

# Bassingham Neighbourhood Plan

2016-2036

Basic Conditions Statement

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1. **Legal Requirements**

1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared to accompany the Bassingham Neighbourhood Plan.

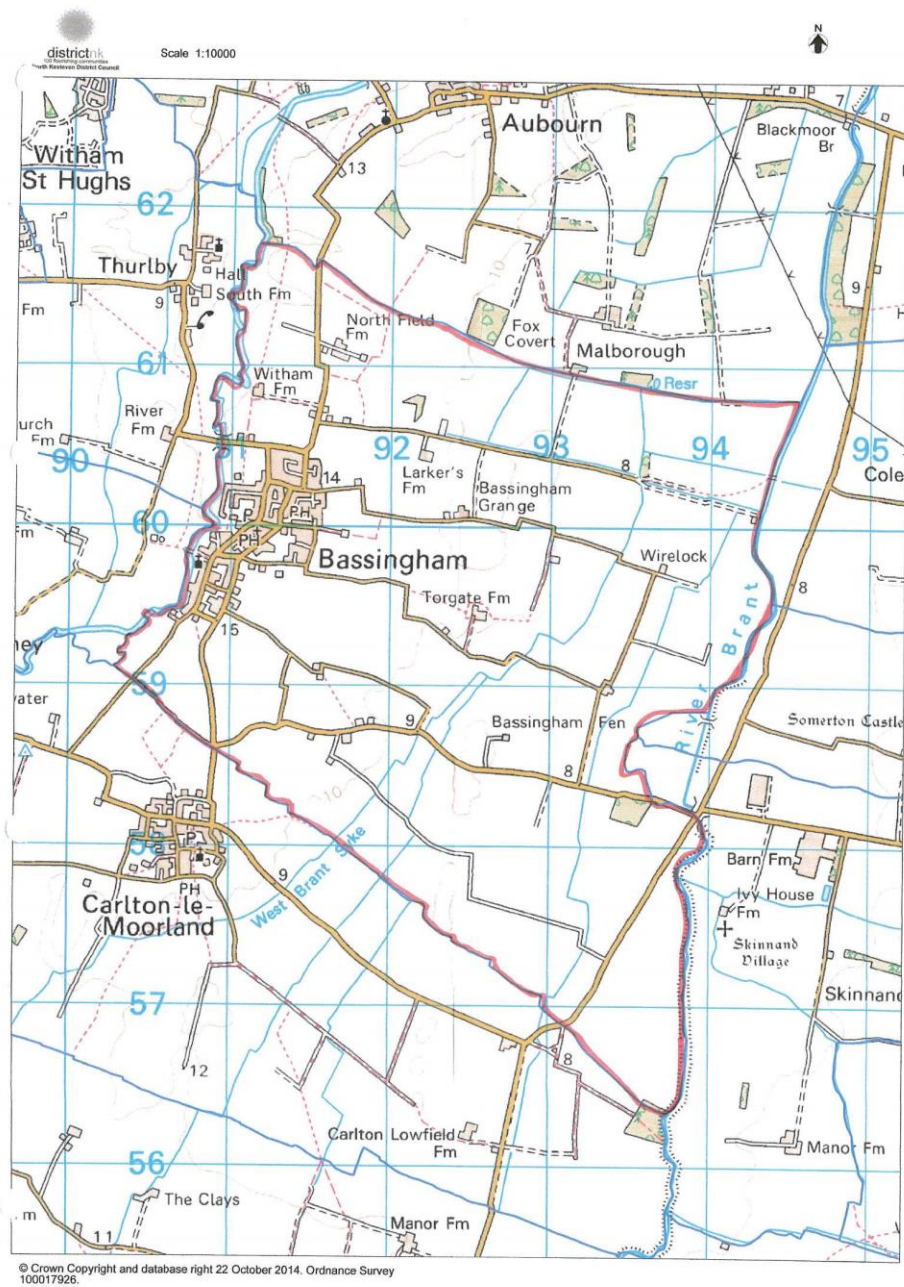
1.2 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires that Neighbourhood Plans (NP) must meet the following basic conditions:

- I. The draft NP must have appropriate regard to national policies and advice contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
- II. The draft NP must contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.
- III. The draft NP must be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the Local Planning Authority.
- IV. The draft NP must meet the relevant EU obligations.

