

**Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination
Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan**



**Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan
Strategic Environmental Assessment
Determination Report**

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i. Introduction

- 1.1 Harborough District Council has been asked by Arnesby Parish Council to undertake a screening report for Strategic Environmental Assessment. The Council must now issue its determination as to whether a full SEA is required for the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.2 This determination is whether or not the content of the submission version of the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan (ANP) 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 This determination is issued by the Harborough District Council and is the Council's opinion on whether a full SEA is required. **After consultation with the Statutory Consultees it is the Councils opinion that a full SEA is not required for the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan.**
- 1.4 The screening report was submitted to the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England for comment. Their responses can be found below.

Consultee	response
Natural England	<p>Planning consultation: Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan - Screening opinion for SEA</p> <p>Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 10/05/2018.</p> <p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening</p> <p>We welcome the production of this SEA Screening report. Natural England notes and concurs with the screening outcome i.e. that no SEA is required.</p> <p>Further guidance on deciding whether the proposals are likely to have significant environmental effects and the requirements for consulting Natural England on SEA are set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance.</p> <p>We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.</p>

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Environment Agency	<p>SEA Screening report for Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Thank you for your email and the attachments.</p> <p>The Environment Agency has reviewed the submitted information and we concur with the view that a full SEA need not be undertaken.</p>
Historic England	<p>re: Request for Screening for SEA – Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Thank you for consulting Historic England on the above 10 May 2018.</p> <p>For the purposes of this consultation, Historic England will confine its advice to the question ‘Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?’ in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage. We have identified no significant effects to cultural heritage.</p> <p>We would like to stress that this is based on the current information provided in the screening request and the current draft Neighbourhood Plan. To avoid any doubt, this does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on the SEA process, and subsequent draft Plan’s.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any of these comments.</p>

1.5 In order to demonstrate that a draft neighbourhood plan or Order contributes to sustainable development, sufficient and proportionate evidence should be presented on how the draft neighbourhood plan or Order guides development to sustainable solutions. There is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a sustainability appraisal. However, qualifying bodies may find this a useful approach for demonstrating how their draft plan or order meets the basic condition. Material produced as part of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan may be relevant to a neighbourhood plan.

1.6 The SEA Directive and NPPG guidance is clear in that a SEA Environmental Report need only be as detailed as appropriate to the content and level of detail of the

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neighbourhood plan¹⁴. An environmental report must identify, describe and evaluate the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the neighbourhood plan policies and of the reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the neighbourhood plan¹⁵. NPPG guidance goes on to state that reasonable alternatives must also be sufficiently distinct, realistic and deliverable¹⁶.

1.7 At no point does the SEA legislation or guidance state that reasonable alternatives are a requirement for each and every policy area in a plan and it is considered that a proportionate approach, taking into account legislation and guidance above, should be satisfactorily undertaken.

1.8 Regulations state that the Environmental Report should consider whether certain matters are more appropriately assessed at different levels of the planning system to avoid duplication¹⁷.

¹⁴ Para 030 of <http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/sustainability-appraisal-requirements-for-neighbourhood-plans/>

¹⁵ Para 039 - http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/sustainability-appraisal-requirements-for-neighbourhood-plans/#paragraph_033

¹⁶ Para 038 - http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/sustainability-appraisal-requirements-for-neighbourhood-plans/#paragraph_033

¹⁷ Regulation 12(3)(d) - http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/1633/pdfs/uksi_20041633_en.pdf

1.9 Each policy of the Arnesby Plan has been individually assessed for its effects on Habitat Regulations (and other environmental effects) (see appendix 3). The HRA for the Core Strategy and Local Plan 2011 to 2031 have determined that no European sites lie within Harborough District. Outside the district, the nearest European site is Rutland Water SPA and Ramsar site, which is located 7km to the north-east of the district boundary but 22km from the main population centres (Market Harborough and Thurnby/Scraptoft) as the district is largely rural with a fairly sparsely distributed population.

1.10 The HRA for the Local Plan concluded in 2017 that:

It is possible to conclude that development in the Harborough Local Plan will not have a likely significant effect on any internationally important wildlife sites either alone or in combination with other plans and projects. These conclusions are based on the findings of this screening which conclude that no Natura 2000 sites are located within the district and no impact pathways have been identified linking Natura 2000 sites outside of the district e.g. Rutland Water SPA/Ramsar to development within Harborough District. Therefore an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

1.11 The recent CJEU ruling (*People Over Wind and Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta (C-323/17) (April 2018)*) states that:

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“In the light of all the foregoing considerations, the answer to the question referred is that Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive must be interpreted as meaning that, in order to determine whether it is necessary to carry out, subsequently, an appropriate assessment of the implications, for a site concerned, of a plan or project, it is not appropriate, at the screening stage, to take account of the measures intended to avoid or reduce the harmful effects of the plan or project on that site” (paragraph 40).

1.12 The SEA Screening Report of May 2018 for the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan did not take account of measures intended to avoid or reduce the harmful effects of the Plan. The harmful effects, if any, have been considered in the preparation of the Screening Report of May 2018 and the LPA believes they have been demonstrated to be nil or very minor to the natural and historic environment, Natura 2000 sites and Habitat Regulations.

1.13 The purpose of Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan is to reflect the desires of the community and consider through theme groups issues such as:

- a) Supporting appropriate, proportionate, timely and sustainable development. These developments will aim to be eco-friendly in both design and operation. They will also recognise the village character and our rural location.
- b) Conserving and enhancing the high quality natural environment including protection of wildlife while recognising and encouraging the importance of good local agricultural management to support this.
- c) Retaining and enhancing the character and appeal of the unique assets of the parish, including community amenities, educational and recreational facilities, footpaths, open green spaces and the countryside that provides the Village setting.
- d) Endorsing and implementing policies and developments that have a positive effect on the sustainability and environment of the village, including those that mitigate climate change.
- e) Enhancing and supporting our rural economy that will allow our local businesses and home workers to flourish in a modern digital age.
- f) Endorsing policies that will ensure any potential increase in traffic volume is kept within safe and efficient parameters and does not compromise the safety or alter the feel of the village.

