



# Tadcaster

## Neighbourhood Development Plan

### 2021-2040

#### **BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT**

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# 1. Legal Requirements

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This Statement has been prepared by Tadcaster Town Council to accompany its submission to the local planning authority, North Yorkshire Council (NYC), of the Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan (“the Neighbourhood Plan”) under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”).

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Tadcaster Town Council, the qualifying body, for the Neighbourhood Area covering the parish of Tadcaster, as designated by Selby District Council (SDC) on 29th May 2020.

The policies described in the Neighbourhood Plan relate to the development and use of land in the designated Neighbourhood Area only. The plan period of the Neighbourhood Plan extends until the end of 2040 and it does not contain policies relating to excluded development in accordance with the Regulations.

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

The Regulations state that a Neighbourhood 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 Plan;
- The making of the Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- The making of the Neighbourhood 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 Plan is compatible with European Union (EU) and European Convention on Human Right (ECHR) obligations;
- The making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> On 28 December 2018, the Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018 came into force. Amongst other things, these Regulations amended the basic condition prescribed in Regulation 32 and Schedule 2 (Habitats) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) which stated:

- The making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

## 2. Introduction and Background

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Tadcaster Town Council first took the decision to embark on a Neighbourhood Plan project in 2019, establishing an interim working group and, subsequently a steering group.

An application to SDC (the then local planning authority) for the designation of the Neighbourhood Area was made on 19th February 2020. The Neighbourhood Area was approved by the council on 29th May 2020.

A community survey carried out via Tadcaster Today in late 2019, together with other community consultation and research work concurrently undertaken in the town, provided a clear initial idea of the key issues, themes and priorities for the local community. Based on the early work, an initial 'Policy Intentions Document' was produced during 2021. This set out suggested policy and land use intentions, together with other non-planning community action, which the town council was minded to include in its final draft plan. This document enabled the community to take the opportunity to comment and suggest improvements and additional matters which could be incorporated in the draft plan. The 'Policy Intentions Document' was circulated, in Autumn 2022, to all addresses in the Neighbourhood Area, including households and local businesses, with a request to feedback via an online or hard-copy questionnaire. SDC and other statutory and non-statutory bodies were also consulted. A supporting community drop-in event was also held.

Based on the results of this engagement, a Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan was produced during 2022 and early 2023 and a Regulation 14 consultation undertaken over the period June to August 2023.

Responses from this consultation have been considered, and some changes made to the policies, evidence and supporting text in the plan as a result. It is now ready to be submitted to NYC, the current Local Planning Authority, for further publicity and independent examination.

# 3. Regard to National Planning Policy

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared with regard to national policies as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) of December 2024. It is also mindful of the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG), published by the Government as updated February 2024, in respect of preparing Neighbourhood Plans.

Table 1 below, is a summary of how each Neighbourhood Plan policy has regard to the policies of the NPPF. 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.

**Table 1: Neighbourhood Plan Policies Regard to NPPF Policies**

NDP Policy	NPPF paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
BE1: Tadcaster Conservation Area – Development & Design	210, 214, 215, 219, 220, 132, 133, 134	The setting out of criteria for design and development within the NA’s conservation area is in line with para 210 (what should be taken account of in determining planning applications in terms of heritage assets, local character and distinctiveness); para 214 (re substantial harm to or total loss of significance of a heritage asset); para 215, (re less than substantial harm to a heritage asset); para 219 (re opportunities for sympathetic new development within conservation areas and the setting of heritage assets) and associated para 220; and paras 132, 133 and 134 regarding design guides and codes. Para 132 is particularly pertinent re design policies in stating that “neighbourhood planning groups can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development...through their own plans”.
BE2: Local Heritage Areas	202, 203	The identification of areas of local heritage value within the NA is in line with paras 202 (conserving heritage assets – including sites/buildings of local historic value – in a manner appropriate to their significance); and 203 (the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets).
BE3: York Road/ Wighill Lane/ Oxtan Lane Local Heritage Area	202, 203	The setting out of criteria for design and development within the NA’s 2 Local Heritage Areas is in line with paras 202 (conserving heritage assets – including sites/buildings of local historic value – in a manner appropriate to their significance); and 203 (the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets).

NDP Policy	NPPF paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
BE4: The Town Centre Breweries Quarter Local Heritage Area	202, 203	The setting out of criteria for design and development within the NA's 2 Local Heritage Areas is in line with paras 202 (conserving heritage assets – including sites/buildings of local historic value – in a manner appropriate to their significance); and 203 (the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets).
BE5: Protection & Enhancement of Non-Designated Heritage Assets	216	The taking account of the significance of identified Non-Designated Heritage Assets in the consideration of development proposals is in line with para 216 (weighing the effects of a planning application on a non-designated heritage asset's significance)
BE6: Tadcaster Character Areas – Development & Design	132, 133, 134	The setting out of criteria for design and development within the Neighbourhood Area is in line with paras 132, 133 and 134 regarding design guides and codes. Para 132 is particularly pertinent regarding design policies in stating that “neighbourhood planning groups can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development...through their own plans”
BE7: Gateways	132, 96	This policy is within the general context of NPPF paragraph 132 (neighbourhood planning groups can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development...through their own plans); and of paragraph 96 (b) (achieving healthy, inclusive and safe places...through high quality public space).
BE8: Development Design & Accessibility	63, 117	In setting out design, development and accessibility criteria, the policy takes account of NPPF paragraphs 63 (re housing for older people (including those who require retirement housing, housing-with-care and care homes) and ...people with disabilities) and 117 b) (development should address the needs of people with disabilities and reduced mobility in relation to all modes of transport).
GNE1: Green & Blue Infrastructure	188, 192	The identification and protection of Green and Blue Infrastructure, together with the promotion of its enhancement and extension, is in line with para 188 (taking a strategic approach to maintaining and enhancing networks of habitats and green infrastructure) and para 192 (identifying/mapping/safeguarding components of local wildlife-rich habitats and wider ecological networks, including wildlife corridors).

NDP Policy	NPPF paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
GNE2: Magnesian Limestone North Locally Important Landscape Area	187	The intention to protect the character and appearance of the Locally Important Landscape Area against harm from development and to seek landscape restoration/enhancement, together with the identification of the special features and specific character of the area in relation to this intention is in line with para 187 (contributing to and enhancing the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes).
GNE3: Local Green Space Protection	106, 107, 108, 153-60, 88, 96	The designation of areas of Local Green Space is supported and guided by paras 106 and 107 (see Neighbourhood Plan Appendix 4). It is regulated by paras 108, together with 153-60. It is also in line with para 88 (retaining accessible local services and community facilities such as sports venues and open space in rural areas); and para 96 (c) (enabling and supporting healthy lives.... through provision of green infrastructure, sports facilities, allotments).
GNE4: Green & Open Space Enhancement	96, 98, 103	Local Green Space enhancement is in line with para 96 (aiming to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which are safe and accessible – e.g. high quality public space where active and continual use is encouraged – and which enable and support healthy lifestyles – e.g. through green infrastructure, sports facilities, layouts that encourage walking and cycling); para 98 (planning positively for use of open space); and para 103 (access to high quality open spaces is important for the health and well-being of communities).
GNE5: Tadcaster Riverside Park	96, 98, 103	Enhancement of Tadcaster Riverside Park is in line with para 96 (aiming to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which are safe and accessible – e.g. high quality public space where active and continual use is encouraged – and which enable and support healthy lifestyles – e.g. through green infrastructure, layouts that encourage walking); para 98 (planning positively for use of open space); and para 103 (access to high quality open spaces is important for the health and well-being of communities).
GNE6: Provision of New Green & Open Space	96, 98, 103, 88	The provision of new open space is in line with paragraphs 96 (aiming to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which are safe and accessible – e.g. high quality public space where active and continual use is encouraged – and which enable and support healthy lifestyles – e.g. through sports facilities); 98 (planning positively for use of open space); para 103 (access to high quality open spaces is important for the health and well-being of communities); and para 88 (developing accessible local services and community facilities such as sports venues and open space in rural areas).

NDP Policy	NPPF paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
GNE7: Brickyard Pond	96, 98, 103, 88, 187, 192	The provision of new open space at Brickyard Pond is in line with paragraphs 96 (aiming to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which are safe and accessible – e.g. high quality public space where active and continual use is encouraged – and which enable and support healthy lifestyles; 98 (planning positively for use of open space); para 103 (access to high quality open spaces is important for the health and well-being of communities); and para 88 (developing open space in rural areas). The policy also has regard to paras 187 and 192 in relation to biodiversity benefits.
GNE8: Land at Sunnyfield	96, 98, 103, 88	The provision of new open space at Land at Sunnyfield is in line with paragraphs 96 (aiming to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which are safe and accessible – e.g. high quality public space where active and continual use is encouraged – and which enable and support healthy lifestyles; 98 (planning positively for use of open space); para 103 (access to high quality open spaces is important for the health and well-being of communities); and para 88 (developing open space in rural areas).
GNE9: Development & Trees	187, 192	The policy approach is in line with NPPF paragraphs 187 (recognising the wider benefits from natural capital, ecosystem services, trees, helping to improve air quality wherever possible) and 192 (securing measurable net biodiversity gains).
GNE10: A64 Tree Planting	187, 192	The policy approach is in line with NPPF paragraphs 187 (recognising the wider benefits from natural capital, ecosystem services, trees, helping to improve air quality wherever possible) and 192 (securing measurable net biodiversity gains).
GNE11: River Wharfe Hydroelectric Power Scheme	161, 165	The scheme policy takes full account of NPPF paragraphs 161 (supporting the transition to net zero by 2050; helping to shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions on greenhouse gas emissions; supporting renewable energy) and 165b) (identifying a suitable area for renewable sources).
TC1: Town Centre Regeneration	90	The policy takes full account of NPPF paragraph 90, in taking a positive approach to town centre growth, management and adaptation; promoting its long-term vitality and viability; and allowing it to grow and diversify in a way that reflects its distinctive character.
CFS1: Protection & Enhancement of Community Facilities	98, 88	Both protection and enhancement approaches are fully supported by paras 98 (guarding against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services; ensuring that established facilities and services are able to develop and modernise and are retained for the benefit of the community) and 88 (retaining and developing accessible local services and community facilities in rural areas).



