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in national and District-wide plans and policies.

**POLICY SD 2: GENERAL POLICY PRINCIPLE** - Where there are no policies in this Plan relevant to a planning application or development proposal, the provisions of relevant national and District-wide plans and policies apply.

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**POLICY SD3: LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT** – Development proposals within the Plan area on sites within the Limits to Development, or in terms of new sporting facilities close or adjacent to the Limits to Development as identified in Figure 2, will be supported where it complies with the policies of this Neighbourhood Plan, subject to design and amenity considerations.

**POLICY CSA1: Pre-School Provision** - An increase in the number of pre-school places in appropriate quality accommodation which would meet the government target of 30 hours per child per week is supported subject to the accommodation:

- a) Being safely accessible by pedestrians;
- b) Being within walking distance of all residents of the Plan area; and
- c) Including outdoor space for children to play, learn and develop.

**POLICY CSA2: SCHOOLS** – Proposals for the expansion of existing schools in the Parish will be supported where it can be demonstrated that:

- a) Expansion would not exacerbate existing access related or traffic circulation problems, or that suitable mitigation measures are brought forward as part of the proposal;
- b) There is no loss of land already used for recreation at the school; and
- c) The development would not result in a significant loss of amenity to local residents or other adjacent users.

Proposals for a new school will be supported where it can be demonstrated that the development:

- a) Would be safely accessible by pedestrians and cyclists and is well related to bus routes and/or there is adequate provision for waiting school buses to park;
- b) Has appropriate vehicular access and does not adversely impact upon traffic circulation; and
- c) Would not result in a significant loss of open space, amenity to local residents or other adjacent uses; and
- d) In relation to the Primary School, the open space adjacent to the Warwick Road Recreation Ground will be retained for community use.

**Community Action CSA1: Adult Education** - The Parish Councils together with the Kibworth Community Library management group will explore ways of providing education for employment and training in the library facility.

**POLICY CSA3: CLUBS AND GROUPS** - The provision of a multi-functional amenities centre for social and leisure groups including scouts/guides will be supported where that development:

- a) Is within the Limits to Development;
- c) Meets the design requirements in Policy H7;

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- d) Has the capacity to accommodate scout/guide groups and their storage requirements;
- e) Will not result in unacceptable traffic movements, noise, fumes, smell or other disturbance to residential properties;
- f) Will not generate a need for parking that cannot be adequately catered for; and
- b) Is of a scale appropriate to the needs of the locality and is accessible for residents wishing to walk or cycle.

**POLICY CSA 4: SPORTING FACILITIES** - The provision of new and/or improved sporting facilities which are centrally placed and accessible to all age groups and disabilities will be supported subject to the facility:

- a) Being close or adjacent to the Limits to Development;
- b) Meeting the design requirements in Policy H7;
- c) Not resulting in unacceptable traffic movements, noise, fumes, smell or other disturbance to residential properties;
- d) Not generating a need for parking that cannot be adequately catered for;
- e) Being of a scale appropriate to the needs of the locality and is accessible for residents wishing to walk or cycle.
- f) Providing sporting amenities which are open to all residents on a non-subscription basis.

**COMMUNITY ACTION CSA 2:** Sporting facilities - The parish councils in collaboration with the Joint Recreation Committee will identify centrally placed park and green spaces for the development of community tennis courts, ball sports (rugby/football) and will explore ways in which funding can be sought to fund these amenities.

**POLICY CSA 5: HEALTH AND WELLBEING** - Proposals for additional GP premises that increase the accessibility of health care for residents living North West of the Plan area will be supported providing that the development:

- a) Meets the requirements contained within this Neighbourhood Plan, including the Design policy in H7;
- b) Will not result in unacceptable traffic movements, noise, fumes, smell or other disturbance to residential properties; and
- c) Will not generate a need for parking that cannot be adequately catered for.

**POLICY CSA6: PARKS AND GREEN SPACES –**

a) Proposals will not be supported that result in the loss of formal parks, except where:

- a replacement of an equivalent typology is provided, as defined by the most recent Open Space, Sport and Recreational Facilities Study, in an appropriate location serving the local community; or

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- it is demonstrated that there is a surplus of recreational land, facilities or open space of the same typology exceeding the needs of the local community; or
  - the development of a small part of a larger site in recreational use would result in the enhancement of recreational facilities on the remainder of the site, or on a nearby site serving the same community.
- b) The provision of new formal parks will be supported, especially those including provision of child and 12-16 year old activity.

**Community Action CSA3: Parks and Green Spaces** - The Parish Councils will identify space within parks and green spaces for the provision of public tennis courts and enhanced child play facilities and space for 12-16 year old activities and will explore ways in which funding can be sought to upgrade the current skateboard park and develop tennis courts and child play areas.

**Community Action CSA 4: Kibworth Community Library** -

- a) Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council will continue to support the library management committee in providing accessible and viable library services including access to IT, learning for education and training.
- b) The library management committee will facilitate enhancements of the library building and services and provide support and training for volunteers.
- c) The Neighbourhood Plan encourages and supports the recruitment of volunteers to enable the provision of enhanced library services.

**POLICY CSA 7: IMPORTANT COMMUNITY FACILITIES** - The

retention, provision and enhancement of a range of community services and facilities is a priority. Development proposals that result in the loss of, or have a significant adverse effect on, a community service or facility will not be supported, unless the service or facility is replaced by an equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in an equally suitable location or it can be demonstrated to the Parish Councils that the service or facility is not viable or is no longer required by the community.

**POLICY H1: HOUSING PROVISION** - Having regard to the high

number of dwellings already constructed and existing sites with planning permission between 2011 and 2016, the Kibworths has exceeded its housing requirement over the Plan period. Therefore until such a time as there is an increase in housing need across the Harborough District or unless there is a failure to deliver the existing commitments, further housing development in the Parish will be restricted to Windfall development in line with Policy H2.

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**POLICY H2: WINDFALL SITES** – Development proposals for small infill and redevelopment sites for new housing within the defined Limits to Development as shown in Figure 2 will be sympathetically considered where they are in accordance with relevant policies in the Plan, especially S4 and relevant national and District wide policies.

Small scale development proposals for infill and redevelopment sites will be supported where:

- a. It is within the Limits to Development;
- b. It helps to meet the identified housing requirement for the Plan area in terms of housing mix;
- c. It respects the shape and form of the Plan area in order to maintain its distinctive character and enhance it where possible;
- d. It is of an appropriate scale which reflects the size, character and level of service provision within the Plan area;
- e. It retains existing important natural boundaries such as trees, hedges and streams;
- f. It provides for a safe vehicular and pedestrian access to the site and any traffic generation and parking impact created does not result in an unacceptable direct or cumulative impact on congestion or road and pedestrian safety;
- g. It does not result in an unacceptable loss of amenity for neighbouring occupiers by reason of loss of privacy, loss of daylight, visual intrusion or noise; and
- h. It does not reduce garden space to an extent where it adversely impacts on the character of the area, or the amenity of neighbours and the occupiers of the dwelling.

**POLICY H3: AFFORDABLE HOUSING** - Development proposals for new housing where there is a net gain of ten or more dwellings should provide at least 40% affordable housing in accordance with district wide planning policies that are suitable to meet the current and future housing needs of the Kibworths.

Development proposals that make affordable housing available for local people through starter homes and shared ownership will be particularly welcome.

Priority will be given to local people who:

- a. Presently reside in the Plan Area
- b. Had to move away because of the lack of affordable housing
- c. Have a need to move to the Plan Area to provide or receive significant amounts of care and support, or
- d. Have a close family member who is lawfully or ordinarily resident within the Plan Area

In the event that no-one meeting the above criteria comes forward within a period of six weeks, the residence criteria can be extended to people living across the District

Developments should be ‘tenure blind’, where affordable housing is indistinguishable from market dwellings and are spread throughout the development.

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**POLICY H4: PROMOTING SELF-BUILD** – Development proposals for self-build or custom build schemes will be viewed positively. Individuals who wish to purchase a self-build plot should demonstrate that they:

- a) have a local connection (definition as per Policy H3); and
- b) intend to live in the property once it is complete.

Plots may be sold to individuals without a local connection if a lack of local need has been demonstrated.

**POLICY H5: HOUSING MIX** – In order to meet the future needs of the residents of the Plan area, new housing development proposals should provide a mixture of housing types specifically to meet identified local needs in the Kibworths. Priority should be given to dwellings of 3 bedrooms or fewer and to homes for older people

**POLICY H6: BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES OF HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST** - Development proposals that affect a Listed Building or any other nationally designated heritage asset or its setting will be required to conserve and enhance the character, integrity and setting of that building or structure in accordance with national and district wide planning policies.

**POLICY H7: Building Design Principles** - All new development proposals of one or more houses, replacement dwellings and extensions will need to satisfy the following building design principles:

- a) Design principles that apply to the Conservation Area should be applied where development is adjacent to the Conservation Area to help ensure a controlled transition between the Conservation Area and new development outside the Conservation Area;
- b) Innovative and inventive designs with varied house types, building widths, styles, details, facing and roofing materials reflecting a varied street scene will be supported. No more than 5% of any development should be three storey houses which should be spread throughout the development;
- c) The character, scale, mass, density and layout of the development must fit with the surrounding area, including external roof and wall materials, and there must be no disruption to the visual amenity of the street scene or wider landscape views;
- d) Where appropriate, the provision of village greens and squares will be supported;
- e) Appropriate off-road parking will be required. Car parking courts will not be supported unless serving flatted development;
- f) Homes of different tenures must be fully integrated into the development ('tenure blind');
- g) Schemes, where appropriate, should contain a fully worked up landscape proposal. Hedges and native trees must be retained. Plot enclosures should, where possible, be native hedging, wooden

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- fencing or stone/brick wall of local design. Enhancements are to be made to the biodiversity of the scheme;
- h) Security lighting must be appropriate, unobtrusive and energy efficient;
  - i) Developments, where appropriate, should incorporate sustainable design and construction techniques to meet high standards for energy and water efficiency;
  - j) Renewable and low carbon energy technology including solar street lighting will be supported;
  - k) Sustainable drainage schemes with clearly funded maintenance regimes will be required. The use of sustainable drainage systems and permeable surfaces should be used in preference to hard surfaces to reduce run off;
  - l) Proposals should demonstrate how the requirements and objectives of Building for Life 12 have been taken into account;
  - m) Development should be at a similar or lower density to the surrounding area;
  - n) The spaces and sunlight standards identified in the narrative above are to be incorporated into developments of 5 or more.

**POLICY H8: RESIDENTIAL CAR PARKING** - Development proposals that result in the loss of, or have an adverse effect on, car parking provision will not be supported unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the loss of parking will not have an adverse impact on existing parking issues in the nearby area.

At least two off-street car parking spaces are to be provided within the curtilage for each new dwelling developed within the Kibworths. Four such spaces should be provided for four-bedroom properties or larger. Each off-street car parking space should measure 6m x 3m. This should extend to 7.5m in length where the car parking space is in front of the front door, and spaces for disabled people should be 6m x 3.8m.

Garage sizes smaller than those minimum sizes scheduled below will not be classed as off road parking as they are too small to allow drivers to exit their cars once parked in the garage:

- a) Single garages, (6m x 3m, with a minimum door width of 2.3m);
- b) double garages (6m x 6m with a minimum door width of 4.2m); and
- c) garages for people with disabilities (6m x 3.3m with a minimum door width of 2.8m).

Set-back distances will vary according to garage door type. For Roller shutter, sliding or inward opening doors it should be 5.5m; for 'up and over' doors it should be 6.1m and for hinged, outward opening doors it should be 6.5m.

**POLICY H9: REFUSE STORAGE** - new homes are to be designed so that they can accommodate storage containers compliant with the collection system. This currently comprises 3 wheelie bins which

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occupy a space 0.75 x 1.8m. This hardstanding must be separate but can be adjacent to private car parking spaces.