1.14 In consultation with the community, the established vision for Arnesby is as follows:

1.15 The purpose of Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan is to reflect the desires of the community and consider through theme groups issues such as:

- To reflect the wishes of Parishioners;
- To maintain the character and the community of the village;

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- To protect Arnesby's built and social heritage;
- To protect and enhance the outstanding landscape and open countryside setting of the village, including rural views, vistas, open spaces and walkways;
- To ensure appropriate residential development in the right place consistent with this vision;
- To ensure that development is compliant with the strategic planning policies of Harborough District Council.

1.16 The vision for Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan is as follows:

The vision for Arnesby is to maintain and enhance the good quality of life, community spirit and attractive natural and built environment in Arnesby Parish now and through to 2031, the whole Plan period.

1.17 To achieve the vision, the following objectives have been established by the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan specifically considers the following:

- Ensure that development takes place in the most sustainable locations;
- Encourage the right types of development that meets local needs;
- Protect and wherever possible enhance important buildings and structures;
- Protect important community facilities that are special to the local community;
- Promote good design;
- Ensure that the community continues to have good access to the surrounding countryside and green spaces;
- Protect open spaces that are important to the community and/or wildlife;
- Seek ways of addressing the problems of traffic speed on our roads; and
- Improve pedestrian and cycle connections within the Plan area and into the surrounding areas.

1.18 The Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan objectives are realised by a small number of policies as set out below

POLICY S1: LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT - Development proposals within the Neighbourhood Plan area will be supported on the sites within the Limits to Development (LTD) boundary as shown in Figure 2 (below) where the proposal complies with the policies in this Neighbourhood Plan including the need to achieve positive design and amenity standards.

Land outside the defined Limits to Development will be treated as open countryside, where development will be carefully controlled in line with local and national strategic

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planning policies.

POLICY H1: RESIDENTIAL SITE ALLOCATION - Land is allocated for residential development at the location shown above at figure 3 and within the new LTD boundary (figure 2). Development will be supported at this location subject to the following criteria:

- The development will provide for about 7 dwellings;
- An area of land within the scheme will be set aside for a children's play area;
- The tarmac public footpath be continued along the south side of Lutterworth Road to serve the development (and play area);
- The retaining brick wall between the site and the front garden of Westfield House be retained and maintained.

Policy H2: HOUSING MIX - New housing development proposals should provide a mixture of housing types specifically to meet identified local needs in Arnesby as evidenced in the Parish Housing Needs Report (2016) and the 2017 HEDNA or more recent documents updating either of these reports.

Dwellings of 3 bedrooms or fewer and single storey accommodation suitable for older people will be supported where in accordance with other policies.

The inclusion of four-bedroom or larger houses in housing developments will be supported where they are subservient in number to one, two or three-bedroom accommodation.

POLICY H3: WINDFALL SITES - Development proposals for infill and redevelopment sites (individual dwellings or small groups of dwellings) will be supported where:

- The location is within the LTD boundary for Arnesby;
- It retains existing important natural boundaries such as gardens, trees, hedges and streams;
- It provides for a safe vehicular and pedestrian access to the site and does not diminish parking provision;
- 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(s);

POLICY D1: DESIGN - Development proposals including one or more houses, replacement dwellings and extensions are encouraged to have regard to the following building design principles to a degree that is proportionate to the development.

a) Development will enhance the local distinctiveness and character of the area in which it is situated, particularly within the Conservation Area, and proposals should clearly show within a Design and Access Statement how the general character, scale, mass, density and layout of the site, of the building or extension fits in with the aspect of the surrounding area. Care should be taken to ensure that the development

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does not disrupt the visual amenities of the street scene and impact adversely on any wider landscape views;

- b) Adequate off-road parking should be provided in line with the Highways '6Cs' standards;
- c) All new housing should continue to reflect the character and historic context of existing developments within the Parish and incorporate a range of local materials where possible. However, contemporary and innovative materials and design will be supported where positive improvement can be robustly demonstrated without detracting from the historic context;
- d) Development proposals should, where possible, retain existing trees and hedgerows;
- e) Wherever possible, enclosure of plots should be of native hedging, rural wooden fencing, or brick/stone wall of rural design;
- f) Development should incorporate sustainable design and construction techniques to meet high standards for energy and water efficiency, including the use of renewable and low carbon energy technology, solar panels, rainwater harvesters and photovoltaic glass. These features should not adversely detract from the visual amenity of the current street scene;
- g) Development should incorporate sustainable drainage systems with maintenance regimes to minimise vulnerability to flooding and climate change;
- h) Development should ensure appropriate provision for the storage of waste and recyclable materials;
- i) New development should incorporate measures for controlling light pollution, including managing the detrimental effects on wildlife. There should be no decorative uplighting on houses; street and footpath lighting should be located at low level; security lights should be operated by intruder-triggered sensors; site and sports facility lighting should be off during agreed curfew hours between March and October (following best practice guidelines (e.g. Bats and Lighting Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust 2014)); and maximum light spillage onto known bat foraging areas should be 1 lux.

POLICY ENV 1: LOCAL GREEN SPACES – Development proposals that would result in the loss of, or have an adverse effect on, the following designated Local Green Spaces (map Figure 4, detailed in supporting information), or their settings, is ruled out other than in exceptional circumstances.

- a) St Peter's Churchyard (inventory reference 153)
- b) Baptist Chapel burial ground (066)
- c) Manor House grounds (151)

POLICY ENV 2: PROTECTION OF OTHER SITES AND FEATURES OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE – 38 sites (as described in the environmental inventory and shown in map Fig. 5 above) have been identified as being of local significance for biodiversity (species and habitats) and / or history. They are

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important in their own right and are locally valued. Development proposals that affect them will be expected to protect or enhance the identified features. Planning permission will be refused unless the need for and the benefits arising from the development in that location clearly outweigh the loss.