NDP Policy	NPPF paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
CFS2: Protection & Enhancement of Educational Facilities	98, 88	Both protection and enhancement approaches are fully supported by paras 98 (guarding against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services; ensuring that established facilities and services are able to develop and modernise and are retained for the benefit of the community) and 88 (retaining and developing accessible local services and community facilities in rural areas).
CFS3: Provision of New Community Facilities	96, 98, 88	Support for the provision of new community facilities is in line with paras 96 and 98, with paragraph 98 specifically stating that policies should “plan positively for the provision and use of...community facilities and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments. Policy is also supported by paragraph 88 (enabling the development of accessible local services and community facilities in rural areas).
H1: Chapel Street/Central Area Car Park	109, 111, 202-211, 113, 117	The identification of locally specific development requirements for this potential housing site is in line with paras 109 b), e) & 111 d) (re promoting sustainable transport, i.e. walking); para 109) (considering transport issues at an early stage); paras 202-211 (re design in relation to local character, distinctiveness and heritage assets); para 113 (setting of maximum parking standards where there is clear and compelling justification that they are necessary for managing the local road network); and 117 b) (development should address the needs of people with disabilities and reduced mobility in relation to all modes of transport).
H2: Land at Mill Lane	202-211, 192, 117	The identification of locally specific development requirements for this potential housing site is in line with; paras 202-211 (re design in relation to local character, distinctiveness and heritage assets); para 192 (enhancing biodiversity); and 117 b) (development should address the needs of people with disabilities and reduced mobility in relation to all modes of transport).
H3: Land North of Station Road	109, 111, 202-211, 187, 98	The identification of locally specific development requirements for this potential housing site is in line with paras 109 b), e) & 111 d) (re promoting sustainable transport, i.e. walking); paras 202-211 (re design in relation to local character, distinctiveness); para 187 (minimizing impacts on biodiversity); and para 98 (planning positively for the provision of community facilities – such as local shops....open space).

NDP Policy	NPPF paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
H4: Land off Hillcrest Court (aka Butch's Field)	174, 98	The identification of locally specific development requirements for this potential housing site is in line with para 174 (minimizing impacts on biodiversity); and para 98 (planning positively for the provision of community facilities – such as local shops....open space).
H5: Land to Rear of 46 Wighill Lane & Former Coal Yard	202-211	The identification of locally specific development requirements for this potential housing site is in line with paras 202-211 (re design in relation to local character, distinctiveness and heritage assets).
H6: Fircroft & Former Barnado's Home, Wighill Lane	202-211	The identification of locally specific development requirements for this potential housing site is in line with paras 202-211 (re design in relation to local character, distinctiveness and heritage assets).
H7: New Housing Development on Non-Allocated Sites	11, 109, 111, 202-11, 187, 192, 98	The policy takes account of paragraphs relating to achieving sustainable development (notably para 11); promoting sustainable transport, i.e. walking (paras 109 b), e) & 111 d)); considering transport issues at an early stage (para 109); design in relation to local character, distinctiveness and heritage assets (paras 202-211); minimizing impacts on biodiversity (para 187); enhancing biodiversity (para 192); and planning positively for the provision of community facilities (para 98).
H8: Housing Mix	63	The policy has full regard to para 63 (the size, type and tenure of housing will be planned in order to reflect local demand).
H9: Affordable Housing	64	The policy has full regard to para 64 which sets out the expectation that “where a need for affordable housing is identified”, an affordable housing requirement should be met on-site unless alternative provision can be “robustly justified”.
E1: New Employment Development	85, 86	The policy approach takes due account of para 85 (helping create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt; supporting economic growth and productivity) and para 86 (setting criteria for local and inward investment; flexibility to accommodate unanticipated needs).
E2: Land at Roman Road, Low Moor	85	The policy approach takes due account of para 85 (helping create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt; supporting economic growth and productivity).
E3: Hotel & Visitor Accommodation	85, 90	The policy approach is in line with para 85 (helping to create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt; supporting economic growth; allowing each area to build on its strengths) and para 90 (supporting town centres by taking a positive approach to their growth; promoting their long-term vitality and viability – allowing them to grow and diversify, responding to leisure industry changes; reflecting their distinctive characters).

NDP Policy	NPPF paragraph	Comment on regard to policies
E4: Stutton Road – Local Shops & Services	98	The policy take account of para 98 (planning positively for the provision and use of community facilities such as local shops, open space, public houses and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments; guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services; ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise and are retained for the benefit of the community).
E5: York Road – Local Shops & Services	98	The policy take account of para 98 (planning positively for the provision and use of community facilities such as local shops, open space, public houses and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments; guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services; ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise and are retained for the benefit of the community).
TTT1: Improved Walking Cycling & Horse-Riding Provision	96, 105, 110, 111, 117, 109, 164	The encouragement of walking and cycling takes full account of NPPF paras 96, 105, 110, 111 and 117 which promote the fullest possible use of walking and cycling. It is also in line with paras 109 f), 110 and 164 which expect encouragement to be given to solutions which support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and reduce congestion.
TTT2: Highway Improvement Schemes	111, 110	In seeking to identify and safeguard sites and routes which could be critical in developing infrastructure to widen transport choice, the policy takes account of para 111 (c). The policy is also aimed at reducing town centre congestion and emissions and improving air quality and public health, which is in line with para 110.
TTT3: Town Centre Public Parking	85, 86	The maintenance of existing car parking capacity and the encouragement of additional is in line with para 85 (creating the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt; allowing each area to build on its strengths); and 86 d) (seeking to address potential barriers to investment such as inadequate infrastructure).
TTT4: Riverside Primary School Drop-off/Pick-up Area	135	The encouragement of development providing new off-road car parking/drop-off areas at Riverside Primary School is in line with para 135 a) (ensuring that developments function well... over the lifetime of the development).
LR1: Land at London Road	85, 86, 96, 98, 103, 111, 110	The policy has regard to provisions regarding Neighbourhood Plans and employment development (paras 85, 86), open space (paras 96, 98, 103), infrastructure development (para 111 c)) and traffic congestion/emissions/ air quality/public health (para 110).

In conclusion, it can be seen that all of the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan have clear regard to national planning policy as it relates to those policies.

# 4. General Conformity with the Strategic Policies of the Development Plan

The development plan for Tadcaster comprises the 2013 Selby District Core Strategy (SDCS) and 2005 Selby District Local Plan (SDLP).

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to ensure its general conformity with the above applicable components of the adopted development plan.

Table 2 below sets out how each policy is in general conformity with the development plan. The particular policies 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 policies.

**Table 2: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan Policies with Development Plan**

NDP Policy	Development Plan Policy	Comment on Conformity
BE1: Tadcaster Conservation Area – Development & Design	SDCS-SP18 SDLP-ENV25, ENV31	The policy approach adds local detail to and complements the approach of the 3 development plan policies, based on the Tadcaster Conservation Area Appraisal, in particular SP18 clauses 1 and 2, by seeking to safeguard/enhance the historic environment and conserving historic assets.
BE2: Local Heritage Areas	SDCS-SP18	Policy conforms with and adds to SP18 by specifying the area-based historic assets of local significance to which policy will apply.
BE3: York Road/ Wighill Lane/ Oxtan Lane Local Heritage Area	SDCS-SP18	Policy conforms with and adds to SP18 by specifying in detail how development in one of the area-based historic assets of local significance should safeguard, conserve and enhance what makes the area so special.
BE4: The Town Centre Breweries Quarter Local Heritage Area	SDCS-SP18	Policy conforms with and adds to SP18 by specifying in detail how development in one of the area-based historic assets of local significance should safeguard, conserve and enhance what makes the area so special.
BE5: Protection & Enhancement of Non-Designated Heritage Assets	SDCS-SP18 SDLP-ENV28	Policy conforms with SP18 (clauses 1 and 2) and ENV28 and adds to them by specifying the individual local assets to which policy will apply.

NDP Policy	Development Plan Policy	Comment on Conformity
BE6: Tadcaster Character Areas – Development & Design	SDCS-SP19	The policy approach is in general conformity with SP19 (Design Quality), in particular its 2nd paragraph which states that “where appropriate schemes should take account of design codes and Neighbourhood Plans to inform good design).
BE7: Gateways	SDCS-SP19	The policy approach is in conformity with SP19 (Design Quality) by supporting design which has regard to local character, identity and context of its surroundings.
BE8: Development Design & Accessibility	SDCS-SP9, SP14 SDLP-ENV1, VP4	The policy approach is in general conformity with the 4 specified policies, by supporting development which is accessible to all users/easy to get to/move through (SP19); by seeking to ensure new developments facilitate improved accessibility for all users, including those with special mobility needs (SP14); by taking into account “the needs of disabled and other inconvenienced persons” (ENV1); and by providing car parking spaces for motorists with disabilities (VP4).
GNE1: Green & Blue Infrastructure	SDCS-SP18 SDLP-ENV12, ENV13	The policy is in conformity with SP18 which states that “wherever possible a strategic approach will be taken to increasing connectivity to the District’s Green Infrastructure, including improving the network of linked open spaces and green corridors and promoting opportunities to increase its multi-functionality”. It also builds in part on ENV 12 and 13 by seeking to protect river/stream corridors.
GNE2: Magnesian Limestone North Locally Important Landscape Area	SDCS-SP18 SDLP-ENV15	The policy is in conformity with SP18 by seeking to safeguard and enhance an area of acknowledged importance and protecting/enhancing a locally distinctive landscape. It also conforms to both the generality and specifics of ENV15.
GNE3: Local Green Space Protection	SDCS-SP18 SDLP-RT1	The policy conforms with SP18 by specifically identifying and protecting open spaces through a development plan document, and by generally seeking to safeguard/conserves/enhance wildlife and the historic and natural environment through its many site designations.
GNE4: Green & Open Space Enhancement	SDCS-SP18	The policy conforms with SP18 by specifically seeking to enhance open spaces through a development plan document.
GNE5: Tadcaster Riverside Park	SDCS-SP18	The policy conforms with SP18 by specifically seeking to identify, protect and enhance a key open space through a development plan document, taking full account of ecological and heritage interests.