In the case of terraced housing, paths or private/shared passageways must be provided at ground floor level between the houses to allow free and easy movement of refuse bins.

**POLICY H10: EXTERNAL STORAGE** – External storage is to be provided as part of the main structure of the home or garage or brick built boundary wall and to be of a size reflecting the size of the household. – 3 sq m for 2 person households; 3.5 sq m for 3 person households; 4.0 sq m for 4/5/6 person households and 4.5 sq m for 7+ person households.

**POLICY H11: NORTH EAST KIBWORTH SDA** - The Neighbourhood Plan requires that should the north east Kibworth SDA be approved, it must be subject to all relevant policies and provisions within the Neighbourhood Plan and also that:

- a) The proposed relief road be opened to traffic in advance of any new housing being constructed;
- b) Important areas of wildlife and bio-diversity should be retained;
- c) Adequate protection in terms of the Kibworth Harcourt Conservation Area and landscape character be retained;
- d) A green buffer shall be maintained between the new development and existing dwellings within Kibworth Harcourt; and
- e) A mix of housing types and sizes to meet the current and future needs of people in the Parish and the wider area are to be provided.

### **POLICY ENV 1: PROTECTION OF LOCAL GREEN SPACES** -

Within the areas of Local Green Space identified on the Proposals Map and in Figure 7 below, development is ruled out, other than in very special circumstances.

Langton Field (001)

Kibworth storm water retention basin (031)

Banner (005)

Harcourt Field (003)

Church Road east woodland, allotments and pond (096)

Tin Bridge paddock (030)

First (Delcus) (034)

Kibworth Harcourt fishponds (071)

### **POLICY ENV 2: PROTECTION OF OTHER SITES OF HIGH (NATURAL AND HISTORICAL) ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE**

– The protection and enhancement of the identified significant features of sites shown on the Proposals Map and in Figure 8 below as “Other sites of high environmental and community significance” and detailed in the Environmental Inventory (available on the Parish website) will be supported.”

‘Football field’ (058) and adjacent parcel (059)

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Mill Field woods (090 and 091)  
General Jack's chestnut (004)  
Kibworth Beauchamp (Smeeton Road) recreation ground (033)  
Thistles/Cow Pasture (fields) (066)  
Great Close (006)  
Fairway Birdie Close (fields to the east) (079)  
Second Delcus (035)  
Kibworth Cricket Club ground (036)  
Mill Hill (078)  
Fairview (057)

### **POLICY ENV 3: IMPORTANT TREES AND WOODLAND**

- a) Development proposals that damage or result in the loss of woodland and trees of arboricultural and ecological significance and amenity value will be resisted. Proposals should be designed to retain such trees where possible. Trees unavoidably destroyed should be replaced on a two-for-one basis using semi mature trees planted in accordance with current standards.
- b) New developments should include a contribution to Green Infrastructure, the characteristic wooded appearance of the villages, and the principle of 'allowing space for trees' in the form of new planting, including street trees, spinneys and individual trees, at a scale appropriate to the size of the development, and on land allocated for the purpose.

### **COMMUNITY ACTION ENV 1: – TREES, WOODLAND CONSERVATION and HABITAT CREATION**

- a) The identified scarcity of woodland in the Plan Area will be addressed. The Parish Councils and the community (volunteer organisations and landowners) will endeavour to secure land for planting with and subsequent management of new woodland. The Parish Councils will aspire to achieving the Woodland Access Standards recommended by the Woodland Trust.
- b) An area of a suitable Public Open Space will be adopted for creation and management of a community orchard in collaboration with the landowner and an appropriate advisory organisation and source of stock, e.g. Harborough Grafters & Growers.
- c) The Parish Councils will continue to identify and monitor woodland and trees of value, as above, for recommendation to the Planning Authority for Tree Preservation Orders.
- d) An agreed proportion of the area of suitable Public Open Spaces will be designated for new woodland planting and management.

### **POLICY ENV 4: BIODIVERSITY**

- a. Development proposals will be expected to protect local habitats and species, especially those identified as candidate (cLWS), proposed (pLWS) or validated Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), or those

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covered by relevant English and European legislation, and, where possible, to create new habitats for wildlife.

- b. The Plan will designate a wildlife corridor (see map) along the course of the Burton Brook

### **COMMUNITY ACTION ENV 2: BIODIVERSITY**

- a. The Parish Councils in conjunction with other bodies will prepare and keep updated an environmental inventory list of known sites of biodiversity interest;
- b. The Parish Councils will actively seek to work with community groups\*, landowners and other organisations to enhance the biodiversity of the proposed wildlife corridor.
- c. The Parish Councils will actively seek to work with community groups, landowners and other organisations to enhance the biodiversity of the Plan Area by habitat enhancement and/or creation on suitable parcels of land.

**POLICY ENV 5: RIDGE AND FURROW FIELDS** - The surviving areas of Ridge and Furrow fields are non-designated heritage assets and any harm arising from a development proposal will need to be balanced against their significance as heritage assets.

### **POLICY ENV 6: IMPORTANT HEDGES**

- a. Development proposals that damage or result in the loss of identified hedges of historical and ecological significance and amenity value will be resisted. Proposals should be designed to retain and manage such hedges where possible.
- b. New development proposals should incorporate existing hedgerows, wherever possible, as components of the landscaping, for example as parts of 'green ways'.

### **COMMUNITY ACTION ENV 3: HEDGEROWS –**

- a. The Parish Councils will work with landowners, farmers, funding bodies and the community to survey, monitor, protect, enhance and manage hedgerow field boundaries, roadside hedgerows and others for the benefit of biodiversity, as valued landscape features and as a contribution to the Plan Area's Green Infrastructure.
- b. A survey will be conducted by community members to identify hedgerows of high biodiversity and historical significance to enable the best surviving examples to be proposed for listing as Non-designated Heritage Assets.

### **POLICY ENV 7: PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT VIEWS -**

Development that impacts on the identified locally important and valued views and skylines will be strongly resisted except in exceptional circumstances.

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### **COMMUNITY ACTION ENV 4: Open Space, Sport & Recreation sites**

The Parish Councils will support the community's wish for more OSSR sites in typologies identified as being underprovided (parks and gardens; facilities for young people) by working with developers, landowners and the Local Authority to create and maintain new ones.

**POLICY ENV 8: FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS** - Development proposals that result in the loss of, or have a significant adverse effect on, the existing network of footpaths and bridleways will not be supported. New footpath links will be supported.

### **COMMUNITY ACTION ENV 5: Footpaths and bridleways**

- a) The Parish Councils will monitor the condition of the existing network of footpaths and bridleways, and work with the responsible Local Authority departments and with the community and landowners to ensure that the network is maintained in a safe, useable condition.
- b) The Parish Councils will actively seek to work with landowners, Leicestershire County Council, the Canal & River Trust and other bodies to achieve enhancements to the present network of walking routes in the Plan Area (list above, map below)

**POLICY ENV 9: AREA OF SEPARATION** - To retain the highly valued physical and visual separation between Kibworth Beauchamp and Smeeton Westerby, the area of open land highlighted in Figure 15 (below) will be designated as an Area of Separation. Development that impacts on the area shown in the map, figure 15 below, should be located and designed to maintain and wherever possible enhance the separation of the villages.

**POLICY ENV 10: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** - Development proposals that are compliant with the aims of a low carbon economy, and contribute to mitigating and adapting to climate change including sustainable design, energy generation, drainage and construction techniques and practices will be viewed positively. In particular, the development (whether in isolation or in combination with existing developments) should:

- a. not have an adverse impact (such as noise, visual impact, reflections, shadow flicker, water pollution, smell, air quality, gaseous or particulate emissions) on the health, wellbeing or amenities of local residents and visitors;
- b. not have an adverse impact on the area in relation to views or the character of the surrounding landscape; and
- c. be an appropriate scale for the size, character and level of other facilities, the built environment and services in the Plan Area.

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d. where practicable, incorporate designed-in features to enhance biodiversity in the built environment, including (but not limited to) provision for swifts, hirundines, other birds, bats, and hedgehogs.

### **POLICY ENV 11: WATERCOURSES AND FLOODING:** No

development will be permitted within Environment Agency Flood Risk Zone 3 (Map A, next page) or the areas identified as at 'high risk' from flooding by surface water (Map B) without applying the sequential and exception test identified in paragraph 100 of the NPPF and without appropriate mitigation measures being implemented.

Every development proposal in the Plan Area will be required to demonstrate that:

- a) Its location takes geology, hydrology and flood risk into account;
- b) Its design includes, as appropriate, sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), surface water management measures and permeable surfaces; and
- c) It does not increase the risk of flooding downstream.

### **COMMUNITY ACTION ENV 6:** The Parish Councils will work with landowners, developers, appropriate agencies and organisations:

- a. to improve the current infrastructure in the Plan Area with measures for managing and mitigating river, run-off and surface water flooding;
- b. to use all appropriate strategies and works to reduce the rates of run-off and stream flow through the settlements and other areas of built infrastructure, including but not exclusively the 're-wilding' of water courses, natural dams and tree-planting in the catchment area.

### **POLICY ENV 12: MANAGEMENT OF TOPSOIL –** Development

proposals in the Plan Area will be required to use current sustainability best practice in managing soils during the construction process to prevent pollution and unnecessary compaction and in dealing with surplus topsoil, including, where possible a) re-use of topsoil removed from construction sites for landscaping elsewhere in the development and b) minimising offsite transport and disposal.

Topsoil that cannot be used on-site should be made available for sustainable uses within the Plan area, including re-use by residents on land in public ownership or of community value or benefit.

### **POLICY ENV 13: GRAND UNION CANAL IN KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP**

- Development proposals potentially affecting the biodiversity, historic heritage or setting of the canal will be required to protect or enhance those features. Developers will be encouraged to support the objectives of the River Soar & Grand Union Canal Strategy and any related community initiatives.

### **COMMUNITY ACTION ENV 7: GRAND UNION CANAL IN**

**KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP** a. Measures to monitor and reduce input of pollutants, agricultural chemicals and sediment to the canal will be encouraged by the Parish Councils. b. The Parish Councils will

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actively seek to work with landowners, the Canal & River Trust, Leicestershire County Council and other bodies to achieve enhancements to the present network of footpaths connecting Kibworth to the canal towpath, to create circular walking routes. The C&RT and the parishes will collaborate on promoting these paths and other features of the canal.

c. The Parish Councils will actively seek to work with community groups, C&RT, landowners and other organisations to maintain the industrial history features of the canal.

**POLICY T1: LOCATION OF NEW HOUSING** - Subject to compliance with other Neighbourhood Plan policies, proposals for development will be supported where it can be demonstrated that:

The cumulative impact on traffic flows on the strategic and local highway network, including the roads within and leading to the village centre, will not be severe, unless appropriate mitigation measures are undertaken;

Provision is made for accessible and efficient public transport routes within the development site or the improvement of public transport facilities to serve the development;

Improvements to pedestrian and cycle routes are incorporated to serve the development, where appropriate, and to provide safe, convenient and attractive routes to shops, employment, schools and community facilities and which are integrated into wider networks;

It retains existing rights of way or provides acceptable modifications; It incorporates adequate parking and manoeuvring space within the development in accordance with the Highway Authority's standards and Neighbourhood Plan Policy H8; and

Travel packs are to be provided on developments of 6 or more dwellings to encourage sustainable forms of transport and to promote existing pedestrian and cycle routes.

**POLICY T2: ACCESS ONTO THE A6** – Proposals to improve access onto the A6 by means of the provision of roundabouts or other appropriate measures at key junctions will be supported.

**POLICY T3: PUBLIC CAR PARKING** - Planning permission will not be granted for proposals which will result in the loss of off-street car parking unless:

a) It can be clearly demonstrated that there is no longer any potential for the continued use of the land for car parking and that the loss of parking will not aggravate an existing shortfall of spaces in the vicinity; or

b) Adequate and convenient replacement car parking spaces will be provided elsewhere in the vicinity.