POLICY ENV 3: OTHER IMPORTANT OPEN SPACES – 16 sites (environmental inventory and map, figure 6 below) have been identified as being of local significance for their high community value, and for recreational, amenity or village landscape reasons. Development that changes their character and features will not be supported.

St Peter's Churchyard (inventory reference 153) (cemetery) EXISTING OSSR

Baptist Chapel burial ground (066) (cemetery; amenity greenspace; provision for children and young people) EXISTING OSSR (part)

Village green, Mill Hill Road (166) (amenity greenspace) EXISTING OSSR

Green lanes south of St Peter's Road (173) (greenway/green corridor) NEW

Village green, St Peter's Road (171) (amenity greenspace) EXISTING OSSR

Footpath Y104a (jitty) from Robert Hall Rd to Lutterworth Rd (174) (greenway)

Arnesby Village Hall (frontage etc.) (175) (amenity greenspace) EXISTING OSSR (part)

Wide verge, Mill Hill Road (177) (amenity greenspace) NEW

Village allotments, Loseby Wood and meadow ((048, 050) (allotments and community gardens, natural and semi-natural greenspace) NEW

Stoneleigh open space (160) (natural and semi-natural greenspace) NEW

Village Green, Mill Hill Rd / Lutterworth Rd (169) (Registered Village Green) NEW

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Village Green, Robert Hall Rd / Lutterworth Rd (170) (Registered Village Green) NEW

Village Green, The Bank (172) (Registered Village Green) NEW

Open space, frontage of bungalows, Lutterworth Road (176) (amenity greenspace, community garden) NEW

'Sunnydene' paddock (155) (important open area) NEW

May Fair field (145) (amenity greenspace) NEW

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POLICY ENV 4: BIODIVERSITY AND WILDLIFE CORRIDORS – New development will be expected to safeguard locally significant habitats and species and, where possible and viable, to create new habitats for wildlife.

POLICY ENV 5: HERITAGE ASSETS OF LOCAL HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST – Development proposals will be required to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected and the impact of the proposal on that significance in accordance with NPPF Section 128 and to include proposals to conserve and where appropriate enhance the structure and setting of such structures or buildings, proportionate to the asset's importance. The building of local interest identified as such is the post-medieval well.

POLICY ENV 6: RIDGE AND FURROW – The areas of ridge and furrow earthworks mapped above (Figure 9) are non-designated heritage assets.

Any loss or damage arising from a development proposal (or a change of land use requiring planning permission) is to be avoided; the demonstrable benefits of such development should be balanced against the significance of the ridge and furrow features as heritage assets.

POLICY ENV 7: IMPORTANT VIEWS – To be supported development proposals must not significantly harm these views where seen from publicly accessible locations:

A. From footpath Y89 at the end of South Close, west and northwest to Foston, Countesthorpe and distantly to Charnwood Forest (25 kms).

B. From Lutterworth Road beyond Westfield House southwest over rolling open country toward Bruntingthorpe

C. From footpath Y1 and bridleway 0104 north over Peatling and across Leicester to Bradgate Park (25kms)

D. From the Baptist Chapel ground and the field to its east, northeast over the Soar valley to Billesdon Coplow (15kms)

E. From Welford Road west across the medieval manor house site (Scheduled Monument) to the parish church and the village

F. From Welford Road southwest across ridge and furrow fields to the windmill (Listed Building).

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.

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The maintenance, upgrade and, where appropriate, extension of the pedestrian footpath network in the Parish will be supported in order to:

- a) Service new developments and connect them to the existing pedestrian footpath network; and
- b) Encourage walking over car use for making journeys within the parish; and
- c) Provide an improved and more extensive footpath network to support exercise and leisure activities for Arnesby residents and visitors as stated in policy CF2.

POLICY ENV 9: MANAGING FLOOD RISK - Development proposals 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 to third parties.

Policy CF1: THE RETENTION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND AMENITIES - Development leading to the loss of an existing community facility (as described below) will not be supported unless it can be demonstrated that:

- a) There is no longer any need or demand for the existing community facility; or
- b) The existing community facility is, demonstrably, no longer economically viable; or
- c) The proposal makes alternative provision for the relocation of the existing community facility to an equally or more appropriate and accessible location within the Parish which complies with the other general policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Community Facilities are as follows:

- Restaurant
- The Baptist Chapel
- St. Peters Church
- Village Hall
- School
- Care Home
- Allotments and Community Woodland
- Playing Field

POLICY CF2: NEW OR IMPROVED COMMUNITY FACILITIES - Proposals that improve the quality and/or range of community facilities, will be supported provided that the development:

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- a) Meets the design criteria described in Policy D1; and
- b) Will not result in unacceptable traffic movements or other disturbance to residential properties; and
- c) Will not generate a need for parking that cannot be adequately catered for within the site; and
- d) Is of a scale appropriate to the needs of the locality and conveniently accessible for residents of the village wishing to walk or cycle; and
- e) Takes into account the needs of people with disabilities.

Policy T1: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - With particular regard to the rural highway network of the Parish and the need to minimise any increase in vehicular traffic all development must:

- a) Be designed to minimise additional traffic generation and movement through the village; and
- b) Incorporate sufficient off-road parking in line with policy D1; and
- c) Not remove or compromise the use of any existing off-road parking areas unless a suitable equivalent alternative is provided; and
- d) Provide any necessary improvements to site access, communal parking and the highway network either directly or by financial contributions; and
- e) Consider, where appropriate, the improvement and where possible the creation of footpaths and cycleways to key village services.

Policy BE1: SUPPORT FOR EXISTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - There will be a strong presumption against the loss of commercial premises or land (B-class) which provides employment or future potential employment opportunities. Applications for a change of use to an activity that does not provide employment opportunities will only be supported if it can be demonstrated that:

- a) The commercial premises or land in question has not been in active use for at least six months; and
- b) The commercial premises or land in question has no potential for either reoccupation or redevelopment for employment generating uses and as demonstrated through the results both of a full valuation report and a marketing campaign lasting for a continuous period of at least six months.