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GNE6: Provision of New Green & Open Space	SDCS-SP12 SDLP-RT2, RT3	The policy is general conformity with SP12 by supporting the creation of new green infrastructure; with RT2, which provides for new open space in residential areas; and with RT3 which permits proposals for new sport and recreational development.
GNE7: Brickyard Pond	SDCS-SP12 SDLP-RT2, RT3	The policy is general conformity with SP12 by supporting the creation of new green infrastructure; with RT2, which provides for new open space in residential areas; and with RT3 which permits proposals for new sport and recreational development.
GNE8: Land at Sunnyfield	SDCS-SP12 SDLP-RT1, RT2, RT3	The policy is general conformity with SP12 by supporting the creation of new green infrastructure; with RT2, which provides for new open space in residential areas; and with RT3 which permits proposals for new sport and recreational development. The site is specifically identified as Recreation Open Space under Policy RT1.
GNE9: Development & Trees	SDCS-SP15, SP18	The policy is in general conformity with SP15 (clause Be) by including new trees in landscaping schemes; and with SP18 (clause 3c) by designing in wildlife and retaining the natural interest of a site.
GNE10: A64 Tree Planting	SDCS-SP15, SP18	The policy is in general conformity with SP15 (clause Be) by including new trees in landscaping schemes; and with SP18 (clause 3c) by designing in wildlife within development.
GNE11: River Wharfe Hydroelectric Power Scheme	SDCS-SP17	The policy is in general conformity with SP17 which supports renewable and low carbon energy generation and the role of Neighbourhood Plans in taking them forward.
TC1: Town Centre Regeneration	SDCS-SP14	The policy is in general conformity with SP14, which promotes the regeneration of Tadcaster Town Centre and emphasizes the role of a high quality, safe environment and environmental improvements, together with improved accessibility for all users.
CFS1: Protection & Enhancement of Community Facilities	SDCS-SP12, SP14	The policy is in general conformity with SP12, by seeking to maintain access to services and community facilities; and with SP14, by supporting local services and resisting their loss.
CFS2: Protection & Enhancement of Educational Facilities	SDCS-SP12, SP14	The policy is in general conformity with SP12, by seeking to maintain access to services and community facilities; and with SP14, by supporting local services and resisting their loss.

NDP Policy	Development Plan Policy	Comment on Conformity
CFS3: Provision of New Community Facilities	SDCS-SP12, SP14 SDLP-CS1, CS4, CS6	The policy is in general conformity with SP12, by supporting provision of community facilities through new development; and with SP14, by promoting the establishment of new facilities. The policy is also in conformity with CS1, which permits proposals for the development of additional health facilities; with CS4, which permits proposals for community centres, places of worship and church halls; and with CS6, which expects developers to provide or contribute to the provision of community facility needs directly related to a
H1: Chapel Street/Central Area Car Park	SDCS-SP1	The policy is in conformity with SP1 which sets out a presumption in favour of sustainable development and proposals in accord with the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policies (subject to material considerations).
H2: Land at Mill Lane	SDCS-SP1 SDLP- identified as significant residential permission	The policy is in conformity with SP1 which sets out a presumption in favour of sustainable development and proposals in accord with the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policies (subject to material considerations). It is also in line with the site-specific provisions of the SDLP.
H3: Land North of Station Road	SDLP-H2	The policy reflects the site-specific provisions of H2 in the SDLP.
H4: Land off Hillcrest Court (aka Butch's Field)	SDCS-SP1	The policy is in conformity with SP1 which sets out a presumption in favour of sustainable development and proposals in accord with the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policies (subject to material considerations).
H5: Land to Rear of 46 Wighill Lane & Former Coal Yard	SDCS-SP1	The policy is in conformity with SP1 which sets out a presumption in favour of sustainable development and proposals in accord with the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policies (subject to material considerations).
H6: Fircroft and Former Barnado's Home, Wighill Lane	SDCS-SP1	The policy is in conformity with SP1 which sets out a presumption in favour of sustainable development and proposals in accord with the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policies (subject to material considerations).
H7: New Housing Development on Non-Allocated Sites	SDCS-SP1	The policy is in conformity with SP1 which sets out a presumption in favour of sustainable development and proposals in accord with the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policies (subject to material considerations).
H8: Housing Mix	SDCS-SP8, SP9	The policy is in conformity with SP8 provisions on housing mix and with SP9 (clause D) regarding tenure split and type of housing being based on the council's latest evidence on local need.



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H9: Affordable Housing	SDCS-SP9	The policy is in general conformity with SP9, but varies from clause B in line with the most up-to-date evidence on % provision produced by NYC and communicated to the town council in its objections to the Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan.
E1: New Employment Development	SDLP-EMP6	The policy is in general conformity with EMP6, which permits new economic development within defined development limits, provided that criteria regarding its nature and scale, the future comprehensive development of the land in question and no harm to acknowledged nature conservation, open space, recreation or amenity interests are satisfied.
E2: Land at Roman Road, Low Moor	SDLP-EMP6, identified as significant employment permission	The policy is in general conformity with EMP6, which permits new economic development within defined development limits, provided that criteria regarding its nature and scale, the future comprehensive development of the land in question and no harm to acknowledged nature conservation, open space, recreation or amenity interests are satisfied. It also reflects the site-specific provisions of EMP6 in the SDLP.
E3: Hotel & Visitor Accommodation	SDCS-SP13 SDLP-RT11	The policy is in general conformity with SP13, which supports promoting opportunities for leisure uses, and with RT11, which permits proposals for serviced or non-serviced tourist
E4: Stutton Road – Local Shops & Services	SDCS-SP14 SDLP-S3	The policy is in conformity with SP14, which supports local shops and services, by resisting the loss of existing facilities and promoting new facilities to serve the day-to-day needs of existing communities; and with S3, which similarly resists loss of facilities and permits new local shops and commercial premises such as financial and professional services, public houses, cafes, restaurants and takeaways, subject to specified criteria. The policy adds local detail to these policies by defining a specific area to which policy relates.
E5: York Road – Local Shops & Services	SDCS-SP14 SDLP-S3	The policy is in conformity with SP14, which supports local shops and services, by resisting the loss of existing facilities and promoting new facilities to serve the day-to-day needs of existing communities; and with S3, which similarly resists loss of facilities and permits new local shops and commercial premises such as financial and professional services, public houses, cafes, restaurants and takeaways, subject to specified criteria. The policy adds local detail to these policies by defining a specific area to which policy relates.



NDP Policy	Development Plan Policy	Comment on Conformity
TTT1: Improved Walking Cycling & Horse-Riding Provision	SDCS-SP12, SP14, SP15 SDLP-T7, T8	The policy is in conformity with: SP12 (which embraces cycleways); SP14 (which ensures new developments facilitate improved accessibility to town centre users, including cyclists and pedestrians; and SP15 (which states that schemes “should make provision for cycle lanes and cycling facilities (and) safe pedestrian routes). In addition, both T7 and T8 provide a strong context for both the generality and detail of the policy.
TTT2: Highway Improvement Schemes	SDCS-SP14 SDLP-T7, CS6	The policy is in general conformity with SP14 by contributing to the regeneration of Tadcaster town centre, seeking to bring about a safer centre, together with improvement of its environment, and facilitating improved cycle and pedestrian accessibility. It is also in general conformity with T7 (by encouraging the development of a quality cycle route network, having regard to safer cycle routes to schools); and with CS6 (by linking development to infrastructure provision).
TTT3: Town Centre Public Parking	SDCS-SP14 SDLP-VP2	The policy is in general conformity with SP14 (by seeking to effectively manage off-street parking to strengthen the role and performance of Tadcaster town centre); and with VP2 (which states that “proposals which would result in the loss of off-street car parking spaces as defined on the proposals map will not be permitted unless alternative provision, for at least the same number of spaces, can be made at an appropriate location”).
TTT4: Riverside Primary School Drop-off/Pick-up Area	SDCS-SP14	The policy is in general conformity with SP14 (by seeking to effectively manage off-street parking to strengthen the role and performance of Tadcaster town centre. Wetherby Road is a key route into the town centre and the school is in an edge of centre location. School traffic at school opening and closing times significantly impedes town centre access.
LR1: Land at London Road	SDLP-RT1, TAD/3	The policy is in conformity with RT1 (under which part of the London Road site is identified as ‘Recreation Open Space’) and TAD/C (under which the southern two-thirds of the site is identified for ‘Employment development’).

In conclusion, it can be seen that all of the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan are clearly in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan as they relate to its policies.

# 5. Contribution to Achieving Sustainable Development

Although a formal sustainability appraisal is not a requirement for a Neighbourhood Plan, an informal sustainability assessment has been undertaken (October 2024, updated April 2025 – see Appendix 1) in order to take account of the need for the Neighbourhood Plan to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.

The policies of the Neighbourhood Plan are derived directly from the vision statement and aims of the plan which have sustainability at their heart. The sustainability assessment assesses each of the plan's forty two policies against twelve benchmark criteria derived from the plan's aims and covering the three dimensions of sustainability, namely environmental, social and economic. The assessment 'scores' the impact of each policy against the criteria, on a scale from 'significant positive impact' through 'some positive or negative impact' or 'no overall impact/non-applicability' to 'significant negative impact'. It also records uncertainty as to impact.

Table 3 below, reproduced from the sustainability assessment, summarises:-

- The impact/contribution of policies as a whole in relation to the twelve individual benchmark criteria;
- The impact/contribution of individual policies on sustainability/benchmark criteria as a whole.

It shows that there will be positive impacts overall, in terms of policies and benchmark criteria collectively.

The overriding conclusion is that the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan will make Tadcaster a more sustainable area.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy Numbers																	
BENCHMARK CRITERION	BE1	BE2	BE3	BE4	BE5	BE6	BE7	BE8	GNE1	GNE2	GNE3	GNE4	GNE5	GNE6	GNE7	GNE8	SUMMARY IMPACT 1
Biodiversity	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	++	++	0	+	+	++	0	-
Landscape	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	++	++	0	+	+	+	0	-
Heritage	++	++	++	++	++	0	0	0	0	0	++	0	0	0	0	0	-
Natural Resources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	-
Movement	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	++	+	++	0	-
Open Spaces	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	++	++	++	++	++	++	-
Community	-?	0	0	0	+/-?	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	-
Housing Provision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Safety /Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	-
Social Inclusion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	-
Businesses	-?	-?	-?	-?	+/-?	0	0	-?	0	0	+/-?	0	+	+	+	+	-
Jobs/Training	-?	-?	-?	-?	+/-?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	-
SUMMARY IMPACT 2	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	-

Neighbourhood Plan Policy Numbers																	
BENCHMARK CRITERION	GNE9	GNE10	GNE11	TC1	CFS1	CFS2	CFS3	H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6	H7	H8	H9	SUMMARY IMPACT 1
Biodiversity	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	-
Landscape	++	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	-
Heritage	+	0	0	+	+/-?	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	-
Natural Resources	++	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+/-?	0	0	-
Movement	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+/-?	0	0	-
Open Spaces	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	-
Community	0	0	0	+	++	++	++	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	-
Housing Provision	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	++	++	-
Safety /Security	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	-
Social Inclusion	0	0	0	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	-
Businesses	0	0	+	+	-?	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	-
Jobs/Training	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	-
SUMMARY IMPACT 2	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	-

Neighbourhood Plan Policy Numbers											
BENCHMARK CRITERION	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	TTT1	TTT2	TTT3	TTT4	LR1	SUMMARY IMPACT 1
Biodiversity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+ve
Landscape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+ve
Heritage	0	0	0	0	0	+/-?	+/-?	0	0	0	+ve
Natural Resources	-?	-?	-?	0	0	+	+	-?	0	-	+ve
Movement	0	0	0	+	+	+	++	0	+	0	+ve
Open Spaces	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	++	+ve
Community	0	0	0	++	++	0	0	0	0	+	+ve
Housing Provision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+ve
Safety /Security	-?	-?	-?	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+ve
Social Inclusion	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+ve
Businesses	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+ve
Jobs/Training	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+ve
SUMMARY IMPACT 2	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
											+ve

significant positive impact = ++

some positive benefit = +

no overall impact or not applicable = 0

some negative impact = -

significant negative effects = --

uncertain as to benefits/effects/impact = ?

