



Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan

Basic Conditions Statement

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared by Histon & Impington Parish Council (HIPC) to accompany its submission to the local planning authority, South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), of the Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan (H&INP) 2019 under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”).
- 1.2 The Neighbourhood Plan (H&INP) has been prepared by the Parish Council, a qualifying body, for the Neighbourhood Area covering a defined area in the Parish of Histon & Impington (not contiguous with the ward boundary), as designated by the South Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Portfolio Holder under delegated authority on 9 September 2014.
- 1.3 The policies described in the H&INP relate to the development and use of land in the designated Neighbourhood Area. The plan period of the Neighbourhood Plan is from 2019 to 2031 and it does not contain policies relating to excluded development in accordance with the Regulations.
- 1.4 The Statement addresses each of the ‘basic conditions’ required by the Regulations and explains how the submitted H&INP meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act.
- 1.5 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that a draft neighbourhood development order meets the basic conditions if:
 - a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the order;
 - b) the making of the order contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
 - c) the making of the order is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area);
 - d) the making of the order does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations; and
 - e) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the order and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order.
- 1.6 Schedule 2 to the Regulations also confirms that the following basic condition is prescribed for the purpose of paragraph 8(2) (g) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act (i.e. item g above).
 - *The making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017*
- 1.7 An overview of the H&INP is provided in section 2 of this report.
- 1.8 This document outlines how the Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan meets all of the above basic conditions and addresses these requirements in five sections:

- Section 3 demonstrates the policies in the H&INP are appropriate having regard to national policies;
- Section 4 shows how the H&INP will contribute towards achieving sustainable development;
- Section 5 demonstrates the conformity of the H&INP with the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan policies;
- Section 6 demonstrates compliance with the appropriate EU obligations including the SEA Directive and obligation relating to Human Rights. and
- Section 7 gives details of how the *making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017*

2 An overview of the Neighbourhood Plan

2.1 The H&NP plan area is shown in Figure 2.1 below

Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan Area

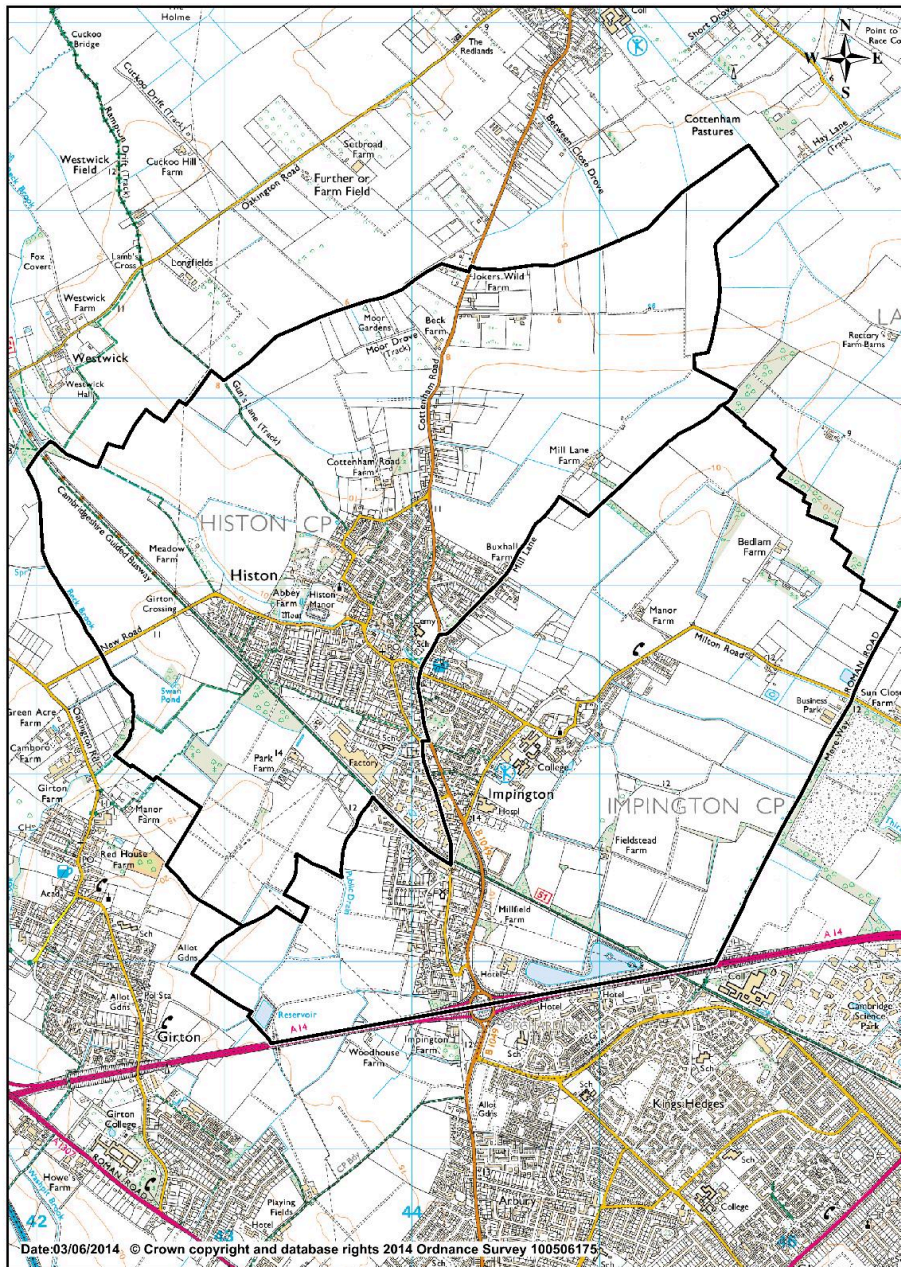


Figure 2.1 – The Plan Area

2.2 The H&NP contains a vision, six priorities, four cross-cutting principles and nineteen planning policies.

2.3 The priorities and cross-cutting principles are explained in Table 2.1 below. Table 2.2 illustrates how each planning policy relates to the six priorities and four cross cutting principles. Table 2.3 provides a summary of what each planning policy does.

Table 2.1: Neighbourhood Plan Six Priorities and Four Cross-Cutting Principles		
Priority / Principle		Intent
Priority 1	Essential Character	To protect the essential character (the ‘village character’) of the community.
Priority 2	Successful Economy	To encourage the growth and success of the retail, leisure and other commercial businesses of the villages.
Priority 3	Vibrant Community	To ensure the villages' community infrastructure (clubs and societies, open spaces and events) develops and adapts to emerging and changing demographic needs.
Priority 4	Getting Around	To develop a network of sustainable, accessible transport links within and around the villages to create safe and inviting routes for all and especially for pedestrians and cyclists.
Priority 5	Safe, Secure and Successful	To support the community in continuing to make the villages safe, secure, supportive and welcoming for all.
Priority 6	Housing for All	To ensure a sufficient supply of sustainable and high-quality housing (including affordable homes and small and larger units which address changing demographic demand) within the villages.
Principle 1	Digital Village	Utilising the best available technology to the advantage of all.
Principle 2	Sustainable Community	Making sure that whatever we do contributes to tomorrow’s community.
Principle 3	Diverse and Inclusive	Offering everyone the opportunity to live in and / or contribute to Histon & Impington.
Principle 4	Heritage and Design	Being mindful of our history and preserving our memories.

