

**Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination -  
Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan – post examination.**



**Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan  
Strategic Environmental Assessment  
Determination – Jan 2023**

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On behalf of**

**Dunton Bassett Parish Council**

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## Introduction

1.1 This determination report has been issued after the screening report of 26 January 2023 for the Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

1.2 The Examiner recommended in paragraph 84 of his report:

### **Recommendation**

*That Harborough District Council undertakes a new screening under the Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the SEA Regulations) which assesses whether the neighbourhood plan will have a significant effect on the environment, based on the deletion of Policies H1, H2 and H3 of the Submitted Plan.*

*That Harborough District Council formally makes a determination under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (the Habitat Regulations) to confirm its view that the neighbourhood plan will not have any significant impact on any European protected sites in addition to the determination addendum issued in June 2022 by the Council and considers the response of Historic England that there may be significant environmental impacts on the historic environment and that a full Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.*

1.3 After deletion of Policies H1, H2 and H3 the remaining policies were rescreened to determine whether, in the opinion of the Council, the contents of the Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan as submitted in November 2021 has satisfied the requirements for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

1.4 The Council considered that the remaining policies as amended did not require a full Strategic Environmental Assessment to be undertaken to meet the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (the Habitat Regulations) and now issues its final determination as required by the Examiners report dated 25 January 2023.

## Legislative Background

4.4 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).

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- 5.5 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.
- 6.6 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
- 7.7 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 \(SEA\)](#) and the [Sustainability Appraisal \(SA\) as part of the New Local Plan](#) during 2016.

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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? <a href="#">(Art. 2(a))</a>	Y	The preparation of and adoption of the NP is allowed under The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The NP has been prepared by Dunton Bassett 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 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 environmental effects 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>Dunton Bassett NP as amended for the referendum is unlikely to have a substantial effect on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites.</p> <p>The Plan, as amended in accordance with the Examiners recommended modifications does not allocate housing sites or provide any other housing policies (such as limits to development) which in the opinion of Historic England may have had a detrimental effect on the scheduled monument.</p> <p>A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) has been undertaken as part of the Local Plan preparation. The assessment concludes that the Local Plan will not have a likely significant effect on any internationally important wildlife sites either alone or in conjunction with other plans and projects. These conclusions are based on the fact that no such sites are located within the district and no impact pathways were identified linking internationally important wildlife sites outside of the district (e.g. Rutland Water SPA/Ramsar site) to development within Harborough District.</p>

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		<p>The Local Plan HRA considered but dismissed the following sites from the analysis due to a combination of distance and absence of impact pathways linking it to the District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensor’s Pool SAC;</li> <li>• The Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA and Ramsar; and</li> <li>• River Mease SAC.</li> </ul> <p>The HRA looked into the potential effects of the plan on Rutland Water SPA and Ramsar site in more detail. However, it concluded that the Local Plan will not have a likely significant effect on the site as no impact pathways were identified linking it to development within Harborough District. Given that Dunton Bassett and the Neighbourhood Plan, as amended by the Examiners recommendations, lies some 40 km from Rutland Water SPA/Ramsar, it is considered that the NP will not affect any Natura 2000 sites in line with the findings of the HRA. Therefore, it is concluded that a full Appropriate Assessment is not deemed to be required.</p> <p>The Local Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment is available at: <a href="https://www.harborough.gov.uk/downloads/download/1170/s7_habitat_regulations_assessment">https://www.harborough.gov.uk/downloads/download/1170/s7_habitat_regulations_assessment</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)	<b>Y</b>	The Neighbourhood Plan as amended by the Examiners recommendations does not consider sites for housing, but only considers environmental or historic environment policies at a local level.
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>	<b>Y</b>	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)	<b>N</b>	
8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? <a href="#">(Art. 3.5)</a>	<b>N</b>	<p>The Dunton Bassett NP is a self contained plan and has policies for environmental and historic environment only. The Plan does not allocate sites for housing nor does it have other housing related policies.</p> <p>The comments of Historic England in response to the Screening Report Dec 2019 and the further consideration of the Council of the effects on the Historic Environment indicate that a further appropriate and proportionate assessment of the reasonable alternatives should be made to assess the impacts of Plan policy H1 on the Historic Environment. Policy H1 has now been removed from the Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan as part of the</p>

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### Examiners recommendations

The effect on the environment (natural and historic) anticipated through the remaining policies is unlikely to impact on any Natura 2000 site any European protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (the Habitat Regulations). The Neighbourhood Area does not have any sites of special scientific interest within it. Proposed development will not impact on any nationally recognised landscape designations.