Policy BE2: SUPPORT FOR NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - In supporting additional employment opportunities, new development will be required to:

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- a) Fall within the boundary of planned limits of development for the village of Arnesby unless it relates to small scale leisure or tourism activities, or other forms of commercial/employment related development appropriate to a countryside location or there are exceptional circumstances; and
- b) Where possible, development should be sited in existing buildings or on areas of previously developed land; and
- c) Be of a size and scale not adversely affecting the character, infrastructure and environment of the village itself and the neighbourhood plan area, including the countryside; and
- d) Not involve the loss of dwellings; and
- e) Not increase noise levels or light pollution or introduce any pollution to an extent that they would unacceptably disturb occupants of nearby residential property; and
- f) Not generate unacceptable levels of traffic movement; and
- g) Contribute to the character and vitality of the local area; and
- h) Be well integrated into and complement existing businesses.

The following types of employment development will be supported:

- a) The small-scale expansion of existing employment premises across the Parish; and
- b) Small-scale new build development within or adjacent to Arnesby village.

POLICY BE3: WORKING FROM HOME - 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) Such development will not result in unacceptable traffic movements and that appropriate parking provision is made within the site;
- b) No significant and adverse impact arises to nearby residents or other sensitive land uses from noise, fumes, light pollution, or other nuisance associated with the work activity; and
- c) 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.

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POLICY BE4: RE-USE OF AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS -

Notwithstanding permitted development rights granted by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment and Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014 or any subsequent amendment, and, in order to support farm diversification and the sustainable growth and expansion of businesses, the conversion of existing agricultural and commercial buildings will be supported subject to:

- a) The proposed conversions will be expected to satisfy the design criteria in Policy D1 Building Design Principles; and
- b) The use proposed is appropriate to the rural location
- c) The conversion/adaptation works respect the local character of the surrounding area; and
- d) The development will not have an adverse impact on any archaeological, architectural, historic or environmental features; and
- e) 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; and
- f) There is no significant adverse impact on neighbours through noise, light or other pollution, increased traffic levels or increased flood risk.

POLICY BE5: TOURISM - Support will be given to facilities that enhance tourism where they:

- a) Are within or adjoining Arnesby, on a scale appropriate to the settlement; and
- b) Do not have a detrimental effect on the distinctive rural character of the Parish; and
- c) Do not adversely affect the surrounding infrastructure, particularly local road networks and water supply and sewerage; and
- d) Benefit the local community, through for instance, provision of local employment opportunities and improvements to local service provision, and is proportionate to the size of settlement in which it is located; and
- e) Where feasible, the development involves the re-use of existing buildings or is part of farm diversification.

POLICY BE6: BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE - Proposals to provide increased access to a super-fast broadband service (including future developments at present

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unforeseen) and improve the mobile telecommunication network that will serve businesses and other properties within the Parish will be supported.

This may require above ground network installations, which must be sympathetically located and designed to integrate into the landscape and not be located in or near open landscapes.

- 1.7 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.

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

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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 Planning Practice Guidance states the legislation that may be of particular relevance to neighbourhood planning is:

- the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended)
- the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended)
- the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 (as amended)

2.5 It may be appropriate, and in some cases a requirement, that the statutory environmental bodies Historic England, the Environment Agency and Natural England be consulted. For example, a draft neighbourhood plan proposal must be assessed to determine whether it is likely to have significant environmental effects.

2.6 There is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a sustainability appraisal as set out in section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. However, a qualifying body must demonstrate how its plan or order will contribute to achieving sustainable development.

2.7 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

- 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,

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- 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).

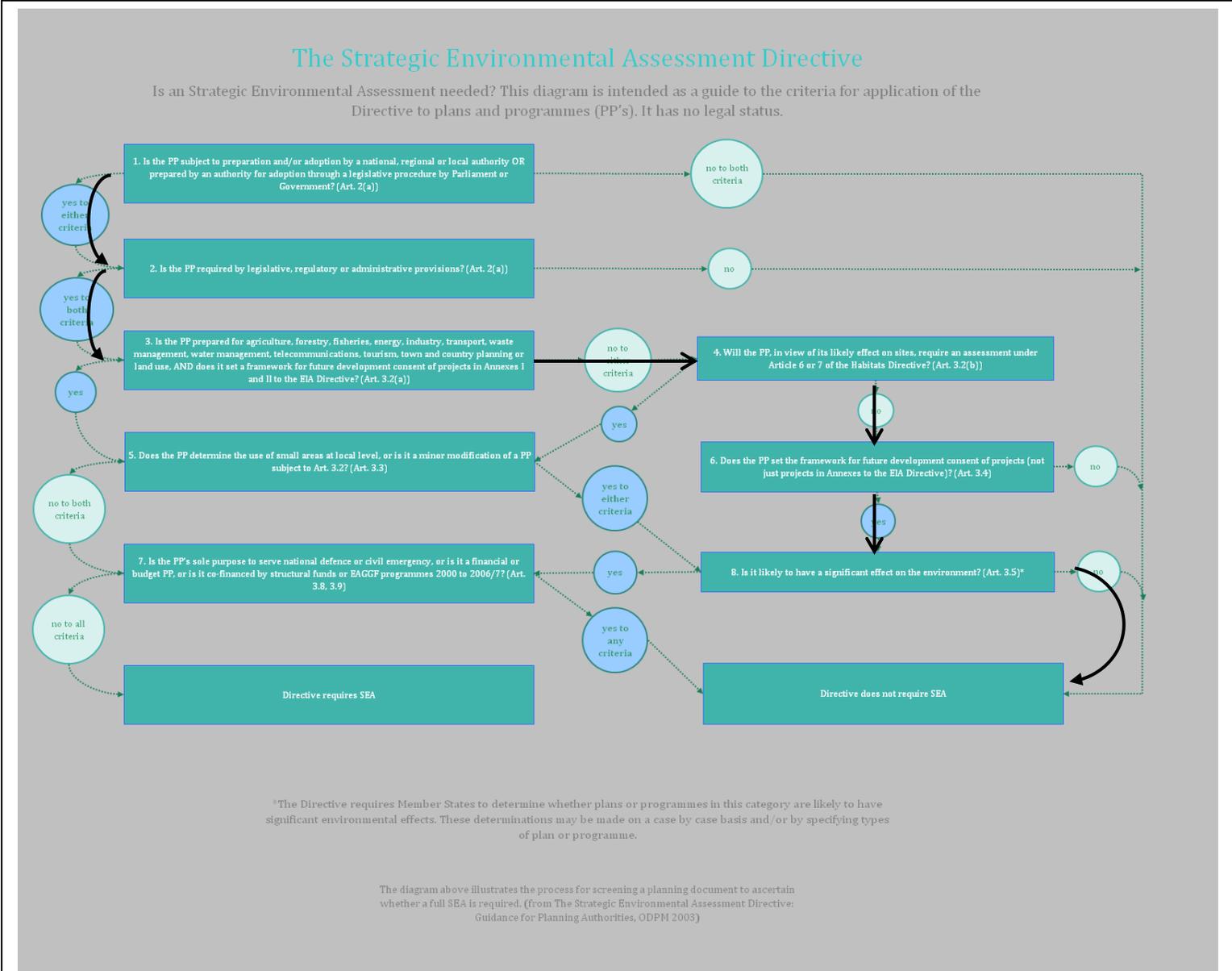
2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to

