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On behalf of**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This screening report is used to determine whether or not the contents of the draft of the Fleckney Neighbourhood Plan as submitted in April 2026 (Fleckney-Neighbourhood-Plan-Review-Pre-Submission--March-2026-rev-1) 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.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Fleckney Neighbourhood Plan Review is to bring the Fleckney Neighbourhood Plan up to date and take account of changes both locally and as part of the legislative environment. The review will ensure the neighbourhood gets the right types of development in the right locations.
- 1.3 The first Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the Parish of Fleckney was "Made" by Harborough District Council on 27 May 2021 after successful referendum. The significant policy changes incorporated in the present document, the NP Review, as compared to those in the Made NP, are summarised here.

Policy F1: Countryside – this is covered in Policy H1 Settlement Boundary, which establishes a red line area within which development will be supported.

Policy F2: Public Rights of Way network – this is now Policy ENV 10 Footpaths and other recreational routes. No other change.

Policy F3: Ecology and Biodiversity and Policy F4: Trees and Hedgerows – these policies have been consolidated into new policies ENV 3 and ENV 4 (see below).

Policy F5: Features of Local Heritage Interest is now Policy ENV 7 Non-Designated Heritage Assets. The list of buildings identified in the 2021 Made Plan has been updated to reflect their current status in the Leicestershire Historic Environment Record.

Policy F6: Design – this policy (now Policy D1) has been updated to take into account the findings of a Design Guide and Codes document which was commissioned as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Review.

Policy F7: Local Green Spaces (LGS) – this is now Policy ENV 1. A new policy (ENV 2, see below) has been added to identify and provide appropriate protection for all Open Spaces in the Area. Two Local Green Spaces (and 32 Open Space, Sport & Recreation sites) replace and augment the 13 LGSs in the Made Plan.

Policy F8: Housing Provision – this statement of intent has been updated and is included as part of the narrative rather than as a specific policy.

Policy F9: Infill Housing – this is now policy H2 Windfall Housing which establishes criteria to be applied when supporting planning applications within the Settlement Boundary.

Policy F10: Housing Mix – this policy (now Policy H3) has been updated to take into account the findings of a Housing Needs Assessment which was commissioned as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Review.

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Policy F11: Affordable Housing – this policy (now Policy H4) has been updated to take into account the findings of a Housing Needs Assessment which was commissioned as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Review.

Policy F12: Bus Services is now Policy T1 but otherwise unchanged

Policy F13: Car Parking and New Housing Development. This is now Policy T3. It remains the same as in the Made Neighbourhood Plan, other than a stated requirement for new development to meet Leicestershire County Council Highways requirements.

Policy F14: Community Services and Facilities is now Policy CF1. The policy has been updated to include and describe current important community facilities and to promote their protection, and to support the introduction of new community facilities.

Policy F15: Infrastructure is now Policy In 1. It has been updated to reflect current priorities.

Policy F16: Local Centre. This is now Policy LC 1. It has been updated to address issues related to the quality of shop fronts in the Village Centre. Policy

F17: Local Centre Car Parking is now Policy LC 2, but is otherwise unchanged

New policies:

Policy ENV 2 Open Space, Sport & Recreation sites (OSSRs). there was no policy in the Made Plan. The intention is to protect the functions and amenities of all the OSSRs in the Area, with support from community value. This policy makes a clear distinction between the protection afforded to Local Green Spaces by Policy ENV 1 and that for OSSRs.

Policy ENV 3 Sites of Natural Environment significance. This policy identifies all known sites (habitats) with known biodiversity significance (based on Leicestershire Environment Record Centre and other validated data) and affords them appropriate protection when new development is proposed. The measures for Biodiversity Net Gain in the current National Framework are referenced.

Policy ENV 4 Biodiversity and Connectivity. This policy provides protection for wildlife and habitats (including, but not restricted to, statutorily protected species) wherever new development is proposed in the Area, and identifies a wildlife corridor to provide connectivity between the known sites in ENV 3. The measures for Biodiversity Net Gain in the current National Framework are referenced.

Policy ENV 5 Sites of Historic Environment significance. This policy identifies all known sites with visible heritage features and proven buried archaeology (based on Leicestershire Historic Environment Record data) and affords them appropriate protection when new development is proposed.

Policy ENV 6 Ridge and furrow. This policy maps the extent of surviving ridge and furrow earthworks in the Area, compares it with the loss since 1947 and 1999, and protects the individual occurrences as Non-designated Heritage Assets.