The Neighbourhood Plan will support proposals to establish a new public car park or extension of an existing public car park in the village at a suitable location.

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**Community action T1: Car Parking Enforcement** – the Parish Councils of Kibworth Beauchamp and Kibworth Harcourt will work with Harborough District Council and Leicestershire County Council to ensure the enforcement of on-street parking regulations. Businesses will be asked to make sure that employees avoid using on-street car parking places to the detriment of shoppers.

**POLICY T4: IMPROVEMENTS TO ROAD SAFETY** – The following proposals to address safety concerns identified by Parishioners will be supported involving the provision of:

- a) A pavement along Fleckney Road and Warwick Road linking the built-up area to the football ground; allotments and garden centre;
- b) Enhanced lighting on the footpath and ‘tin bridge’ from the Primary School to Meadowbrook Road;
- c) New cycleways and footpaths, accessible to people with disabilities, linking village facilities and amenities;
- d) Clearer demarcation of the pavement on Albert Street adjoining Main Street.

**POLICY T5: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT** - The provision of traffic management solutions to address the impacts of traffic arising from development will be strongly supported. This includes either directly provided solutions or the use of contributions from development to contribute towards the costs of provision.

**POLICY T6: AIR QUALITY** - Planning decisions should take account of the impact on air quality in the Plan area, supporting proposals which will result in the improvement of Air Quality or minimise reliance upon less sustainable forms of transport.

**Policy E1: Primary Shopping Area** - The Neighbourhood Plan designates a Primary Shopping Frontage, and in those frontages it will:

- a) support proposals for new retail (A1) development in new or existing frontages; and
- b) where permitted development rights do not apply, resist proposals for the change of use of an existing retail (A1) premises to any other use where that change of use results in either a cluster of non-retail uses or retail (A1) use no longer being predominant.

The parade of shops on Leicester Road in Kibworth Harcourt will also be protected from change of use.

**POLICY E2: SHOP FRONTAGES** – Development proposals to alter or replace existing shopfronts, create new shopfronts or to alter the frontages within the Primary Shopping Area will be supported where they:

- a. Conserve and enhance the special qualities and significance of the building and area; and

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b. Relate well to their context in terms of design, scale, material and colour.

Development proposals that remove, replace or substantially harm shop fronts or the frontages of buildings by poor or indifferent design will not be supported. 'Swan neck' external lighting or the use of internal illumination (either of the whole sign or of the lettering) will not normally be permitted.

**Policy E3: Broadband** - proposals to provide access to a super-fast broadband service for new development improvements to the mobile telecommunication network that will serve businesses and other properties within the Parish will be supported.

**Policy E4: HOME WORKING** - Proposals for the use of part of a dwelling for office and/or light industrial uses, and for small scale free standing buildings within its curtilage, extensions to the dwelling or conversion of outbuildings for those uses, will be supported where:

- a) No significant and adverse impact arises to nearby residents or other sensitive land uses from traffic generation, noise, fumes, odour or other nuisance associated with the work activity; and
- b) Any extension or free standing building shall be designed having regard to policies in this Plan and should not detract from the quality and character of the building to which they are subservient by reason of height, scale, massing, location or the facing materials used in their construction.

### **POLICY E5: FARM DIVERSIFICATION - RE-USE OF AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS**

The re-use, conversion and adaptation of rural buildings for small businesses, recreation, or tourism purposes will be supported where:

- a. The use proposed is appropriate to the rural location;
- b. The conversion/adaptation works respect the local character of the surrounding area
- c. The development will not have an adverse impact on any archaeological, architectural, historic or environmental features
- d. The local road system is capable of accommodating the traffic generated by the proposed new use and adequate parking can be accommodated within the site.
- e. There is no significant adverse impact on neighbours through noise, light pollution, increased traffic levels or increased flood risk.

1.5 The legislation set out below outlines the regulations that require the need for this screening exercise. Section 4 provides a screening assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Neighbourhood Plan and the need for a full SEA.

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### 2. Legislative Background

- 2.1 The basis for Strategic Environmental Assessments and Sustainability Appraisal legislation is [European Directive 2001/42/EC](#) and was transposed into English law by the [Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004](#), or SEA Regulations. Detailed Guidance of these regulations can be found in the Government publication '[A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive](#)' (ODPM 2005).
- 2.2 Schedule 2 of the [Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012](#) makes provision in relation to the Habitats Directive. The Directive requires that any plan or project, likely to have a significant effect on a European site, must be subject to an appropriate assessment. To achieve this, paragraph 1 prescribes a basic condition that the making of a neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site. Paragraphs 2 to 5 of the Schedule amend the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 so as to apply its provisions to neighbourhood development orders and neighbourhood plans. In particular paragraph 4 inserts new regulation 78A which provides that a neighbourhood development order may not grant planning permission for development which is likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site.
- 2.3 Schedule 3 of the [Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012](#) makes provision in relation to the [Environmental Impact Assessment \(EIA\) Directive](#). The Directive requires that EIA development must be subject to a development consent process. To enable this, Schedule 3 prescribes a basic condition that applies where development which is the subject of a proposal for a neighbourhood development order is of a type caught by the EIA Directive, and applies the relevant provisions of the [Town and Country Planning \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) Regulations 2011\(3\)](#) ("the EIA Regulations") with appropriate modifications ([regulation 33](#) and paragraphs [1 to 4 and 6 of Schedule 3](#)). Paragraphs 5 and 7 to 13 of Schedule 3 correct errors in the EIA Regulations
- 2.4 This report focuses on screening for SEA and the criteria for establishing whether a full assessment is needed in light of the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment undertaken for the Core Strategy in 2010. A copy of the SA Report can be viewed here; [Harborough District Council - Sustainability Appraisal \(SA\) and Strategic Environmental Assessment \(SEA\)](#).

### 3. Criteria for Assessing the Effects of Neighbourhood Plans (the 'plan')

- 3.1 Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects referred to in Article 3(5) of Directive 2001/42/EC are set out below:

1. The characteristics of neighbourhood plans ("plan"), having regard, in particular, to

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- the degree to which the plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources,
  - the degree to which the plan influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy,
  - the relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development,
  - environmental problems relevant to the plan,
  - the relevance of the plan for the implementation of community legislation on the environment (e.g. plans and programmes linked to waste-management or water protection).
2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to
- the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects,
  - the cumulative nature of the effects,
  - the trans boundary nature of the effects,
  - the risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents),
  - the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected),
  - the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:
    - special natural characteristics or cultural heritage,
    - exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values,
    - intensive land-use,
  - the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.

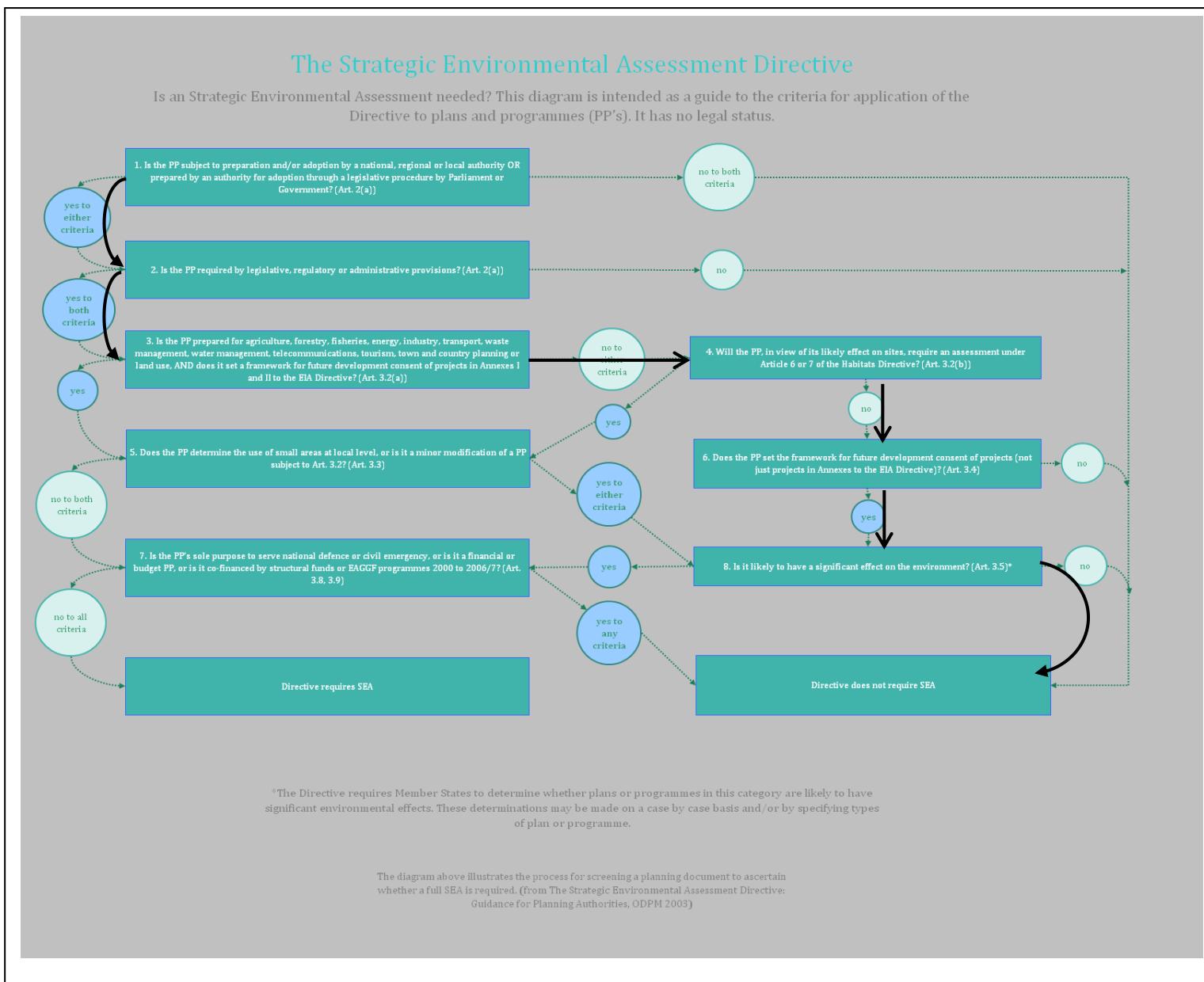
Source: Annex II of SEA Directive 2001/42/EC

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### 4. Assessment

4.1 Black arrows indicate the process route for The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan SEA Screening Assessment.



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4.2 The table below shows the assessment of whether the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) will require a full SEA. The questions below are drawn from the diagram above which sets out how the SEA Directive should be applied.