1.3 The Bassingham NP is being submitted by Bassingham Parish Council for the Parish area of Bassingham. The map below shows the extent of the NP boundary. The proposed NP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area and there are no other NP's in place within the neighbourhood area.

**Figure 1: Bassingham NDP Area**

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1.4 The plan applies to the Parish of Bassingham in the North Kesteven District of Lincolnshire.

- 1.5 In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 an application for designation was submitted to North Kesteven District Council. The District Council published the application for designation from Bassingham Parish Council and it was approved by North Kesteven District Council on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015.
- 1.6 The approved NP designated area is shown in figure 1.
- 1.7 The Draft Bassingham NP was made available for consultation in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations from the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 to the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Some amendments have been made to the document based on the comments received and these are summarised in the document entitled 'Consultation Statement'

#### What is being proposed is a Neighbourhood Plan

- 1.8 The plan proposal relates to planning matters (the use and development of land) and has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and processes set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

#### The proposed Neighbourhood Plan states the period for which it is to have effect

- 1.9 The NP for Bassingham will cover the period 2016 until 2036.

#### The policies do not relate to excluded development

- 1.10 The NP proposal does not deal with county matters (mineral extraction and waste development), nationally significant infrastructure or any other matters set out in Section 61k of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

## 2. Basic Conditions

### Have appropriate regard to National Policy

- 2.1 Regard to National Policy and Guidance: The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published in March 2012. The NPPF provides a framework within which local communities can produce neighbourhood plans for their area and sets out how planning should help achieve sustainable development.
- 2.2 Sections 183-185 of the NPPF refer to Neighbourhood Plans, requiring them to have regard to the policies in the NPPF and to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. The Localism Act explains that this is the “adopted Development Plan”
- 2.3 This section demonstrates that the Bassingham NP has regards to relevant policies within the NPPF in relation to:
  - Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes
  - Supporting a prosperous local economy
  - Requiring good design
  - Promoting healthy communities
  - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
  - Promoting sustainable transport
- 2.4 The Bassingham NP contains objectives and policies. The objectives are summarised in Table 1 alongside the NPPF goals they seek to address.

2.5 Table 2 provides a summary of how each of the development plan policies conforms specifically to the NPPF.

**Table 1: Neighbourhood Plan Objectives and conformity with the NPPF**

Housing	Provide new housing as required by CLLP. Integrate new housing into existing built form and character of Bassingham. Provide a greater range of affordable housing for all age groups.	Delivering a wide choice of High quality homes
Economy	Providing opportunities for new start and micro businesses to locate in the village.	Supporting a prosperous rural economy
Movement and Transport	Connect new housing into Bassingham with good pedestrian, cycle and bus connections. Plan public transport to better meet users' needs. Ensure new development does not result in a decrease in road safety.	Promoting sustainable transport
Environment	New development should reinforce the character and quality of Bassingham and result in energy efficient and sustainable development. Maintain and enhance the existing open space and green infrastructure network within the village, and ensure new development includes a level of open space and green infrastructure to match existing standards of provision in the village. Facilitate sustainable energy, without compromising the inherent landscape and countryside quality surrounding the village.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
Community	Protect existing key facilities.	Promoting healthy communities

**Table 2 Development Policies and conformity with the NPPF**

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>NPPF Para Ref</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
HG1	Delivering future housing supply	47 & 50	Sets out the need for infill sites to come forward to meet housing requirements outlined in the CLLP.
HG2	Development of site H2A – 'Land at Carlton Road/Torgate Lane	47 & 50	To provide a buffer site should more development be required than is stated in the CLLP and to deliver the housing needs of the village
HG3	Development boundary	30 & 35	To conserve the village feel of Bassingham and preserve valued farming land
<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>NPPF Para Ref</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
HG4	Affordable Housing	50	Ensures that new development meets the needs of different groups within the community
T1	Transport considerations in new developments	34 & 35	To ensure that new developments do not create additional traffic flow problems in the village
EB1	Accommodating new start up and micro businesses	20	To provide a way for new businesses to get started
CL1	Protection of locally valued key facilities	28 & 74	Ensuring the protection of green spaces and key local businesses
ES1	Achieving design quality	61	Ensuring that new builds fit in with surrounding area
ES2	Achieving green design	61 & 109	To encourage new development proposals take into account design features that will attract wildlife and protect the landscape and natural environment
ES3	Built heritage & listed buildings	126, 127,	To conserve, enhance and



	and Bassingham conservation area	128, 131 & 135	protect the historic buildings and unique character of Bassingham
ES4	Landscape and countryside surrounding the village	118	To conserve the village feel of Bassingham and preserve valued farming land
ES5	Renewable energy schemes	93, 95 & 97	Ensuring the mitigation of effects from climate change

### Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development

- 2.6 The NPPF states that “The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. The policies in paragraphs 18 to 219, taken as a whole, constitute the Governments view of what sustainable development in England means in practice for the planning system” and outlines the three dimensions of sustainability as “Economic, Social and Environmental”. The Bassingham NP echoes that of the NPPF and encourages positive sustainable growth in the village which will ensure economic, environmental and social progression for future generations.
- 2.7 The Bassingham NP has been prepared with a central understanding that the key areas it addresses, these being the environment, economy and the community, are all closely linked. The policies therefore aim to facilitate change within the community whilst protecting what is valued.

### General conformity with Strategic Local Plan

- 2.8 The Bassingham NP has been prepared in consultation with planning officers at North Kesteven District Council, ensuring that the policies developed through the consultation stage of the plan conforms with both the saved policies from the

2007 North Kesteven Local Plan and the Further Draft Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2016.

2.9 Table 3 below shows how the Bassingham NP is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the 2007 North Kesteven Local Plan and the Further Draft Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2016.

**Table 3: Development Policies Conform with Policies in the North Kesteven 2007 Local Plan and the 2016 Further Draft Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.**

<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>NKLP 2007</b>	<b>FDCLLP 2016</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
HG1	Delivering future housing supply	H1	LP1, LP2 & LP53	Ensuring Bassingham grows at a sustainable rate
HG2	Development of site H2A – ‘Land at Carlton Road/Torgate Lane	H1	LP1, LP2 & LP53	Giving a strategic buffer if the need should arise for more growth than shown in CLLP
<b>Policy Number</b>	<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>NKLP 2007</b>	<b>FDCLLP 2016</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
HG3	Development boundary	DC1	LP4	To conserve the village feel of Bassingham and protect much needed farm land
HG4	Affordable Housing	H1 & H2	LP11	Ensuring the needs of residents unable to compete on the open market
T1	Transport considerations in new developments	T1 & T2	LP13	Ensuring the sustainability of transport and footpath links
EB1	Accommodating new start up and micro businesses	E1	LP6 & LP7	Ensuring the economic viability of the village businesses
CL1	Protection of locally valued key facilities	HE, HE8, HE9 & HE10	LP15	Ensuring the protection of green spaces and key local businesses
ES1	Achieving design quality	C18	LP26	Ensuring good quality development in

				keeping with rest of village
ES2	Achieving green design	C17	LP18 & LP19	Ensuring the protection of the environment
ES3	Built heritage & listed buildings and Bassingham conservation area	LW3 & LW1	LP15 & LP23	Ensuring the protection of the village feel of Bassingham
ES4	Landscape and countryside surrounding the village	DC4, DC5 & DC6	LP55	Ensuring the best use and protection of agricultural land
ES5	Renewable energy schemes		LP19	Ensuring the energy needs of future generations

### Be compatible with EU obligations

- 2.10 North Kesteven District Council considered that a Strategic Environmental Assessment was not required because the Bassingham NP is not likely to have a significant impact on the environment. This document was submitted to Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency.
- 2.11 The Bassingham NP has regard to the fundamental rights and a freedom guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act.
- 2.12 The Bassingham NP is not in close enough proximity to any European designated nature sites to warrant an Appropriate Assessment under the EU Habitats Regulations, so this has not been required by North Kesteven District Council.

### Conclusion

- 2.13 It is the view of Bassingham Parish Council that the Bassingham NP has shown that it meets the basic conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the TCPA Act 1990.

2.14 The Plan has appropriate regard to the NPPF, will contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, is in conformity with strategic policies contained in the North Kesteven Local Plan 2007 and the Further Draft Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2016 and meets relevant EU obligations.