Source: The Neighbourhood Plan 2019

Table 2.2: 19 Policies, Six Priorities and Four Cross Cutting Principles

Policy	Priorities						Principles			
	Essential Character	Successful Economy	Vibrant Community	Getting Around	Safe, Secure and Successful	Housing for All	Digital Village	Sustainable Community	Diverse and Inclusive	Heritage and Design
HIM01 High Quality Design – Residential Development	✓ ✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
HIM02 Interesting Buildings	✓ ✓		✓			✓		✓		✓
HIM03 Size, Scale and Location of New Housing	✓ ✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
HIM04 The Windmill	✓ ✓		✓					✓		✓
HIM05 Parking Provision for Cars and Cycles										
HIM06 Commercial Core	✓	✓ ✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
HIM07 The School Hill Site	✓	✓ ✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
HIM08 The Jam Factory	✓	✓ ✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
HIM09 Vision Park	✓	✓ ✓		✓			✓	✓		
HIM10 Bypass Farm	✓		✓ ✓		✓			✓		
HIM11 School Hill Garden	✓		✓ ✓		✓			✓		
HIM12 Local Green Space	✓		✓ ✓		✓			✓		
HIM13 Important Natural Habitats	✓		✓ ✓		✓			✓		
HIM14 Maximising Recreational Space	✓		✓ ✓		✓			✓		
HIM15 Walking and Cycling Routes	✓	✓	✓	✓ ✓	✓			✓		
HIM16 A14 Mitigation Sites	✓		✓		✓ ✓			✓		
HIM17 The Infant School Site	✓		✓		✓ ✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
HIM18 Meeting Local Needs – Housing Mix	✓					✓ ✓	✓	✓	✓	
HIM19 Station Site	✓		✓			✓ ✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Source: The Neighbourhood Plan

Table 2.3 - What each planning policy does

Policy Reference	Title	Policy in a nutshell
HIM01	High Quality Design – Residential Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the variety in the built environment in Histon & Impington and the absence of a dominant design style • Notes the demographic nature of the Community which values good design, environmental sustainability and active neighbourhoods • Sets design requirements for residential development and redevelopment within the Plan Area. • Is informed by and relates to the Histon & Impington Design Guide.
HIM02	Interesting Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines buildings which exemplify Histon & Impington’s heritage and character and proposes that they constitute a list of Interesting Buildings which will be considered as non-designated heritage assets. • This means that the importance of preserving the importance of these buildings will be considered in the decision-making process. • Sets out the criteria for identifying an Interesting Building and the process whereby the list will be maintained. • Lists the Interesting Buildings; the reasons for their identification as such are available on the website (www.hiplan.net). <p>This policy is applicable to planning applications that impact on an Interesting Building (for example a proposal involving changes to the building or adjacent to the building).</p>
HIM03	Size, Scale and Location of New Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports, in principle, new residential proposals within the existing Development Framework (this will be subject to other policy constraints in the Plan Area); • Notes the importance of such new developments being supportive of the essential character of the community • Provides additional criteria for Green Belt residential development proposals in the event that they are considered acceptable when assessed against Local Plan and national policies; • Applies to all residential proposals in the Plan Area.
HIM04	The Windmill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies the Windmill in Impington as an important community landmark and notes the interest in it being able to operate as a working mill. • Notes the constraints to development in its vicinity as a result of existing national and local policies. • Supports development proposals within the policy area provided that they will not lead to a loss of wind to the Windmill; these should include wind reports and it is

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HIM05	Parking Provision for cars and cycles	Sets standards for car and bicycle parking provision to be made available when new development comes forward
HIM06	Commercial Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies the area of shops, services and community uses on and close to the High Street as the Commercial Core. • Is supportive of new development proposals which will maintain or increase the existing range and diversity of shops, services and community facilities. • Resists the loss of shops, services and community facilities in the Commercial Core at ground floor level. • Resists the loss of car parking spaces associated with shops, services and community uses in the Commercial Core and encourages initiatives to enhance the current provision. • Is applicable to all development proposals that come forward in the commercial core which is defined in the map for this Policy.
HIM07	The School Hill site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies a site currently home to Tesco Express, Histon Library, an Indian restaurant and a small print business as an opportunity for retail-led redevelopment. • Notes its proximity to the St Andrews Centre and the Red Lion and two heritage assets. • Requires the re-provision of similar shops and the library. • Allows for residential uses above ground floor. • Recognises the possibility for creating a vibrant mixed-use development of an appropriate scale to address the existing public space and make use of the Brook as a site asset. • Applies to the site marked on the map for this Policy.
HIM08	The Jam Factory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguards the existing Jam Factory site as an employment site. • Notes the value of the current green separation from Home Close and the need for it to be retained. • Promotes the development of connections through the site • Encourages the development of opportunities for artisan / workshop / craft / trade employment. • Allows, in exceptional circumstances, residential uses where homes will meet the needs of older persons or those in need of affordable housing where the homes are also built to high accessibility standards. • Applies to the site marked on the map for this Policy.
HIM09	The Vision Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguards Vision Park as an employment site.

Table 2.3 - What each planning policy does		
Policy Reference	Title	Policy in a nutshell
HIM10	Bypass Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguards Bypass Farm for community outdoor recreational use
HIM11	School Hill Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies School Hill Garden as an important space in the centre of the Community which should be protected • Designates School Hill Garden as a Protected Village Amenity Area.
HIM12	Local Green Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designates important open spaces as Local Green Spaces. • Development, other than that needed to complement the primary function of the Local Green Space, will not be allowed on these spaces.
HIM13	Important Natural Habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies and protects existing spaces of wildlife value • Applies to all spaces marked on the map as Important Natural Habitats • Spaces are identified for their specific wildlife value and not just their open space value • Important Natural Habitats are an important component of overall green infrastructure in the Plan Area. Some spaces have more than one green infrastructure designation.
HIM14	Maximising Recreational Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguards the playing fields at Impington Village College and the Recreation Ground • Encourages each to be managed in a manner which maximises their joint availability to the public.
HIM15	Walking and Cycling Routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognises the importance of walking and cycling routes in the Plan Area as a way of accessing key services and green infrastructure in the Plan Area and connecting with Cambridge and other neighbouring communities. • Requires development proposals to design in walking and cycling links to provide easy access to existing walking and cycling routes. • Resists proposals which do not allow for easy access to shops and services. • Seeks to protect and enhance the network of walking and cycling routes.
HIM16	A14 Mitigation Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognises the important function that green infrastructure and vegetation in the southern part of the Plan Area has in mitigating the impact of the A14 on our community. • Seeks to maintain or strengthen this function. • Applies to planning applications on land which has an important role to play in protecting the community from the negative impacts of the A14 (dust, air, noise and vibration)

Table 2.3 - What each planning policy does

Policy Reference	Title	Policy in a nutshell
HIM17	The Infant School Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipates the relocation of the infant school away from this site and safeguards the future use to remain in community use. • Highlights a preference for health facilities to be located on this site. • Sets principles and a timescale to be used in any assessment after which alternative uses may be considered.
HIM18	Meeting Local Needs – Housing Mix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires housing developments to include a mix in terms of size and tenure which is suitable for meeting prevailing needs. • Is applicable to residential development proposals leading to net additional units.
HIM19	Station Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the existence of the relevant Local Plan Policy E/8 and the status of three relevant planning applications. • Notes the potential for development in this part of the Community to rejuvenate the area. • Confirms the wish to retain important Victorian buildings. • Highlights the importance of protecting existing shops and services and adding to them where possible. • Encourages the development of a connection through the site to Vision Park for cyclists and pedestrians

3 How the H&INP policies are appropriate having regard to national policies and guidance

3.1 It is required that the Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan (H&INP) policies are appropriate having regard to national planning policy. This is principally provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published in February 2019 but also provided by planning practice guidance.