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Y/N</b>	<b>Reason</b>
1. Is the NP subject to preparation and/or adoption by a national, regional or local authority OR prepared by an authority for adoption through a legislative procedure by Parliament or Government? <a href="#">(Art. 2(a))</a>	Y	The preparation of and adoption of The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan is allowed under The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The NP has been prepared by The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan Steering group and submitted by Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council (as the 'relevant body') and will be 'made' by HDC as the local authority. The preparation of NPs is subject to the following regulations: The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, The Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016 and The Neighbourhood Planning (referendums) Regulations 2012
2. Is the NP required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? <a href="#">(Art. 2(a))</a>	Y	Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan is not a requirement and is optional under the provisions of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011, it will if 'made', form part of the Development Plan for the District. It is therefore important that the screening process considers whether it is likely to have significant effects on the natural or historic environment and hence whether SEA is required under the Directive.
3. Is the NP prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use, <b>AND</b> does it set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II (see Appendix 2) to the EIA Directive? <a href="#">(Art 3.2(a))</a>	N	Whilst the NP covers a wide range of land use issues and allocations, it does not set the framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II to the EIA Directive (see Appendix 2 for list).
4. Will the NP, in view of its likely effect on sites, require an assessment for future development under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive? <a href="#">(Art. 3.2 (b))</a>	N	<p>The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have a substantial effect on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites. A full Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report was carried out as part of the Core Strategy preparation process in 2011. The report concludes that the Harborough Core Strategy alone, or in combination with other plans, is unlikely to have an adverse impact on any of the <i>Natura 2000</i> sites within approximately 25kms of the boundary of the district.</p> <p>Of the 3 Natura 2000 sites looked at in the Screening Report, Ensor's Pool SAC is approximately 35 Km of the Neighbourhood Development Area of The Kibworths. <a href="#">Ensor's Pool</a> was found to be essentially a self contained eco system. The Habitat Regulations Assessment concluded that its vulnerabilities are very local in nature and unlikely to be</p>

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		<p>caused harm by the Harborough Core Strategy. This conclusion can be assumed applicable for The Kibworths Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>The <a href="#">River Mease SAC</a> and <a href="#">Rutland Water SPA</a> were also considered in the Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report. They lie approx. 50km and 30km respectively from The Kibworths.</p> <p>The Screening Report concluded that the Core Strategy would not lead to significant adverse effects on either area given that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the River Mease SAC is separate to any water courses in the district and does not contribute to the water supply or drainage of the district; and</li> <li>• any effects on Rutland Water SPA would be indirect and relate only to a greater number of visitors being attracted to the site from additional development in the District.</li> </ul> <p>It is considered that the NP will not affect the 3 specified Natura 2000 sites over and above the impacts identified in the Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Report carried out for the Core Strategy in 2011. Therefore, it is concluded that a full Appropriate Assessment is not deemed to be required.</p> <p>The full Habitat Regulation Assessment Screening Report for the Core Strategy can be viewed at:  <a href="#">Habitat Regulations Screening Report</a></p>
5. Does the NP determine the use of small areas at local level, OR is it a minor modification of a PP subject to <a href="#">Art. 3.2</a> ? (Art. 3.3)	Y	Determination of small sites at local level. The KNP does not seek to allocate sites for housing development.
6. Does the NP set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just projects in annexes to the EIA Directive)? <a href="#">(Art 3.4)</a>	Y	The NP is to be used for determining future planning applications
7. Is the NP's sole purpose to serve the national defence or civil emergency, OR is it a financial or budget PP, OR is it co-financed by structural funds or EAGGF programmes 2000 to 2006/7? (Art 3.8, 3.9)	N	No further comments
8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? <a href="#">(Art. 3.5)</a>	N	The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan is a relatively self contained plan and considers policies only at a local level to ensure development meets the needs of the community. It does not seek to allocate housing development sites as part of the Plan.

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		<p>The Neighbourhood Area has one site of special scientific interest, namely the Kilby to Foxton canal which runs through the west of the Neighbourhood Area. The SSSI is already protected by legislation and the Neighbourhood Plan for The Kibworths seeks to enhance this part of the Neighbourhood Area by designating a wildlife corridor (Policy ENV4). Policy ENV 13 also seeks to further protect the historic heritage and setting of the canal.</p> <p>Localised flooding is an issue in The Kibworths and the surrounding area and the NP recognises this. The Plan ensures that appropriate development only takes place in suitable locations which is not subject to flood risk (Environment Agency Flood Risk Zone 3) or areas that are recognised by the Environment Agency as high risk zones unless a sequential test has been applied and suitable mitigation measures taken will not increase the risk of flooding in the vicinity or the wider area. The Sustainability Appraisal (SA objective 6) for the Local Plan recommends that surface water run off is reduced to improve resilience to climate change.</p> <p>More locally, The Kibworth Neighbourhood Plan seeks to protect ridge and furrow fields as heritage assets and important hedges, trees and views. Policy ENV2 seeks to protect other sites of historical and natural environmental significance. These sites are listed in Appendix 1.</p> <p>The listed buildings within the Neighbourhood Area are recognised and further protected within the NP along with other buildings that are considered important to the community (see appendix 1).</p> <p>The Conservation area of both Kibworth Beauchamp and Kibworth Harcourt are recognised in the Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan, with Policy H2 stating that any new development needs to respect the scale character and form of existing development. Further, Policy H6 seeks to conserve and enhance the character, integrity and setting of buildings or structures of historical or architectural interest in accordance with national and district wide planning policies.</p> <p>The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan seeks to designate eight sites as Local Green Space (listed in Appendix 1) on which development will be ruled out other than in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>As the Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan does not seek to allocate sites for housing development the significant effect detrimental effect of the housing policies cannot be considered. It is considered that other policies to protect the historic and natural environment will have a positive effect on the environment. A full SEA is therefore not</p>
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		required. While the Sustainability Appraisal for the Local Plan recognises the major negative impact of high level growth (Scenario 1) on the natural and built heritage, this scenario is not a policy or consideration of the Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan.
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These questions are answered using the flow diagram in 4.1 above. The result is given by following the logical steps shown by the black arrows on the flow diagram. Note: some of the questions may not be applicable depending on previous answers.

### 5. Sustainability Appraisal and SEA for New Local Plan

5.1 A number of scenarios for housing growth have been tested in the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment for the New Local Plan. The detailed outcome for The Kibworths is shown in **Appendix 3** below.

5.2 The scenarios tested and summary of the outcomes for The Kibworths is shown in the table below.

#### Scenarios tested for Kibworth

The table below sets out three distinct scenarios for Kibworth to assess the implications of the nine strategic housing options and corresponding employment provision. The housing options and employment provision have been grouped into scenarios to reflect potential differential effects that the housing and employment options could have for Kibworth. Therefore, if the level of housing and employment is anticipated to have very similar effects for certain options, then these have been grouped together to avoid duplication. The grouping of options has taken into account available land, the scale and rate of growth, and the sensitivity of receptors.

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Scenario	Range of housing growth	Relevant Housing options	Local Employment provision*					Assumptions
			Market Harborough	Lutterworth	Kibworth	Fleckney	Total	
1	Very High growth at an SDA in Kibworth (1200 Dwellings)	5, 7	10 ha	4 ha	5 ha	3ha	22 ha	Scenario 1 involves different levels of employment in Lutterworth for Options 7 and 5 (4 ha) and Option 9 (10 ha). However, it was not considered necessary to sub-divide Scenario 1, as this involves an SDA at Kibworth, which would have a more significant effect on communities in Kibworth than any variation in employment at Lutterworth.
		9		10 ha			28 ha	
2	Moderate growth (208 dwellings)	1	10 ha	4 ha	-	3 ha	17 ha	Scenario 3 also involves variations in employment provision at Lutterworth, these are considered unlikely to have a different effect on communities in Kibworth which are over 20km away.
3	Low / no growth (0-56 dwellings)	2, 3, 4	10 ha	4 ha	-	3 ha	17 ha	
		6, 8		10 ha	-		23 ha	

\*Excludes strategic distribution sector

### Summary of effects for The Kibworths

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
Natural Environment (SA Objectives 1 and 2)	✗✗	✗	-
Built and Natural Heritage (SA Objective 3)	✗✗✗	✗	-
Health and Wellbeing (SA Objectives 4 and 5)	✓✓✓	✓	-
Resilience (to climate change) (SA Objective 6)	?	-	-
Housing and Economy (SA Objectives 7 and 8)	✓✓✓	✓	✗
Resource Use (SA Objective 9)	✓✓	-	✓

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5.3 Scenario 1 (very high growth at the Kibworth SDA) is showing a moderate negative impact on Natural Environment and a major negative effect on the built and natural heritage. This scenario did however have a major positive impact on Health and Wellbeing, Housing and Economy and a moderate positive impact on Resource use. Scenario 1 is not a consideration of the Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan, but is a strategic consideration determined by the Local Plan policies. Scenario 2 shows a moderate positive impact on Housing and Economy and Health and Wellbeing, with a moderate negative impact on Natural Environment and Built and Natural Heritage. Scenario 3 (low or no growth) does not show significant effects for Natural or, or Built and Natural Heritage.

5.4 The Kibworths NDP proposes a zero housing growth figure because of the high growth in the settlement over the previous plan period. The NDP supports windfall development in The Kibworths. The Plan sympathetically considers windfall development where it supports, amongst other criteria, the form of the Plan area in order to maintain its distinctive character and enhance it where possible, is of an appropriate scale which reflects the size, character and level of service provision within the Plan area and it retains existing important natural boundaries such as trees, hedges and streams. The Conservation Areas, Scheduled Monuments and listed buildings are respected within the proposed policies.

## 6. Screening Outcome of March 2017

6.1 As a result of the assessment in Section 4 above it is unlikely there will be any significant environmental effects arising from policies in The Kibworths Submission version Neighbourhood Plan as submitted at the date of this assessment, that were not covered in the Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy and the subsequent interim Sustainability Appraisal for the emerging New Local Plan. As such, it is the consideration of the Local Planning Authority that The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan does not require a full SEA to be undertaken.

6.2 The Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England will be consulted on this Screening Report and their responses will be made available through The Kibworths Neighbourhood Plan Evidence base.

6.3 If the issues addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan should change then a new screening process will need to be undertaken determine whether an SEA will be required. Please contact Harborough District Council for advice in this circumstance.

6.4 HDC are still assessing development options for the District, including a proposed SDA at Kibworth north and east. This would be considered as a strategic allocation for development made by the Local Planning Authority, and would take precedence over the Kibworth NDP. Should this SDA option at Kibworth be taken forward, the LPA will undertake due process with respect to Environmental Impact Assessments.

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### Appendix 1

#### CONSERVATION AREA AND LISTED BUILDINGS WITHIN THE PARISH OF THE KIBWORTHS

Other Settlement features:	Occurrence
<b>Conservation Area</b>	<p><u>Kibworth Beauchamp Conservation Area</u></p> <p>Kibworth Beauchamp Conservation Area embraces the historic core of the village which has now been surrounded by extensive 20th century development. The increased population, which the housing estates contribute to the settlement, influences the character of the Conservation Area. The majority of the many services, shops and facilities for the settlement are located in the Conservation Area such that it has almost the characteristic of a small town. The Conservation Area excludes the 20th century housing estates and the late 19th century ``development to the west, but includes the former Grammar School (founded 1726) and its grounds now developed for housing. It also extends across the railway line to incorporate the Villas, (3 pairs of large Victorian semi-detached dwellings) facing south across an area of open land to the village and not fronting any road. The existence of the railway has influenced the development and function of the village. The former railway station (now closed) and station yard are included in the Conservation Area. Kibworth church, shared with Kibworth Harcourt but physically detached from the village core, though now within the continuous built-up area, is not included There are no farms or apparent former farmsteads in the village centre although a number of the larger houses on the south side of the High Street, as No. 66 or No. 14 may have been farmsteads and still have outbuildings leading back from the</p>