More locally, the Neighbourhood Area has identified sites of historical and/or environmental significance and policies have been developed to protect these. Three Local Green Spaces have been proposed for designation which will afford these site a high level of protection. The examiners recommendation in paragraph 124 of his report recommending extending the Local Green Space at All Saints Churchyard as shown in Figure 5 to include the Burial Ground extension. The amended policy has been screened for effects on

The Neighbourhood Plan has sought to protect local sites of historic environment significance (including a scheduled monument and Medieval earthworks). In addition, designated heritage assets that have been identified in the Plan and the local built environment character is protected through policy. The NP also seeks to protect ridge and furrow land and important views within the neighbourhood area. There are recommended modifications to these polices in the Examiners report which have been taken into account

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## **Determination Outcome**

**5.1** As a result of the Council's screening at appendix 3 of the post examination version of the Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Development Plan it is the determination of the Council that the Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan as amended by the Examiners report of 25 January 2023 does not require a full Strategic Environmental Assessment.

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## Appendix 1

Sites of Special Scientific Interest /LISTED BUILDINGS/Scheduled Monuments WITHIN  
THE PARISH OF DUNTON BASSETT

<i>Settlement Occurrence feature:</i>	
<b>Conservation Area</b>	n/a
<b>Scheduled Monuments</b>	<p><a href="#">Moated site with fishpond at Dunton Bassett</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List Entry Number: 1010915</li> <li>• Heritage Category: Scheduling</li> <li>• Location: Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire</li> </ul>
<b>Listed Buildings/Features: Grade I, Grade II*, Grade II</b>	<p><a href="#">2, Little Lunnun</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List Entry Number: 1061559</li> <li>• Heritage Category: Listing</li> <li>• Grade: II</li> <li>• Location: 2, Little Lunnun, Dunton Bassett, LE17 5JR, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Onion Cottage</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List Entry Number: 1178225</li> <li>• Heritage Category: Listing</li> <li>• Grade: II</li> <li>• Location: Onion Cottage, The Mount, Dunton Bassett, LE17 5JL, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">LODGE FARMHOUSE</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List Entry Number: 1178200</li> <li>• Heritage Category: Listing</li> <li>• Grade: II</li> <li>• Location: LODGE FARMHOUSE, DUNTON LANE, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">MILEPOST CIRCA 400 YARDS NORTH OF COOPERS LANE</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List Entry Number: 1178210</li> <li>• Heritage Category: Listing</li> <li>• Grade: II</li> </ul>



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- Location: MILEPOST CIRCA 400 YARDS NORTH OF COOPERS LANE, LUTTERWORTH ROAD, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire

### HILLSIDE HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1178189
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: HILLSIDE HOUSE, BENNETTS HILL, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire

### NUMBER 36 AND ATTACHED BARN

- List Entry Number: 1360703
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: NUMBER 36 AND ATTACHED BARN, THE MOUNT, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire

### THE ELWELLS AND ADJOINING FARM BUILDINGS

- List Entry Number: 1360701
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: THE ELWELLS AND ADJOINING FARM BUILDINGS, BENNETTS HILL, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire

### MANOR FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1178171
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: MANOR FARMHOUSE, 4, BENNETTS HILL, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire

### OLD HALL COTTAGE

- List Entry Number: 1061560
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: OLD HALL COTTAGE, MAIN STREET, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire

### BLOOMHILLS FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1251005
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II

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- Location: BLOOMHILLS FARMHOUSE, 20, MAIN STREET, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire

### WAR MEMORIAL

- List Entry Number: 1393524
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: WAR MEMORIAL, CHURCH LANE, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire

### BARN AT MANOR HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1061558
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: BARN AT MANOR HOUSE, BENNETTS HILL, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire

### OUTBUILDINGS AT MANOR HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1295179
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: OUTBUILDINGS AT MANOR HOUSE, BENNETTS HILL, Dunton Bassett, Harborough, Leicestershire

### CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

- List Entry Number: 1360702
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II\*
- Location: CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, CHURCH LANE, Dunton Bassett, 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).

### Annex II

#### 1. Agriculture

- (a) Projects for the restructuring of rural land holdings.

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- (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.

