

Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan

2018 - 2043

Basic Conditions Statement



MORETON-IN-MARSH
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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1. Introduction

This Basic Conditions Statement has been produced to accompany the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan (referred to as 'the Plan') to its submission to the local planning authority, Cotswold Council, under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) ('the Regulations').

Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act (TCPA) requires that a Neighbourhood Plan (or order) will be considered to have met the seven 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) having special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the order,
- c) having special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area, it is appropriate to make the order,
- d) the making of the order contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
- e) 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),
- f) the making of the order does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and
- g) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the order and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order.

Basic Conditions (b) and (c) relate to neighbourhood development orders therefore are not relevant to the consideration of whether the MORETON-IN-MARSH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN meets the basic conditions.

2. Supporting documents and evidence

The Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan is supported by a Consultation Statement and this Basic Conditions Statement.

3. Key statements

Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council is a qualifying body and entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for its own parish. The Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan expresses policies that relate to the development and use of land only within the neighbourhood area.

The neighbourhood area is contiguous with the parish boundary, as shown in the map on the following page.

The Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan covers the period from 2018 to 2031.

No provision for excluded development such as national infrastructure is contained within the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It is solely related to the area of Moreton-in-Marsh as designated by Cotswold District Council in September 2018 (see map) which is contiguous with the Parish Boundary.

There are no other Neighbourhood Development Plans in place for the Moreton-in-Marsh neighbourhood area.

4. Conformity with national planning policy

Introduction

It is required that the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan has appropriate regard to national planning policy and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State. National policy and guidance is contained within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

National Planning Policy Framework¹

The NPPF in sections 29-31 and 38 refers to Neighbourhood Development Plans and seeks that those plans have regard to the policies in the NPPF and to be in 'general conformity' with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. This phrasing is explained more clearly by the Localism Act which refers to the 'adopted Development Plan'.

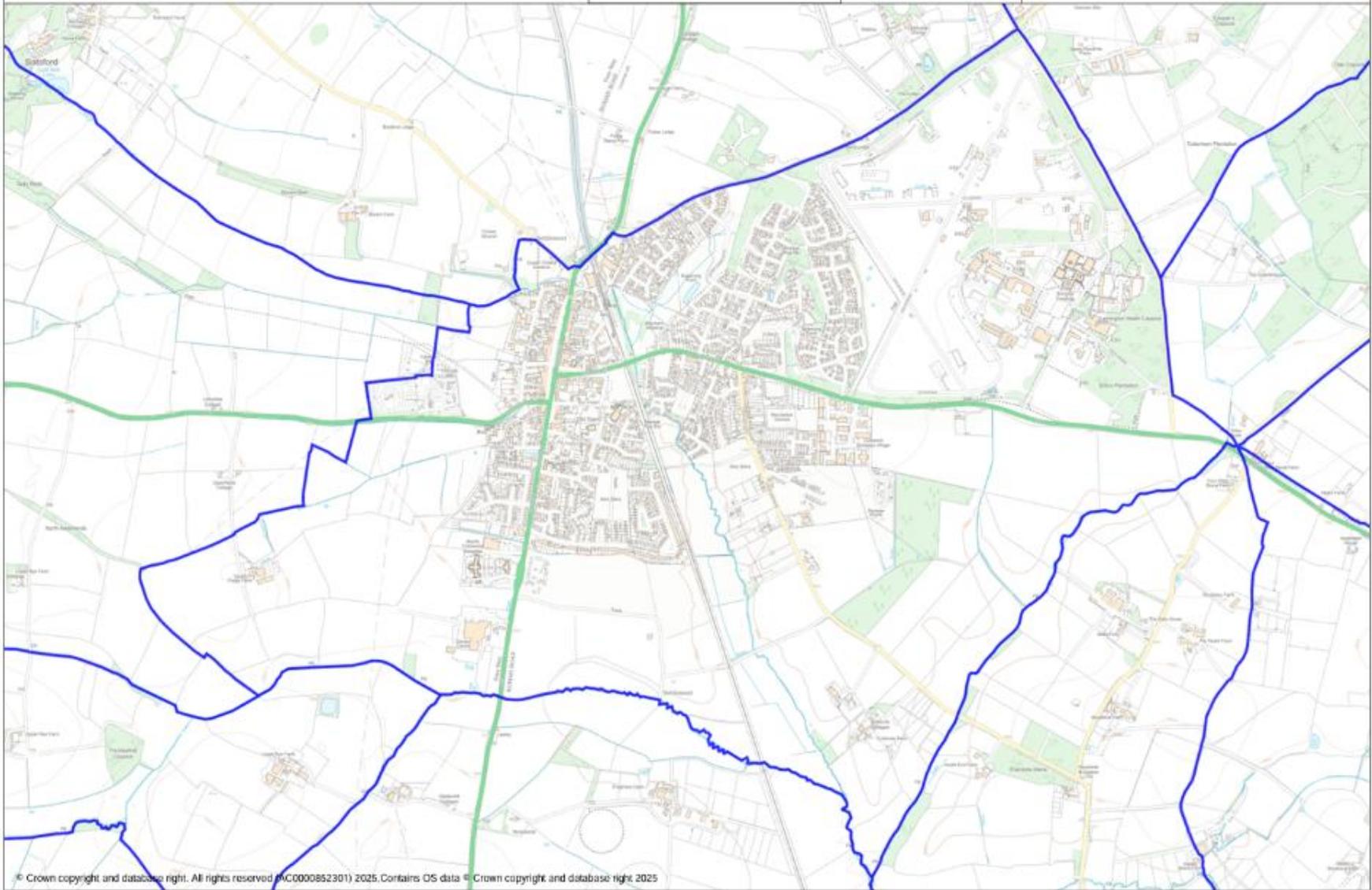
This section demonstrates that, of the 13 key objectives within the NPPF, the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan has policies that meet 10 of these, specifically in relation to:

- Delivering a sufficient supply of homes
- Building a strong, competitive economy
- Ensuring the vitality of town centres
- Promoting healthy and safe communities
- Promoting sustainable transport
- Making effective use of land
- Achieving well-designed places
- Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
- Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
- Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

The Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan has 16 principal objectives. We list them in table 2.1 below and which NPPF goals each objective seeks to address.

Table 2.2 then provides a summary of how each policy in the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan conforms specifically to the NPPF.

¹ [National Planning Policy Framework December 2024](#)



Ref	Objective	NPPF Goal
1	New developments to be energy efficient and climate adaptive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieving well-designed places Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
2	New developments to provide a range of housing to meet the needs of local people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering a sufficient supply of homes Achieving well-designed places
3	New developments on brownfield sites to take priority over greenfield sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering a sufficient supply of homes Achieving well-designed places
4	To ensure new homes are of high-quality design and built to Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieving well-designed places Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
5	Ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place to support new development prior to completion of the project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieving well-designed places Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
6	To support the provision of principle residence housing for those wishing to live in Moreton in Marsh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering a sufficient supply of homes Building a strong, competitive economy
7	New developments to facilitate and support the growth of the business base within Moreton-in-Marsh, creating more jobs across a diverse range of sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building a strong, competitive economy Ensuring the vitality of town centres
8	Support development of small business units/shared space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building a strong, competitive economy Ensuring the vitality of town centres
9	New developments to support and sustain a vibrant attractive and successful town centre that meets the needs of the local community and visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building a strong, competitive economy Ensuring the vitality of town centres Promoting healthy and safe communities Achieving well-designed places
10	Improve the public realm and traffic management within and through the town to provide easier, safer and more pleasant access for residents and visitors, using developer contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building a strong, competitive economy Ensuring the vitality of town centres Promoting healthy and safe communities Achieving well-designed places Promoting sustainable transport
11	Protect and maintain open green spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conserving and enhancing the natural environment Promoting healthy and safe communities