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	<p>High Street. The south side has a number of large 18th century red brick houses fronting the street. The 16th century rendered Manor house, though also fronting the street actually faces southwards away from it. These all overlook large gardens and grounds behind them.</p> <p>The focal point of the village is The Bank, an area where the three principal roads meet, having in its centre a raised circular planted area within a granite wall and a distinctive multi-headed lamp post in its midst. On its south side facing it are the large red brick 18th century houses characterising Kibworth, on its east side curving round are a group of multi-dated buildings, now shops and services, which merge into a row of ornate late 19th century terrace cottages leading to the former railway station. On the west side in a key visual position is the public library in the form of an unattractive flat roofed temporary-type building. Curving to its west is a group of humbler red brick cottages, and to its east the early Victorian red brick former village school (now a doctors' surgery) with distinctive cast iron lattice windows and a central lantern.</p> <p>A second node is further east where the Smeeton Road and School Lane meet the High Street. These junctions are far less open than the Bank, that to the Smeeton Road turning round the blank wall of the stables to the Manor House. This building with its prominent clock turret, together with the Manor House and No. 33 opposite, impart the character of a village, rather than small town, to the settlement. No. 33, also rendered is a formal 5 bay 18th century house set back high behind its garden. In this area of the High Street there are young trees planted in the pavements.</p> <p>Kibworth Beauchamp is a village with the services of a small town, its core serving the surrounding rural area. Its character is the mixture of village and small town; the village shown by the large 18th century houses and earlier</p>
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	<p>fronting the High Street together with smaller dwellings and outbuildings; the growth of the village in the 19th century by the terraces of early cottages in Smeeton Road with large first floor windows indicating their former use by outworkers for the Leicestershire knitting industry. The influence of the railway is seen in extensive growth northwards to the railway. This includes the terraced houses of Station Road with their elaborate brickwork, the Railway Arms public house and extending northwards across the railway line to The Villas. The element of the small town is indicated by many functions and services. Stuart House, a large stone and brick house of 1627 stands half hidden behind the later buildings of Station Road. In its grounds is a large sheltered accommodation complex. This is characteristic of Kibworth Beauchamp - a substantial village centre development. There are two areas of open space and greenness - the area around the former Grammar School and the space in Smeeton Road, opposite the Health Centre, where road straightening has resulted in a green with mature 19th century houses behind it.</p> <p><u>Kibworth Harcourt Conservation Area</u></p> <p>Kibworth Harcourt, though now smaller and less significant than its neighbour Kibworth Beauchamp, was for centuries of greater significance being on the main Leicester Road. The core of Kibworth Harcourt village has remained the same since mediaeval times but the line of the principal route has changed; the present A6 Leicester road having been built to act as a bypass around most of the earlier core of Kibworth Harcourt. The dog leg pattern of roads by the present Main Street and the Nook existed in 1484. Hidden between the present A6 and the Main Street, behind the gardens of frontage properties is a grass motte, now a Scheduled Ancient Monument. This early core has been surrounded on the south, west and east sides by 20th century development.</p> <p>The Conservation Area embraces the discernible mediaeval core and extends across the present A6 Leicester road into Kibworth Beauchamp civil parish to incorporate the medieval church of St. Wilfrid and the grouping of older</p>
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	<p>buildings opposite and between the church and the A6. The church is shared between the two Kibworths; its white limestone tower of 1832 forms a significant feature in the street scene. The buildings to the north of the church are vernacular dwellings of the late 18th century and early 19th century in a variety of sizes and materials, mainly of red brick but with slate, Swithland slate and pantile roofs.</p> <p>The groupings on the corners of Church Road and the A6 are significant: to the west is the low Coach and Horses Public House set at an angle to the road junction facing downhill. This with the adjacent houses including the cast iron railings and gate to the Grey House and the separating red brick wall are a significant group. To the east of the Church Road/A6 junction is a large red brick house, No. 39, with Swithland slate roof and two distinct frontages; the east facing the garden with trees and the approach to the village from the A6, the west facing Church Road. This house forms one corner of a large triangle of land included in the Kibworth Harcourt Conservation Area, the western side of which, Church Road extends through a row of varied dwellings to St. Wilfrids Church. The north side is bounded by the A6. The churchyard, garden to No. 39 and an open area of paddock behind form a significant open space. The only other area of land within the Conservation Area on the south side of the A6 includes the large late 19th century mansion of The Gables with its outbuildings and grounds and other later 19th century cottages as well as the entrance to Hall Close formerly flanked by two mature beech trees of which only one remains.</p> <p>The Conservation Area north of the A6 includes the mediaeval core (now Main Street, Albert Street and the Leicester Road and extends northwards to include the farmlands formerly attached as arable strips to the properties along the east-west line of Albert Street, Main Street and Leicester Road.</p>
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	<p>The buildings along the north side of this alignment are a mixture of sizes and ages, predominantly in red brick and slate and Swithland slate but with vestiges of the timber framing tradition and some surviving thatch. They include farmhouses and substantial dwellings as well as smaller cottages and terraces. Some of the finer houses are on Leicester Road including Paddocks Farm whose buildings incorporate early 16th century work. The Conservation Area extends along the Leicester Road to the end of the mediaeval core where the vista is stopped by the former Congregational Church and Manse of 1764 and 1794 respectively, two good buildings with hipped and Swithland slate roofs. Along much of the south side of the A6 new development is screened by high brick walls. This includes the brick wall with granite plinth opposite the large houses on the Leicester Road by Paddocks Farm. These brick walls form a visible finite closure edge to the Conservation Area.</p> <p>A key area of the Conservation Area is where the present Main Street joins Albert Street. The road widens at the junction and is fronted by The Old House, a superb Carolean Grade I Listed house of 1678, looking westwards up Main Street. Its curved iron railings encroach on the space which once formed a market area and where stood a market cross dating from the 15th century or earlier. Two centuries after the cross disappeared its base stones were re-erected close by in 1994 having been found in nearby gardens. The land north of this early market, now containing the cross, is an important grass open space having an 18th century red brick wall fronting the road. The ancient lane to the west runs between red brick walls and with a row of mature horse chestnuts alongside. These trees, as well as those in the plot facing the Old House make a significant contribution to the scene, both immediately from the roads as well as from the important grass open space with motte. This grass area occupies the land within the area bounded by Main Street, The Nook and the Leicester Road and overlooks the rear of houses in Main Street and the smaller terrace cottages of The Nook. Access to it is only by footpath; it is not visible from Leicester Road</p>
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	<p>and only visible through the car park of "The Horseshoes" on Main Street.</p> <p>Within the core area are a number of red brick walls, the most impressive being those in Main Street and Albert Street to the Old House. The granite kerbs are retained. A further feature are river pebbles used for foot pavements. The cobbles are partially covered by asphalt, near the Old House but are exposed in the Nook - the mediaeval alleyway leading south off Main Street.</p> <p>Although historically significant and economically related to the former agricultural activities of the village, the 17th century post windmill and Windmill Farm are excluded from the Conservation Area because they are physically separated from the built up area and historic core of the village.</p>
<b>Scheduled Monuments</b>	<b>Kibworth Harcourt Windmill and The Munt, Kibworth Harcourt</b>
<b>Listed buildings</b>	<p><b>Location and Grade</b></p> <p>BARN AND OUTBUILDINGS AT AND CIRCA 20 METRES NORTH WEST OF NO 33 (OLD HOUSE) MAIN STREET, ALBERT STREET, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire II 12, ALBERT STREET, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire II 55, LEICESTER ROAD, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire II CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, LEICESTER ROAD, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire II MANOR HOUSE, MAIN STREET, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire</p>

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	II KIBWORTH HALL, CARLTON ROAD, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire
	II 51-53, LEICESTER ROAD, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire
	II CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MANSE, 81 AND 83, LEICESTER ROAD, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire
	II OLD HOUSE AND GARDEN WALLS, 33, MAIN STREET, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire
I	2-4, MAIN STREET, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire
II	24, MAIN STREET, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire
II	80, MAIN STREET, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire
II	K6 TELEPHONE KIOSK, ALBERT STREET, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire
II	69-71, LEICESTER ROAD, Kibworth Harcourt, Harborough, Leicestershire
II*	CHURCH OF ST WILFRID, CHURCH ROAD, Kibworth Beauchamp, Harborough, Leicestershire
II	68, HIGH STREET, Kibworth Beauchamp, Harborough, Leicestershire
II	4, HIGH STREET, Kibworth Beauchamp, Harborough, Leicestershire
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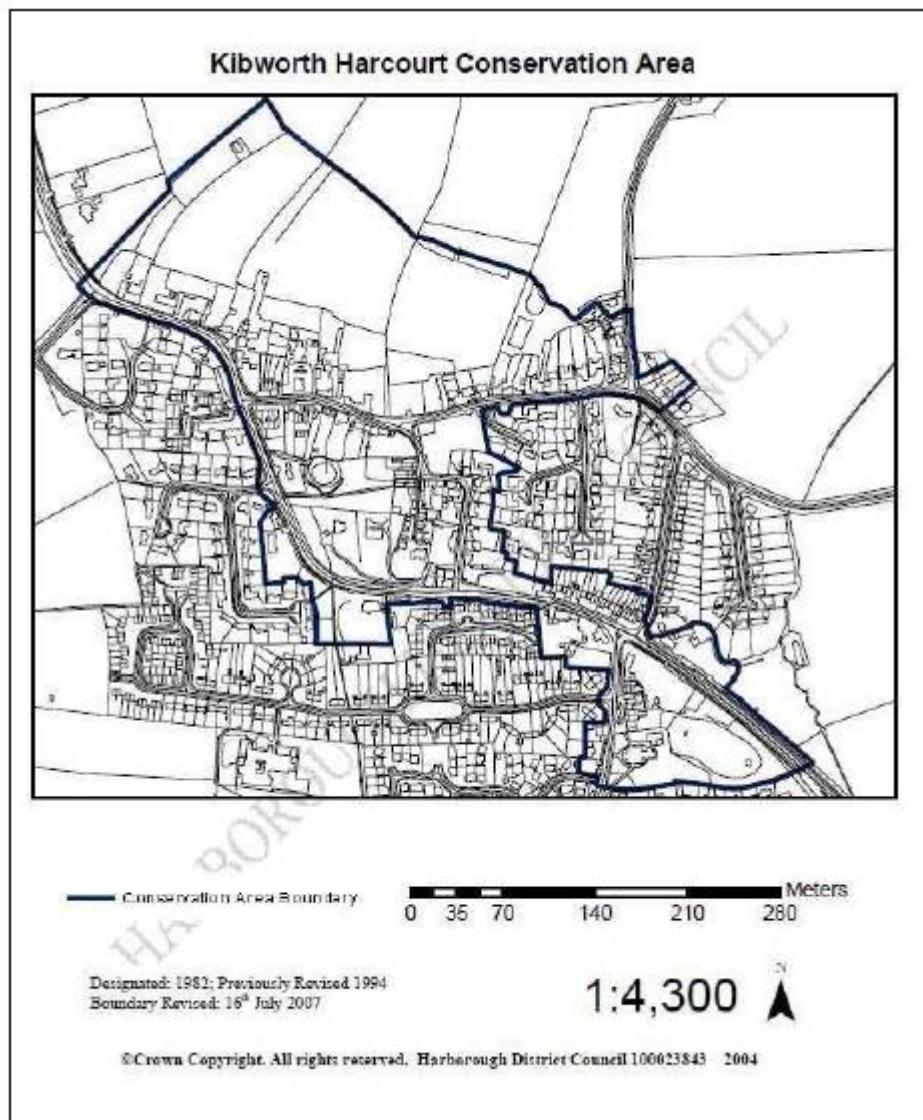
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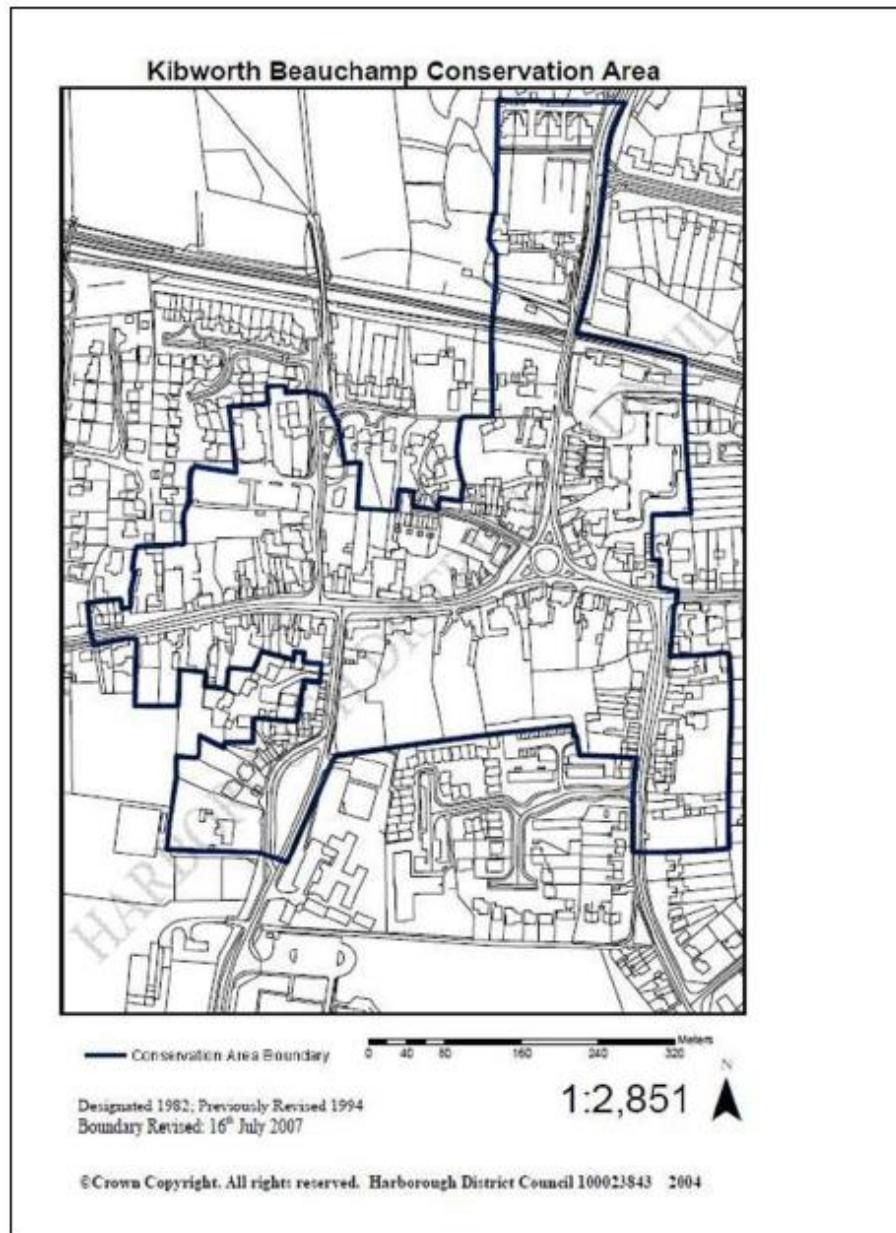
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### Appendix 2