### 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.

### 1. Processing of metals

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- (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

### 6. 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.

### 7. 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.

### 8. 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.

### 9. Rubber industry

Manufacture and treatment of elastomer-based products.

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### 10. 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.

### 11. 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.

- 12. 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

#### January 2023 - LPA screening for the requirement for a SEA for Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan as amended by the Examiners report received 25 January 2023

The policies of the post examination Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan have been individually assessed to determine the effects on historic and natural environment, Natura 200 sites and HRA.

**The table below demonstrates that in the opinion on the Local Planning Authority the policies of the Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan do not make significant detrimental effects on local historic or environmental sites, Natura 2000 sites, or Habitat Regulations.**

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<i>Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan Policy</i>	<i>Relevant Policy in Harborough District Local Plan (LP)/National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)</i>	<i>Relationship between Dunton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan</i>	<i>Potential for likely significant effects on national and local historic and/or environmental designations</i>	<i>Conclusions relating to Strategic Environmental Assessment</i>	<i>Potential for likely significant effects on Natura 2000 sites within 50km (nearest Ensor's Pool Special Area for Conservation approx. 30km)</i>	<i>Conclusion relating to Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)</i>
<i>Policy H1: Residential site allocation</i>	Policy deleted					
<i>Policy H2: Reserve Site</i>	Policy deleted					
<i>POLICY H3: LIMITS TO DEVELOPMENT</i>	Policy deleted					
<i>POLICY H4: HOUSING MIX</i>	NPPF – Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes – para. 50  LP has policy H5 which requires developments to deliver a suitable mix of housing.	Policy H4 is considered to be in general conformity with the LP and NPPF in seeking to deliver an appropriate mix of housing types to reflect local needs based on local and District evidence..	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as it only relates to mix of homes.	No significant effects identified.	None	No negative effect arising from this policy.
<i>POLICY H5:</i>	Policy amended to	Policy H5 as amended by	The policy is unlikely to	No significant	None.	No negative



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<i>DESIGN QUALITY</i>	meet Basic Conditions NPPF – 12 Achieving Well Designed Places	recommended modifications sets out a series of criteria that should be considered in new development within Dunton Bassett.  It should be considered to be in general conformity with LP policy and NPPF in setting out building design principles.	result in significant effects as it promotes design of new development which reflects the character and historic context of its surroundings.	effects identified.		effect arising from this policy.
<i>Policy H6 Affordable Housing</i>	LP policy H2 deals with affordable housing	Policy H6 specifies that proposal for new housing should be in accordance with the requirements of the Parish	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as it only relates to delivery of affordable homes on housing sites	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy.
<i>POLICY H7: WINDFALL SITES</i>	NPPF: Delivering sustainable development and delivering a wide choice of high quality homes (para 55).  LP Policy GD2 allows for unallocated settlement development within or adjacent to	Policy H7 recognises that throughout the NP period small scale housing sites may come forward. Limits to development have been defined to enable application of the policy.  The policy sets out the considerations that should be taken into account in the determination of such applications. It provides	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	safeguards to ensure that the distinctive character of the village is respected				
<i>POLICY H8: USE OF STREET LIGHTING:</i>	Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions	Policy H8 as amended by recommended modifications should be considered to be in general conformity in only seeking to utilise street lighting when required	No significant effects identified	No significant effects identified	No significant effects identified	No significant effects identified
<i>POLICY ENV 1: PROTECTION OF LOCAL GREEN SPACE</i>	Local Plan Policy GD8 – Good Design in development	Policy ENV1 as amended by recommended modifications is considered to be in general conformity with the LP and NPPF in identifying LGS and setting out policy for their protection.	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.	Possible positive impacts. No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy which seeks to protect local green space.
	LP Policy GI4 considers Local Green Space and its inclusion in NDPs					