12	Protect and maintain archaeological and built heritage assets deemed to be of value to the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
13	Preserve and increase opportunities for biodiversity net-gain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conserving and enhancing the natural environment ▪ Promoting healthy and safe communities
14	Preserve important views within the parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conserving and enhancing the natural environment ▪ Promoting healthy and safe communities
15	Protect the sensitive natural environment and exceptional rural assets surrounding Moreton-in-Marsh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conserving and enhancing the natural environment ▪ Promoting healthy and safe communities
16	Create a more connected parish for residents and visitors alike, limiting the need for vehicular travel within the town and offering a genuine choice of transport options to help reduce congestion and emissions, to improve air quality and public health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promoting healthy and safe communities ▪ Promoting sustainable transport

Table 2.2: Assessment of how each policy in the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan conforms to the NPPF

No.	Policy title and reference	NPPF ref. (para.)	Commentary
1	Climate Adaption and Energy Efficiency in Developments	161, 162, 164, 167	Seeks to encourage the use of renewable energy in homes and transportation.
2	Managing Flood Risk	161, 162, 170-8, 181	Seeks to mitigate issues caused by surface water flooding and minimise impacts of development on water quality
3	Housing Mix	63	The policy contributes to the NPPF objective of delivering a sufficient supply of homes by requiring the mix of housing development to reflect local need.
4	Affordable Housing	63, 64, 66	The policy contributes to the NPPF objective of delivering a sufficient supply of homes by requiring the mix of housing development to reflect local need.
5	Well-designed housing and Places	29, 125, 131, 132, 134, 135	The policy contributes to the NPPF objectives of achieving well designed places, promoting sustainable transport and meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change. It does this by requiring development to reflect townscape character, provide good walking and cycling connections and cycle storage and be water efficient and meet the highest possible standards of construction.
6	Parking in Residential Developments	109, 112, 115	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of promoting sustainable transport by seeking to ensure new residential developments provide appropriate levels of parking facilities.
7	Brownfield first	124, 125, 126	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of making effective use of land by directing development towards the built-up area of Moreton-in-Marsh. This allows for further growth in the town on infill or brownfield sites.
8	Hard Infrastructure	11, 29, 35, 40, 109	Seeks to ensure the necessary infrastructure and utility provision is considered and provided in full to support new developments.
9	Soft Infrastructure	11, 16, 29, 35, 40, 98	Seeks to ensure the necessary infrastructure and utility provision is considered and provided in full to support new developments.
10	Principal residence housing	66, 82	The policy contributes to the NPPF objective of delivering a sufficient supply of homes to reflect local need.

No.	Policy title and reference	NPPF ref. (para.)	Commentary
11	Employment Land	85, 111, 128	Seeks to sustain a vibrant attractive and successful town that meets the needs of the local community and visitors
12	Small Business Units	88, 111, 128	Seeks to support the creation of new businesses serving local needs where these are otherwise not available and where they are easily accessible to the whole community
13	Retail Provision	85, 88, 89, 90	The policy contributes to the NPPF objectives of building a strong, competitive economy and securing the vitality of town centres by seeking to protect existing retail units from being lost to alternative uses.
14	Infrastructure Investment Priorities	35, 96	Seeks to improve access to key facilities within Moreton-in-Marsh and ensure the necessary infrastructure is delivered to ensure that non-car users have alternative routes to the existing road network.
15	Local Green Spaces	106, 107, 108	Designates a series of spaces that are special to the community and fulfil the NPPF criteria.
16	Conserving non-designated heritage assets	29, 207, 208, 216	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of conserving and enhancing the historic environment by identifying and seeking to protect treasured historic assets within Moreton-in-Marsh.
17	Enhancing Biodiversity	29, 187, 192	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of conserving and enhancing the natural environment by seeking to preserve the natural features of Moreton-in-Marsh.
18	Important views	187, 189, 190	The policy identifies Important Local Views that are special in recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside form, but is not prescriptive about design solutions. The policy therefore requires development proposals to avoid unnecessary harm by way of their height, massing or obtrusive location.
19	Development Boundary	129, 132	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of conserving and enhancing the natural environment by seeking to prevent settlement spread and maintain the identity of Moreton-in-Marsh.
20	Transport & Active Travel	109, 110, 117, 118,	This policy seeks to enhance opportunities for active travel and reduce reliance on private car use.

5. Contribution towards sustainable development

The NPPF states in paragraph 11 that 'at the heart of the Framework is a presumption in favour of sustainable development'.