Policy ENV 9 Flooding: Risk, Resilience and Climate Change. There was no policy in the Made Plan for flood risk; a section of narrative referred to 'water management'. The policy adds local detail to National and Local Plan policies based on 2025 Environment Agency mapping of risk, recent local flooding experience and deals with the urgent need to take account of these factors, and the effects of climate change on flood risk, when new development is proposed.

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Policy H1: Residential Allocations. This policy allocates two sites for residential development to help meet the Minimum Housing Requirement for the area.

Policy E1: Employment. This is a new policy which seeks to support existing and promote new employment opportunities locally.

Policy T2 Transport Requirements for New Development seeks to address transport-related issues across the neighbourhood area.

Policy CF2 Healthcare seeks to support the expansion of existing facilities and the creation of new facilities subject to expressed criteria.

Policy CF3 seeks to support the expansion or relocation of the School in the Neighbourhood Area subject to expressed criteria.

1.4 The key priorities of the plan as identified by residents are as follows

- How to meet the strategic development requirements for housing and employment set out in the Harborough Local Plan
- The impact of new development and the need for improved infrastructure (especially transport), services and amenities
- Not all new development has been well integrated into the heart of the village
- New housing has not met local needs - especially the needs of older households and young families
- The erosion of local identity through the loss of heritage assets and the poor design of new buildings
- The protection of the local countryside and the natural environment
- The need to maintain separation between Fleckney and the neighbouring villages of Wistow and Saddington
- The retention of important open spaces within the village
- Traffic congestion, speeding vehicles, road safety and parking problems
- Need for bus service improvements
- Better sports and recreation facilities
- Concerns about the vitality of the village centre

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 conditions. 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 neighbourhood plan¹. 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 plan². NPPG guidance goes on to state that reasonable alternatives must also be sufficiently distinct, realistic and deliverable³.

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- 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 duplication ⁴.
- 1.9 Each policy of the Fleckney Plan at the date of this assessment has been individually assessed for its effects on Habitat Regulations (and other environmental effects) (see appendix 3). The HRA for the 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 CJEU ruling (People Over Wind and Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta (C-323/17) (April 2018)) states that:

“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).

This SEA Screening Report dated April 2026 for the Fleckney Neighbourhood Plan Review does 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 April 2026 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 Para 030 of <http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/sustainability-appraisal-requirements-for-neighbourhood-plans/>

² Para 039 - http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/sustainability-appraisal-requirements-for-neighbourhood-plans/#paragraph_033

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³ Para 038 - http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/sustainability-appraisal-requirements-for-neighbourhood-plans/#paragraph_033

⁴ Regulation 12(3)(d) - http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/1633/pdfs/ukxi_20041633_en.pdf

- 1.14 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 paragraphs [1 to 4 and 6 of Schedule 3](#)). Paragraphs 5 and 7 to 13 of Schedule 3 correct errors in the EIA Regulations
- 2.4 This report focuses on screening for SEA and the criteria for establishing whether a full assessment is needed in light of the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment undertaken for the Local Plan. A copy of the SA Report can be viewed here; [Harborough District Council - Sustainability Appraisal \(SA\) and Strategic Environmental Assessment \(SEA\)](#)

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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,
- 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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4.2 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 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 Fleckney 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? (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 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, 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 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? (Art. 3.2 (b))	N	Fleckney NP Review allocates two sites for housing. A housing site assessment has been undertaken to support the decision-making process and assess the reasonable alternatives. The sites taken forward as part of the review plan are SHELAA site reference 21/8101 (Land west of Leicester Road) and SHELAA site reference 21/8174 (Land Off Burton Way). The sustainability Appraisal for the Local Plan determined that a minor negative effect for Biodiversity and cultural heritage was expected for site 21/8101. The negative effect for biodiversity and geodiversity for site 21/8174 are expected to be insignificant, however a significant negative effect is expected for cultural heritage, although the nature of the effects are uncertain. Headline results of the Sustainability Appraisal for the Local Plan can be found at appendix 3 of this report. https://www.harborough.gov.uk/directory_record/731/sustainability_appraisals_and_strategic_environmental_assessments_-_new_local_plan