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<p><i>POLICY ENV 2 : IMORTANT OPEN SPACES</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>NPPF para 96 to 98.</p> <p>Local Plan policy GI2</p>	<p>Policy ENV2 as amended by recommended modifications can be considered to be in conformity with the Local Plan. The policy seeks to protect open space sites that are valued by the community unless equivalent or better provision is made</p>	<p>No detrimental effects identified</p>	<p>Possible limited positive impact. No significant detrimental effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>
<p><i>POLICY ENV 3: PROTECTION OF SITES OF NATURAL ENVIRONMEN T SIGNIFICANCE</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>NPPF: 11 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</p> <p>GI5 relates to biodiversity and protection and improvement of Biodiversity and Geodiversity</p>	<p>Policy ENV3 as amended by recommended modifications is considered to be in general conformity with NPPF and LP policy in seeking to protect species and habitats and protection of sites for their amenity value</p>	<p>ENV2 is considered to be in general conformity with NPPF and LP policy in seeking to protect, non designated sites which are of significance locally.</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><i>POLICY ENV 4: WOODLAND, NOTABLE TREES AND HEDGES–</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>NPPF: Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.</p> <p>LP Policy GI5 relates to protection of locally designated biodiversity and geodiversity sites.</p>	<p>Policy ENV4 as amended by recommended modifications is considered to be in general conformity with the NPPF and LP as it seeks to protect Biodiversity, trees, woodland and hedgerows of value.</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as it gives protection to trees and hedgerows of value.</p>	<p>Limited impact. No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy which gives protection to trees and hedgerows.</p>
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<p><i>POLICY ENV 5: BIODIVERSITY AND HABITAT CONNECTIVIT</i></p> <p>Y-</p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>NPPF: Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.</p> <p>LP Policy GI5 relates to protection of locally designated biodiversity and geodiversity sites.</p>	<p>Policy ENV5 as amended by recommended modifications is considered to be in general conformity with the NPPF and LP as it seeks to protect habitat connectivity</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as it gives protection to trees and hedgerows of value that form wildlife corridors</p>	<p>Limited impact. No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy which gives protection to trees and hedgerows.</p>
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<i>POLICY ENV 6: PROTECTION OF SITES OF HISTORICAL ENVIRONMENT SIGNIFICANCE</i>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>Policy HC1: Built Heritage.</p> <p>NPPF: 16 . Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.</p>	<p>Policy ENV6 as amended by recommended modifications is considered to be in general conformity with NPPF and Local Plan in seeking to protect sites which are of historical significance locally.</p>	<p>Possible positive impact as the policy requires development proposals are required 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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<p><i>POLICY ENV 7: LOCAL BUILT ENVIRONMENT CHARACTER AREA</i></p>	<p>Local Plan policy HC1 seeks to protect the historic environment</p> <p>NPPF: 16 . Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.</p>	<p>Policy ENV7 is considered to be in general conformity with the NPPF and Local Plan as it seeks to afford protect to sites within the historic built environment. The character area is set out in figure 11 of the Plan</p>	<p>The policy may deliver minor positive impacts as it aims to protect sites of historic significance and their wider setting.</p>	<p>Possible limited positive impact. No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy which seeks to protect sites of historic character and their setting.</p>
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*POLICY ENV 8:  
RIDGE AND  
FURROW*

<p>NPPF: 16 . Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.</p> <p>LP Policy GI5 relates to protection of locally designated biodiversity and geodiversity sites.</p>	<p>Policy ENV8 is considered to be in general conformity with the NPPF and LP as it seeks to protect ridge and furrow, part of the historic landscape.</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as it aims to protect ridge and furrow as part of the historic landscape.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy which gives protection to historic landscape feature.</p>
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<p><i>POLICY ENV 9: PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT VIEWS</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>NPPF: 15 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment/ 16 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.</p>	<p>Policy ENV9 as amended by recommended modifications is considered to be in general conformity with LP and NPPF in seeking to safeguard important views and vistas as identified by the community. These vistas are identified on the Map Figure 11 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>
<p><i>POLICY ENV 10: AREA OF SEPARATION</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>GD2 seeks to protect the distinctiveness of settlements</p> <p>GD6 allows for areas of separation designated in the Local Plan</p>	<p>Policy ENV10 as amended by recommended modifications is considered to be in conformity with the Local Plan in that it seeks to safeguard the identity of communities and prevent the coalescence of settlements.</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect</p>

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*POLICY ENV  
11:  
MANAGING  
FLOOD RISK*