Table 3.1 below summarises how the objectives and policies in the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan contribute towards sustainable development, as defined in the NPPF.

Table 3.1: Assessment of Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan objectives and policies against sustainable development

Deliver Economic Sustainability	
<i>NPPF Definition – "to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy"</i>	
Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New developments to facilitate and support the growth of the business base within Moreton-in-Marsh, creating more jobs across a diverse range of sectors ○ Support development of small business units/shared space ○ New developments to support and sustain a vibrant attractive and successful town centre that meets the needs of the local community and visitors ○ Improve the public realm and traffic management within and through the town to provide easier, safer and more pleasant access for residents and visitors, using developer contributions ○ Create a more connected parish for residents and visitors alike, limiting the need for vehicular travel within the town and offering a genuine choice of transport options to help reduce congestion and emissions, to improve air quality and public health
Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Policies	<p>Policy 7: Brownfield land</p> <p>Policy 11: Employment Land</p> <p>Policy 12: Small Business Units</p> <p>Policy 13: Retail Provision</p> <p>Policy 14: Infrastructure Investment Priorities</p> <p>Policy 20: Transport & Active Travel</p>

Deliver Social Sustainability	
<i>NPPF Definition – "to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities"</i>	
Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New developments to provide a range of housing to meet the needs of local people ○ To support the provision of principle residence housing for those wishing to live in Moreton in Marsh ○ To allocate a site for future development in Moreton-in-Marsh to meet the identified needs of the community. ○ New developments to facilitate and support the growth of the business base within Moreton-in-Marsh, creating more jobs across a diverse range of sectors ○ Support development of small business units/shared space ○ New developments to support and sustain a vibrant attractive and successful town centre that meets the needs of the local community and visitors ○ Improve the public realm and traffic management within and through the town to provide easier, safer and more pleasant access for residents and visitors, using developer contributions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create a more connected parish for residents and visitors alike, limiting the need for vehicular travel within the town and offering a genuine choice of transport options to help reduce congestion and emissions, to improve air quality and public health
Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Policies	<p>Policy 3: Housing mix</p> <p>Policy 4: Affordable Housing</p> <p>Policy 5: well-designed housing and Places</p> <p>Policy 6: Parking in Residential Developments</p> <p>Policy 10: Principal Residence Housing</p> <p>Policy 14: Infrastructure Investment Priorities</p> <p>Policy 15: Local Green Space</p> <p>Policy 20: Transport & Active Travel</p>

Deliver Environmental Sustainability

NPPF Definition – “to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment; and adapting to climate change”

Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New developments to be energy efficient and adaptive to climate change ○ New developments on brownfield sites to take priority over greenfield sites ○ To ensure new homes are of high-quality design and built to Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) standards ○ Ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place to support new development prior to completion of the project. ○ Protect and maintain open green spaces ○ Protect and maintain archaeological and built heritage assets deemed to be of value to the community ○ Preserve and increase opportunities for biodiversity net-gain ○ Preserve important views within the parish ○ Protect the sensitive natural environment and exceptional rural assets surrounding Moreton-in-Marsh ○ Create a more connected parish for residents and visitors alike, limiting the need for vehicular travel within the town and offering a genuine choice of transport options to help reduce congestion and emissions, to improve air quality and public health
Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Policies	<p>Policy 1: Climate Adaption and Energy Efficiency in Developments</p> <p>Policy 2: Managing Flood Risk</p> <p>Policy 7: Brownfield First</p> <p>Policy 8: Hard Infrastructure</p> <p>Policy 9: Soft Infrastructure</p> <p>Policy 15: Local Green Space</p> <p>Policy 16: Conserving non-designated heritage assets</p> <p>Policy 17: Enhancing Biodiversity</p> <p>Policy 18: Important views</p> <p>Policy 19: Development Boundary</p> <p>Policy 20: Transport & Active Travel</p>

6. General conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan

The development plan covering the Neighbourhood Plan Area currently consists of the following:

- Cotswold District Council Local Plan 2011-2031, adopted Aug 2013
- Gloucestershire County Council Local Development Guide July 2025
- Gloucestershire Minerals Local Plan adopted 2021

The policies of relevance are shown in Table 4.1 below, along with a consideration of whether they represent the strategic policies of the development plan. Where they do, consideration is made of whether the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with them.