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	<p>Both sites are assessed as having a significant negative effect on landscape as part of the Sustainability Appraisal for the Local Plan. This outcome is in relation to a number of sites assessed and this is balanced by a number of positive impacts relating to a number of other sustainability objectives. The reasonable alternatives have been assessed as part of this plan and the allocated sites are those considered to be the most suitable for local needs.</p> <p>Overall, the sites are unlikely to have a substantial effect on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites. The Plan does allocate two sites for housing (around 172 dwellings in total) and contains policies that influence where development might take place, the type of housing that should be encouraged and the design of new development. It is unlikely that the policies will cause significant detrimental effects on the historic and natural environments</p> <p>The Fleckney Plan contains policies to protect assets of significant historic or environmental importance.</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> <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"> • Ensor's Pool SAC; • The Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA and Ramsar; and • River Mease SAC. <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 the Fleckney lies some 35 km from Rutland Water SPA/Ramsar, it is considered that the NP will not affect any Natura 2000 sites in line with</p>
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		<p>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:</p> <p>https://www.harborough.gov.uk/downloads/file/8937/habitats_regulations_assessment_report</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 relatively small sites at local level.
6. Does the NP set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just projects in annexes to the EIA Directive)? (Art 3.4)	Y	The NP is to be used for determining future planning applications
7. Is the NP's sole purpose to serve the national defence or civil emergency, OR is it a financial or budget PP, OR is it co-financed by structural funds or EAGGF programmes 2000 to 2006/7? (Art 3.8, 3.9)	N	
8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? (Art. 3.5)	N	<p>The Local Plan allocates one site to Fleckney at land at Land west of Leicester Road Site A for around 156 dwellings. A second site of Burton Way is allocated for around 12 dwellings.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plans are permitted to allocate sites in addition to any Local Plan housing allocation. The new Local Plan proposes the 150 dwellings to be allocated to Fleckney at land north of Kilby Road and land west of Longgreay (F1)</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan also contains policies to permit and influence infill housing.</p> <p>The level of development anticipated through these policies is not going to impact on any Natura 2000 site.</p> <p>Two Sites of Special Scientific Importance (SSSIs) are located within 10 kms of the Neighbourhood Area; one of them is on the Area boundary. Two Local Green Spaces have been identified and receive protection as part of ENV1.</p> <p>Other sites of local environmental importance have been identified and receive protection as part of the policies of the Plan.</p>

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	<p>An inconsistency in the submitted plan has been identified as OS 37 Burton Way waterside, balancing pond and meadow: Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace; Amenity Open Space, is also allocated as a housing site. The Plan will need to be amended to ensure consistency across the policies.</p> <p>Fleckney does not have a designated conservation area.</p> <p>Policy ENV7 of the Neighbourhood Plan considered the importance of heritage assets. Important buildings are listed and mapped. Any harm arising from a development proposal or a change of use requiring planning approval affecting it will need to be balanced against its significance as a heritage asset.</p> <p>Where flood risk is an issue in Fleckney policy ENV9 helps address this. New development will be required to demonstrate that the benefit of development outweighs the harm in relation to its adverse impacts on-site or elsewhere. Development sites should be built to manage surface water sustainably and utilise resources sustainably during use. Use of SUDs for habitat creation is also is also required from new development.</p> <p>Ridge and Furrow fields are also identified as heritage assets and for protection from harm in ENV6.</p>
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5. Screening Outcome

- 5..1 As a result of the assessment in Section 4, it is unlikely there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the Fleckney Neighbourhood Plan review as submitted at the date of this assessment. As such, it is the opinion of the Council that the Fleckney Neighbourhood Plan does not require a full SEA to be undertaken.

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- 5..2 The Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England will be consulted on this Screening Report prior to the Councils determination and their responses will be made available through the Fleckney Neighbourhood Plan Evidence base.
- 5..3 If the issues addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan should change then a new screening process will need to be undertaken determine whether an SEA will be required. Please contact Harborough District Council for advice in this circumstance.

Appendix 1

SSSI/LISTED BUILDINGS/SAMs WITHIN THE PARISH OF FLECKNEY REVIEW

Other Settlement features:	Occurrence
Conservation Area	Not applicable
Scheduled Monuments	Not applicable
Listed buildings	<p><u>THE MANOR HOUSE AND FLANKING WALL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>List Entry Number: 1360758</u> • <u>Heritage Category: Listing</u> • <u>Grade: II</u> • <u>Location: THE MANOR HOUSE AND FLANKING WALL, MAIN STREET, Fleckney, Harborough, Leicestershire</u>

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WOLSEY HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1180210
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: WOLSEY HOUSE, 15, MAIN STREET, Fleckney, Harborough, Leicestershire

CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS

- List Entry Number: 1180219
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II*
- Location: CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS, CHURCH STREET, Fleckney, 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.
- (i) Extraction of bituminous shale.
- (j) Extraction of minerals other than metalliferous and energy-producing minerals by open-cast mining.