3.2 The NPPF provides a framework within which local communities can produce neighbourhood development plans for their area and sets out how planning should help achieve sustainable development (see paragraphs below relating to achieving sustainable development).

3.3 This section demonstrates that the H&INP has regard to the relevant policies in the NPPF in relation to:

- Achieving sustainable development (NPPF Chapter 2)
- Plan-making (NPPF Chapter 3)
- Delivering a sufficient supply of homes (NPPF Chapter 5)
- Building a strong, competitive economy including Supporting a prosperous rural economy (NPPF Chapter 6)
- Ensuring the vitality of town centres (NPPF Chapter 7)
- Promoting healthy and safe communities (NPPF Chapter 8)
- Promoting sustainable transport (NPPF Chapter 9)
- Supporting high quality communications (NPPF Chapter 10)
- Making effective use of land (NPPF Chapter 11)
- Achieving well-designed places (NPPF Chapter 12)
- Protecting Green Belt land (NPPF Chapter 13)
- Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change (NPPF Chapter 14)
- Conserving and enhancing the natural environment (NPPF Chapter 15)
- Conserving and enhancing the historic environment (NPPF Chapter 16)

3.4 Table 3.1 demonstrates how the priorities relate to the principal goals set out in the NPPF.

3.5 Table 3.2 illustrates how each planning policy is appropriate having regard to the policies in the NPPF.

Table 3.1: Neighbourhood Plan priorities and the NPPF goals they seek to address.		
HINP Priorities	Relevant HINP policies	Relevant NPPF chapters
Priority 1: Essential Character To protect the essential character (the ‘village character’) of the community	HIM01 – High Quality Design – Residential Development HIM02- Interesting Buildings HIM03 – Size, Scale and Location of New Housing HIM04 – The Windmill	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment. Achieving well designed places

Table 3.1: Neighbourhood Plan priorities and the NPPF goals they seek to address.

HINP Priorities	Relevant HINP policies	Relevant NPPF chapters
<p>Priority 2: Successful Economy To encourage the growth and success of the retail, leisure and other commercial businesses of the villages.</p>	<p>HIM06 – Commercial Core HIM07 – The School Hill Site HIM08 – The Jam Factory HIM09 – Vision Park HIM19 – Station Site</p>	<p>Building a strong, competitive economy including Supporting a prosperous rural economy</p> <p>Ensuring the vitality of town centres</p>
<p>Priority 3: Vibrant Community To ensure the villages' community infrastructure (clubs and societies, open spaces and events) develops and adapts to emerging and changing demographic needs.</p>	<p>HIM10 – Bypass Farm HIM12 – Local Green Space HIM13 – Important Natural Habitats HIM14 – Maximising Recreational Space</p>	<p>Achieving sustainable development</p> <p>Plan Making (para. 28)</p> <p>Building a strong, competitive economy</p> <p>Promoting healthy and safe communities</p> <p>Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change</p> <p>Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</p>
<p>Priority 4: Getting Around To develop a network of sustainable, accessible transport links within and around the villages to create safe and inviting routes for all and especially for pedestrians and cyclists</p>	<p>HIM15 – Walking and Cycling routes</p>	<p>Achieving sustainable development</p> <p>Promoting sustainable transport</p>
<p>Priority 5: Safe, Secure and Successful To support the community in continuing to make the villages safe, secure, supportive and welcoming for all</p>	<p>HIM01 High Quality Design – Residential Development HIM15 – Walking and Cycling Route HIM16 – A14 Mitigation Sites HIM17 – The Infant School Site</p>	<p>Achieving sustainable development</p> <p>Promoting healthy and safe communities</p>
<p>Priority 6: Housing for all To ensure a sufficient supply of sustainable and high-quality housing (including affordable homes and small and larger units which address changing demographic demand) within the villages</p>	<p>HIM 06 – Commercial Core HIM07 – The School Hill Site HIM08 – The Jam Factory HIM18 – Meeting Local Needs Housing Mix HIM19 - Station Site</p>	<p>Achieving sustainable development</p> <p>Delivering a sufficient supply of homes</p> <p>Promoting healthy and safe communities</p>

Table 3.2: NPPF Primary Principles and how the Neighbourhood Plan Policies are appropriate having regard to these.

NPPF primary principles	Relevant HINP policies	How the draft HINP has regard to the NPPF
<p>Chapter 2 – Achieving Sustainable Development</p> <p>Achieving sustainable development means that the planning system has three overarching objectives, which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an economic objective; - a social objective; and - an environmental objective <p>“The application of the presumption has implications for the way communities engage in neighbourhood planning. Neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained in local plans or spatial development strategies; and should shape and direct development that is outside of these strategic policies”</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>The Plan aims to protect the essential character of the Community: its balance of retail, employment and residential, and of its village heritage with its association with the Cambridge economy.</p> <p>Histon & Impington is a very complete community with many facilities – it’s close to Cambridge but not a part of it. Tightly bounded by the Green Belt and within it is a compact community with a thriving economic core.</p> <p>It embraces many village characteristics that the community wishes to preserve but at the same time is home to a business park and industrial site. HIM02 seeks to protect important historically & architecturally significant buildings and HIM11 recognises the importance of Local Green Spaces. Economic Policies support retail and employment. HIM06 protects the retail offering in the community, supporting the viability and vitality of the High Street.</p>
<p>Chapter 3 Plan Making:</p> <p>Planning should be genuinely plan-led. Succinct and up to date plans should provide a positive vision for the future of each area; a framework for addressing housing needs and other economic, social and environmental priorities; and a platform for local people to shape their surroundings.</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>The HINP provides planning policies covering housing, jobs and local services, and open spaces and the environment in order to ensure development is plan-led. Its preparation in consultation with the local community has enabled people to shape their surroundings.</p>
<p>Chapter 3: Plan Making.</p> <p>“Neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area. Neighbourhood plans can shape, direct and help deliver sustainable development, by influencing local planning decisions as part of the statutory development plan. Neighbourhood plans should not promote less development than set</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>The community has been fully involved in developing the Plan’s Vision. The Plan’s policies will be used to enhance and improve the Plan Area through ensuring that new housing meets requirements, to ensure good design in keeping with the character of the community, protection and enhancement of local services, protection of landscape character including safeguarding local green spaces.</p>

Table 3.2: NPPF Primary Principles and how the Neighbourhood Plan Policies are appropriate having regard to these.