- 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 Arnesby 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.

Stage	Y/N	Reason
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? (Art. 2(a))	Y	The preparation of and adoption of Arnesby 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 Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan Steering group and submitted by Arnesby 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? (Art. 2(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, AND does it set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II (see Appendix 2) to the EIA Directive? (Art 3.2(a))	N	Whilst the NP covers a number 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? (Art. 3.2 (b))	N	Arnesby 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 and an updated Habitat Regulation Assessment has been undertaken as part of the Local Plan preparation. The report concludes that the Harborough Core Strategy and subsequently the Local Plan , alone or in combination with other plans, are unlikely to have an adverse impact on any of the <i>Natura 2000</i> sites within approximately 25kms of the boundary of the district.

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		<p>Of the 3 Natura 2000 sites looked at in the Screening Report, Ensor's Pool SAC is approximately 20 Km of the Arnesby Neighbourhood Area. Ensor's Pool 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 caused harm by the Harborough Core Strategy. It is considered reasonable that this conclusion applies to Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The River Mease SAC and Rutland Water SPA were also considered in the Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report. They lie approx. 35km and 50km respectively from Arnesby.</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"> • 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 • 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. <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 nor for the Local Plan in 2017. 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: Habitat Regulations Screening Report</p> <p>The Local Plan HRA screening report can be found at: Habitat Regulations Screening - Report to Harborough Local Plan 2017 8 10</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 Art. 3.2? (Art. 3.3)	Y	Determination of small sites at local level. The Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan seeks to allocate one site for housing development. The small scale of the development (about 7 dwellings) is considered to have a substantial impact on either the natural or heritage environment
6. Does the NP set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just projects	Y	The NP is to be used for determining future planning applications

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in annexes to the EIA Directive)? (Art 3.4)		
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? (Art. 3.5)	N	<p>Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan is essentially a self contained plan and considers policies only at a local level to ensure development meets the needs of the community. While it seeks to allocate one site for about 7 houses, it is the view of the Local Authority that this will not have a substantial detrimental effect on either the natural or heritage environment.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Area does not have any sites of special scientific interest, but it does contain two area of priority habitat as defined by Natural England. Policy ENV2 of the ANP seeks to protect 38 local sites that have been identified as having features of environmental significance.</p> <p>Policy ENV1 seeks to protect 3 Local Green Spaces that have been identified as having special significance to the community. These being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) St Peter's Churchyard (inventory reference 153) b) Baptist Chapel burial ground (066) c) Manor House grounds (151) <p>Further important open spaces are protected through policy ENV3 for their high community value, and for recreational, amenity or village landscape reasons.</p> <p>Policy ENV4 seeks to protect important biodiversity and wildlife corridors.</p> <p>Policy ENV5 considers assets of local historical and architectural interest and seeks to conserve and where appropriate enhance the structure and setting of such structures or buildings.</p> <p>Flooding has not been highlighted as an issue in the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan due to the elevated location of the village. While a small amount of surface water flooding has been identified in the village through the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2017 the</p>

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	<p>increased risk of flooding from development will be assessed through the planning process. Policy ENV9 sets out criteria for locally ensuring that flood risk is not exacerbated.</p> <p>While the Sustainability Appraisal for the Local Plan does not consider Arnesby as the village is below the level of Selected Rural Village in the settlement hierarchy. It is the consideration of the Local Authority that the Plan holds sufficient safeguards to ensure any minor effects on the natural or historic environment will be properly dealt with through the planning application process.</p>
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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. Arnesby falls below the threshold of Selected Rural Village in the settlement hierarchy and is therefore not specifically considered as part of the SA.

6. Determination Outcome of July 2018

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 Arnesby 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 Sustainability Appraisal for the emerging New Local Plan. **As such, it is the consideration of the Local Planning Authority that Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan does not require a full SEA to be undertaken.**

6.2 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.