#### Annex I

1. Crude-oil refineries (excluding undertakings manufacturing only lubricants from crude oil) and installations for the gasification and liquefaction of 500 tonnes or more of coal or bituminous shale per day.
2. Thermal power stations and other combustion installations with a heat output of 300 megawatts or more and nuclear power stations and other nuclear reactors (except research installations for the production and conversion of fissionable and fertile materials, whose maximum power does not exceed 1 kilowatt continuous thermal load).
3. Installations solely designed for the permanent storage or final disposal of radioactive waste.
4. Integrated works for the initial melting of cast-iron and steel.
5. Installations for the extraction of asbestos and for the processing and transformation of asbestos and products containing asbestos: for asbestos-cement products, with an annual production of more than 20 000 tonnes of finished products, for friction material, with an annual production of more than 50 tonnes of finished products, and for other uses of asbestos, utilization of more than 200 tonnes per year.
6. Integrated chemical installations.
7. Construction of motorways, express roads (1) and lines for long-distance railway traffic and of airports (2) with a basic runway length of 2 100 m or more.
8. Trading ports and also inland waterways and ports for inland-waterway traffic which permit the passage of vessels of over 1 350 tonnes.
9. Waste-disposal installations for the incineration, chemical treatment or land fill of toxic and dangerous wastes.

(1) For the purposes of the Directive, 'express road' means a road which complies with the definition in the European Agreement on main international traffic arteries of 15 November 1975.

(2) For the purposes of this Directive, 'airport' means airports which comply with the definition in the 1944 Chicago Convention setting up the International Civil Aviation Organization (Annex 14).

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### Annex II

#### 1. Agriculture

- (a) Projects for the restructuring of rural land holdings.
- (b) Projects for the use of uncultivated land or semi-natural areas for intensive agricultural purposes.
- (c) Water-management projects for agriculture.
- (d) Initial afforestation where this may lead to adverse ecological changes and land reclamation for the purposes of conversion to another type of land use.
- (e) Poultry-rearing installations.
- (f) Pig-rearing installations.
- (g) Salmon breeding.
- (h) Reclamation of land from the sea.

#### 2. Extractive industry

- (a) Extraction of peat.
- (b) Deep drillings with the exception of drillings for investigating the stability of the soil and in particular:
  - geothermal drilling,
  - drilling for the storage of nuclear waste material,
  - drilling for water supplies.
- (c) Extraction of minerals other than metalliferous and energy-producing minerals, such as marble, sand, gravel, shale, salt, phosphates and potash.
- (d) Extraction of coal and lignite by underground mining.
- (e) Extraction of coal and lignite by open-cast mining.
- (f) Extraction of petroleum.
- (g) Extraction of natural gas.
- (h) Extraction of ores.
- (i) Extraction of bituminous shale.
- (j) Extraction of minerals other than metalliferous and energy-producing minerals by open-cast mining.
- (k) Surface industrial installations for the extraction of coal, petroleum, natural gas and ores, as well as bituminous shale.
- (l) Coke ovens (dry coal distillation).
- (m) Installations for the manufacture of cement.

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### 3. Energy industry

- (a) Industrial installations for the production of electricity, steam and hot water (unless included in Annex I).
- (b) Industrial installations for carrying gas, steam and hot water; transmission of electrical energy by overhead cables.
- (c) Surface storage of natural gas.
- (d) Underground storage of combustible gases.
- (e) Surface storage of fossil fuels.
- (f) Industrial briquetting of coal and lignite.
- (g) Installations for the production or enrichment of nuclear fuels.
- (h) Installations for the reprocessing of irradiated nuclear fuels.
- (i) Installations for the collection and processing of radioactive waste (unless included in Annex I).
- (j) Installations for hydroelectric energy production.

### 4. Processing of metals

- (a) Iron and steelworks, including foundries, forges, drawing plants and rolling mills (unless included in Annex I).
- (b) Installations for the production, including smelting, refining, drawing and rolling, of nonferrous metals, excluding precious metals.
- (c) Pressing, drawing and stamping of large castings.
- (d) Surface treatment and coating of metals.
- (e) Boilermaking, manufacture of reservoirs, tanks and other sheet-metal containers.
- (f) Manufacture and assembly of motor vehicles and manufacture of motor-vehicle engines.
- (g) Shipyards.
- (h) Installations for the construction and repair of aircraft.
- (i) Manufacture of railway equipment.
- (j) Swaging by explosives.
- (k) Installations for the roasting and sintering of metallic ores.

### 5. Manufacture of glass

### 7. Chemical industry

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- (a) Treatment of intermediate products and production of chemicals (unless included in Annex I).
- (b) Production of pesticides and pharmaceutical products, paint and varnishes, elastomers and peroxides.
- (c) Storage facilities for petroleum, petrochemical and chemical products.

### 8. Food industry

- (a) Manufacture of vegetable and animal oils and fats.
- (b) Packing and canning of animal and vegetable products.
- (c) Manufacture of dairy products.
- (d) Brewing and malting.
- (e) Confectionery and syrup manufacture.
- (f) Installations for the slaughter of animals.
- (g) Industrial starch manufacturing installations.
- (h) Fish-meal and fish-oil factories.
- (i) Sugar factories.

### 9. Textile, leather, wood and paper industries

- (a) Wool scouring, degreasing and bleaching factories.
- (b) Manufacture of fibre board, particle board and plywood.
- (c) Manufacture of pulp, paper and board.
- (d) Fibre-dyeing factories.
- (e) Cellulose-processing and production installations.
- (f) Tannery and leather-dressing factories.

### 10. Rubber industry

Manufacture and treatment of elastomer-based products.

### 11. Infrastructure projects

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- (a) Industrial-estate development projects.
- (b) Urban-development projects.
- (c) Ski-lifts and cable-cars.
- (d) Construction of roads, harbours, including fishing harbours, and airfields (projects not listed in Annex I).
- (e) Canalization and flood-relief works.
- (f) Dams and other installations designed to hold water or store it on a long-term basis.
- (g) Tramways, elevated and underground railways, suspended lines or similar lines of a particular type, used exclusively or mainly for passenger transport.
- (h) Oil and gas pipeline installations.
- (i) Installation of long-distance aqueducts.
- (j) Yacht marinas.

### 12. Other projects

- (a) Holiday villages, hotel complexes.
- (b) Permanent racing and test tracks for cars and motor cycles.
- (c) Installations for the disposal of industrial and domestic waste (unless included in Annex I).
- (d) Waste water treatment plants.
- (e) Sludge-deposition sites.
- (f) Storage of scrap iron.
- (g) Test benches for engines, turbines or reactors.
- (h) Manufacture of artificial mineral fibres.
- (i) Manufacture, packing, loading or placing in cartridges of gunpowder and explosives.
- (j) Knackers' yards.

### 13. Modifications to development projects included in Annex I and projects in Annex II undertaken exclusively or mainly for the development and testing of new methods or products and not used for more than one year

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### Appendix 3

#### Sustainability Appraisal for The Kibworths within the New Local Plan SA and SEA

The reasonable alternatives against which the housing growth for The Kibworths has been assessed are shown below.

*Table 2.2: Strategic options for housing and employment (i.e. the reasonable alternatives tested in the SA)*

Option	Description
<b>Option 1: Rural</b>  Continue the current distribution strategy with a rural focus	60% of the District's future housing need would be met in the urban settlements (Thurnby, Bushby and Scrattoft, Market Harborough, Lutterworth and Broughton Astley) and 40% met in the rural settlements (Rural Centres and Selected Rural Villages). The bulk of employment provision would be in Market Harborough (approximately 10ha), with at least 4ha at Lutterworth and approximately 3ha at Fleckney to balance its relatively high potential housing growth.
<b>Option 2: Core Strategy Distribution</b>  Continue to use the Core Strategy distribution strategy	Distribution of future housing need would continue as identified in the Core Strategy with approximately 70% of future new housing planned for the urban settlements and 30% planned for the rural settlements. The bulk of employment provision would be in Market Harborough (approximately 10ha) with at least 4ha at Lutterworth and approximately 3ha at Fleckney to balance its relatively high potential housing growth.
<b>Option 3: Urban</b>  Continue the current distribution strategy with an urban focus	80% of the District's future housing need would be met in the urban settlements and 20% met in the rural settlements. The bulk of employment provision would be in Market Harborough (approximately 10ha) with at least 4ha at Lutterworth and approximately 3ha at Fleckney to balance its relatively high potential housing growth.