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- (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.

3. Processing of metals

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

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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

Sustainability Appraisal for sites

Site ID	Nearest Settlement	Area	Site Name	SA1	SA2	SA3	SA4	SA5	SA6	SA7	SA8	SA9	SA10	SA11	SA12	SA13	SA14
21/8088	Fleckney	Centre (Grid 3)	Land to the east of Fleckney Meadows	0	0?	?/0	?	0	++	0	0/+?	+	++	0	0	+	?
21/8101	Fleckney	Centre (Grid 3)	Land west of Leicester Road	0	-?	?/0	-?	0	+	0	0/+?	+	+	0	0	+	?
21/8166	Fleckney	Centre (Grid 3)	Land to the east of Fleckney Road	0	0?	?/0	-?	0	+	0	0/-?	+	++	0	/0	+	?
21/8174	Fleckney	Centre (Grid 3)	Land Off Burton Way	0	0?	?/0	?	0	++	0	0/+?	+	++	0	/ ?	+	?

Table 2.1: Key to symbols and colour coding used in the SA

Symbol and Colour Coding	Description
++	Significant positive effect likely.
++/-	Mixed significant positive and minor negative effects likely.
+	Minor positive effect likely.
+/-	Mixed minor effects likely.
++/--	Mixed significant effects likely.
-	Minor negative effect likely.
--/+	Mixed significant negative and minor positive effects likely.
--	Significant negative effect likely.
0	Negligible effect likely.
?	Likely effect uncertain.

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SA Objective
SA1: Climatic Factors
SA2: Biodiversity and Geodiversity
SA3: Resources
SA4: Cultural Heritage
SA5: Air
SA6: Health and Wellbeing
SA7: Social Inclusion
SA8: Services, Facilities and Education
SA9: Housing
SA10: Economic Growth
SA11: Waste
SA12: Flood Risk
SA13: Sustainable Travel
SA14: Landscape

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Appendix 4

LPA screening for the requirement for a SEA for Fleckney Neighbourhood Plan Review

The policies of the Fleckney Neighbourhood Plan at the date of this assessment 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 Fleckney Neighbourhood Plan do not give potential for significant detrimental effects on local historic or environmental sites, Natura 2000 sites, or Habitat Regulations.

It is therefore the opinion of the Local Planning Authority that a full Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required for the Fleckney Neighbourhood Plan.

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FLECKNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICY	RELEVANT POLICY IN HARBOROUGH DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN (LP)/NPPF	RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FLECKNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND LOCAL PLAN	POTENTIAL FOR LIKELY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON NATIONAL AND LOCAL HISTORIC AND/OR ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNATIONS	CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	POTENTIAL FOR LIKELY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON NATURA 2000 SITES WITHIN 50KM (NEAREST ENSOR'S POOL SAC APPROX. 30KM)	CONCLUSION RELATING TO HABITAT REGULATIONS (HRA)
POLICY ENV1: LOCAL GREEN SPACES	<p>NPPF – Promoting healthy communities (para 99 to para 103).</p> <p>LP Policy G14 considers Local Green Space and its inclusion in NDPs</p>	<p>Policy ENV1 is considered to be in general conformity with the LP and NPPF in identifying LGS and setting out policy for their protection.</p> <p>The sites are listed in the policy</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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<p>POLICY ENV 2: IMPORTANT OPEN SPACES</p>	<p>NPPF para 98 to 103. Local Plan policy GI2</p>	<p>Policy ENV2 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>Possible positive impact as the policy requires development proposals to replace lost open space with equivalent. The sites are listed in the policy</p>	<p>Possible positive impact. No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>
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<p>POLICY ENV3: SITES AND FEATURES OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SIGNIFICANCE –</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>Policy ENV3 is considered to be in general conformity with the NPPF and LP as it seeks to protect species rich sites and avoid harm to biodiversity</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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<p>POLICY ENV 4: BIODIVERSITY AND CONNECTIVITY</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>ENV4 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 hedgerows and other natural assets of local 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>POLICY ENV 5: SITES AND FEATURES OF HISTORICAL ENVIRONMENT SIGNIFICANCE</p>	<p>Local Plan policy HC1 deals with built heritage</p> <p>NPPF chapter 16 deals with heritage</p>	<p>Policy ENV5 can be considered to be in general conformity with the Local Plan policy HC1 in that it allows changes to the setting of historical environment assets to be considered against the significance of the asset.</p> <p>The assets are listed in figure 6</p>	<p>Potential for limited positive impact as the policy identifies and protects heritage assets that are of demonstrable value to the community and of outstanding significance for their historical features. The Locally listed buildings are identified in the policy.</p>	<p>Possible positive impact. No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy which seeks to protect locally significant heritage assets</p>
<p>POLICY ENV 6: RIDGE AND FURROW</p>	<p>NPPF: 12 . Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.</p> <p>LP Policy GI5 relates to protection of locally designated biodiversity and geodiversity sites.</p>	<p>ENV6 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>Figures 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 map the ridge and furrow</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>
<p>POLICY ENV 7: NON-</p>	<p>Policy HC1: Built Heritage.</p>	<p>Policy ENV7 is considered to be in general conformity</p>	<p>Possible positive impact as the policy requires</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising</p>