NPPF primary principles	Relevant HINP policies	How the draft HINP has regard to the NPPF
out in the strategic policies for the area, or undermine those strategic policies.”		
<p>Chapter 5: Delivering a sufficient supply of homes “..strategic policies should also set a housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas which reflects the overall strategy for the pattern and scale of development and any relevant allocations”</p> <p>“Neighbourhood planning groups should also consider the opportunities for allocating small and medium sized sites suitable for housing in their area”</p>	<p>HIM03, HIM06, HIM07, HIM08, HIM18,</p> <p>HIM03, HIM06, HIM07, HIM08, HIM18</p>	<p>The Plan has considered how best to provide for local housing and business needs within the constraint of a tightly defined Green Belt. The Plan supports housing growth although recognises that land available within the villages’ framework is very limited.</p> <p>The Plan also recognises that the cost of housing in the Plan Area is beyond the reach of many who wish to live here and takes into account issues of affordability.</p> <p>Policy HIM03 supports housing within the existing settlement envelope.</p> <p>Policies HIM18 – The Station, HIM06 – Commercial Core and HIM07 – The Tesco Site (School Hill Site) all identify mixed use sites including mixed use. Policy HIM08 – the Jam Factory allows for small scale residential subject to criteria.</p>
<p>Chapter 6: Building a strong, competitive economy</p> <p>Planning policies and decisions should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt.</p>		<p>The Plan recognises that economic success is important in achieving a sustainable community and one that is thriving. It sets out to protect both employment within the community and the retail spaces.</p> <p>Policies HIM18 – The Station, HIM06 – Commercial Core and HIM07 – The Tesco Site and Policy HIM08 all provide a broad framework against which village centre proposals will be assessed.</p>
<p>Chapter 7. Ensuring the vitality of town centres</p> <p>Planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities</p>	<p>HIM06 – Commercial Core HIM07 – The School Hill Site HIM08 – Station Site</p>	<p>The successful economy policies all seek to reinforce the importance of commercial hubs at the heart of the Histon and Impington community.</p>
<p>Chapter 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities</p>	<p>HIM01 HIM10 HIM11 HIM12</p>	<p>One of the Plan’s 6 priorities is ‘Vibrant Community’ and the objective is to ensure the villages’ community infrastructure (clubs and societies, open spaces and</p>

Table 3.2: NPPF Primary Principles and how the Neighbourhood Plan Policies are appropriate having regard to these.

NPPF primary principles	Relevant HINP policies	How the draft HINP has regard to the NPPF
<p>Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which a) promote social interaction... b) are safe and accessible.... and c) enable and support healthy lifestyles</p> <p>Access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and wellbeing of communities. Planning policies should be based on robust and up to date assessments of the need for open space, sport and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision.</p> <p>Planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks...</p> <p>The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.</p>	<p>HIM13 HIM14 HIM15 HIM16 HIM17</p>	<p>events) develops and adapts to their emerging and changing demographic. The plan recognises the need for additional community facilities. Policy HIM10 Bypass Farm designates land for formal recreational and sports purposes. HIM16 - the Infant School Site safeguards the site for community use</p> <p>The vast majority of the plan’s policies are focused on promoting healthy and safe community in the plan area. The key ones are: Policy HIM01 does this through requiring high quality design that reflects existing character and is informed by existing design guidance. Policy HIM10 – Bypass Farm safeguards a key site for future community recreational use. Policy HIM11 – School Hill Garden recognis and protects the existing contribution that a key community space in retail hub has. Policy HIM12 – Local Green Space, Policy Policy HIM13 Important Natural Habitats identify the open spaces of value across the plan area and protects them accordingly. Policy HIM14 Maximising Recreational Spaces focuses on the current and potential value that the Recreation Ground and the Impington’s School Playing fields have. Policy HIM15 Walking and Cycling seeks to protect and improve the existing walking and cycling network in and around the parish. Policy HIM16 A14 Mitigation Sites focuses on retaining and enhancing the current mitigating role that these sites have on protecting the plan area from adverse environmental impacts from the A14.</p>
<p>Chapter 9: Promoting sustainable transport Transport issues should be considered from the earliest stages</p>	<p>HIM05 HIM15 HIM16</p>	<p>Policy HIM05 provides car parking and cycle parking standards in addition to those required by the Local Plan</p>

Table 3.2: NPPF Primary Principles and how the Neighbourhood Plan Policies are appropriate having regard to these.

NPPF primary principles	Relevant HINP policies	How the draft HINP has regard to the NPPF
<p>of plan-making and development proposals so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the potential impacts of development on transport networks can be addressed b) opportunities from existing or proposed transport infrastructure, and in changing transport technology and usage, are realised- for example in relation to the scale, location or density of development that can be accommodated c) opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport are identified and pursued; d) the environmental impacts of traffic and transport infrastructure can be identified, assessed and taken into account – including appropriate opportunities for avoiding and mitigating any adverse effects, and for net environmental gains; and e) patterns of movement, streets, parking and other transport considerations are integral to the design of schemes, and contribute to making high quality places 		<p>Policy HIM 14 walking and cycling routes recognises the importance of walking and cycling routes in the plan are; requires development proposals to design in walking and cycling links, resists proposals which do not allow for easy access to shops and services and seeks to enhance the network of walking and cycling routes.</p> <p>Policy HIM16 A14 Mitigation Sites focuses on retaining and enhancing the current mitigating role that these sites have on protecting the plan area from adverse environmental impacts from the A14.</p>
<p>Chapter 11: Making effective use of land Planning policies and decisions should promote an effective use of land in meeting the need for homes and other uses, while safeguarding and improving the environment and ensuring safe and healthy living conditions</p>	<p>HIM03, HIM11, HIM12, HIM13, HIM15</p> <p>HIM03, HIM07, HIM18,</p>	<p>Policies HIM18 – The Station, HIM06 – Commercial Core and HIM07 – The Tesco Site promote mixed use development.</p> <p>Policies HIM 12 – Valued Community Space and HIM 13 – Important Natural Habitats and HIM14 – A14 Mitigation Sites recognises the multifunctional use of open space in the parish.</p>
<p>Chapter 12: Achieving well-designed places The creation of high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what</p>	<p>HIM01 HIM02 HIM04</p>	<p>Design and layout of residential proposals is addressed in Policy HIM01 High Quality Design – Residential Development. This policy focuses on high quality design that</p>

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NPPF primary principles	Relevant HINP policies	How the draft HINP has regard to the NPPF
<p>the planning and development process should achieve.</p> <p>Neighbourhood plans can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development.</p>		<p>contributes positively to the existing built character in Histon & Impington and draws on work which characterises the existing character. The policy is supported by the H&I Village Design Guide 2019 prepared alongside the plan.</p> <p>Policy HIM02 – Interesting Buildings identifies buildings of local importance.</p> <p>Policy HIM04 – The Windmill seeks to manage development in a way which secures the future of a local landmark building.</p>
<p>Chapter 13: Protecting Green Belt land</p> <p>Once Green Belts, have been defined, local planning authorities should plan positively to enhance their beneficial use, such as looking for opportunities to provide access, to provide opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation; to retain and enhance landscapes, visual amenity and biodiversity; or to improve damaged and derelict land.</p> <p>Inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt.</p> <p>Certain forms of development are not inappropriate in the Green Belt provided they preserve its openness and do not conflict with the purposes of the land within it. This includes proposals brought forward via a Neighbourhood Development Order.</p>	<p>HIM03 HIM10</p>	<p>All the planning policies respect the status of the green belt designation in and around Histon and Impington.</p>
<p>Chapter 14: Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change</p> <p>Support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate, taking full account of flood risk and coastal change. It should help to: shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse</p>	<p>HIM 01, High Quality Design – Residential Development HIM 15 Walking and Cycling routes.</p>	<p>Policy HIM01 – High Quality Design – Residential development encourages schemes which incorporate appropriate renewable energy generation.</p> <p>Wherever possible the Plan promotes the development of new pathways throughout the community to encourage walking and cycling, helping to reduce carbon emissions.</p>

Table 3.2: NPPF Primary Principles and how the Neighbourhood Plan Policies are appropriate having regard to these.

