

Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan

2015 – 2030



Basic Conditions Statement

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Section 1 – Legal Requirements

1.1.1 This Statement has been prepared by Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group to accompany its submission to the local planning authority, North Kesteven District Council, of the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (“the Regulations”).

1.1.2 The Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared by the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, under delegated authority from Welbourn Parish Council (the qualifying body), for the Neighbourhood Area covering the Parish of Welbourn, as designated by North Kesteven District Council on the 11th January 2013. The Plan relates to the designated neighbourhood area and there are no other plans relating to that area.

1.1.3 The policies described in the Neighbourhood Development Plan relate to the development and use of land in the designated Neighbourhood Parish area only. The plan period of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is from 2015 to 2030 and it does not contain policies relating to excluded development in accordance with the Regulations.

The Statement addresses each of the four ‘basic conditions’ required of the Regulations and explains how the Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.

1.1.4 The Regulations state that a Neighbourhood Development Plan will be considered to have met the basic conditions if:

- Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan;
- The making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- The making of the neighbourhood development plan 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);
- The making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.

Section 2 - Conformity with National Planning Policy

The Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared having regard to national policies as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) of April 2012. It is also taken account of the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) published by the Government in April 2014 in respect of formulating neighbourhood plans.

2.1 Paragraph 16 of the NPPF - Application of Presumption

2.1.1 The Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan contains policies which support the needs of the Local Plan including housing and economy.

2.2 Paragraph 183 of the NPPF – Develop a Shared Vision

2.2.1 With the production of Parish Plans in the past, the community of Welbourn has been actively engaged in a shared vision of the village. This shared vision has been taken into consideration throughout the production of the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan.

2.3 Paragraph 184 NPPF - General conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan

2.3.1 Throughout the production of the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan the Steering Group has consulted with the local planning authority in order to ensure that the Plan is in general conformity with the Local Plan, this also includes general conformity with the emerging New Local Plan which is to be introduced in 2016.

2.4 Conformity of Neighbourhood Development Plan (NP) policies to the NPPF

2.4.1 A brief summary of how each policy conforms to the NPPF is set out in Table 1 below. The particular paragraphs referred to in the table are those considered the most relevant to each policy but are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all possible relevant paragraphs.

NP Policy Number and Title	NPPF paragraph	Comment on conformity
Housing		
H1 Managing Housing Growth.	55, 56, 57, 58, and 109	This policy supports a number of the elements of the NPPF. It seeks to promote sustainable development of good quality design and conserving and enhancing the natural environment.
H2 Local Green Space.	76, 77 and 78	This policy meets the basic conditions in the NPPF in that it will enhance the village in retaining its distinctiveness; provide open accessible green space and preserve the setting and special character of the village.

H3 Parking Provision.	58	This policy has regard to the NPPF in that it contributes to the delivery of sustainable development.
H4 Policy H4 Conversion of Existing Buildings and/or using Brownfield Sites.	11, 17 and 55	This policy is in line with NPPF paragraph 17 and supports the use of brownfield land for the development of new dwellings and makes the best use of redundant land
Policy H 5 Broadband and Telecommunications	42 to 46	This policy, in line with the NPPF, will ensure that all new development will provide high quality communications.
Design and Character		
Policy DES1 Design and character	8, 9, 17,56, 57, 58, 63 and 64	In line with the NPPF, this policy requires that development should contribute positively and ensure the design responds to the local character and history of Welbourn.
Community Well-Being Leisure and Recreation		
CWB 1 Health and Well-Being of Welbourn Community.	Section 8 Promoting Healthy Communities 57 and 58	This policy seeks to encourage the development of facilities which support the health and well-being of the community.
CWB 2 Existing Community Facilities.	74	This policy will protect or ensure that any existing community facility will not be lost.
Employment		
EMP1 New Employment.	28	This policy supports the retention of existing employment and the development of all future employment.
EMP2 Signage on the A607.	28	In line with the NPPF this policy supports the promotion of local businesses.
Environment		
EN1 Retain Features.	56, 57, 58 and 109,	This policy seeks to ensure that the distinctive landscape features of Welbourn are maintained and enhanced.
EN2 Impact of Alternative Sources of Energy and Communication Masts.	17, 43 and 97	This policy supports the expansion of electronic communication networks, including telecommunications and high speed broadband. The aim is to keep the number of radio and telecommunication masts and the sites for such installations to a minimum. This policy also supports the use and supply of renewable energy from renewable and low carbon sources provided that it will not have an adverse affect.
EN3 Agricultural Land.	17, 109 and 112	In conformity with the NPPF this policy will protect food producing land.