Any policy that is not identified in Table 4.1 is not considered to be relevant to the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan because the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan does not have any policies that directly relate to it.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Development Plan Policy	Commentary
Climate Adaption and Energy Efficiency in Developments		There is no adopted strategic policy on this matter, but this policy is consistent with the Local Plan objectives of ensuring new development is of a sustainable design and maximises energy efficiency and with the broader climate change ambitions of the District Council.
Managing Flood Risk	Policy EN14 Managing Flood Risk Policy INF8 Water Management Infrastructure Policy SA3 Strategic Delivery-North Cotswolds	This policy restates and builds upon the provisions of EN14 and INF8 on flood risk in order to draw attention to the importance of this issue and its complexities in Moreton-in-Marsh, as highlighted by Policy SA3.
Housing Mix	Policy H1 Housing Mix & tenure to Meet Local Need	The policy refines H1(1) by encouraging proposals to give an emphasis to the delivery of small and medium sized family homes and to deliver homes that are especially suited or adaptable to meeting the needs of older households. The evidence base indicates that these are of particular relevance to Moreton-in-Marsh as it continues to grow and its population ages.
Affordable Housing	Policy H1 Housing Mix & tenure to Meet Local Need Policy H2 Affordable Housing	This policy aligns with Local Plan policy H2 by setting out how affordable homes should be integrated into new developments.
Well-designed Housing and Places	Policy INF7 Green Infrastructure Policy EN2 Design of the Built & Natural Environment	The policy contributes to Policy EN2 of achieving well designed places, promoting sustainable transport and meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change. It does this by requiring development to reflect townscape character, provide good walking and cycling connections and cycle storage and be water efficient and meet the highest possible standards of construction. In addition, the policy supplements INF5 by requiring EV charging infrastructure in new car parking arrangements, again to reflect the town's relatively remote location from larger centres of population where such charging infrastructure is more commonplace.
Parking in Residential Developments	Policy INF5 Parking Provision	This policy contributes to INF5 by seeking to ensure new residential developments provide appropriate levels of parking facilities and encourage sustainable travel routes to the Town Centre.
Brownfield first	Policy EN1 Built, Natural & Historic Environment	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of making effective use of land by directing development towards the built-up area of Moreton-in-Marsh. This allows for further growth in the town on infill or brownfield sites.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Development Plan Policy	Commentary
Hard Infrastructure	Policy INF8 Water Management Infrastructure Policy SA3 Strategic Delivery-North Cotswolds Policy INF1 Infrastructure Delivery	The policy restates and bolsters the provisions of INF1 and INF8 to address past weaknesses in the timeliness and quality of supporting infrastructure as the town continues to grow. It is vital that developers work with the utilities companies at the earliest stages of designing their proposals to ensure that those proposals include details to address these matters in relation to their nature, scale and location.
Soft Infrastructure	Policy INF7 Green Infrastructure Policy INF2 Social & Community Infrastructure	The policy builds on INF2 to support soft infrastructure as the town and community continues to grow.
Principal residence housing		There is no policy in the Local Plan relating to Principal Residence. However, the evidence base clearly identifies a need to address the adverse effect that the high proportion of second homes in the neighbourhood area has on access to market and affordable homes. As such, the policy seeks to tackle the issue in ensuring that the occupancy of new open market housing is as Principal Residency.
Employment Land	Policy EC1 Employment Development Policy EC3 Proposals for all types of employment-generating uses	Seeks to build on EC1 to sustain a vibrant successful town by supporting and encouraging local employment.
Small Business Units	Policy EC1 Employment Development	Seeks to support the creation of new businesses serving local needs where these are otherwise not available and where they are easily accessible to the whole community
Retail Provision	Policy EC1 Employment Development Policy EC2 Safeguarding Employment Sites Policy EC7 Retail Policy EC8 Main Town Centre Uses	This policy encourages a mix of uses that encourage vitality in the town centre. Within the context of the NPPF definition of 'main town centre uses', this could include employment-generating use. CDC Policy EC7 identifies Moreton-in-Marsh as a Key centre and EC8 is similarly supportive of main town centre uses, including office and retail, which generate employment.
Infrastructure Investment Priorities	Policy EC7 Retail Policy EC8 Main Town Centre Uses	Seeks to improve key facilities within Moreton-in-Marsh and ensure the necessary infrastructure is delivered to build a vibrant and successful town.
Local Green Spaces	Policy INF7 Green Infrastructure Policy EN3 Local Green Spaces	The policy designates twenty one Spaces in addition to those designated by EN3 and its wording is consistent with that policy and with the NPPF.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Development Plan Policy	Commentary
Conserving non-designated heritage assets	Policy EN13 Historic Environment: The Conversion of Non-Domestic Historic Buildings Policy EN12 Historic Environment: Non-Designated Heritage Assets	The policy is consistent with EN12 in seeking to conserve non-designated heritage assets in the Parishes, which are identified in Appendix D.
Enhancing Biodiversity	Policy EN1 Built, Natural & Historic Environment Policy EN8 Biodiversity and Geodiversity: Features, Habitats & Species	The policy is consistent with EN1 and EN8 in by seeking to preserve and improve the natural biodiversity features of Moreton-in-Marsh.
Important views	Policy EN1 Built, Natural & Historic Environment Policy EN14 The Wider Natural and Historic Landscape Policy EN5 Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Policy EN6 Special Landscape Areas	The policy identifies Important Local Views that are special in recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside form but is not prescriptive about design solutions. The policy complements EN1 and EN4 by defining important views as an essential means of protecting and conserving the historic and natural open character of the setting to the town.
Development Boundary	Policy DS2 Development within Development Boundaries Policy DS4 Open Market Housing Outside Principal & Non-Principal Settlements	The policy redefines the Development Boundaries of Policy DS2 and its wording restates that of the policy. MiMNP Policy 19 identifies that development outside the settlement boundary should reflect these policy requirements.
Transport & Active Travel	Policy INF7 Green Infrastructure Policy INF3 Sustainable Transport	The policy complements INF3 and INF3 in encouraging proposals to better connect the town to its nearby attractions through sustainable means, e.g. walking and cycling and reduce reliance on vehicular travel.