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DESIGNATED HERITAGE ASSETS	NPPF: 16 . Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.	with NPPF and Local Plan in seeking to protect sites which are of historical significance locally. The significant sites are listed in the policy	development proposals are required to protect sites with local historic or architectural significance.			from this policy.
POLICY ENV 8: FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS	GI1 – Green Infrastructure networks. NPPF: Promoting healthy communities.	ENV8 can be considered to be in general conformity with the local plan and nppf in seeking to protect and create new networks of footpaths (inc disused railway lines) contributing to healthy lifestyles and community safety.	The policy may deliver minor positive impacts as it is about protection and improvements of bridleways/ footpaths.	Possible minor positive impacts. No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy as it is about protection of footpaths and bridleways.

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<p>POLICY ENV 9: FLOOD RISK RESILIENCE</p>	<p>NPPF: Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change.</p> <p>Local Plan policy CC3 deals with flood risk and mitigation</p>	<p>Policy ENV9 is considered to be in general conformity with the LP 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>
<p>POLICY D1: DESIGN</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. GD8 also considers that new development must respect and enhance the local character.</p>	<p>D1 is considered to be in general conformity with LP and NPPF in setting out a design code and guidance as part of appendix 3 for building design principles and emphasising the importance of the design affecting the street scene, enhancing the existing character.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>
<p>POLICY H1: RESIDENTIAL</p>	<p>LP Policy H1 considers housing allocations.</p>	<p>H1 should be considered to be in general conformity with LP policy.</p>	<p>The site is previously developed land.</p>	<p>No significant effects are identified.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No negative effect. Development of</p>

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SITE ALLOCATION	<p>The Local Plan does not specifically allocate dwelling to Fleckney</p> <p>GD2 allows for settlement development within or adjacent to settlements</p> <p>NPPF: Delivering sustainable development / delivering a wide choice of high quality homes (para 55 promotes sustainable development in rural areas).</p>	<p>NDPs can allocate housing over and above those in the Local Plan.</p> <p>The sites have been assessed against reasonable alternatives. There is no indication that the sites will cause significant detrimental harm to the natural or historic environment.</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects. As part of identifying allocations and potential housing sites the QB undertook a housing site assessment and considered the reasonable alternative sites.</p>	<p>Constraints relating to heritage and environmental assets have been considered as part of the proposal.</p>		<p>this limited scale will not adversely impact on identified HRA sites.</p>
POLICY H2: SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY	<p>NPPF para. 55 – Promoting sustainable development in rural areas..</p> <p>Policy GD2 Settlement Development</p>	<p>H2 can be considered to be in general conformity as it allows for development proposals within the area identified</p> <p>NPPF supports sustainable development in rural areas. The methodology for determining the boundary is set out and reasonable. The boundary incorporates the newly proposed site allocation in H!</p>	<p>There may be some potential limited impacts but the policy is unlikely to result in significant effects</p>	<p>No significant effects identified. Detailed mitigation will be considered through the Development Management process</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No negative effect. Development of this scale and on these sites will not adversely impact on Natura 2000 sites.</p>
POLICY H3: WINDFALL HOUSING	<p>NPPF: Delivering sustainable development and delivering a wide choice</p>	<p>H3 recognises that throughout the NP period small scale housing sites may come forward. Limits to development</p>	<p>There may be some limited impacts but the policy is unlikely to result in significant effects. Only</p>	<p>Limited impact. No significant effects are identified. The policy includes the</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>