Section 3 - General conformity with the strategic Policies of the North Kesteven District Local Plan 2007

3.1.1 The development plan for Welbourn is the North Kesteven Local Plan 2007.

3.1.2 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to ensure its general conformity with the development plan for North Kesteven District Council – North Kesteven Adopted Local Plan 2007.

3.1.3 Table 2 below sets out how each policy is in general conformity with the North Kesteven Adopted Local Plan 2007.

Table 2: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan policies with the strategic development plan policies

NP Policy Number and Title	Relevant local plan policy	Comment on conformity
Housing		
H1 Managing Housing Growth.	C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C14 and C18	This policy is in general conformity with the Local plan in that it seeks to ensure that all development is within the village curtilage; it will protect the local landscape and the character of the village through good design and choice of materials, but will also allow the village to grow at a rate which can be sustained economically, socially and environmentally.
H2 Local Green Space.	C19 and LW3	H2 is in general conformity with the Local Plan in that it is intended to protect and enhance an existing landscape character.
H3 Parking Provision.	T5	This policy is in general conformity with the Local Plan parking provisions policy. Welbourn has a narrow road system and on-street parking causes considerable problems.
H4 Policy H4 - Conversion of Existing Buildings and/or using Brownfield Sites.	DC6	H4 is in general conformity with Policy DC6 - Conversion of buildings in the countryside to residential use.
Policy H 5 Broadband and Telecommunications.	E9 paragraph 5.44	H7 is in general conformity with the Local Plan - It will ensure that all new development will provide high quality communications.
Design and Character		
Policy DES1 Design and character	8, 9, 17,56, 57, 58, 63 and 64	DES1 Seeks to protect and where possible protect the character and surroundings of Welbourn.

Community Well-Being Leisure and Recreation		
CWB 1 – Development of Recreational Facilities	RST3	Policy CWB1 is in general conformity with policy RST3, in that planning permission will be granted for the development of new recreational open space or indoor sports facilities.
CWB 2 Protecting Existing Community Facilities.	RST1 and R3	CWB2 in line with RST1 protects existing recreational facilities.
Employment		
EMP1 New Employment.	E4	This policy in keeping with the Local Plan is committed to supporting the local economy.
EMP2 Signage on the A607.	DC8	An advance directional sign required to direct traffic to a business or activity located a short distance off the road along which the sign is proposed to be displayed. EMP2 in line with DC8 seeks to help support local businesses in line with the Local Plan economy policies.
Environment		
EN1 Retain Features.	C2 and C18	In line with the Local Plan this policy seeks to protect the character of the countryside. Also development will also reinforce local identity and not adversely affect the character or appearance of Welbourn.
EN2 Impact of Alternative Sources of Energy and Communication Masts.	C17, E9, C21 and DC2	EN2, like the Local Plan supports the development of renewable energy and telecommunications developments.
EN3 Agricultural Land.	C3	This policy is in line with the Local Plan in that it seeks to protect food producing Land.

Section 4 - Contribution to Achieving Sustainable Development

4.1.1 A Sustainability Appraisal has not been undertaken as this is not a requirement for a Neighbourhood Development Plan. However, the Neighbourhood Development Plan has taken account of the need to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.

4.1.2 Table 3 below has assessed the Plan's policies in terms of how it will deliver sustainable development in the economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainability. It shows that the Plan's policies are contributing to all three factors in particular the social factor.

Social factors -

- Provides the supply of housing identified to meet the needs of the community throughout the Plan period.
- Seeks to enhance the quality of life for all members of the community.
- Supports the development of sporting and leisure facilities and protects the existing community facilities.

Economic factors -

- Supports the development of small-scale businesses and expansion of existing commercial premises.
- Supports the development of the agricultural sector.

Environmental Factors -

- The policies seek to protect the historic and cultural environment of the Parish of Welbourn.
- Seeks to protect the distinctive character of the landscape.
- Seeks to conserve and enhance biodiversity.