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Option	Description
<b>Option 4: Scrattoft / Thurnby SDA</b> Scrattoft / Thurnby Strategic Development Area and reduced growth in other parts of the District	<p>A proposal which would provide a significant extension to the east of Scrattoft and Thurnby has been received by the Council. The proposal is for at least 1000 dwellings with community facilities together with a link-road between Scrattoft village and the A47. Further assessment of transport impacts, landscape and viability is needed. However, delivery of this strategic development area would reduce the requirement for all other settlements in the District.</p> <p>The bulk of employment provision would be in Market Harborough (approximately 10ha) with at least 4ha at Lutterworth and approximately 3ha at Fleckney to balance its relatively high potential housing growth. The potential SDA at Scrattoft does not include proposals to deliver employment land.</p>
<b>Option 5: Kibworth SDA</b> Kibworth Strategic Development Area and reduced growth in other parts of the District	<p>Two proposals near have been received. Both proposals offer new road infrastructure, community and employment facilities and around 1,200 houses. One proposal involves development to the north of Kibworth Harcourt and a potential relief road for the existing A6. The other involves development to the west of and linking road infrastructure between the A6 and Saddington Road. Further assessment of transport impacts, landscape and viability is needed in terms of both proposals. <u>This Option would include just one of these two strategic development areas.</u> Delivery of either potential strategic development area would reduce the requirement for all other settlements in the District.</p> <p>Approximately 5ha of employment land would be delivered as part of the Kibworth SDA. A further approximately 10ha of employment land would be delivered in Market Harborough along with at least 4ha at Lutterworth and approximately 3ha at Fleckney to balance its relatively high potential housing growth.</p>
<b>Option 6: Lutterworth SDA</b> Lutterworth Strategic Development Area and reduced growth in other parts of the District	<p>A proposal which could result in development of approximately 1,950 dwellings, local facilities and employment land by 2031 to the east of Lutterworth has been received by the Council. This would involve provision of a road link between the A4304 (to the east of Lutterworth) and A426 (Leicester Road to the north of Lutterworth) thus providing relief for Lutterworth town centre. It would lead to approximately 550 dwellings delivered in this location after 2031. There is also scope for provision of a motorway service facility adjoining M1 Junction 20 and land for logistics and distribution. Further assessment of transport impacts, landscape and viability is needed. Delivery of this strategic development area would reduce the requirement for all other settlements in the District.</p> <p>Approximately 10ha of employment land would be delivered at Lutterworth in conjunction with delivery of the Lutterworth SDA. A further approximately 10ha of employment land would be delivered in Market Harborough along with approximately 3ha at Fleckney to balance its relatively high potential housing growth.</p>

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Option	Description
<b>Option 7: Scrattoft / Thurnby SDA and Kibworth SDA</b> Strategic Development Areas at Scrattoft / Thurnby and Kibworth and limited growth in other part of the District	<p>This would involve two strategic development areas in the District: approximately 1,200 dwellings at ; and approximately 1,000 dwellings to the east of Scrattoft / Thurnby. Further housing in each of the proposed strategic development areas may take place beyond 2031. Other settlements would receive limited housing growth.</p> <p>Approximately 5ha of employment land would be delivered at Kibworth in conjunction with delivery of one of the potential Kibworth SDAs. A further approximately 10ha of employment land would be delivered in Market Harborough, at least 4ha in Lutterworth and approximately 3ha at Fleckney to balance its relatively high potential housing growth.</p>
<b>Option 8 Scrattoft / Thurnby SDA and Lutterworth SDA</b> Strategic Development Areas at Scrattoft / Thurnby and Lutterworth and limited growth in other part of the District)	<p>This would involve two strategic development areas in the District: approximately 1,950 dwellings to the east of Lutterworth; and approximately 1,000 dwellings to the east of Scrattoft / Thurnby. Further housing in each of the proposed strategic development areas may take place beyond 2031. Other settlements would receive limited housing growth.</p> <p>Approximately 10ha of employment land would be delivered at Lutterworth in conjunction with delivery of the Lutterworth SDA. A further approximately 10ha of employment land would be delivered in Market Harborough and approximately 3ha of employment land at Fleckney to balance its relatively high potential housing growth.</p>
<b>Option 9: Lutterworth SDA and Kibworth SDA</b> Strategic Development Areas at Lutterworth and Kibworth and limited growth in other part of the District)	<p>This would involve two strategic development areas in the District: approximately 1,950 dwellings to the east of Lutterworth; and approximately 1,200 dwellings at . Further housing in each of the proposed strategic development areas may take place beyond 2031. Other settlements would receive limited housing growth.</p> <p>Approximately 10ha of employment land would be delivered at Lutterworth in conjunction with delivery of the Lutterworth SDA. Approximately 5ha of employment land would be delivered at Kibworth in conjunction with one of the potential Kibworth SDAs. A further approximately 10ha of employment land would be delivered in Market Harborough and approximately 3ha of employment land at Fleckney to balance its potential housing growth.</p>

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Each of the above housing options has been tested against the following sustainability topics.

Sustainability Topic	SA Objectives	Guiding Criteria	Potential Monitoring Indicators
Natural Environment	1) Protect, enhance and manage biodiversity. 2) Protect, enhance and manage environmental resources.	1.1) Would biodiversity interests be affected? 2.1) What could be the effects on the quality of water environments? 2.2) What could be the effects on land quality?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Net contribution towards habitat creation / improvement (hectares).</li> <li>- Net loss of Best and Most versatile Agricultural land.</li> <li>- Effect on condition of SSSIs and overall percentage of SSSI in favourable or unfavourable recovering condition.</li> <li>- Net effect on number and area of Local Wildlife Sites.</li> <li>- Impact on Water Framework Development compliance.</li> <li>- Hectares of contaminated land brought back into productive use.</li> <li>- The number of new systems or area of land covered by Sustainable Drainage Systems.</li> </ul>
Built and natural heritage	3) Protect, enhance and manage the historic character and distinctiveness of the District's settlements and their surrounding landscapes.	3.1) How could proposals affect the historic value and character of settlements and/or surrounding landscapes? 3.2) Could proposals hinder or assist efforts to maintain and enhance features (designated and non-designated) of historic, cultural or archaeological interest?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of heritage features 'at risk'.</li> <li>- Development granted contrary to heritage policies.</li> <li>- Percentage of people that think the character of their neighbourhood has improved / stayed the same / declined.</li> </ul>

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Sustainability Topic	SA Objectives	Guiding Criteria	Potential Monitoring Indicators
Health and Wellbeing	<p>4) Safeguard and improve community health, safety and wellbeing.</p> <p>5) Improve accessibility to employment, retail, business, health and community services, supporting health and well-being in the district.</p>	<p>4.1) How could proposals affect standards of open space, recreation and leisure provision?</p> <p>4.2) Could proposals have an effect on efforts to maintain and strengthen local identity and community cohesion?</p> <p>4.3) Could proposals have different impacts on certain social groups (<i>age, gender, social class for example</i>)?</p> <p>4.4) How could proposals impact upon air quality (particularly in Lutterworth)?</p> <p>5.1) What impact could there be on local service provision, particularly in rural areas?</p> <p>5.2) What modes of transport would most likely be encouraged and how would these affect greenhouse gas emissions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Average healthy life expectancy.</li> <li>- Participation levels in sport and recreation.</li> <li>- Area of green infrastructure provided in conjunction with new housing.</li> <li>- Amount of eligible open spaces managed to green flag award standard.</li> <li>- Number of properties experiencing pollutant concentrations in excess of the standard.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Percentage of completed non – residential development complying with car-parking standards.</li> <li>- Length of new/improved cycleway and pedestrian routes.</li> </ul>

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Sustainability Topic	SA Objectives	Guiding Criteria	Potential Monitoring Indicators
Resilience (to climate change)	6) Reduce the risks from local and global climate change upon economic activity, delivery of essential services and the natural environment.	<p>6.1) What would be the effect in terms of flood risk?</p> <p>6.2) How would the resilience of local businesses be affected?</p> <p>6.3) How would the proposal affect the delivery of essential services?</p> <p>6.4) What will be the effects on green infrastructure and its ability to contribute to climate change resilience?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of planning permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice on flooding.</li> <li>- Annual local authority expenditure on flood management measures.</li> </ul>
Housing and Economy	7) Provide affordable, sustainable, good-quality housing for all.	<p>7.1) How could proposals affect levels of house building?</p> <p>7.2) How could proposals affect the ability to deliver affordable housing?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Net additional dwellings.</li> <li>- Gross affordable housing completions.</li> </ul>

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Sustainability Topic	SA Objectives	Guiding Criteria	Potential Monitoring Indicators
	8) Support investment to grow the local economy.	<p>8.1) Would proposals help to create job opportunities for local residents?</p> <p>8.2) Would the proposals support the rural economy?</p> <p>8.3) Would the proposals help to support the vitality of town centres and their retail offer?</p> <p>8.4) Would the proposals help to secure improvements in telecommunications infrastructure? (<i>For example high speed broadband connectivity</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Total amount of additional floor space by type.</li> <li>- Employment land available.</li> <li>- Jobs created / retained in rural areas.</li> <li>- Total number of visitors and spend on tourism.</li> <li>- Broadband coverage and speed.</li> </ul>
Resource use	9) Use and manage resources efficiently, whilst and minimising Harborough's emissions of greenhouse gases.	<p>9.1) To what extent would proposals lead to an increase or decrease in the use of energy and / or water?</p> <p>9.2) Do proposals help to achieve / support a reduction in carbon emissions?</p> <p>9.3) Do proposals encourage the efficient use of minerals?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- % of developments achieving a higher CFSH homes water efficiency rating than required by building regulations.</li> <li>- Carbon emissions from road transport.</li> </ul>

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The effects of each Scenario for growth in The Kibworths are presented against the six SA Topics listed below, which encapsulate the SA Framework.

The scenarios for growth are:

Scenario	Range of housing growth	Relevant Housing options
1	Very High growth at an SDA in Kibworth (1200 Dwellings)	5, 7
		9
2	Moderate growth (208 dwellings)	1
3	Low / no growth (0-56 dwellings)	2, 3, 4 6, 8

The SA topics are:

SA Topic	SA Objectives covered
1. Natural Environment	<i>Biodiversity, agricultural land, soil, water, geodiversity</i>
2. Built and Natural Heritage	<i>Landscape &amp; settlement character, heritage</i>
3. Health and Wellbeing	<i>Education, health, recreation, open space access to services, air quality, community cohesion</i>
4. Resilience to Climate Change	<i>Flooding, green infrastructure</i>
5. Housing and Economy	<i>Housing delivery, rural economy, investment</i>
6. Resource Use	<i>Energy efficiency, water efficiency, carbon emissions, minerals</i>

To determine the effects on each SA Topic, consideration has been given to the factors listed in the SEA Regulations to determine whether the effects are

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significant or not, for example: *the nature of effects (including magnitude and duration); the sensitivity of receptors; the Likelihood of effects occurring; and the significance of effects*

These factors have been considered to predict effects against each SA Topic using the following scoring system.

- Major positive      ✓✓✓
- Moderate positive    ✓✓
- Minor positive       ✓
- Insignificant impacts -
- Minor negative       ✗
- Moderate negative   ✗✗
- Major negative       ✗✗✗
- Uncertain effect      ?

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#### Scenarios tested for Kibworth

The table below sets out three distinct scenarios for Kibworth to assess the implications of the nine strategic housing options and corresponding employment provision. The housing options and employment provision have been grouped into scenarios to reflect potential differential effects that the housing and employment options could have for Kibworth. Therefore, if the level of housing and employment is anticipated to have very similar effects for certain options, then these have been grouped together to avoid duplication. The grouping of options has taken into account available land, the scale and rate of growth, and the sensitivity of receptors.