NPPF primary principles	Relevant HINP policies	How the draft HINP has regard to the NPPF
gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience; encourage the reuse of existing resources, including conversion of existing buildings, and support renewable or low carbon energy and associated infrastructure		The open spaces policies (Local Green Spaces, Important Natural Habitats and A14 Mitigation sites) seek the protection of important green infrastructure which itself is key to alleviating surface water flooding.
Chapter 15. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment	HIM13	Policy HIM13 Important Natural Habitats recognises spaces in the plan area which are locally important for biodiversity reasons.
<p>Chapter 16. Conserving and Enhancing the historic environment</p> <p>Heritage assets range from sites and buildings of local historic value to those of the highest significance, such as World Heritage Sites which are internationally recognised to be of Outstanding Universal Value. These assets are an irreplaceable resource, and should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of existing and future generations.</p>	HIM02, HIMP04, HINP03	<p>Policy HIM02 intends to protect non-designated heritage assets (interesting buildings) which are essential parts of the Community’s heritage. The Village Society has drawn up a list of buildings (Appendix XX) that are either historically or architecturally significant (or both).</p> <p>Policy HIM04 – The Windmill seeks to manage development in a way which secures the future of a local landmark building.</p>

4 How the Neighbourhood Plan contributes towards the Achievement of Sustainable Development

- 4.1 The NPPF states in paragraph 11 that plans and decisions should apply a presumption in favour of sustainable development.
- 4.2 The H&INP aims to maintain and enhance the Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Area as a vibrant community. The strategic aim is to deliver sustainable development for the community to meet the needs of the community whilst protecting what is valued.
- 4.3 Paragraph 8 of the NPPF explains that to achieve sustainable development the planning system has three overarching objectives (economic, social and environmental) which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways.

Table 4.1 How the Neighbourhood Plan contributes towards the Achievement of Sustainable Development (as defined by the NPPF)	
Sustainable Development Objective	H&INP Dimension
Economic	<p>The H&INP encourages the growth and success of the retail, leisure and other commercial businesses of the villages. There are two parts to this priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging High Street commerce and • maintaining the levels of employment. <p>Projects, P8 and P10 promote the retail offer in the community and improvements to the broadband service that will also provide opportunities for home working and small start-up businesses to thrive and transport infrastructure improvements that will improve connectivity. This will benefit local business and support economic activity.</p> <p>Projects, P6 and P9 aim to improve transport in the area.</p>
Social	<p>The social goals are to maintain a vibrant community within Histon & Impington, recognising that communities and needs may change over time. The H&INP seeks to improve recreational and community facilities within the community and to encourage non-car movement.</p> <p>Housing policies require developers to contribute to the necessary infrastructure.</p>
Environmental	<p>The environmental goals of the Neighbourhood Plan are to protect and enhance the quality of the built and natural environment. The plan ensures that any future development will deliver these key elements through high quality design, landscaping and access to surrounding areas. Further detail is given in the Village Design Statement.</p>

Table 4.1 How the Neighbourhood Plan contributes towards the Achievement of Sustainable Development (as defined by the NPPF)

Sustainable Development Objective	H&INP Dimension
	<p>The plan will aim to conserve heritage assets in the village in a manner that is appropriate to their significance.</p> <p>The Plan promotes improvements that will allow safer walking and cycling thus reducing car usage.</p> <p>The Open Space policies will protect areas that are important for biodiversity.</p> <p>New housing development will be required to meet a number of environmental requirements, including flood risk, drainage, design and landscaping.</p> <p>Renewable energy project P11 explores the potential for setting up a community solar PV scheme or equivalent.</p>

5 General Conformity with the Strategic Policies of the Local Plan

- 5.1 The relevant policies are shown in Table 5.2 below, along with consideration of whether they are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the South Cambridgeshire adopted Local Plan
- 5.2 Appendix E to the adopted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 provides a list of Local Plan policies considered to be strategic by SCDC.
- 5.3 The National Planning Policy Guidance provides a definition of what is meant by ‘general conformity’:

“When considering whether a policy is in general conformity a qualifying body, independent examiner, or local planning authority, should consider the following:

- whether the neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal supports and upholds the general principle that the strategic policy is concerned with
- the degree, if any, of conflict between the draft neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal and the strategic policy
- whether the draft neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal provides an additional level of detail and/or a distinct local approach to that set out in the strategic policy without undermining that policy
- the rationale for the approach taken in the draft neighbourhood plan or order and the evidence to justify that approach.”

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- 5.4 The assessment finds that there are no areas of conflict and that there are a number of areas where the neighbourhood plan provides an additional level of detail to that set out in the Local Plan. This applies to the following.

Table 5.1 Neighbourhood Plan Policies which provide an additional level of detail/a distinct local approach to that set out in the Local Plan policies	
Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan policy
S/4 Cambridge Green Belt	HIM10 Bypass Farm HIM03 Size, Scale and Location of New Housing
S/7 Development Frameworks	HIM03 Size, Scale and Location of New Housing
HQ/1	Several H&INP policies
NH/4 Biodiversity	HIIM13 Important Natural Habitats HIIM01 High Quality Design
NH/Green Infrastructure	HIM12 Local Green Space HIM10 Bypass Farm HIM13 Important Natural Habitats HIM14 Maximising Recreational Space HIM16 A14 Mitigation Sites

Table 5.1 Neighbourhood Plan Policies which provide an additional level of detail/a distinct local approach to that set out in the Local Plan policies

Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan policy
NH/18 Mitigating the Impact of Development in and adjoining the Green Belt	HIM10 Bypass Farm
NH/10: Facilities for Recreation in the Green Belt	HIM10 Bypass Farm
NON-strategic policy NH/13: Important Countryside Fringes	NP identifies three sites (5, 18 and 19) that provide setting for these fringes
H/9: Housing Mix	HIM18 – Meeting Housing Needs housing mix
H/10: Affordable Housing	HIM08 The Jam Factory
Non strategic site allocation: E/8 Mixed use development in Histon and Impington Station area	HIM19 – The Station Site
E/14: Loss of employment land to non employment uses.	HIM08 – The Jam Factory HIM09 – Vision Park
E/21: Retail Hierarchy	HIM06 – Commercial Core
SC/3: Protection of Village Services and Facilities	HIM06 – Commercial Core HIM07 – The School Hill Site
SC/4: Meeting Community Needs	HIM03 – Size, Scale and Location of New Housing
SC/5: Hospice Provision	HIM17 – The Infant School Site
SC/8: Protection of Existing recreation areas, allotments and community orchards	HIM11 – School Hill Garden HIM12 – Local Green Space HIM14 – Maximising Recreational Space
TI/2: Planning for Sustainable Travel	HIM15 – Walking and Cycling Routes
TI/3: Parking Provision	HIM05 – Parking
TI/8: Infrastructure and New Development	HIM03 – Size, Scale and Location of New Housing