Table 3: Assessment of sustainability of Neighbourhood Plan policies

Policy number and title	Economic factors	Social factors	Environmental factors	Comments
Housing				
H1 Managing Housing Growth.	**	**	**	This policy contributes to all three factors, it will ensure the amount, scale and location of new development is in keeping with the character of Welbourn. The accommodation needs of the community are met. Prime agricultural land will be protected. Opportunities for new and existing employment will be created.

H2 Local Green Space.	–	**	**	The designated Local Green Space is of particular importance to the community of Welbourn. Development in this area would involve a fundamental change to the character of the village.
H3 Parking Provision.	–	**	**	The narrow road system around the village and the lack of off-street parking in some areas causes social and environmental problems.
H4 Conversion of Existing Buildings and/or using Brownfield Sites.	**	**	**	This policy contributes to all three factors in that it makes better use of redundant buildings/land, creates more employment/housing and contributes to the environment.
Policy H 5 Broadband and Telecommunications.	**	**	–	Telecommunication is very important in the modern world. It has become an ever increasing necessity in the social and economical life of the world.
Design and Character				
Policy DES1 Design and character	–	**	**	This policy will contribute to Welbourn continuing to be an attractive place in which to live.
Community Well-Being Leisure and Recreation				
CWB 1 – Development of Recreational Facilities	*	**	–	This policy along with CWB2 aims to support the development of facilities which help to improve the health of the community. Therefore these policies contribute to social and economical factors.
CWB 2 Protecting Existing Community Facilities.	*	**	–	As above.
Employment				
EMP1 New Employment.	**	**	–	The policy EMP 1 contributes to economic and social factors.
EMP2 Signage on the A607.	**	*	–	The purpose of Policy EMP2 is to support local economy. In doing so it will also contribute to the social side of life.
Environment				
EN1 Retain Features.	–	**	**	This policy seeks to ensure that the distinctive landscape features and character of Welbourn are maintained and enhanced.

EN2 Impact of Alternative Sources of Energy and Communication Masts.	**	**	**	This policy supports the development of alternative sources of energy and communication masts, provided that they have no unacceptable impact on the residents and wild life.
EN3 Agricultural Land.	**	**	**	This policy seeks to protect the food producing land within the parish. It contributes to all three factors.

** very positive * positive - neutral | x negative xx very negative]

Section 5 - Compatibility with EU Obligations and legislation

5.1.1 The Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and comply with the Human Rights Act.

5.1.2 A screening opinion was issued by North Kesteven District Council who considered it unlikely that there would be any significant environmental effects arising from the Welbourn Neighbourhood Plan. As such a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was not required. A Statement of Reasons for this determination is attached at Appendix A.

5.1.3 The Neighbourhood Area is not in close proximity to any European designated nature sites so it does not require an Appropriate Assessment under the EU Habitats Regulations. An email from NKDC to this effect is attached at Appendix B.

Section 6 – Conclusions

6.1.1 The Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan Basic Conditions Statement addresses each of the four ‘basic conditions’ required of the Regulations and demonstrates that the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.

6.1.2 In line with the Regulations, this Basic Conditions Statement demonstrates that the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development has:

- Had regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- The making of the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the North Kesteven District Council Local Plan 2007.
- The making of the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development contributes to the achievement of sustainable development; and
- The making of the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.

Appendix: 'A'

Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015 - 2030

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report

1. On the 22nd December 2014, in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, North Kesteven District Council (NKDC), on behalf of Welbourn Parish Council, carried out a Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report.
2. Having consulted with all relevant Statutory Agencies, namely the Environmental Agency, English Heritage and Natural England. NKDC considered that it is unlikely that there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan. As such, a full SEA does not need to be undertaken.



Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report

On behalf of
Welbourn Parish Council

Date of assessment:	22 December 2014
Date/ version of neighbourhood development plan to which Screening Report applies:	December 2014 - 'Proposed Policies for Comment by NKDC'

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Overview

Neighbourhood development plan (NDP) to which this Screening Report applies:

Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan

Version/ date of NDP to which this Screening Report applies:

Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-2030: Proposed Policies for Comment by NKDC, submitted 10th December 2014

Neighbourhood area to which the NDP applies:

Welbourn Neighbourhood Area (whole parish)

Parish council/s within the neighbourhood area:

Welbourn Parish Council

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This screening report determines whether or not the contents of the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan: Proposed Policies for Comment by NKDC (WNDP) 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 objectives of the WNDP are:
 1. The Neighbourhood Development Plan will ensure that there is sufficient housing to meet the needs of all Welbourn's demographic groups, now and for future generations.
 2. It will put in place policies which manage and preserve the current setting, scale, framework, density and special character of the village, provide protection against unrestricted urban sprawl of large built-up areas and assist in the safeguarding of the surrounding countryside from encroachment.
 3. It will assist and encourage the regeneration and recycling of derelict land and brownfield sites.
 4. It will provide unbiased objectivity by basing allowable housing numbers and type on evidence and official projections of forecasted local need rather than speculative profit motives.
 5. It will protect the historic integrity of Welbourn by only permitting small-scale, high quality new building and conversion of current buildings within the village curtilage in accordance with the Parishioner's wishes.
 6. It will establish an ongoing dialogue with the Parish community so that regular monitoring, reviews and updating of this Plan takes place.
 7. It will comply in all respects with the Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.
 8. It will preserve the current and historical style and design features of the existing Parish's buildings.
 9. All new building will improve the community's environmental performance and positively contribute towards meeting the challenge of climate change through low carbon, energy efficient design.
 10. Ensure all new builds incorporate features that provide first class connectivity to the internet and other essential services.
- 1.3 Details of the legislation that require the need for this screening exercise and the SEA screening assessment criteria are outlined in sections 2 and 3 of this report respectively. Section 4, screens the WNDP against the criteria in section 3 and determines whether the plan is likely to have significant environmental effects and if a full SEA is required.

2. Legislative Background

- 2.1 The Localism Act 2011 (Schedule 9) introduced neighbourhood planning into the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The 1990 Act, as amended by Schedule 10 of the Localism Act 2011, requires that neighbourhood development plans meet a set of basic conditions, one of which being that the making of the plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.
- 2.2 To ensure that a NDP meets this basic condition, a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) may be required to determine the likely significant environmental effects of implementing the NDP. The basis for Strategic Environmental legislation is European Directive 2001/42/EC, which was transposed into domestic 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).
- 2.3 Where a proposed plan is likely to have a significant effect on a European site or European offshore marine site (in relation to the Habitats Directive), this will also trigger the need to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment. 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 of schedule 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 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 go on to amend the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 so as to apply its provisions to neighbourhood development orders and plans.
- 2.4 This report screens the WNDP against various criteria to determine if a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required. A SEA would assess the NDP against the European legislation outlined above, and would conclude whether the plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations with regards to the environment.

3. Criteria for Assessing the Effects of Neighbourhood Development Plans

- 3.1 Article 3(5) of Directive 2001/42/EC details the criteria for determining whether plans are likely to have significant environmental effects. This criteria is outlined below.

Article 3, Scope

5. Member States shall determine whether plans or programmes referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 are likely to have significant environmental effects either through case-by-case examination or by specifying types of plans and programmes or by combining both approaches. For this purpose Member States shall in all cases take into account relevant criteria set out in Annex II, in order to ensure that plans and programmes with likely significant effects on the

environment are covered by this Directive.

Annex II Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects referred to in Article 3(5)

1. The characteristics of plans and programmes, having regard, in particular, to
 - the degree to which the plan or programme 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 or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy;
 - the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development;
 - environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme;
 - the relevance of the plan or programme 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 transboundary 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.