Policy Deleted



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<p><i>POLICY ENV 12: FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS</i></p>	<p>GI1 – Green Infrastructure networks.</p> <p>NPPF: Promoting healthy communities.</p>	<p>Policy ENV12 is considered to be in general conformity with the Local Plan and NPPF in seeking to protect and improve the existing network of footpaths contributing to healthy lifestyles and community safety.</p>	<p>The policy may deliver minor positive impacts as it is about protection and improvements of 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</p>
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<p><i>POLICY CF1: RETENTION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES, AMENITIES, ASSETS</i></p>	<p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy. (paras 83 to 84)</p> <p>LP Policy HC2 and HC3 deals with community facilities, public houses village shops and post offices</p>	<p>Policy CF1 is considered to be in general conformity with the LP 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.</p> <p>The community facilities to be considered are defined in the policy</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as scope for redevelopment of such premises and its scale is likely to be limited. Applications will also be assessed against other NP policies.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>
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<p><i>POLICY CF2: NEW OR IMPROVED COMMUNITY FACILITIES</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy</p>	<p>Policy CF2 as amended by recommended modifications seeks to improve the quality and range of community facilities and can be considered in conformity with Local Plan policies</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>
<p><i>POLICY CF3: PRIMARY SCHOOL</i></p>	<p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy</p> <p>LP Policy HC2 sets out policy relating to community facilities. The supporting text defines schools as a community facility</p>	<p>CF3 seeks to protect and/or enhance an important local asset from loss or adverse impacts. It seeks to enable the expansion of the school within criteria.</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>

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<p><i>POLICY E1: SUPPORT FOR EXISTING BUSINESSES &amp; EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES-</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy.</p> <p>LP Policy BE1 and BE3 consider existing employment areas</p>	<p>Policy E1 as amended by recommended modifications seeks to protect existing employment sites. It can be considered to be in general conformity in aspiring to meet a local need and delivering the NPPF objective to support a prosperous rural economy</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects given that it relates to protection rather than new employment development.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>
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<p><i>POLICY E2: SUPPORT FOR NEW BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYMENT</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy</p>	<p>E2 as amended by recommended modifications 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>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects given that it relates to protection rather than new employment development.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>
	<p>Local Plan policy BE1 considers the opportunities to provide new business areas</p>	<p>Although the policy does not have a specific criteria relating to heritage assets, this is covered by other policies and does not need to be repeated here.</p>				

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<p><i>POLICY E3: HOME WORKING</i></p>	<p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy.</p> <p>LP Policy BE1 and BE3 consider existing employment areas</p>	<p>E3 can be considered to be in general conformity with the LP 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.</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects given the policy specifies that any development will need to be subservient and in character.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy</p>
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<i>POLICY E4: REUSE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS</i>	Policy deleted					
<i>Policy E5: Tourism</i>	Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions	Policy E5 as amended by recommended modifications is considered to be in general conformity with NPPF and Local Plan in seeking to allow for development Foxton Locks that does not have a detrimental effect on the village of Foxton.	Possible positive impact as the policy requires development proposals are required to protect sites with local historic or architectural significance.	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy.
	Local Plan Policy RT4 deals with Tourism and Leisure .					
	HC1 deals with Built Heritage					
	NPPF: 16 . Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.					

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<p><i>POLICY E6: BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p>	<p>E6 as amended by recommended modifications is considered to be in general conformity with the LP and NPPF in supporting the provision infrastructure to ensure the provision of super-fast broadband providing it is sympathetically 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>
	<p>NPPF: Supporting high quality communications infrastructure.</p>					
	<p>LP Policy IN3 considers the support for provision of infrastructure alongside new development.</p>					

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<p><i>POLICY T1: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>NPPF: Promoting sustainable transport. Promoting healthy communities.</p>	<p>Policy T1 as amended by recommended modifications seeks to minimise the increase in traffic and can be considered to be in general conformity with the Local Plan as it considers parking, highway access and improvement and creation of footpaths and cycleways</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy</p>
<p><i>Policy T2: Car Parking</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>NPPF: Chapter 9 Promoting sustainable transport.</p>	<p>Policy T2 as amended by recommended modifications seeks to minimise on street parking and can be considered to be in general conformity with the Local Plan as it considers good design of new development and parking standards</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy</p>

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	LP Policy GD8 deals with good design in new housing developments including parking and access to footways and cycle routes					
<p><i>POLICY T3: TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT FOR NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS</i></p>	<p>Policy amended to meet Basic Conditions</p> <p>NPPF: Promoting sustainable transport. Promoting healthy communities.</p> <p>LP Policy GD8 deals with good design in new housing developments including parking and access to footways and cycle routes</p>	<p>Policy T3 as amended by recommended modifications can be considered to be in general conformity with the Local Plan as it considers parking, highway access and improvement and creation of footpaths and cycleways</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy</p>

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