Table 5.2 How the Neighbourhood Plan policies are in Broad Conformity with the Strategic Polices in the adopted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018			
Strategic Policy	Subject	Relevance to NP/NP area	How the NP conforms with the policy
S/3 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	Policy reflecting presumption in favour of sustainable development as set out in NPPF	Yes	A high-level strategic policy that will apply alongside NP policies
S/4 Cambridge Green Belt	Strategic policy regarding the green belt.	Yes	Neighbourhood Plan policies recognises and reflects the strategic policy context provided by its Green Belt location. Policy HIM10 Bypass Farm allows the development of ancillary buildings needed for outdoor recreation facilities so long as openness of land is preserved. Any such development would need to meet the definition of appropriate development in the green belt as defined in the NPPF. Policy HIM03 also provides additional criteria to Green Belt sites in the event that these are found acceptable once assessed by national and local policy. The policy provides an additional level of detail to that set out in the strategic policy without undermining that policy
S/5 Provision of New Jobs and Homes	Strategic policy to deliver homes and jobs	Yes	A high-level strategic policy that will apply alongside NP policies
S/6 The Development Strategy to 2031	Policy setting out an overarching spatial strategy for the district	Yes	The development proposed and allowed in the NP is inkeeping with its status as a rural centre in the district's settlement hierarchy.
S/7 Development Frameworks	A district wide policy which allows in principle development within the development framework and resists development outside.	Yes.	Policy HIM03 complements the approach at the local level by reiterating support, in principle, to new residential proposals within development frameworks.

Strategic Policy	Subject	Relevance to NP/NP area	How the NP conforms with the policy
			Policy HIM03 also provides additional criteria to Green Belt sites in the event that these are found acceptable once assessed by national and local policy. The policy provides an additional level of detail to that set out in the strategic policy without undermining that policy
S/8 Rural Centres	Policy concerning the rural centres in the district	Yes	Histon and Impington is defined as a rural centre in the Local Plan. All NP policies are consistent with the status of Histon and Impington as a rural centre.
S/9 Minor Rural Centre	Policy concerning the minor rural centres in the district	No. The NP area is not a rural centre.	NA
S/10 Group Villages	Policy concerning group villages in the district	No.	NA
S/11 Infill Villages	Policy concerning infill development in villages.	No.	NA
S/12 Phasing, Delivery and Monitoring	Policy regarding strategic monitoring	Not directly	NA
S/13 Review of the Local Plan	Policy commits district to early review of the Local Plan with submission to Secretary of State anticipated summer 2022	Yes	No reference to review of Local Plan in NP.
Site Allocations SS/1 – Orchard Park	Strategic site allocation just south of the plan area	No	NA
Strategic Site allocation SS/2 – Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road	Strategic site allocation just south of plan area	No	NA
Strategic site allocation SS/3 – Cambridge East	Strategic site allocation outside the plan area	No	NA
Strategic site allocation SS/4 – Cambridge Northern	Strategic site allocation outside the plan area	No	NA

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Strategic Policy	Subject	Relevance to NP/NP area	How the NP conforms with the policy
Fringe East and Cambridge North Railway Station			
Strategic site allocation SS/5 – Northstowe Extension	Strategic site allocation outside the plan area	No	NA
Strategic site allocation SS/6 Waterbeach New Town	Strategic site allocation outside the plan area	No	NA
Strategic site allocation SS/7 New Village at Bourne Airfield	Strategic site allocation outside the plan area	No	NA
Strategic site allocation SS/8 Cambourne West	Strategic site allocation outside the plan area	No	NA
CC/1 Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change	A policy requiring all proposals to embed the principles of climate change mitigation and adaptation	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. NP Policy HIM01 High Quality Design includes requirement in broad conformity with this policy.
CC/2 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Generation	A policy providing a decision making framework for renewable and low carbon energy generation.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies.
CC/3 Renewable and low carbon energy in new developments	A policy requiring on site renewable generation for larger schemes	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. NP Policy HIM01 High Quality Design includes requirement in broad conformity with this policy.
CC/4 Water Efficiency	A policy setting water efficiency standards and BREAM standards for non residential.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
CC/5 Sustainable Show Homes	A policy regarding show homes on larger schemes.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
CC/6 Construction Methods	A policy concerning construction standards across the country	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
CC/7 Water Quality	A policy establishing standards for water supply, drainage and sewerage.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies

Strategic Policy	Subject	Relevance to NP/NP area	How the NP conforms with the policy
CC/8 Sustainable Drainage Systems	A policy establishing the standards that will be expected regarding the management of surface water run off.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
CC/9 Managing Flood Risk	A policy establishing approach to flood risk.	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
HQ/1 Design Principles	Contains generic design principles which all development should comply with	Yes.	<p>The polices in the NP complement the following Local Plan policy and in particular provide local specific context to the following design principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve or enhance the character of the local urban and rural area and respond to its context in the wider landscape; • Conserve or enhance important natural and historic assets and their setting; • Include variety and interest within a coherent, place-responsive design, which is legible and creates a positive sense of place and identity whilst also responding to the local context and respecting local distinctiveness; • Be compatible with its location and appropriate in terms of scale, mass, form, siting, design, proportion, materials, texture and colour in relation to the surrounding area;
NH/1 Conservation Area and Green Separation at Longstanton	A policy specific to Longstanton	No.	NA
NH/2 Protecting and enhancing Landscape Character	A policy establishing that proposals will only be supported where it respects, retains or enhances the local character and distinctiveness of the local landscape.	Yes	This policy will apply alongside the NP policies.

Strategic Policy	Subject	Relevance to NP/NP area	How the NP conforms with the policy
NH/3 Protecting agricultural Land	States that permission will be granted for development which would lead to the irreversible loss of Grades 1, 2 or 3a agricultural land unless: a. Land is allocated for development in the Local Plan; b. Sustainability considerations and the need for the development are sufficient to override the need to protect the agricultural value of the land.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies.
NH/4 Biodiversity	A policy providing the decision-making framework regarding biodiversity and development	Yes	This policy will apply alongside the NP policies. Policy HIM13 Important Natural Habitats complements this policy approach as does biodiversity elements of HIM01 High Quality Design.
NH/5 Sites of Biodiversity or Geological Importance	A policy providing a decision-making framework for proposals affecting sites of biodiversity or geological importance.	No sites within NP area identified.	This policy will apply alongside the NP policies. The NP also identifies its own Important Natural Habitats. (see policy HIM13)
NH/6 Green Infrastructure	A policy providing a strategy for maintaining and improving green infrastructure	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. The NP Policies HIM12 Local Green Space, HIM10 Bypass Farm, HIM13 Important Natural Habitats and HIM16 A14 Mitigation Sites and HIM14 Maximising Recreational Space complement the approach taken at strategic level by highlighting the different types green infrastructure within the plan area.
NH/7 Ancient Woodlands and Veteran Trees	A policy providing a decision-making framework for proposals affecting ancient woodlands and veteran trees	No ancient woodland in plan area recorded at www.magic.gov.uk	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
NH8: Mitigating the Impact of Development in and Adjoining the Green Belt	A policy focused on ensuring that no proposals will have an adverse impact on the rural character and openness of the	Will be applicable to many sites in the plan area	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. Policy HIM10 Bypass farm (as site within the GB) requires the openness of the land to be preserved in