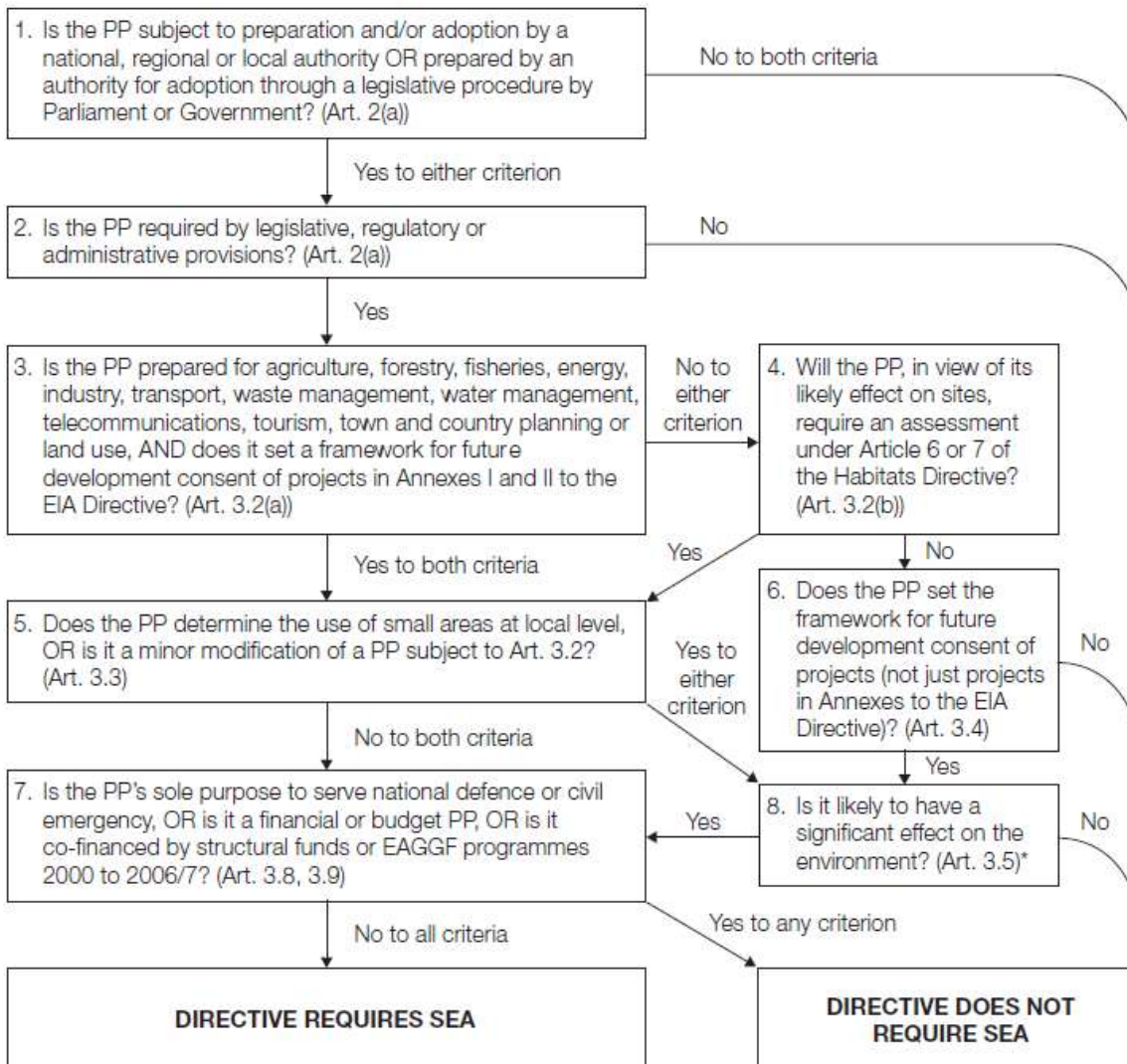
4. Assessment

- 4.1 The Department of the Environment has produced a flow chart diagram¹ which sets out the process for screening a planning document to ascertain whether a full SEA is required. See Figure 1 below.
- 4.2 Annexes I and II of Directive 2011/92/EU (as referred to in Figure 1, question 3) can be found here: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32011L0092&from=EN> (see <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/eia-legalcontext.htm> for details of amendments).
- 4.3 Articles 6 and 7 of the Habitats Directive (as referred to in Figure 1, question 4) can be found here: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:31992L0043&from=EN>.

¹ Department of the Environment, A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2005)

Figure 1: Application of the SEA Directive to plans and programmes

This diagram is intended as a guide to the criteria for application of the Directive to plans and programmes (PPs). It has no legal status.



*The Directive requires Member States to determine whether plans or programmes in this category are likely to have significant environmental effects. These determinations may be made on a case by case basis and/or by specifying types of plan or programme.

4.3 The process outlined in Figure 1 has been undertaken for the WNDP and the findings are outlined in Table 1. As the questions have been answered using the flow diagram above, some of the questions may not be applicable as a result of previous answers: where this is the case, the response is stated as 'not applicable'.