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Appendix 1

CONSERVATION AREA AND LISTED BUILDINGS WITHIN THE PARISH OF ARNESBY

Other Settlement features:	Occurrence
<p>Conservation Area</p>	<p>Arnesby is a compact village lying just off the A5199 Leicester Road. It consists of a network of streets grouped around two elongated open green spaces along Mill Hill Road and St. Peter's Road. The character of the village embraces the variety of buildings along the street network, the network of roads and the relationship of buildings to the open spaces. Although many of the buildings are in red brick dating from the 17th Century with slate or Swithland slate roofs, there are some retaining the timber frame vernacular and thatch. The variety of building comes from continual on-site renewal as well as infill. There are a number of good 18th Century brick buildings including cottages as well as Arnesby House, which faces St. Peter's Road Green, and the Manor House facing Mill Hill Road Green. The latter exemplifies on-site rebuild with the earlier building still attached as subsidiary.</p> <p>A significant feature, seen both from the A5199 road to the east and from within the village, is the Baptist Church dating from 1790 set back from its courtyard facing the wide green verges of the northern part of St. Peter's Road. The large brick Baptist Church with its Swithland slate roof and associated Manse and buildings are a very important group in the village, both from the front and from the rear.</p> <p>The 12th Century Church of St. Peter lies at the edge of the village adjacent to the site of the former Manor House, now a Scheduled Ancient Monument. This site and adjacent field are included in the Conservation Area because of their association with the evolution of the village settlement. Also included are the</p>

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	<p>19th Century Westfields House and its grounds. The line of trees along its drive makes a formal visual boundary between the village and surrounding open countryside to the west. The windmill and surrounding plot are also included as the windmill is linked for its former economic activity with the village.</p>
Scheduled Monuments	<p><u>Manorial site immediately south east of St Peter's Church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List Entry Number: 1018833 • Heritage Category: Scheduling • Location: Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire
Listed buildings	<p>Location and Grade</p> <p><u>ARNESBY LODGE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List Entry Number: 1360754 • Heritage Category: Listing • Grade: II • Location: ARNESBY LODGE, WELFORD ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>ARNESBY HOUSE AND GARDEN WALL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List Entry Number: 1178324 • Heritage Category: Listing • Grade: II • Location: ARNESBY HOUSE AND GARDEN WALL, ST PETERS ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>MILEPOST CIRCA 500 YARDS NORTH OF TURNING INTO ARNESBY AT NGR 61629</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List Entry Number: 1061504 • Heritage Category: Listing • Grade: II

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: MILEPOST CIRCA 500 YARDS NORTH OF TURNING INTO ARNESBY AT NGR 61629, WELFORD ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>ELMS FARMHOUSE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1061503• Heritage Category: Listing• Grade: II• Location: ELMS FARMHOUSE, ST PETERS ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>WINDMILL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1061540• Heritage Category: Listing• Grade: II• Location: WINDMILL, LUTTERWORTH ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>THE COTTAGE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1061541• Heritage Category: Listing• Grade: II• Location: THE COTTAGE, ST PETERS ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>HOUSE TO SOUTH OF LONGACRE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1061542• Heritage Category: Listing• Grade: II• Location: HOUSE TO SOUTH OF LONGACRE, ST PETERS ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>GLEBE COTTAGE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1360734• Heritage Category: Listing• Grade: II• Location: GLEBE COTTAGE, ST PETERS ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire
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	<p><u>THE WALNUTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1061502• Heritage Category: Listing• Grade: II• Location: THE WALNUTS, ST PETERS ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>THE HOMESTEAD FARMHOUSE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1295118• Heritage Category: Listing• Grade: II• Location: THE HOMESTEAD FARMHOUSE, ST PETERS ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>HOME FARMHOUSE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1360733• Heritage Category: Listing• Grade: II• Location: HOME FARMHOUSE, ROBERT HALL STREET, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>BAPTIST CHAPEL AND MANSE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1295114• Heritage Category: Listing• Grade: II• Location: BAPTIST CHAPEL AND MANSE, ST PETERS ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>THE MANOR HOUSE ATTACHED WALL AND OUTBUILDINGS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1360732• Heritage Category: Listing• Grade: II• Location: THE MANOR HOUSE ATTACHED WALL AND OUTBUILDINGS, CHURCH LANE, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire <p><u>CHURCH OF ST PETER</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1178306• Heritage Category: Listing
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade: II*• Location: CHURCH OF ST PETER, ST PETERS ROAD, Arnesby, Harborough, Leicestershire
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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.

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- (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.

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.

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- (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

- (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.

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- (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

- (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.

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- (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

LPA assessment of the requirement for a SEA for Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan (ANP)

The table below has demonstrated that in the opinion on the Local Planning Authority the policies of the ANP do not give potential either on their own or through cumulative effects for significant detrimental impact on local historic or environmental sites, Natura 2000 sites, or Habitat Regulations.

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POLICY S1: LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT	Policy CS17: Countryside, rural centres and rural villages. NPPF: 3 - Supporting a prosperous rural economy. NPPF para. 55 – Promoting sustainable development in rural areas..	S1 could be considered to be in general conformity as it allows for development proposals within the area identified NPPF supports sustainable development in rural areas	There may be some potential limited impacts but the policy is unlikely to result in significant effects	No significant effects identified. Detailed mitigation will be considered through the Development Management process	None	No negative effect. Development of this scale and on these sites will not adversely impact on Natura 2000 sites.
Policy H1: RESIDENTIAL SITE ALLOCATION	Policy CS17: Countryside, rural centres and rural villages. NPPF: Delivering sustainable development / delivering a wide choice	Housing numbers as set out in Policy CS2 are out of date and do not reflect the latest evidence. There is no target figure Arnesby in the submission version of the Local Plan 2011 to 2031. It is considered to be in 'general	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects. As part of identifying allocations, potential housing sites the QB consulted the LPA concerning possible development sites. The	No significant effects are identified. Constraints relating to heritage and environmental assets have been considered as part	None	No negative effect. Development of this limited scale will not adversely impact on identified HRA

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	<p>of high quality homes (para 55 promotes sustainable development in rural areas).</p> <p>Emerging LP does not set out a settlement target figure for Arnesby (identified as other village.)</p>	<p>conformity' with the Core Strategy while trying to future proof the NP in line with the emerging LP.</p>	<p>LPA have indicated that the site for about 7 dwellings is an appropriate proposal in consideration with other policies ion the Plan.</p>	<p>of the proposal.</p>		<p>sites.</p>
<p>POLICY H2: HOUSING MIX</p>	<p>Policy CS2 – Delivering New Housing</p> <p>NPPF – Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes – para. 50</p>	<p>H2 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF in seeking to deliver an appropriate mix of housing types to reflect local needs based on up to date local and District evidence..</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as it only relates to mix of homes.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>