# 6. Compatibility with EU Obligations and Legislation

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## Human Rights

The Neighbourhood Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act. In preparing the plan, the town council has consistently taken steps to ensure that the views of all sections of the community including hard to reach groups have been canvassed and taken into account. This approach to consultation is summarised in Section 3 of the plan itself and fully detailed in the Consultation Statement. In particular, the following steps may be highlighted.

At every consultation stage, every individual address in the Neighbourhood Area has been directly engaged via a letter box posting and all community/voluntary groups with community facilities in the area and external to the area were individually consulted at all stages. This included all churches and local groups such as Tadcaster Volunteer Car and Services (TVCSA) (servicing older people), Stepping Stone (covering free help and information on matters such as health/wellbeing, benefits, debt, age/youth related matters, domestic violence and substance dependency) and local community centres (again, with an older people emphasis). Community First Yorkshire and Disability Action Yorkshire were also specifically consulted. All local primary schools and Tadcaster Grammar School were also consulted at all stages. The Barn's regular engagement with the town's young people has also fed into the plan preparation process, as have the consultations with young people carried out on behalf of the former Selby District Council through its Pride of Place and People and Places commissions.

Face-to-face drop-in events were held at each consultation stage. More generally, 'face to face' conversation and discussion was encouraged through steering group and town council meetings.

## Habitats and Species Regulations/Strategic Environmental Assessment

### Screening of Draft Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan

A Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report of the Pre-Submission was undertaken by North Yorkshire Council, on behalf of Tadcaster Town Council, in June 2023.

The report concluded that in light of the assessments undertaken, a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulations Assessment are not required for the plan. There has been no material change in policy content in the Submission Plan. The full screening report is included as Appendix 2.

# 7. Conclusions

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This Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan Basic Conditions Statement addresses each of the four 'basic conditions' required by the Regulations and demonstrates that the Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.

In line with the Regulations, this Basic Conditions Statement explains how the Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan:-

- Has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- Is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for Selby;
- Contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- Does not breach and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations.

It is therefore respectfully suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan complies with Paragraph 8(1) (a) of Schedule 4B of the Act and subject to Examination can proceed to a Referendum.

# Appendix 1

## SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT



Prepared on behalf of Tadcaster Town Council

**APRIL 2025**

## THE BENCHMARK CRITERIA

These are the definitions, with illustrative examples, of the criteria that have been used in order to assess/benchmark the impact of each policy, representing the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainability:

**Biodiversity** – wildlife sites, habitats, features plus geological sites and features. Also, strategic wildlife value, i.e. green and blue infrastructure.

**Landscape** – character, views, attractiveness. Taking account of Special Landscape Areas and conservation areas.

**Heritage** – conservation area, listed buildings, positive buildings, non-designated heritage assets, archaeological interest.

**Natural Resources** – covering air, water and soil quality/pollution.

**Movement** – traffic levels/congestion/flow, public transport, cycling, walking and accessibility to facilities.

**Open Spaces** – spaces available for outdoor recreation and leisure.

**Community** – health, education, social, cultural and indoor leisure and recreation facilities.

**Housing Provision** – housing levels.

**Safety/Security** – e.g. in relation to crime, traffic, health/safety.

**Social Inclusion** – inclusion/exclusion, equality/inequality. Taking account of poorer and disadvantaged members of society, e.g. older people, the very young, non-car owners.

**Businesses** – local businesses, business/industrial sectors more generally.

**Jobs/Training** – levels of and opportunities for.

## THE SCORING OF IMPACTS

significant positive impact = ++

some positive benefit = +

no overall impact or not applicable = 0

some negative impact = -

significant negative effects = --

uncertain as to benefits/effects/impact = ?



POLICY BE1: TADCASTER CONSERVATION AREA - DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	+	Policy is likely to have a positive impact on townscape within the conservation area.
Heritage	++	Design and development respecting key architectural and historic features within the conservation area very likely to have positive heritage impacts.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	-?	Some possible negative impact on the ability of community facilities housed in conservation area buildings to adapt in order to continue to/better provide facilities/services.
Housing Provision	0	No overall likely impact.
Safety/Security	0	No overall likely impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No overall likely impact.
Businesses	-?	Some possible negative impact on the ability of businesses housed in conservation area buildings to adapt in order to maintain/improve their commercial operations.
Jobs/Training	-?	Possible negative impacts on businesses/community facilities may have possible knock-on effects on job/training opportunities.

POLICY BE2: LOCAL HERITAGE AREAS		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	This policy defines 2 local heritage areas and by doing so represents the basis for 2 individual Local Heritage Area policies (BE3 and BE4). This policy also encourages sympathetic enhancement to local heritage areas. The character of the areas is such that biodiversity impacts are unlikely.
Landscape	+?	This policy defines 2 local heritage areas and by doing so represents the basis for 2 individual Local Heritage Area policies (BE3 and BE4). This policy also encourages sympathetic enhancement to local heritage areas which could lead to positive landscape impacts, in terms of the appearance of buildings and other built structures.
Heritage	++	This policy defines 2 local heritage areas and by doing so represents the basis for 2 individual Local Heritage Area policies (BE3 and BE4), the implementation of which is very likely to lead to the conservation of heritage features in the defined areas. This policy also encourages sympathetic enhancement to local heritage areas which could lead to further positive heritage impacts.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	+?	This policy defines 2 local heritage areas and by doing so represents the basis for 2 individual Local Heritage Area policies (BE3 and BE4), the implementation of which could in some cases lead to positive movement impacts (e.g. maintaining/enhancing pedestrian permeability – ref BE4). This policy also encourages sympathetic enhancement to local heritage areas which could lead to further positive movement impacts.

Open Spaces	0	This policy defines 2 local heritage areas and by doing so represents the basis for 2 individual Local Heritage Area policies (BE3 and BE4). This policy also encourages sympathetic enhancement to local heritage areas. The character of the areas is such that open space impacts are unlikely.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	-?	Some possible negative impact on the ability of businesses housed in listed/key unlisted buildings and NDHA and maybe other local heritage area buildings to adapt in order to maintain/improve their commercial operations.
Jobs/Training	-?	Possible negative impact on community facilities and businesses may possibly have negative effects on local jobs/training.

#### **POLICY – BE3: YORK ROAD/WIGHILL LANE/OXTON LANE LOCAL HERITAGE AREA**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	+	Maintenance of/respect for traditional pattern/form, buildings/features and materials likely to have positive impact.
Heritage	++	Development reflecting traditional pattern/form, buildings/features and materials very likely to have positive heritage impacts.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	-?	Some possible negative impact on the ability of businesses housed in listed buildings and NDHA and maybe other local heritage area buildings to adapt in order to maintain/improve their commercial operations.
Jobs/Training	-?	Possible negative impact on community facilities and businesses may possibly have negative effects on local jobs/training.

#### **POLICY – BE4: THE TOWN CENTRE BREWERIES LOCAL HERITAGE AREA**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	+	Maintenance of/respect for traditional pattern/form, buildings/features and materials likely to have positive impact.
Heritage	++	Development reflecting traditional pattern/form, buildings/features and materials very likely to have positive heritage impacts.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	+	Retention of historic routes through the area will have positive impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.

Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	-?	Some possible negative impact on the ability of businesses housed in listed buildings and NDHA and maybe other local heritage area buildings to adapt in order to maintain/improve their commercial operations.
Jobs/Training	-?	Possible negative impact on community facilities and businesses may possibly have negative effects on local jobs/training.

#### **POLICY BE5: PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF NON-DESIGNATED HERITAGE ASSETS**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	++	Conservation and/or sympathetic enhancement of assets very likely to have positive impact on heritage assets.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	+/-?	Three of the assets are local community facilities. Possibility of either positive or negative impacts on the community facility value of those assets. Impossible to be certain either way at time of assessment.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	+/-?	A number of the assets (e.g. public houses) are local businesses. Possibility of either positive or negative impacts on the businesses housed within those assets. Impossible to be certain either way at time of assessment.
Jobs/Training	+/-?	Uncertain impacts on community facilities and businesses may possibly have either positive or negative effects on local jobs/training. Impossible to be certain either way at time of assessment.

#### **POLICY BE6: TADCASTER CHARACTER AREAS – DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+?	Policy could lead to some biodiversity benefits, e.g. hedgerow retention/provision, retained/enhanced tree planting.
Landscape	+	Policy should lead to both townscape (i.e. architectural design) and general landscape benefits (e.g. in relation to tree and hedgerow planting, retention of open character in bungalow development in west Tadcaster).
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.

Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

#### **POLICY – BE7: TOWN GATEWAYS**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+?	The policy seeks to enhance the green environment at ‘gateway’ locations, which may in turn have biodiversity benefits.
Landscape	+	The policy seeks to enhance both built and green environments at ‘gateway’ locations and is expected to have a positive landscape impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

#### **POLICY – BE8: DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN & ACCESSIBILITY**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	+	By requiring accessibility for all users, policy is likely to have a positive impact on the ease of movement of those with special mobility, sensory impairment and neurodivergent needs.
Open Spaces	+?	Policy may have a positive access impact on those with special mobility, sensory impairment and neurodivergent needs, where development involving the creation or enhancement of new open spaces is concerned.
Community	+?	Policy may have a positive access impact on those with special mobility, sensory impairment and neurodivergent needs, where development involving community facilities is concerned.
Housing Provision	+?	Policy may have a positive access impact on those with special mobility, sensory impairment and neurodivergent needs, where development involving new housing development is concerned.
Safety/Security	+	By requiring provision of sufficient disabled/parent and child/carers spaces in new car parking, there is likely to be a positive impact on safety for such users.
Social Inclusion	++	Policy is likely to have a very positive impact on the lives of those with ‘special’ requirements.
Businesses	-?	Some possible negative impact on businesses needing to make extra adaptations as part of developments in order to make them policy compliant.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

POLICY GNE1: GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+	The wildlife corridor function of green infrastructure should be both protected and enhanced through the policy's operation.
Landscape	+	The amenity function of green infrastructure should be both protected and enhanced through the policy's operation.
Heritage	0	While there is heritage interest within and/or close to identified GBI, there is unlikely to be any noticeable positive or negative overall impact on that interest.
Natural Resources	0	While the River Wharfe is a key feature of identified GBI, there is unlikely to be any noticeable positive or negative overall impact on this water resource.
Movement	+	The proposed PROW improvements highlighted elsewhere in the NDP represent specific proposed movement enhancements within GBI, and constitute a likely measurable positive impact.
Open Spaces	+	The recreational corridor function of green infrastructure should be both protected and enhanced through the policy's operation.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	+	The recreational corridor function of green infrastructure should be both protected and enhanced through the policy's operation, maintaining/improving the opportunities for all to enjoy the many benefits of outdoor recreation.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

POLICY GNE2: MAGNESIAN LIMESTONE NORTH LOCALLY IMPORTANT LANDSCAPE AREA		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	++	By working to prevent serious harm to landscape character and special natural habitats (i.e. limestone grassland, woodland) within the landscape area, there should be positive impacts. By also urging a positive contribution to woodland enhancement/extension/interconnectivity, there should be further positive benefits.
Landscape	++	By working to prevent serious harm to landscape character and special features (i.e. views, woodland, walls, parkland), there should be positive impacts. By also urging a positive contribution to landscape enhancement, there should be further positive benefits.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	By working to prevent serious harm to landscape character and special features, some of which (i.e. the Tiver Wharfe and valley) constitute valuable local natural resources, there should be little or no overall impact. By also urging a positive contribution to landscape restoration or enhancement, there may in fact be some positive benefits, although the effects on for example water quality/pollution levels are uncertain.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.

Open Spaces	0	By working to prevent serious harm to landscape character and special features, many of which contribute positively to the quality of open spaces available for outdoor leisure/recreation, there should be little or no overall impact. By also urging a positive contribution to landscape restoration or enhancement, there may in fact be some positive benefits to the quality of such spaces, although the effects are uncertain.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact – not applicable.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	0	Could be considered as placing restrictions on existing rural businesses wishing to develop within these special landscapes. On the other hand, could be argued that development in accordance with policy provisions will lead to a high quality development beneficial to the business and attractive to its clients.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

### POLICY GNE3: LOCAL GREEN SPACE PROTECTION

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	++	Designates and so bestows effective Green Belt protection to a number of sites with local and or infrastructure/habitat network value for biodiversity, so making a positive contribution.
Landscape	++	Designates and so bestows effective Green Belt protection to a number of sites with acknowledged landscape value (e.g. within the NA's conservation areas and green infrastructure), so making a positive contribution.
Heritage	++	Designates and so bestows effective Green Belt protection to a number of sites with acknowledged heritage value (e.g. within the NA's conservation areas), so making a positive contribution.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	++	Designates and so bestows effective Green Belt protection to a number of sites with local and or infrastructure value for open space recreation, so making a positive contribution.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	+	The recreational function of a number of open spaces will be protected through the policy's operation, maintaining/improving the opportunities for all freely to enjoy the many benefits of outdoor recreation.
Businesses	+/-?	The designation may have implications for some of the sites in private ownership/with commercial interests in terms of restrictions on future development. Conversely, owners may welcome the protected open space use which the designation confers.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

POLICY GNE4: GREEN AND OPEN SPACE ENHANCEMENT		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	Enhancement could result in biodiversity benefits but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Landscape	0	Enhancement could result in landscape benefits but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Heritage	0	Enhancement could result in heritage benefits but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Natural Resources	0	Enhancement could result in natural resource benefits, e.g. to soil or water but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Movement	0	Enhancement could result in accessibility benefits but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Open Spaces	++	Enhancement very likely to result in open space benefits.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	Enhancement could result in safety/security benefits but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Social Inclusion	0	Enhancement could result in social inclusion benefits (e.g. greater access to sites for all where current access limited or prevented) but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Businesses	0	Enhancement could result in benefits for private owners but impossible to be certain at time of assessment. Owners unlikely to agree to enhancements that would impact negatively on their interests.
Jobs/Training	0	Enhancement could have implications for jobs/training but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.

POLICY GNE5: TADCASTER RIVERSIDE PARK		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+	A riverside park development as proposed by the policy is likely to result in biodiversity benefits.
Landscape	+	A riverside park development as proposed by the policy is likely to result in landscape benefits.
Heritage	0	A riverside park development as proposed by the policy is unlikely to result in heritage benefits.
Natural Resources	0	Although water-based recreation on the River Wharfe is supported by the policy, there is no likely overall impact.
Movement	++	A riverside park development as proposed by the policy would result in movement benefits, in terms of new footpath, bridleway and cycle paths linked into the existing PROW network.
Open Spaces	++	Policy is very likely to result in open space benefits.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	+	New open space provision likely to result in social inclusion benefits (e.g. better access to open space for more people where previously limited or no access).



Businesses	+?	New open space provision could have positive implications for local businesses i.e. more work, but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Jobs/Training	+?	New open space provision could have implications for jobs/training but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.

#### **POLICY GNE6: PROVISION OF NEW GREEN AND OPEN SPACE**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+?	New open space provision of the type supported by the policy may result in biodiversity benefits.
Landscape	+?	New open space provision of the type supported by the policy may result in landscape benefits.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	+?	New open space provision could result in accessibility benefits, but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Open Spaces	++	Policy is very likely to result in open space benefits.
Community	+?	There is a possible associative positive relationship between new outdoor sports provision and indoor community facilities, in that the new space may enclose/include the facilities as well as having a symbiotic functional relationship with them. As such, there may be some positive overall impact regarding indoor community facilities in terms of new provision but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact
Safety/Security	+?	New open space provision could result in safety/security benefits but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Social Inclusion	+	New open space provision likely to result in social inclusion benefits (e.g. access to open space for more people where previously limited or no access, particularly in south-west Tadcaster).
Businesses	+?	New open space provision could have positive implications for local businesses i.e. more work, but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Jobs/Training	+?	New open space provision could have implications for jobs/training but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.

#### **POLICY GNE7: BRICKYARD POND**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	++	New open space provision as proposed by the policy is very likely to result in biodiversity benefits.
Landscape	+	New open space provision as proposed by the policy is likely to result in landscape benefits.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	+?	New open space provision as proposed by the policy may have positive impacts on the water quality of the pond.
Movement	++	New open space provision as proposed by the policy could result in movement benefits, in terms of new footpath, bridleway and cycle paths linked into the existing PROW network.
Open Spaces	++	Policy is very likely to result in open space benefits.



Community	+	Angling provision as supported by the policy is likely to result in some improvement to local community recreation facilities.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact
Safety/Security	+?	New open space provision as proposed by the policy could result in safety/security benefits through improved facilities for all users, but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Social Inclusion	+	New open space provision likely to result in social inclusion benefits (e.g. access to open space for more people where previously limited or no access).
Businesses	+?	New open space provision could have positive implications for local businesses i.e. more work, but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Jobs/Training	+?	New open space provision could have implications for jobs/training but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.

#### **POLICY GNE8: LAND AT SUNNYFIELD**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	++	Policy is very likely to result in open space benefits.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact
Safety/Security	+?	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	+	New open space provision likely to result in social inclusion benefits (e.g. access to open space for more people where previously limited or no access).
Businesses	+?	New open space provision could have positive implications for local businesses i.e. more work, but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Jobs/Training	+?	New open space provision could have implications for jobs/training but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.

#### **POLICY GNE9: DEVELOPMENT AND TREES**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+	Policy will have a positive impact on tree cover in the Neighbourhood Area and is likely to make a related positive contribution to biodiversity.
Landscape	++	Policy will have a very positive impact on tree cover in the Neighbourhood Area.
Heritage	+?	In working to enhance the public realm, policy may have some positive impact on the setting of heritage assets, e.g. the conservation area, although impossible to say with certainty.
Natural Resources	++	In working to combat climate change and create high quality healthy living environments, the policy is very likely to benefit air and soil resources and may also have benefits to local water resources.

Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

#### **POLICY GNE10: A64 TREE PLANTING**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+	Policy will have a positive impact on tree cover along a stretch of the A64 and is likely to make a related positive contribution to biodiversity.
Landscape	+	Policy will have a positive impact on tree cover in part of the Neighbourhood Area.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	+	In working to combat climate change and create high quality healthy living environments, the policy is likely to benefit air and soil resources and may also have benefits to local water resources.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	POLICY – TC1: TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

#### **POLICY – GNE11: RIVER WHARFE HYDROELECTRIC POWER SCHEME**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	+	Policy is likely to have a positive impact on air quality/pollution by generating local electricity in a sustainable way.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	+?	Provision in line with policy could have positive implications for local businesses i.e. more work, but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Jobs/Training	+?	Provision in line with policy could have implications for jobs/training but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.

POLICY – TC1: TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+	Policy provisions re new landscaping and the development of a riverside park are likely to have positive impacts.
Landscape	+	Policy provisions re new landscaping, street furniture and the development of a riverside park are likely to have positive impacts on both soft and hard landscapes in the town centre.
Heritage	+?	Policy provisions re a pedestrian priority scheme and low traffic area will take traffic/traffic pollution out of the town centre/conservation area with possible positive impacts for town centre stone work.
Natural Resources	+	Policy provisions re a pedestrian priority scheme and low traffic area will take traffic/traffic pollution out of the town centre with positive impacts for town centre air quality.
Movement	+	Policy provisions re a pedestrian priority scheme, low traffic area and improved access for all will have positive impacts on active travel within the town centre.
Open Spaces	+	Policy provisions re improved open space will have positive impacts.
Community	+	Policy provisions re protecting/expanding town centre community facilities will have positive impacts.
Housing Provision	+?	Policy support for development which maintains/enhances town centre health, wellbeing, vitality and viability may facilitate new housing provision.
Safety/Security	+	Policy provisions re a pedestrian priority scheme, low traffic area and improved access for all will have positive impacts on the safety of all town centre users.
Social Inclusion	+	Policy provisions re those with ‘special’ needs will have positive impacts on equality by making the town centre more welcoming/easier to use for those with such needs.
Businesses	+	Provision in line with policy should have positive implications for local businesses i.e. more work/business/development opportunities.
Jobs/Training	+	Provision in line with policy should have positive implications for jobs/training.