Criteria	Response: Yes/ No/ Not applicable	Details
1. Is the NDP 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?	<u>Yes</u>	The preparation and adoption of the WNDP is allowed under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. Whilst the WNDP will be prepared by Welbourn Parish Council it will be adopted by North Kesteven District Council as the local authority. GO TO STAGE 2
2. Is the NDP required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions?	<u>Yes</u>	Whilst the production of a Neighbourhood Plan is not a requirement and is optional, it will, if made, form part of the Development Plan for the District. It is therefore important that this screening process considers the potential effects. GO TO STAGE 3
3. Is the NDP 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 to the EIA Directive?	<u>Yes</u>	The WNDP is being prepared for town and country planning and land use and sets a framework for future development proposals. GO TO STAGE 5
4. Will the NDP, in view of its likely effect on sites, require an assessment for future development under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive?	<u>N/A</u>	
5. Does the NDP determine the use of small areas at local level, OR is it a minor modification of an PP subject to Art. 3.2?	<u>Yes</u>	The scope and scale of the proposed WNDP will apply only to a small geographical area and will relate to small scale development only. GO TO STAGE 8
6. Does the NDP set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just projects in annexes to the EIA Directive)?	<u>N/A</u>	
7. Is the NDP'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?	<u>N/A</u>	

8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?	<u>No</u>	<p>The scope of the proposed WNDP and the geographical area to which it applies is relatively limited. The WNDP does not seek to allocate any sites for development.</p> <p>The proposed policies are mainly seeking to protect character or relating to uses or sites that are unlikely to result in development that will have a significant environmental impact.</p> <p>It is not considered likely to have a significant impact on any Natura 2000 site and there are no nearby Sites of Special Scientific Interest. (See Table 2: Assessment of the likely significant effects on the environment).</p>
Outcome:		SEA not required

Table 2: Assessment of the likely significant effects on the environment

SEA Directive criteria and Schedule 1 of Environmental Assessment of plans and programmes Regulations 2004	North Kesteven District Council Assessment	Likely significant environmental effect?
1. The characteristics of plans and programmes, having regard, in particular, to—		
(a) the degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources;	The WNDP would, if adopted, form part of the Statutory Development Plan and as such does contribute to the framework for future development projects. However, the WNDP would only apply to a very limited geographical area, where few proposals are anticipated and would have very limited resource implications.	No
(b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy;	The WNDP will be required to be in general conformity with the Local Plan of the area, in this case the North Kesteven Local Plan (NKLP). There is no requirement for any	No

	replacement of the NKLP to conform to the policies of the WNDP, although there may be some limited influence to policies of a future local plan.	
(c) the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development;	The proposed WNDP includes policies on protection of the natural environment, alongside policies intended to guide possible future developments. It is therefore considered that the NP does integrate environmental considerations with a view to promoting sustainable development.	No
(d) environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme; and	A small area of the north west of the neighbourhood area is at risk of flooding. However, there are no specific implications for this area in the draft plan.	No
(e) the relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).	The WNDP is not directly relevant to the implementation of any European legislation.	No
2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to—		
(a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects;	Whilst effects of the WNDP may not be reversible they are anticipated to be minimal, in terms of probability, duration and frequency.	No
(b) the cumulative nature of the effects;	The cumulative effects of the plan are expected to be limited.	No
(c) the transboundary nature of the effects;	It is not anticipated that any effects will be transboundary.	No
(d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to	There are no significant risks anticipated, and it is considered that the WNDP	No

accidents);	will enhance human health and the environment.	
(e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected);	The WNDP area is very local in extent and the plan will only apply to a population in the region of 650. Any effects of the plan will only be local.	No
(f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to— (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use; and	The WNDP is not expected to allocate sites and it promotes the protection of the built and natural environment. The village of Welbourn is within the Lincoln Cliff Landscape Character Area and much of the village is designated as a conservation area. Any effects of the plan are expected to be positive on these characteristics.	No
(g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.	The Lincoln Cliff Landscape Character Area is within the neighbourhood area. Any effects of the plan are expected to be positive.	No

5 Consultation of Statutory Agencies

5.1 The assessment in section 4 indicates that it is unlikely that there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the WNDP (as submitted at the date of this assessment) and thus a SEA is not required. The relevant Statutory Agencies, namely the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England, have been consulted on this screening opinion based on the WNDP in its current form. The responses received during this consultation are detailed below.

Environment Agency

5.2 Agreed with the methodology and conclusions of this screening report. See appendix 1 for the full response.

English Heritage

5.3 Agreed with the conclusion as the WNDP does not allocate sites. Recommended that the group undertake a sustainability appraisal of the WNDP. See appendix 2 for the full response.