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	Emerging LP will have a policy requiring developments to deliver a suitable mix of housing.					
POLICY H3: WINDFALL DEVELOPMENT	<p>Policy CS17 – Countryside, Rural Centres and Rural Villages.</p> <p>NPPF: Delivering sustainable development and delivering a wide choice of high quality homes (para 55).</p> <p>Emerging LP will have a settlement development policy aimed at protecting</p>	<p>H3 recognises that throughout the NP period small scale housing sites may come forward that are not allocated in the Plan. Limits to development have been defined to enable application of the policy.</p> <p>The policy sets out the considerations that should be taken into account in the determination of such applications. It provides safeguards to ensure that the distinctive character of the</p>	There may be some limited impacts but the policy is unlikely to result in significant effects. Only a limited number of dwellings are likely to come forward under the policy and any planning application will be determined in line with the criteria set out in the policy and other NP policies.	Limited impact. No significant effects are identified. The policy includes the necessary safeguards to ensure that development (within limits to development) takes into account the character of the village, its size and form	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy.

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	settlements from development in inappropriate locations.	village is respected				
POLICY D1: DESIGN	<p>Policy CS11: Promoting Design and Built Heritage.</p> <p>NPPF – Requiring good design (paras 56-68).</p> <p>Emerging LP will have a policy to achieve good design in development.</p>	D1 is considered to be in general conformity with CS and NPPF in setting out a wide range of building design principles and emphasising the importance of the design affecting the street scene, visual amenity and wider landscape views.	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as it promotes design of new development which reflects the character and historic context of its surroundings.	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy.

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POLICY ENV1: LOCAL GREEN SPACES	<p>CS11: Promoting design and built heritage. Policy CS8: Protecting and Enhancing Green Infrastructure. CS does not refer to LGS as it predates the NPPF. Important Open Land Policy HS/9 (Local Plan 2009) is retained in the CS.</p> <p>NPPF – Promoting healthy communities (para 76 and para 77).</p> <p>Emerging LP will identify LGS not allocated in NPs.</p>	<p>ENV1 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF in identifying LGS and setting out policy for their protection.</p> <p>CS11 refers to new development being directed away from undeveloped areas of land which are important to the form and character of a settlement or locality. The designation of LGS in the village recognises the value of such areas and the contribution they make to the character and setting of the settlement.</p>	<p>Potential for limited positive impact as the policy identifies and protects open land that is of demonstrable value to the community and of outstanding significance for their natural and historical or environmental features.</p>	<p>Possible positive impacts. No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy which seeks to protect local green space.</p>

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POLICY ENV 2: SITES OF LOCALLY HIGH ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE	<p>Policy CS8: Protecting and Enhancing Green Infrastructure.</p> <p>NPPF: 11 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have policy relating to biodiversity a protection and improvement.</p>	ENV2 is considered to be in general conformity with NPPF and CS policy in seeking to protect features, species and habitats.	Possible positive impact as the policy requires development proposals are required to conserve areas of biodiversity.	Possible positive impact. No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy as it promotes biodiversity.

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POLICY ENV 3: IMPORTANT OPEN SPACES	<p>Policy CS8: Protecting and Enhancing Green Infrastructure.</p> <p>NPPF: 11 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have policies protecting open spaces and local landscape character</p>	<p>ENV3 is considered to be in general conformity with NPPF and CS policy in seeking to protect, and where possible enhance new features, species and habitats; it also seeks to protect non designated sites which are of significance locally.</p>	<p>Possible positive impact as the policy requires development proposals are required to conserve and enhance areas of biodiversity. It also aims to protect sites with local significance.</p>	<p>Possible limited positive impact. No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy as it promotes biodiversity.</p>

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<p>POLICY ENV4: BIODIVERSITY AND WILFLIFE CORRIDORS</p>	<p>Policy CS8: Protecting and Enhancing Green Infrastructure.</p> <p>NPPF: 11 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have policy relating to biodiversity a protection and improvement.</p>	<p>ENV4 is considered to be in general conformity with NPPF and CS policy in seeking to protect, and where possible create new, features, species and habitats.</p>	<p>Possible positive impact as the policy requires development proposals are required to conserve and enhance areas of biodiversity.</p>	<p>Possible limited positive impact. No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy as it promotes biodiversity.</p>

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POLICY ENV 5: HERITAGE ASSETS OF LOCAL HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST	<p>Policy CS11: Promoting Design and Built Heritage.</p> <p>NPPF: 12 . Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have policies protecting built heritage and local landscape character.</p>	<p>H5 is considered to be in general conformity with the NPPF and CS as it seeks to protect non designated sites which are of historical significance locally. i.e. the post medieval well</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as it aims to protect sites with local historic or architectural significance.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy</p>

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POLICY ENV 6: RIDGE AND FURROW	Policy CS11: Promoting Design and Built Heritage. Policy CS17: Countryside, rural centres and rural villages. NPPF: 12 . Conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Emerging LP will have policy to protect heritage and local landscape character.	ENV6 is considered to be in general conformity with the NPPF and CS as it seeks to protect ridge and furrow, part of the historic landscape.	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as it aims to protect ridge and furrow as part of the historic landscape.	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy which gives protection to historic landscape feature.