POLICY CFS1: PROTECTION & ENHANCEMENT OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	+/-?	Loss of any facilities provided by designated heritage buildings, e.g. The Ark, The Barn, The Boy’s Sunday School, leading to change of use/changes to buildings could conceivably have either positive or negative impacts on their heritage value but it is impossible to predict these at the time of the assessment.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	++	Retention of and possible improvements to listed facilities will have a definite positive impact on community facilities.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.

Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	++	Retention of and possible improvements to listed facilities which encourage the coming together of the community (i.e. all of the listed facilities) will have a definite positive impact on inclusiveness within the community.
Businesses	-?	Restrictions placed by the policy upon commercially provided facilities (e.g. swimming pool) may have some negative impact on the freedom of such businesses to for example change use and/or re-develop.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

#### **POLICY CFS2: PROTECTION & ENHANCEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	++	Retention of and possible improvements to listed facilities will have a definite positive impact on community facilities.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	+	Retention of and possible improvements to listed facilities which encourage the coming together of the community (i.e. all of the listed facilities) will have a definite positive impact on inclusiveness within the community.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

#### **POLICY CFS3: PROVISION OF NEW COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	++	Any provision of new community facilities meeting demonstrable need will have a definite positive impact on community facilities.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	++	Provision of new community facilities which encourage the coming together of the community will have a definite positive impact on inclusiveness within the community.
Social Inclusion	+	Provision of any new commercially-run community facilities would make a positive contribution to the NA's business base.
Businesses	+?	Provision of any new commercially-run community facilities could result in more jobs and/or training opportunities within the NA.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

POLICY H1: CHAPEL STREET/CENTRAL AREA CAR PARK		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+	Development of this Green Infrastructure site, if accepted, will see some positive impact on biodiversity, through the policy provision for tree planting and other soft landscaping.
Landscape	+	Development of this Green Infrastructure site, if accepted, will see some positive impact on landscape, through the policy provisions for tree planting and other soft landscaping.
Heritage	+	The site lies within the Tadcaster Conservation Area. Development of the site, in accordance with policy provisions (notably clauses b) and e)) will see some positive heritage impacts.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	+	Development of this site, if accepted, will undoubtedly impact on the pattern/levels of movement in and around the site. There will however be no overall impact in this respect, as a result of the policy's provisions.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	Development of this site, if accepted, will undoubtedly impact positively on housing provision in Tadcaster. There will however be no overall impact in this respect, as a result of the policy's provisions.
Safety/Security	+	Development of this site, if accepted, in line with policy provisions a), c) and g) will see some positive impacts on property security and the safety of more vulnerable town centre car park users.
Social Inclusion	+	Development of this site, if accepted, will see some positive impact on social inclusion through the policy provision (clause g) re disabled and parent/carer/child public spaces in a location easily accessible to the town centre.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

POLICY H2: LAND AT MILL LANE		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+	Development of this Green Infrastructure site will see some positive impact on biodiversity, through the policy provision for natural landscaping.
Landscape	+	Development of this Green Infrastructure site will see some positive impact on landscape, through the policy provisions for natural landscaping and respecting of key views.
Heritage	+?	The site lies adjacent to the Tadcaster Conservation Area which forms a significant site context, together with the listed viaduct and non-designated former mill and weir assets. Development of the site, in accordance with policy provisions (notably clause a)) may see some positive heritage impacts.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	+	Development of this site will undoubtedly impact on the pattern/levels of movement in and around the site. Development in line with policy provisions on street layout (clause d)) should have some positive impact on ease of movement around the site for all users.

Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	Development of this site will undoubtedly impact positively on housing provision in Tadcaster. There will however be no overall impact in this respect, as a result of the policy's provisions.
Safety/Security	+	Development of this site in line with policy provision e) will see some positive impact on property security and the safety of pedestrians.
Social Inclusion	+	Development of this site, if accepted, will see some positive impact on social inclusion through the policy provision re replacement town centre parking, including disabled and parent/carer/child public spaces in a location easily accessible to the town centre.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

POLICY H3: LAND NORTH OF STATION ROAD		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+	Development of this Green Infrastructure site will see some positive impact on biodiversity, through the policy provision for enhancement/reinforcement of hedgerows/trees (clause f)) and possibly also re SuDS/swales (clause c)).
Landscape	+	Development of this Green Infrastructure site will see some positive impact on landscape, through the policy provisions for enhancement/reinforcement of hedgerows/trees (clause f)) and design clauses a), b) and e).
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	+?	Policy provision (clause c)) re SuDS/swales may have some positive impact on water resources on site.
Movement	+	Development of this site will undoubtedly impact on the pattern/levels of movement in and around the site. Development in line with policy provisions on street layout (clause e)) and new footpaths (clause g)) should have some positive impact on ease of movement around/into/out of the site for all users.
Open Spaces	+	Development in line with policy provision (clause d)) re recreational open space, including a children's play area, will have positive impacts.
Community	+	Development in line with policy provision (clause h)) re shop/café provision will have positive impacts.
Housing Provision	0	Development of this site will undoubtedly impact positively on housing provision in Tadcaster. There will however be no overall impact in this respect, as a result of the policy's provisions.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	+?	Development in line with policy clauses d) and h), may see some positive impact on social inclusion through the establishment of outdoor and indoor spaces which encourage people to come together to begin to forge a new community.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

POLICY H4: LAND OFF HILLCREST COURT (AKA BUTCH'S FIELD)		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	+	Policy provision re boundary tree retention will see some positive impact on landscape.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	Development of this site will undoubtedly impact on the pattern/ levels of movement in and around the site. There will however be no overall impact in this respect, as a result of the policy's provisions.
Open Spaces	+	Development in line with policy provision (clause b)) re recreational open space will have positive impacts.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	Development of this site will undoubtedly impact positively on housing provision in Tadcaster. There will however be no overall impact in this respect, as a result of the policy's provisions.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

POLICY H5: LAND TO REAR OF 46 WIGHILL LANE AND FORMER COAL YARD		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	+	Development in line with policy provisions re non-designated heritage asset and stone wall retention will have positive impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	Development of this site will undoubtedly impact on the pattern/ levels of movement in and around the site. There will however be no overall impact in this respect, as a result of the policy's provisions.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	Development of this site will undoubtedly impact positively on housing provision in Tadcaster. There will however be no overall impact in this respect, as a result of the policy's provisions.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.



**POLICY H6: FIRCROFT AND FORMER BARNADO'S HOME, WIGHILL LANE**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	+	Development in line with policy provisions re non-designated heritage asset will have positive impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	Development of this site may impact on the pattern/levels of movement in and around the site. There will however be no overall impact in this respect, as a result of the policy's provisions.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	Development of this site will have some impact on housing provision in Tadcaster. There will however be no overall impact in this respect, as a result of the policy's provisions.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

**POLICY H7: NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON NON-ALLOCATED SITES**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	+	Should result in enhanced and/or extended nature conservation assets, resulting in a positive impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	+/-?	Development is likely to have at least some impact on air, water and soil resources. Without information on the land to be developed, it is impossible to predict whether positive or negative at time of assessment.
Movement	+/-?	Development is likely to have at least some impact on movement in the vicinity of any acceptable site. Without information on the land to be developed, it is impossible to predict whether positive or negative at time of assessment.
Open Spaces	+	Should result in enhanced and/or extended open space assets, resulting in a positive impact.
Community	+?	Could result in new local service provision to meet need generated by new development, depending on the size of the development, resulting in some overall positive impact.
Housing Provision	++	Development will have a positive impact on local housing numbers.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	+?	Any new local service provision may have some positive impact on social inclusion and equality.
Businesses	+?	Development may have a positive impact on the housebuilding industry depending on the scale of any development.
Jobs/Training	+?	Development may have some positive impact on jobs and training, depending on the scale of any development.



POLICY H8: HOUSING MIX		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	++	Development will have a positive impact on the provision of the types of housing required by the NA community.
Safety/Security	+?	Development may possibly lead to safer, more secure accommodation for the older community, i.e. accessible housing.
Social Inclusion	+	A housing mix which meets the needs of the older community and those with 'special' needs is likely to have some positive impact on social inclusion and equality.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

POLICY H9: AFFORDABLE HOUSING		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	0	No likely overall impact.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	++	Development will have a positive impact on the level of affordable housing required by the NA community.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	+	Policy provisions which seek a high level of affordable house building and the retention of any financial contributions for expenditure within the NA is likely to have some positive impact on social inclusion and equality.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

POLICY – E1: NEW EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	-?	New employment development would inevitably lead to some increase in people movements within/into the NA, including motorised vehicular movements, possibly leading in turn to a negative impact on air quality in the NA.

Movement	0	New employment development would inevitably lead to some increase in people movements within/into the NA, including motorised vehicular movements, but any negative impacts should be mitigated by policy provisions at clauses a), b) and c).
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	-?	New employment development would inevitably lead to an increase in people movements within/into the NA, including motorised vehicular movements which are likely to have some negative impacts on traffic congestion in the NA and therefore on highway/pedestrian safety and air quality/health. Policy provisions at clauses a), b) and c) should mitigate against negative highways impacts but not against possible air pollution and consequent health safety impacts.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	+	Encouragement of/support for employment generating uses is likely to have a positive impact on businesses.
Jobs/Training	+	Encouragement of/support for employment generating uses is likely to have a positive impact on jobs/training.

#### **POLICY – E2: LAND AT ROMAN ROAD, LOW MOOR**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	-?	Employment development at Roman Road would inevitably lead to some increase in people movements within/into the NA, including motorised vehicular movements, possibly leading in turn to a negative impact on air quality in the NA.
Movement	0	Employment development at Roman Road would inevitably lead to some increase in people movements within/into the NA, including motorised vehicular movements, but any negative impacts should be mitigated by provision at Policy E1 clauses a), b) and c).
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	-?	Employment development at Roman Road would inevitably lead to an increase in people movements within/into the NA, including motorised vehicular movements which are likely to have some negative impacts on traffic congestion in the NA and therefore on highway/pedestrian safety and air quality/health. Provision at Policy E1 clauses a), b) and c) should mitigate against negative highways impacts but not against possible air pollution and consequent health safety impacts.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	+	Encouragement of/support for employment generating uses at Roman Road is likely to have a positive impact on businesses.
Jobs/Training	+	Encouragement of/support for employment generating uses at Roman Road is likely to have a positive impact on jobs/training.