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	green belt. Policy requires proposals on the edge of green belt to include careful landscaping and design measures of a high quality.		the event of development to support outdoor recreation facilities being brought forward.
Policy NH/9: Redevelopment of Previously Developed Sites and Infilling in the Green Belt	A policy providing a decision making framework for GB sites.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
Policy NH/10: Facilities for Recreation in the Green Belt	Policy allows for development in GB where this support recreation facilities where development will not (either individually or cumulatively) harm the openness of the Green Belt and the purposes of including land within it.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. Policy HIM10 Bypass farm (as site within the GB) requires the openness of the land to be preserved in the event of development to support outdoor recreation facilities being brought forward
Non-strategic Policy NH/11: Protected Village Amenity Area	A non strategic policy identifying village amenity area in the plan area	Yes. There are a number in the plan area.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
Non-strategic Policy NH12: Local Green Space	A non-strategic policy identifying Local Green Spaces in the plan area.	No	No LGS designated by SCDC in the plan area.
Non-strategic Policy NH13: Important Countryside Fringes	A non-strategic policy identifying important countryside fringes in the plan area.	Yes. The plan area identifies 3 sites of important countryside fringes in the plan area.	NP identifies three LGSs (sites 5, 18 and 19) that provide setting for these three areas of Important Countryside Fringe.
NH/14 Heritage Assets & NH/15 Heritage Assets and Adapting to Climate Change	Policies providing a decision-making framework for heritage assets.	Yes. Plan identifies the moated site south of Histon Manor as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. There are	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies

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		also a number of listed buildings in the plan area.	
H1 – Allocations for Residential Development at Villages	Includes allocations H/1:d Histon and Impington Land North of Impington Lane	Yes. Site allocation in plan area.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
H2 Bayer CropScience Site, Hauxton	Allocations not applicable to NP area.	No	NA
H/3 Fulbourn and Ida Darwin Hospitals	Allocations not applicable to NP area.	No	NA
H/7 Residential Moorings	Allocations not applicable to NP area.	No.	NA
H/8 Housing Density	Policy requires minimum density of 30 dph to be achieved in rural centres. Policy allows for rural densities to be varied to reflect site context.	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
H/9 Housing Mix	A district wide housing mix policy:	Yes.	Policy HIM Meeting Local Needs – Housing Mix provides a plan specific approach on housing mix with accords with the principles set out in the district wide level policy.
H/10 Affordable housing	Affordable housing policy	Yes.	NP does not have its own specific affordable housing policy. This policy will apply alongside NP policies. NP Policy HIIM08 the Jam Factory allows, in exception circumstances for affordable housing or housing suitable for meeting needs of older persons.
H/11 Rural Exception Site Affordable Housing	Policy allows for sites adjoining development framework boundaries to deliver rural exceptions housing	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP.
H/12 Residential Space Standards for Market Housing.	A district wide policy providing minimum internal space standards for new housing.	Yes	Local plan policy will apply alongside the NP policies.

Strategic Policy	Subject	Relevance to NP/NP area	How the NP conforms with the policy
H/13 Extensions to Dwellings in the Countryside.	A district wide emerging policy (similar to adopted policy) allowing for extensions to dwellings in the countryside	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP
H/14 Replacement Dwellings in the countryside	A district wide emerging policy (similar to adopted policy) allowing for replacements dwellings in the countryside.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP
H/15 Countryside Dwellings of Exceptional Quality	A district wide emerging policy allowing for new residential proposals of exceptional quality in the countryside subject to a strict criterion.	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP
H/16 Development of Residential Gardens	A district wide policy providing an approach for residential garden development. The policy allows for this in countryside locations in line with Local plan policy H7	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP
H/17 Re-use of Buildings in the Countryside for Residential use.	A district wide policy providing an approach for re-use of buildings in the countryside for residential use.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP
H/18 Working at homes	A district wide policy allowing for alterations in a rural home in order to facilitate home working.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
H/19 Dwellings to support a rural-based enterprise	A district wide policy that allows, if special circumstances can be demonstrated for, countryside dwellings where this is essential to support a rural-based enterprise.	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP
H/20 Provision for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	A district wide approach to planning for housing for Gypsies and Travellers	Possibly.	Policies will apply alongside the NP policies

Strategic Policy	Subject	Relevance to NP/NP area	How the NP conforms with the policy
H/21 Gypsy and Traveller Provision at new Communities	A policy concerning planning for needs of gypsies and travellers at new communities locations	No	NA
H/22 Proposals for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople sites on unallocated land outside development frameworks & H22 Design of Gypsy and Traveller Sites	Policies providing a decision making framework for proposals in countryside for gypsies, travellers and travelling show people and for all proposals in terms of design.	Possible.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
E/1 New Employment Provision near Cambridge – Cambridge Science Park	Employment allocation	No	NA
E/2 Cambridge Biomedical Campus Extension	Employment allocation	No	NA
E/3 Fulbourn Road East (Fulbourn)	Employment allocation	No	NA
E/4 Allocations for Class B1 Employment Uses	Employment allocations outside plan area	No	NA
E/5 Allocations for Class B1, B2 and B8 Employment Uses	Employment allocations outside plan area	No	NA
E/6 Papworth Hospital	Employment allocation outside plan area	No	NA
E/7 Imperial War Museum at Duxford	Employment allocation outside plan area	No	NA
Non Strategic Site Allocation: E/8 Mixed-use development in Histon & Impington Station area	Non strategic site allocation in the plan area. The policy allocates the Station area suitable for mixed use development.	Yes	The Local Plan allocation covers the Histon and Impington Station Area. The policy refers to: opportunities for mixed use development; the need to retain historically significant buildings and to retain the significant wooded area known as 'The Copse

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			<p>(proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan to be designated as a Local Green Space).</p> <p>Three planning applications have been submitted for the three development plots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010/17 Station sidings; decision pending (as of April 2019) • 0783/17 Old station building; permission granted • 0671/17 Bishop’s site; permission granted <p>The neighbourhood plan policies HIM09 Vision Park and HIM19 Station Site complements the Local Plan allocation but provides some additional criteria to be applied. In the case of HIM19 this relates to the use of the former station building, the aspiration for a footway/cycleway access to provide access to Vision Park, protecting the existing shops and services in the village. In the case of HIM09 this relates to safeguarding existing employment use and seeking opportunities to improve connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>The polices provide an additional level of detail to that set out in the strategic policy without undermining that policy</p>
E/9 Promotion of Clusters	A policy which supports new employment provision where this will assist with clusters.	Unlikely	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
E/10 Shared Social Spaces in Employment Areas	Allows for leisure, eating and social hub facilities in employment areas.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies