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<p>POLICY ENV 7: PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT VIEWS</p>	<p>Policy CS17: Countryside, rural centres and rural villages.</p> <p>NPPF: Conserving and enhancing the natural environment/ Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have a policy referring to safeguarding public views, skylines and landmarks. (GD5)</p>	<p>ENV7 is considered to be in general conformity with CS and NPPF in seeking to safeguard important views as identified by the community. These views are identified on the Map Figure 10 and defined in the policy.</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as it is affording important views protection.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy as it seeks to protect defined views/ vistas.</p>

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POLICY ENV 8: FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS	<p>CS5: Providing sustainable transport.</p> <p>CS8: Protecting and enhancing green infrastructure.</p> <p>NPPF: Promoting healthy communities.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have policies promoting linkages within the green infrastructure network.</p>	<p>ENV8 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF in seeking to protect and improve the existing network of footpaths/bridleways contributing to healthy lifestyles and community safety. Specific improvements are identified</p>	<p>The policy may deliver minor positive impacts as it is about protection and improvements of bridleways/ footpaths.</p>	<p>Possible minor positive impacts. No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy as it is about protection of footpaths and bridleways.</p>

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<p>POLICY ENV 9: MANAGING FLOOD RISK</p>	<p>Policy CS10: Addressing Flood Risk.</p> <p>NPPF: Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have a policy dealing with managing flood risk.</p>	<p>ENV 9 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF in setting the policy context to ensure that development takes into account implications in relation to local flood risk, takes measures to incorporate appropriate mitigation and SuDS.</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects given the scale of development set out in the plan and the policy approach set out to ensure that areas at most risk of flooding are not developed.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>

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POLICY CF1: THE RETENTION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND AMENITIES	CS12: Delivering Development and Supporting Infrastructure. CS6: Improving town centres and retailing. NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy. Emerging LP will have policy to protect local services and community facilities from unnecessary loss.	CF1 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF in aiming to prevent the loss of or adverse effects on community facilities and services. It sets out the evidence needed to accompany any development proposal involving the loss of such a service/facility.	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as scope for redevelopment of such premises and its scale is likely to be limited.	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy.
POLICY CF2: NEW OR IMPROVED COMMUNITY FACILITIES	Policy CS12: Delivering Development and Supporting Infrastructure. CS6: Improving town	CF2 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF in supporting the provision of new community facilities providing their	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as scope for such new facilities is likely to be limited. Any	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy

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	<p>centres and retailing. CS17: Countryside, rural centres and rural villages.</p> <p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have policy to encourage provision of new community facilities.</p>	<p>development does not impact on residential amenity, is of an appropriate scale, is accessible and provides adequate parking.</p>	<p>development proposals will also be assessed against other NP policies.</p>			

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POLICY T1: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	CS5: Providing sustainable transport. CS12: Delivering development and supporting infrastructure. NPPF: Promoting sustainable transport. Promoting healthy communities. Emerging LP will have as part of its design policy the need to ensure safe, efficient and convenient movement of all highway users (including cyclists and pedestrians).	T1 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF in seeking to limit the impact of traffic generation and parking.	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects.	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy
Policy BE1: SUPPORT FOR EXISTING EMPLOYMENT	Policy CS7: Enabling Employment and Business Development.	BE1 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF in so far it aims to prevent the loss of current	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects given that it relates to protection	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy.

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OPPORTUNITIES	<p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have policies promoting healthy rural communities.</p>	employment opportunities in the village.	rather than new employment development.			
POLICY BE2: SUPPORT FOR NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES	<p>Policy CS7: Enabling Employment and Business Development.</p> <p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have policies promoting healthy rural communities.</p>	<p>BE2 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF in so far it aims to support new employment opportunities in the village providing certain criteria are met.</p> <p>Although the policy does not have a criterion relating to heritage assets, this is covered by other policies and does not need to be repeated here.</p>	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects given the policy criteria would limit the impacts of any employment development. Impact on historic environment is covered by other policies and would be taken into account.	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy.

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POLICY BE3: WORKING FROM HOME	<p>CS17: Countryside, rural centres and rural villages.</p> <p>NPPF: Supporting high quality communications infrastructure.</p>	BE3 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF in supporting working from home providing residential amenity is protected and any associated development is subservient and does not detract from the existing building.	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects given the policy specifies that any development will need to be subservient and in character.	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy
POLICY BE4: RE-USE OF AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS	<p>Policy CS7: Enabling Employment and Business Development.</p> <p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have policies promoting healthy rural communities.</p>	BE4 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF by supporting the re-use of agricultural and commercial buildings providing the proposals meet certain criteria aimed at protecting landscape, character of the area, historic and environmental features, road network and residential amenity.	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects given the policy criteria set out to protect the local environment.	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy
POLICY BE5:	CS8 promotes	BE5 is considered to be in	The policy is unlikely to	No significant	None.	No negative

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<p>TOURISM</p>	<p>opportunities to maximise the potential value of existing and new green space through the promotion of issues such as tourism.</p> <p>CS17 seeks to promote sustainable growth of tourism and access to countryside.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy RT4 Tourism and Leisure allows for visitor attractions to be directed to country side locations in certain circumstances</p> <p>NPPF para 28 expansion</p>	<p>conformity with the CS and LP by supporting the visitor economy in certain circumstances that do not have detrimental impacts.</p>	<p>result in significant effects given the policy criteria set out to protect the local historic and environmental characteristics.</p>	<p>effects identified.</p>		<p>effect arising from this policy</p>

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	<p>of tourist and visitor facilities</p> <p>NPPF para 21 identify priority areas for economic regeneration, infrastructure provision and environmental enhancement</p>					
POLICY BE6: BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE	<p>CS17: Countryside, rural centres and rural villages.</p> <p>NPPF: Supporting high quality communications infrastructure.</p> <p>Emerging LP will have a policy to support the provision of infrastructure alongside new development.</p>	<p>BE6 is considered to be in general conformity with the CS and NPPF in supporting the provision infrastructure to ensure the provision of super-fast broadband providing it is sensitively located.</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects given the requirement for sensitive location of such installations.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy</p>

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Conclusion

The table above has demonstrated that in the opinion on the Local Planning Authority the policies of the Arnesby Neighbourhood Plan do not give potential for significant detrimental effects on local historic or environmental sites, Natura 2000 sites, or Habitat Regulations.