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	<p>of high quality homes (para 55).</p> <p>LP Policy GD2 allows for unallocated settlement development within or adjacent to settlements.</p>	<p>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 from the other policies in the Plan.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>necessary safeguards to ensure that development (within limits to development) takes into account the character of the village, its size and form</p>		
POLICY H4: HOUSING MIX	<p>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.</p>	<p>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 evidence in the Housing Needs Assessment (Appendix 4)</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>
POLICY H5: AFFORDABLE HOUSING	<p>LP policy H2 deals with affordable housing</p>	<p>H5 specifies when affordable housing must be provided, the incorporation into development and the availability to local peoples in line with the Housing Needs Assessment (Appendix 4)</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as it only relates to delivery of affordable homes on housing sites with priority to locals</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>
POLICY E1: SUPPORT FOR EXISTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES	<p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy</p> <p>Local Plan policy BE3 considers the</p>	<p>E1 is considered to be in general conformity with the LP and NPPF in so far it aims to protect existing employment sites in the neighbourhood area 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>

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	opportunities to provide new business areas					
POLICY T1: BUS SERVICES	<p>NPPF: Promoting sustainable transport. Promoting healthy communities.</p> <p>LP policy IN2 encourages use of public transport</p>	T1 is considered to be in general conformity with the NPPF as it seeks to minimise the effects of increase in traffic volume as a result of development and can be considered to be in general conformity with the Local Plan	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects.	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy
POLICY T2 – TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT	<p>NPPF: Promoting sustainable transport. Promoting healthy communities.</p> <p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy</p> <p>LP Policy GD8 deals with good design in new</p>	Policy T2 can be considered to be in general conformity with the Local Plan as it considers parking and highway access. The policy seeks ensure sufficient parking and manoeuvring space as well as traffic flow through the village	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects.	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy

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	housing developments including parking LP policy IN2 encourages use of public transport					
POLICY T3: CAR PARKING AND NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT -	NPPF: Promoting sustainable transport. Promoting healthy communities. LP Policy GD8 deals with good design in new housing developments including parking and access to footways and cycle routes	T3 is considered to be in general conformity with the LP and NPPF as it seeks to minimise the effects of increased vehicle numbers due to housing development	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects.	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy

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<p>POLICY CF1: THE RETENTION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND AMENITIES</p>	<p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy.</p> <p>LP Policy HC2 and HC3 deals with community facilities, public houses village shops and post offices</p>	<p>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>
<p>POLICY CF2: HEALTHCARE</p>	<p>NPPF: supporting a prosperous rural economy.</p> <p>LP policy IN1 deals with infrastructure including health facilities</p>	<p>CF2 is considered to be in general conformity with the LP and NPPF in aiming to improve or provide new facilities and services.</p>	<p>The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects as scope for new premises is likely to be limited.</p>	<p>No significant effects identified.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>No negative effect arising from this policy.</p>
<p>POLICY CF3: FLECKNEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL</p>	<p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy</p> <p>LP Policy HC2 sets out policy relating to community facilities. The supporting text</p>	<p>CF3 seeks to provide a policy basis to enhance an important local asset. 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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	defines schools as a community facility					
POLICY IN1: INFRASTRUCTURE	<p>NPPF: Promoting sustainable transport. Promoting healthy communities.</p> <p>NPPF: Supporting high quality communications infrastructure.</p> <p>LP Policy IN3 considers the support for provision of infrastructure alongside new development.</p>	IN1 is considered to be in general conformity with the LP and NPPF in supporting the provision infrastructure to ensure the sustainability of new development.	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects	No significant effects identified.	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy
POLICY LC1 LOCAL CENTRE	<p>Policy CS6: Improving Town Centres and Retailing</p> <p>Policy RT2 deals with town and local centre policies</p> <p>Policy IN1 deals with infrastructure</p>	E2 seeks to support a prosperous rural economy and seeks to ensure that the shop frontages respect the existing design	The policy is unlikely to result in significant effects.	No significant effects identified	None.	No negative effect arising from this policy

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	GD8 deals with good design					
POLICY LC2: LOCAL CENTRE CAR PARKING	<p>NPPF: Promoting sustainable transport. Promoting healthy communities.</p> <p>NPPF: Supporting a prosperous rural economy</p> <p>LP Policy GD8 deals with good design in new housing developments including parking</p>	<p>Policy LC2 can be considered to be in general conformity with the Local Plan as it considers parking and highway access. The policy seeks to retain infrastructure that is important to enhancing sustainable communities and supporting a strong economy. New development is required to provide sufficient parking</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>