Natural England

5.4 Agreed with the conclusions of this screening report. See appendix 3 for the full response.

6 Screening Outcome

6.1 As a result of the assessment in section 4, and following consultation of the Statutory Agencies, North Kesteven District Council consider it unlikely that there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan, as submitted at the date of this assessment. As such, a full SEA does not need to be undertaken for the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan.

6.2 If the objectives, aims and/ or policies covered by the WNDP should change (other than minor changes), or specific sites are allocated for development, this screening process should be undertaken for the revised plan. Please contact North Kesteven District Council for advice in such instance.


SEA Appendices

SEA Appendix 1:

Thu 15/01/2015 17:07

Planning Liaison, Anglian/Northern <planninglincoln@enviro
RE: Welbourn Neighbourhood Plan - SEA Screening - Consultation

To Hylton Philip

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Philip


North Kesteven District Council have consulted us on the SEA Screening Opinion for the draft Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan.

We have reviewed your Screening Report and are in agreement with the methodology and conclusions.

Kind regards

Nicola Farr
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SEA Appendix 2:


Mon 05/01/2015 09:19

Searson, Claire <Claire.Searson@english-heritage.org.uk>

RE: Welbourn Neighbourhood Plan - SEA Screening - Consultation

To 'Anne-Marie Shepherd'

Cc Hylton Philip

 You replied to this message on 05/01/2015 15:57.

Dear Anne and Philip,

Thank you for consulting English Heritage. As the plan does not seek to allocate sites for development, we agree with the conclusions of the screening that SEA is not required. We would however, advise that consideration of undertaking a Sustainability Appraisal of the plan should be given as part of good planning practice.

Kind Regards,

Claire

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From: Anne-Marie Shepherd [mailto:Anne-Marie_Shepherd@N-KESTEVEN.GOV.UK]

Sent: 22 December 2014 16:44

To: Searson, Claire

Cc: 'philip.hylton@peterborough.gov.uk'

Subject: Welbourn Neighbourhood Plan - SEA Screening - Consultation

Dear Claire,

I am writing to you today as a statutory consultee for the SEA Screening Opinion on the draft Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan (WNDP).

Searson, Claire

SEA Appendix 3:

Date: 19 January 2015
Our ref: 140524
Your ref:

Philip Hylton
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Dear Mr Hylton

Planning consultation: Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan (WNDP) – Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 22 December 2014 which was received by Natural England on 22 December 2014.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England welcomes the *Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report* that has been submitted for this consultation by North Kesteven District Council on behalf of Welbourn Parish Council. This document has assessed the requirement for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan.

We can confirm that it is considered unlikely that any significant environmental effects will result from the implementation of the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan that have not been considered and dealt with by the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the adopted North Kesteven Local Plan 2007. We are therefore satisfied with the conclusions of the *Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report* for the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Ryan Hildred on 0300 060 2772. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

Ryan Hildred
Lead Adviser – Sustainable Development
East Midlands Area Team

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Appendix: 'B'

Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015 - 2030

Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report

1. On the 8th March 2015, the Chairman of the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group sent a request to North Kesteven District Council (NKDC), asking if the Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan would require a Habitat Regulation Assessment.
2. On the 13th March 2015, NKDC responded stating that the Plan would not require a Habitat Regulation Assessment as there are no protected sites in the parish of Welbourn.

From: Tony Copley [<mailto:tonycopley@hotmail.com>]
Sent: 08 March 2015 09:31
To: Anne-Marie Shepherd
Subject: Welbourn NP

Hi Anne-Marie,

Would you please find out if we will require a 'Habitat Regulation Assessment'.

Kind regards,

Tony

From: Anne-Marie Shepherd (Anne-Marie_Shepherd@N-KESTEVEN.GOV.UK)

Sent: 13 March 2015 10:05:56

To: Tony Copley (tonycopley@hotmail.com)

Hi Tony,

I've double checked and Welbourn does not need a Habitat Regulation Assessment since there are no protected sites in the parish. Apparently you only need one of these if your plan has a significant effect on designated European sites. These sites include Special Areas of Conservation (SAC's), Special Protection Areas (SPA's) and RAMSAR Sites. These are designated for their flora, fauna or birds under the Habitats Directive or the Birds Directive.

Kind regards,
Anne-Marie