Strategic Policy	Subject	Relevance to NP/NP area	How the NP conforms with the policy
E/11 Large Scale Warehousing and Distribution Centres	Does not permit large scale warehousing or distribution centres in the district.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
E/12 New Employment Development in Villages	Allows new employment development within development frameworks within villages.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
E/13 New employment on the edges of villages	Policy allows for new employment on edges of villages subject to criteria	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
E/14 Loss of employment land to non-employment uses.	Policy preventing the loss of employment within and on the edge of villages.	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. NP policies complement the approach namely Policy HIM08 the Jam Factory, HIIM09 Vision Park.
E/15 Established Employment areas	Applicable to defined employment areas	No.	NA
E/16 Expansion of existing businesses in the countryside	This allows for expansion of employment uses in the country subject to criteria	Yes.	The policy will apply alongside the NP policies.
E/17 Conversion or Replacement of Rural Building for Employment	Policy allows, subject to criteria, conversion of rural buildings for employment use.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
E/18 Farm Diversification	Policy provides a framework for determining applications involving farm diversification	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
E/19 Tourist Facilities and Visitor Attractions	Policy providing a framework for tourist facilities in the countryside	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
E/20 Tourist Accommodation	Policy providing a framework for applications providing tourist accommodation	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
E/21 Retail Hierarchy	Identifies Rural Centres Village Centres as second tier in the district retail hierarchy.	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. NP Policy HIM06 Commercial Core complement the approach taken.

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Strategic Policy	Subject	Relevance to NP/NP area	How the NP conforms with the policy
E/22 Applications for new Retail Development	Applies to new retail proposals within development frameworks.	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
E/23 Retailing in the countryside	Provides a framework for determining countryside proposals for retail	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
<u>Non-strategic policy</u> SC/1 Allocation for Open Space	Non strategic policy that allocates Bypass farm in the NP plan are for future open space requirements	Yes.	Policy HIM10 Bypass recognises and complements approach taken in Local Plan
SC/2 Health Impact Assessment	Policy applicable to larger schemes (20 or more homes or more than 1000 sq m floorspace).	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
SC/3 Protection of village services and facilities	Policy protecting village services and facilities	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. Policies HIM06 Commercial Core, HIM07 The School Hill Site complements this approach.
SC/4 Meeting Community Needs	A policy requiring all proposals to contribute towards community infrastructure	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. Policy HIM03 reinforces the approach taken.
SC/5 Hospice Provision	A policy supports community healthcare facilities in development frameworks	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. Approach taken in Policy HIM17 the Infant School site which earmarks this site as suitable for meeting health care needs complements this approach.
SC/6 Indoor Community Facilities.	A policy requiring contributions towards new indoor community facilities as part of larger development proposals. Applies a standard of 111 sq metres per 1,000 population	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
SC/7 Outdoor Play Space, Informal Open Space and New Developments	A policy requiring all development proposals to contribute towards outdoor play space and informal recreation space. Policy includes standards for all types of open space. Policy states that only informal	Yes.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies

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	open space will be required on site for schemes of less than 10 units.		
SC/8 Protection of existing recreation areas, allotments and community orchards	A policy protecting existing spaces	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. NP Policies HIM11 School Hill Garden, HIM12 Local Green Space, HIM14 Maximising Recreational Space complement the approach taken at district level.
SC/9 Lighting proposals	A policy providing an approach towards proposals involving lighting	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
SC/10 Noise pollution	A policy managing impact of noise from development	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. Policy A14 Mitigation Sites complements the approach taken at strategic level.
SC/11 Contaminated Land	A policy managing new development and contamination	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
SC/12 Air Quality	A policy managing new development and air quality	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. Policy A14 Mitigation Sites complements the approach taken at strategic level.
SC/13 Hazardous Installations	A policy specific to hazardous installations	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
SC/14 Odour and other fugitive emissions to air	A policy specific to fugitive emissions to air	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies
T1/I Chesterton Rail Station and Interchange	Site specific	No	NA
T1/2 Planning for Sustainable Travel	District wide policy providing an approach to planning applications	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. NP Policy HIM15 Walking and Cycling Routes complements approach taken at Local Plan level.
T1/3 Parking Provision	District wide policy providing an approach to planning applications	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies. NP Policy HIM05 Parking provision for cars and cycles provides an additional level of detail to that set out in the strategic policy without undermining this.

Strategic Policy	Subject	Relevance to NP/NP area	How the NP conforms with the policy
T1/4 Rail Freight and Interchanges	Allow for new freight interchange facilities and safeguards existing sidings	Unlikely	NA
T1/5 Aviation-Related Development Proposals	A decision making framework for new aviation related proposals	Unlikely	NA
T1/6 Cambridge Airport Public Safety Zone	Restricts development in Cambridge Aripport public safety zone	No.	NA
T1/7 Lord's Bridge Radio Telescope	Essential to protect operation of internationally important telescope	No	NA
T1/8 Infrastructure and New Development	A district wide policy stating that planning permission will only be granted for proposals that have made suitable arrangements for the improvement or provision of infrastructure necessary to make the schemes acceptable in planning terms. The policy indicates that this could be via CIL or planning obligations and that any contributions need to be related to the form of the development and its impact upon the surrounding area.	Yes	This policy will apply alongside the NP policies. NP Policy HIM03 Size, Scale and Location of New Housing adds to this approach for the neighbourhood plan area.
T1/9 Education Facilities	Strategic policy regarding education infrastructure	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies.
T1/10 Broadband	Strategic policy regarding broadband infrastructure	Yes	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies.

6 Compatibility with EU Obligations and Legislation

- 6.1 European Union Directive 2001/42/EC requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken for certain types of plans or programmes that would have a significant environmental effect. The EU Directive has been transposed into UK legislation through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). Regulation 9 states that the responsible body (the local planning authority) shall determine whether or not a plan is likely to have a significant effect and that before making such a determination it shall take into account the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations and consult the consultation bodies (Natural England, Historic England and the Env
- 6.2 The H&INP steering group submitted a formal screening request regarding the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) of the draft H&INP in October 2018. A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Opinion was prepared by Place Services on behalf of South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) for the Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan. The three statutory bodies Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency were consulted on the screening report.
- 6.3 Following consideration of the responses from the statutory consultees, Histon & Impington Parish Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council determined that the Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to result in significant environmental effects and therefore does not require a strategic environmental assessment. The Councils also determined that the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to result in significant effects on any European site.
- 6.4 In October 2018, SCDC issued an SEA screening determination which confirmed that the NP was not likely to have any significant environmental effects.
- 6.5 The SEA screening determination was made available to view on the SCDC website <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning/histon-impington-neighbourhood-plan/>
- 6.6 In line with Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) this document is also submitted alongside the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 6.7 The NP Screening Determination Statement also concludes that the making of the NP is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

Human Rights and Equalities

- 6.8 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared having regard to the fundamental rights and freedom guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act 1988.
- 6.9 A separate Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken to accompany the Neighbourhood Plan. This assesses the H&INP vision, priorities, cross cutting principles and planning policies against the “protected characteristics” established by the Equalities Act 2010 which are (in alphabetical order):

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion and belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

7 How the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

- 7.1 The SEA/HRA screening report confirms that making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.