7. Does not breach, and is compatible with, EU obligations and Human Rights requirements.

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

The Plan and the process under which it was made conforms to the SEA Directive (EU 2001/42/EC) and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). In May and June 2023, a draft screening report was prepared by Cotswold City Council. This was consulted on with the statutory bodies (the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England) to assist in the determination of whether or not the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan would have significant environmental effects in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

- In February 2025, Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council approached Cotswold District Council to request a screening report on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- In March 2025 LUC carried out an SEA Screening Opinion and in May 2025 Cotswold District Council confirmed they do not consider that an 'appropriate assessment' under Regulation 105 is required.

The various SEA screening documents, including the responses from the statutory bodies, has been submitted at Regulation 15 stage as part of the evidence base for the Plan.

8. Conformity with the prescribed conditions

Under Directive 92/43/EEC, also known as the Habitats Directive², it must be ascertained whether the draft Plan is likely to have significant effects on a European site designated for its nature conservation interest. The Directive is implemented by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. Assessments under the regulations are known as Habitats Regulation Assessments ("HRA"). An Appropriate Assessment is required only if the Plan is likely to have significant effects on a European protected species or site. To ascertain whether or not it is necessary to undertake an assessment, a screening process is followed.

- In February 2025, Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council approached Cotswold District Council to request a screening report on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- In March 2025 Cotswold District Council there are no likely significant effects on Habitats Sites associated with the Plan, and no further HRA assessment is required..

The various screening documents, including the responses from the statutory bodies, has been submitted at Regulation 15 stage as part of the evidence base for the Plan.

9. Conclusion

The Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the TCPA 1990 are considered to be met by the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan and all the policies therein. It is therefore respectfully suggested to the Examiner that the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan complies with Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

² Directive 92/43/EEC 'on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora': <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:31992L0043> (retained).