Scenario	Range of housing growth	Relevant Housing options	Local Employment provision*					Assumptions
			Market Harborough	Lutterworth	Kibworth	Fleckney	Total	
1	Very High growth at an SDA in Kibworth (1200 Dwellings)	5, 7	10 ha	4 ha	5 ha	3ha	22 ha	Scenario 1 involves different levels of employment in Lutterworth for Options 7 and 5 (4 ha) and Option 9 (10 ha). However, it was not considered necessary to sub-divide Scenario 1, as this involves an SDA at Kibworth, which would have a more significant effect on communities in Kibworth than any variation in employment at Lutterworth.
		9		10 ha			28 ha	
2	Moderate growth (208 dwellings)	1	10 ha	4 ha	-	3 ha	17 ha	Scenario 3 also involves variations in employment provision at Lutterworth, these are considered unlikely to have a different effect on communities in Kibworth which are over 20km away.
3	Low / no growth (0-56 dwellings)	2, 3, 4	10 ha	4 ha	-	3 ha	17 ha	
		6, 8		10 ha	-		23 ha	

\*Excludes strategic distribution sector

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Natural Environment (SA Objectives 1 and 2)		Scenario 1	xx	Scenario 2	x	Scenario 3	-
<b>Nature of effects</b>	<p><i>Biodiversity</i></p> <p>Increased housing on greenfield land could have a negative effect on biodiversity through the loss of habitat such as hedgerows and trees. Development may offer the opportunities to enhance biodiversity, particularly at a strategic development area.</p> <p>There would be no effect on natural resources with scenario 3 as very limited or no growth would occur. However, there would also be limited opportunity for enhancement to biodiversity.</p> <p><i>Environmental quality</i></p> <p>There would be loss of land classified as Grade 3 under Scenario 1 and to a lesser extent 2. The scale of development involved would not have an effect on levels of water quality.</p>						
<b>Sensitivity of receptors</b>	<p>Agricultural land surrounding Kibworth is classified as Grade 3.</p> <p>There are no SSSIs or Local Wildlife Sites within or adjacent to Kibworth. However there may be habitats of local value and species such as bats and badgers have been recorded. There are also TPOS present that could be affected.</p>						
<b>Likelihood of effects</b>	The loss of agricultural land would be inevitable, as development sites are greenfield and classified as Grade 3. Effects on biodiversity would be dependent upon the scale of development and the mitigation and enhancement measures secured. At this stage, there is uncertainty about what measures would be proposed.						
<b>Significance</b>	<p>Scenario 1 would lead to a substantial loss of Grade 3 agricultural land. The loss and disturbance to local wildlife habitats and potentially protected trees is predicted to have a negative effect. Whilst there may be opportunities for biodiversity enhancement, this is not definitive at this stage, and thus a negative effect is predicted. Overall, a moderate negative effect is predicted on the natural environment for Scenario 1.</p> <p>Scenario 2 would involve much lower levels of growth compared to Scenario 1, but would still lead to the loss of agricultural land and wildlife habitats such as trees and hedges. A minor negative effect is predicted.</p> <p>The levels of growth under Scenario 3 are very low, and thus a neutral effect on the natural environment is predicted.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b> - The loss of agricultural land could be offset somewhat through the provision of community allotments as part of the SDA.</p>						

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Built and Natural Heritage (SA Objective 3)		Scenario 1	xxx	Scenario 2	*	Scenario 3	-
<b>Nature of effects</b>	Development of edge of settlement sites could affect the character of the built and natural environment, by altering the scale of the settlement. This would be most prominent for Scenario 1 and to a lesser extent scenario 2, and not an issue at all for Scenario 3.						
<b>Sensitivity of receptors</b>	There are 37 Listed Buildings in Kibworth including a Grade 1 listed Old House and Garden Walls on 33 Main Street.  The capacity for landscape to accommodate change varies around Kibworth from 'low' to 'medium low' to the north east, 'medium high' to the west and 'medium'- 'medium low' to the south.						
<b>Likelihood of effects</b>	Precise effects on landscape are difficult to predict as it is unknown which SDA would come forward under Scenario 1. However the scale of development would be significant, and would lead to a major change in the overall form of the settlement. There are also areas of sensitive landscape in both proposed SDAs. Mitigation and enhancement ought to be a feature of an SDA, and also for smaller developments, which could offset effects to an extent.						
<b>Significance</b>	A major negative effect is predicted for Scenario 1 due to the loss of sensitive landscape and the significant scale of growth involved. Mitigation measures could reduce this effect, but this has not been taken into account at this stage. The effects for Scenario 2 would be less pronounced compared to Scenario 1, and it ought to be possible to avoid the most sensitive sites given the lower scale of growth proposed. Therefore, only minor negative effects are predicted. Scenario 3 would lead to low levels of growth and thus a neutral effect is predicted.						

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Health and Wellbeing (SA Objectives 4 and 5)		Scenario 1	✓✓✓	Scenario 2	✓	Scenario 3	-
<b>Nature of effects</b>	<p>Increased housing and employment ought to have a positive effect on wellbeing by improving choice and affordability and access to a job. Development could put pressure on local facilities, but at higher levels may also create the critical mass needed to support viable new facilities.</p> <p>Development ought to improve community infrastructure through contributions to open space enhancement.</p>						
<b>Sensitivity of receptors</b>	<p>There is insufficient capacity to manage increased growth at Kibworth GP practices. A new GP surgery is proposed in Kibworth for one of the practices for the existing patients. However the second practice in Kibworth is unable to manage an increase in demand within existing infrastructure. S106 contributions would be sought for an extension to the existing surgery premises.</p> <p>The primary school, 11-16 and post 16 educational establishments have no capacity to meet dwelling growth. S106 contributions towards school extensions would be sought for primary and other educational provision.</p> <p>Appropriate S106 contributions would be sought where a shortfall in certain types of open space is identified.</p> <p>There is a need for additional evidence to determine how much further traffic the A6 can accommodate and its impacts on Oadby &amp; Wigston and Leicester City. The Council is working with the Highway Authority to put in place the appropriate evidence. This up to date evidence will impact on the amount of development which can take place along the A6 including the Kibworths.</p>						
<b>Likelihood of effects</b>	The deliverability of an SDA is yet to be tested in detail. Contributions to infrastructure enhancement would be secured through development.						
<b>Significance</b>	<p>Scenario 1 is predicted to have a major positive effect on health by supporting better access to jobs and housing. The development of an SDA would also involve new services (possibly including a school and health facilities) and a relief road that would help to reduce congestion through the village centre (thus having positive effects on air quality and wellbeing).</p> <p>Scenario 2 would also support housing growth, which ought to have a positive effect on health and wellbeing through improved choice, and also provision of infrastructure enhancement such as open space. Whilst this would have beneficial effect to the community, development would be more piecemeal. Contributions would be sought to fund extensions to schools, but it may be less likely that this option creates the critical mass for new facilities (depending upon demand from surrounding SRVs as well). On balance, a minor positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Scenario 3 is predicted to have a neutral effect as it does not lead to further growth beyond current commitments. This Scenario would also be less pressure on health and education facilities.</p>						

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Resilience (to climate change) (SA Objective 6)		Scenario 1	?	Scenario 2	-	Scenario 3	-
<b>Nature of effects</b>	The level of development on greenfield land associated with Scenarios 1 and 2 have the potential to lead to an increase in surface water run-off. The level of development for Scenario 3 is very low and unlikely to have any effects.						
<b>Sensitivity of receptors</b>	There are no areas at risk of fluvial flooding. Surface water flooding may present a risk throughout the settlement.						
<b>Likelihood of effects</b>	The majority of land surrounding Kibworth is not at risk of fluvial flooding and hence effects would be unlikely in this respect for each Scenario. Surface water run-off would need to be managed to ensure that surface water flooding did not occur, and the level of run off to sewers was not increased significantly. There could be potential for enhancements through the use of SuDs, with particular opportunities at the SDA.  Policy CS10 in the Adopted Core Strategy seeks to ensure that new development does not increase flood risk elsewhere and include SuDs. However, the intention is to ' <i>minimise the net increase in surface water run-off discharged to sewers</i> ', which means that an increase might be anticipated in some areas.						
<b>Significance</b>	The level of development on greenfield land associated with Scenario 1 and to a lesser extent Scenario 2 could potentially lead to an increase in surface water run-off rates. Although plan policies would seek to manage the impacts and incorporate SuDs there is potential for a cumulative negative effect on local flood risk from surface water. Conversely, development could present the opportunities to enhance flood management infrastructure, which has been recorded as an uncertain effect for Scenario 1.  For Scenarios 2 and 3, the level of development would be lower and thus the effects are predicted to be neutral as areas of flood risk would be easier to avoid and cumulative effects on surface water would be reduced.  <b>Recommendation:</b> Development ought to seek to ensure a net reduction or neutral effect on surface water run-off rates, rather than seeking to ' <i>minimise the net increase</i> ' ( <i>which suggests that an increase is anticipated and accepted</i> ). A review of Policy CS10 would be beneficial.						

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Housing and Economy (SA Objectives 7 and 8)		Scenario 1	✓✓✓	Scenario 2	✓	Scenario 3	✗
<b>Nature of effects</b>	<p>Scenario 1 would deliver a significant amount of housing at a sustainable urban extension to Kibworth, helping to improve choice and support local provision of affordable and market homes. This would have a positive effect on housing and help to support the vitality of the town centre, as well as creating new jobs in construction over the plan period. Scenario 1 would also involve new employment areas, which ought to be attractive to modern businesses.</p> <p>Scenario 2 would involve moderate growth on the edge of Kibworth. This would support new market and affordable homes in Kibworth.</p> <p>Scenario 3 would involve low levels of growth that would not support the growth of housing or economy in Kibworth.</p>						
<b>Sensitivity of receptors</b>	<p>A large amount of developable housing land has been identified through the draft SHLAA (2015).</p> <p>The wide range of shops, services, facilities and small businesses in Kibworth provide a range of employment opportunities in Kibworth. There are also more established employment areas on Harborough Road which provide further local employment.</p>						
<b>Likelihood of effects</b>	<p>For Scenario 1, the viability and deliverability of the SDA will need to be tested to ensure that it can be developed as envisaged. The development would be phased, but it is likely that a quantum of development could be delivered within 5 years, which would contribute to the District's 5 year supply. The SDA would also deliver land for employment use.</p> <p>Considering the deliverable sites in the SHLAA (2015), there is sufficient land available to support each of the Scenarios.</p> <p>Kibworth's role as a Rural Centre with good fairly good access to employment and services is likely to attract further growth in population.</p>						
<b>Significance</b>	<p>Scenario 1 would have a major positive effect on housing and economy by delivering over 1000 new homes and modern employment land as part of an SDA. The SDA would offer the opportunity to create a new community, with supporting local centre and good access to jobs and services.</p> <p>Although Scenario 2 would secure moderate levels of housing growth, the effects would be much less positive compared to Scenario 1, hence a minor positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Scenario 3 would not support growth in Kibworth, which could have negative effects on housing and employment provision in this settlement. Given Kibworth's role as a Rural Centre, a minor negative effect is predicted.</p>						

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Resource Use (SA Objective 9)		Scenario 1	✓✓	Scenario 2	-	Scenario 3	✓
<b>Nature of effects</b>	<p>Growth in housing and employment would lead to increased travel to and from Kibworth which would be likely to result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Development would lead to an increase in resource use through housing and employment. However, this would occur irrespective of where development occurs. Having said this, an SDA may present better opportunities to deliver high quality sustainable design compared to smaller piecemeal developments.</p>						
<b>Sensitivity of receptors</b>	Kibworth is fairly well served by facilities and jobs, but links to the main settlements of Market Harborough, Leicester and Lutterworth are most likely to be by private transport.						
<b>Likelihood of effects</b>	Car travel is likely to remain the dominant form of travel under each scenario. Although highways improvements under Scenario 1 would help to relieve congestion, it would also be likely to perpetuate car travel.						
<b>Significance</b>	<p>Scenario 1 would involve a mixed use SDA at Kibworth, which would facilitate access to jobs locally for residents in Kibworth. This should lead to a reduction in carbon emissions from travel. Whilst car use is likely to continue under this Scenario, less housing would be delivered in the Selected Rural Villages and Rural Centres under this Scenario, and hence the overall effect would be positive in terms of reducing carbon emissions. Overall, a moderate positive effect is predicted.</p> <p>Scenario 2 would lead to moderate growth which could lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions from travel. The effects are predicted to be neutral, as the level of housing growth would be in-line with rates of growth (between 2001 and 2011 Census).</p> <p>Scenario 3 would lead to lower levels of growth in Kibworth. However, depending upon the Option involved there would be more housing growth in either Harborough, Lutterworth (SDA) and Scrattoft / Thurnby / Bushby (SDA) which ought to reduce carbon emissions across the district. Therefore, a minor positive effect is predicted for Scenario 3.</p>						

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	Scenario 1	Scenario 2a	Scenario 2b
Natural Environment (SA Objectives 1 and 2)	✗✗	✗	-
Built and Natural Heritage (SA Objective 3)	✗✗✗	✗	-
Health and Wellbeing (SA Objectives 4 and 5)	✓✓✓	✓	-
Resilience (to climate change) (SA Objective 6)	?	-	-
Housing and Economy (SA Objectives 7 and 8)	✓✓✓	✓	✗
Resource Use (SA Objective 9)	✓✓	-	✓