POLICY E3: HOTEL AND VISITOR ACCOMMODATION DEVELOPMENT		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	-?	Hotel/visitor accommodation development would inevitably lead to some increase in people movements within/into the NA, including motorised vehicular movements, possibly leading in turn to a negative impact on air quality in the NA.
Movement	0	Hotel/visitor accommodation development would inevitably lead to some increase in people movements within/into the NA, including motorised vehicular movements, but any negative impacts should be mitigated by policy provision at clause c).
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	-?	Hotel/visitor accommodation development would inevitably lead to an increase in people movements within/into the NA, including motorised vehicular movements which are likely to have some negative impacts on traffic congestion in the NA and therefore on highway/pedestrian safety and air quality/health. Policy provision at clause c) should mitigate against negative highways impacts but not against possible air pollution and consequent health safety impacts.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	+	Provision of any new business would make a positive contribution to the NA's economic base.
Jobs/Training	+	Provision of any new business is likely to result in more jobs/training opportunities in the NA.

E4: STUTTON ROAD – LOCAL SHOPS AND SERVICES		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	+	Policy provision re accessibility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists (clause c)) should have some positive impacts.
Open Spaces	+	Policy support for open space development should have a positive impact.
Community	++	Policy protection for existing shops/services and support for new shop/services/community facilities should have a very positive impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	+	Policy provisions re highway safety (clause a) and pedestrian/cyclist safety (clause c)
Social Inclusion	+	Policy provision re parking for those with special mobility needs (clause b) should have a positive impact.

Businesses	+	Support for provision of any new business would make a positive contribution to the NA's economic base.
Jobs/Training	+	Support for provision of any new business is likely to result in more jobs/training opportunities in the NA.

#### **POLICY – E5: YORK ROAD – LOCAL SHOPS AND SERVICES**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	+	Policy provision re accessibility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists (clause c)) should have some positive impacts.
Open Spaces	+	Policy support for open space development should have a positive impact.
Community	++	Policy protection for existing shops/services and support for new shop/services/community facilities should have a very positive impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	+	Policy provisions re highway safety (clause a) and pedestrian/cyclist safety (clause c)
Social Inclusion	+	Policy provision re parking for those with special mobility needs (clause b) should have a positive impact.
Businesses	+	Support for provision of any new business would make a positive contribution to the NA's economic base.
Jobs/Training	+	Support for provision of any new business is likely to result in more jobs/training opportunities in the NA.

#### **POLICY TTT1: IMPROVED WALKING, CYCLING AND HORSE-RIDING PROVISION**

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	Improvement routes itemised at clauses a) to c) have the potential for minor impacts on local biodiversity within areas of Green & Blue Infrastructure (e.g. through open land between Tadcaster Viaduct and Wighill Lane in the case of clause a)), depending on final confirmed routes. Green & Blue Infrastructure policy GNE1 should serve to mitigate impacts in all cases.
Landscape	0	All itemised improvement routes fall within Green & Blue Infrastructure with some scope for minor landscape impacts. Any improvement works would however be subject to this plan's provisions in respect of infrastructure enhancement (Policy GNE1).
Heritage	+/-?	Improvement routes at clauses b) and c) could run through the conservation area, with some scope for minor heritage impacts, both positive and negative.
Natural Resources	+	Policy seeks to improve public rights of way/cycling provision, reducing motorised vehicle, particularly private car, use as a result, with a possible positive impact on traffic congestion and local air quality.
Movement	+	Policy seeks to improve public rights of way/cycling provision, reducing motorised vehicle, particularly private car, use as a result, with a possible positive impact on traffic congestion.

Open Spaces	+	Improvement of the highlighted routes will have positive benefits in terms of accessibility to spaces available for outdoor recreation and leisure.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	+	Policy seeks to improve public rights of way/cycling provision, reducing motorised vehicle, particularly private car, use as a result, with a possible positive impact on local air quality/health. Policy clauses re improving the user's experience of the networks specifically address cycle parking/storage facilities and designing-in of safety for all users.
Social Inclusion	+	Policy seeks to improve public rights of way/cycling provision impacting positively on non-car users such as older people, the disabled and young people and on poorer members of society.
Businesses	+?	If development to improve highlighted routes takes place, it could have positive implications for local businesses i.e. more work, but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Jobs/Training	+?	If development to improve highlighted routes takes place, it could have positive implications for jobs/training, but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.

## TTT2: HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	Improvement routes itemised at clauses d) and e) have the potential for minor impacts on local biodiversity within areas of Green & Blue Infrastructure, depending on final confirmed routes. Green & Blue Infrastructure policy GNE1 should serve to mitigate impacts in both cases.
Landscape	0	Improvement routes itemised at clauses d) and e) fall within Green & Blue Infrastructure with some scope for minor landscape impacts. Any improvement works would however be subject to this plan's provisions in respect of infrastructure enhancement (Policy GNE1).
Heritage	+/-?	Improvement routes at clauses d) and e) could run through the conservation area, with some scope for minor heritage impacts, both positive and negative.
Natural Resources	+	Policy seeks to reduce traffic/congestion in Tadcaster town centre and improve public rights of way/cycling provision, reducing motorised vehicle, particularly private car, use as a result, with a positive impact on traffic congestion and local air quality.
Movement	++	Policy seeks to enable improvement schemes which would address town centre traffic/congestion, improve cycling routes and prioritise pedestrians in the town centre, so would have a definite positive impact on local movement.
Open Spaces	+	Improvement of routes at clauses d) and e) will have positive benefits in terms of accessibility to spaces available for outdoor recreation and leisure.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.

Safety/Security	+	Policy seeks to improve cycling provision and pedestrian use of the town centre, potentially reducing motorised vehicle, particularly private car, use as a result, with a possible positive impact on local air quality/health. Policy also seeks to enable schemes which would take traffic out of the town centre.
Social Inclusion	+	Policy seeks to improve cycling provision and pedestrian use of the town centre impacting positively on non-car users such as older people, the disabled and young people and on poorer members of society.
Businesses	+?	If development to improve highlighted routes takes place, it could have positive implications for local businesses i.e. more work, but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.
Jobs/Training	+?	If development to improve highlighted routes takes place, it could have positive implications for jobs/training, but impossible to be certain at time of assessment.

POLICY TTT3: TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC PARKING		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	-?	Any additional car parking capacity could lead to an increase in motorised vehicle movements within/into the NA, possibly leading in turn to a negative impact on air quality in the NA.
Movement	0	Any additional car parking capacity could lead to an increase in motorised vehicle movements within/into the NA, which could have some negative impacts on traffic congestion in the NA. Conversely, it could make a positive contribution to accessibility and improve the highway network by taking cars off the highway and making it easier for vehicle users to access Tadcaster centre.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	Any additional car parking capacity would make a positive contribution to highway safety by removing parked cars off the highway, making both driving and road-crossing easier. This might however be balanced by an encouragement of increased vehicle movements, impacting negatively on traffic congestion and possibly highway safety as a result.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	+	Any additional car parking capacity makes a positive contribution to the sustainability of Tadcaster centre retail and community uses making the centre attractive to residents and visitors who use a private vehicle to visit and in turn support local business.
Jobs/Training	+	Any additional car parking capacity makes a positive contribution to the sustainability of Haworth centre retail and community uses making the centre attractive to residents and visitors who use a private vehicle to visit and in turn support local business. More sustainable businesses means more secure and possibly increased job/training opportunities.

POLICY TTT4: RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL DROP-OFF/PICK-UP AREA		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	0	No likely overall impact.
Movement	+	Policy is very likely to make a positive contribution to school accessibility and improve the highway network around schools by taking cars off the highway (NB often inconsiderately parked) and making it easier for vehicle and pedestrian users to access both Riverside school, Tower Brewery and Tadcaster centre.
Open Spaces	0	No likely overall impact.
Community	0	No likely overall impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	+	Policy would make a positive contribution to highway safety by removing parked cars off the highway, making both driving and road-crossing easier.
Social Inclusion	0	No likely overall impact.
Businesses	0	No likely overall impact.
Jobs/Training	0	No likely overall impact.

POLICY – LR1: LAND AT LONDON ROAD		
BENCHMARK CRITERION	IMPACT	EXPLANATION
Biodiversity	0	No likely overall impact.
Landscape	0	No likely overall impact.
Heritage	0	No likely overall impact.
Natural Resources	-	Support for employment and other development is likely to lead to increased traffic movements with consequent increases in air pollution.
Movement	0	Support for employment and other development is likely to lead to increased traffic movements. Policy provision in respect of A64/A162 junction improvement should however mitigate effects by taking traffic out of the town centre.
Open Spaces	++	Policy provisions (clauses c) and d)) will have a very positive impact.
Community	+	Policy provision at clause d) will have a positive impact.
Housing Provision	0	No likely overall impact.
Safety/Security	0	No likely overall impact.
Social Inclusion	+	Policy provision at clause b) will have a positive impact in terms of the parking experience of users with 'special' requirements.
Businesses	+	Encouragement of/support for employment generating uses is likely to have a positive impact on businesses.
Jobs/Training	+	Encouragement of/support for employment generating uses is likely to have a positive impact on jobs/training.



## SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Neighbourhood Plan Policy Numbers																	
BENCHMARK CRITERION	BE1	BE2	BE3	BE4	BE5	BE6	BE7	BE8	GNE1	GNE2	GNE3	GNE4	GNE5	GNE6	GNE7	GNE8	SUMMARY IMPACT 1
Biodiversity	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	++	++	0	+	+	++	0	-
Landscape	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	++	++	0	+	+	+	0	-
Heritage	++	++	++	++	++	0	0	0	0	0	++	0	0	0	0	0	-
Natural Resources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	-
Movement	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	++	+	++	0	-
Open Spaces	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	++	++	++	++	++	++	-
Community	-?	0	0	0	+/-?	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	-
Housing Provision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Safety /Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	-
Social Inclusion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	-
Businesses	-?	-?	-?	-?	+/-?	0	0	-?	0	0	+/-?	0	+	+	+	+	-
Jobs/Training	-?	-?	-?	-?	+/-?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	-
SUMMARY IMPACT 2	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	-

Neighbourhood Plan Policy Numbers																	
BENCHMARK CRITERION	GNE9	GNE10	GNE11	TC1	CFS1	CFS2	CFS3	H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6	H7	H8	H9	SUMMARY IMPACT 1
Biodiversity	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	-
Landscape	++	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	-
Heritage	+	0	0	+	+/-?	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	-
Natural Resources	++	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+/-?	0	0	-
Movement	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+/-?	0	0	-
Open Spaces	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	-
Community	0	0	0	+	++	++	++	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	-
Housing Provision	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	++	++	++	-
Safety /Security	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	-
Social Inclusion	0	0	0	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	-
Businesses	0	0	+	+	-?	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	-
Jobs/Training	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	-
SUMMARY IMPACT 2	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	-



Neighbourhood Plan Policy Numbers											
BENCHMARK CRITERION	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	TTT1	TTT2	TTT3	TTT4	LR1	SUMMARY IMPACT 1
Biodiversity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+ve
Landscape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+ve
Heritage	0	0	0	0	0	+/-?	+/-?	0	0	0	+ve
Natural Resources	-?	-?	-?	0	0	+	+	-?	0	-	+ve
Movement	0	0	0	+	+	+	++	0	+	0	+ve
Open Spaces	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	++	+ve
Community	0	0	0	++	++	0	0	0	0	+	+ve
Housing Provision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+ve
Safety /Security	-?	-?	-?	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+ve
Social Inclusion	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+ve
Businesses	+	+	+	+	+	+?	+?	+	0	+	+ve
Jobs/Training	+	+	+	+	+	+?	+?	+	0	+	+ve
SUMMARY IMPACT 2	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
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Summary Impact 1 = impact/contribution of policies as a whole on/to individual sustainability benchmark criteria

- Overall +ve
- No negatives
- No weak positives (i.e. positive score of 2 or less)

Summary Impact 2 = Impact/contribution of individual policies on sustainability/benchmark criteria as a whole

- Overall +ve
- No negatives
- Weak positives (i.e. positive score of 2 or less) – Policies BE2, BE5, BE6, BE7, GNE4, GNE11, H4, H5, H6, E1, E2, E3, TTT3, TTT4

# Appendix 2

## STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & HABITATS REGULATIONS ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT



Undertaken by North Yorkshire Council

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This screening report will determine whether or not the contents of the draft Tadcaster Neighbourhood Development Plan (TNDP) require 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 This report will also screen to determine whether or not the TNDP requires a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive and with Regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). A HRA is required when it is deemed that likely negative significant effects may occur on protected European Sites (Natura 2000 sites) as a result of the implementation of a plan/project. As a general ‘rule of thumb’ it is identified that sites with pathways of 10-15km of the plan/project boundary should be included with an HRA.
- 1.3 The legislative background set out in the following section outlines the regulations that require the need for this screening exercise. Section 3, provides a screening assessment of both the likely significant environmental effects of the plan and the need for a full SEA. Section 4, provides a screening assessment of the likely significant effects of the implementation of a plan and the need for a Habitats Regulation Assessment.

## 2 Legislative Background

### Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

- 2.1 The basis for Strategic Environmental Assessments and Sustainability Appraisal legislation is European Directive 2001/42/EC and was transposed into English law by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, or SEA Regulations.
- 2.2 The 2008 Planning Act amended the requirement so only development plan documents (DPDs) need to be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal. A Neighbourhood Plan is not a development plan document and therefore does not legally require a Sustainability Appraisal. Where appropriate, however, an SEA assessment still needs to be undertaken in line with the SEA regulations.

- 2.3 To fulfil the legal requirement to identify if the plan requires an SEA a screening for a SEA and the criteria for establishing whether a full assessment is needed is undertaken in Chapter 3 of this report.

### Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA)

- 2.4 It is required by Article 6 (3) of the EU Habitats Directive and by regulation 63 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) that an appropriate assessment is carried out with regard to the Conservation Objectives of the European Sites and with reference to other plans and projects to identify if any significant effect is likely for any European Site.
- 2.5 To fulfil the legal requirements to identify if likely significant effects will occur with the implementation of the plan upon the European Sites (Natura 2000 sites) a screening assessment has been undertaken in Chapter 4 of this report.

## 3 SEA Screening

### Criteria for Assessing the Effects of the Tadcaster NDP

- 3.1 Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects referred to in Article 3(5) of Directive 2001/42/EC are set out below:

1. The characteristics of 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.

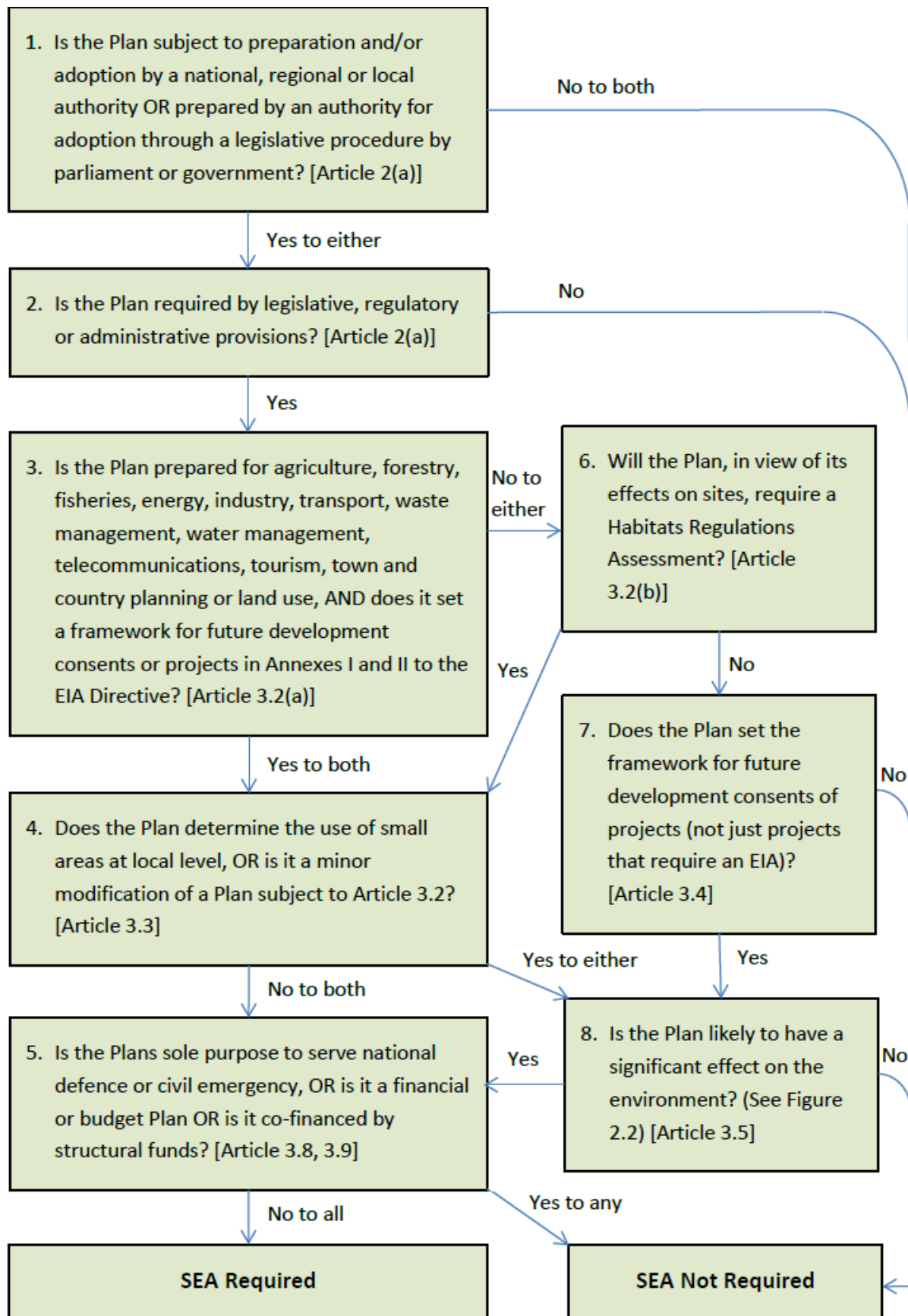
(Source: Annex II of SEA Directive)

- 3.2 The process for screening a planning document against the criteria to determine whether a full SEA is required is shown in Figure 1.
- 3.3 Using the process and questions set out in Figure 1, an assessment of whether the Neighbourhood Development Plan will require a full SEA has been undertaken and the findings are set out in Table 1.
- 3.4 The Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England were consulted on the 8 requirements for a SEA above and responses are listed in Appendix 1 of this document. All of the above have also been consulted at the pre-submission draft consultation stage undertaken for a period of 7 weeks from the 23 June to 11 August 2023.

### Screening Outcome

- 3.5 As a result of the assessment above and the responses received from the consultees, it is unlikely there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the plan. The plan is in conformity with the Core Strategy (2013) which has been subject to a full Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating an SEA, finding no negative significant effects. Due to the nature of the plan, no sites are being allocated and the policies will have no significant effects and as such, the plan does not require a full SEA to be undertaken. However, the draft Tadcaster NDP does identify a number of proposed allocated sites which have been identified in the Selby District Publication Local Plan which was subject to consultation between August and October 2022. The Selby District Publication Local Plan can be viewed on the Council's website - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/planning-policy/planning-policy-your-local-area/selby-planning-policy/selby-new-local-plan>.

Figure 1



**Table 1**

STAGE	Y/N	REASON
1. Is the Plan 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 (Article. 2(a)).	Y	Neighbourhood Plans are prepared by Parish/Town Councils (as the “qualifying body”) under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. Once the Plan has been prepared, and subject to examination and referendum, it will be “made” by North Yorkshire Council as the Local Planning Authority.
2. Is the Plan required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Article 2(a)).	Y	It is not a requirement for a parish to produce a Neighbourhood Plan however a Neighbourhood Plan, once “made” does form part of the statutory Development Plan and will be used when making decisions on planning applications.
3. Is the Plan 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 consents or projects in Annexes I and II to the EIA Directive? (Article 3.2(a))	Y	Neighbourhood Plans can cover some of the topics identified in this list and they could set the framework for development of a scale that would fall under Annex II of the EIA Directive. However, for Neighbourhood Plans, developments which fall under Annex I of the EIA Directive are “excluded development” as set out in Section 61k of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act)
4. Will the Plan, in view of its likely effect on sites, require an assessment for future development under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive? (Art. 3.2 (b))	–	See screening assessment for HRA in following section of this Report.
5. Does the Plan determine the use of small areas at local level, OR is it a minor modification of a Plan subject to Article 3.2? (Article 3.3)	N	A Neighbourhood Plan can determine the use of small areas at the local level.
6. Does the Plan set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just projects in annexes to the EIA Directive)? (Art 3.4)	Y	Policies within the plan will be used in the decision making process on planning applications within the plan area.
7. Is the Plans sole purpose to serve national defence or civil emergency, OR is it a financial or budget Plan OR is it co-financed by structural funds? (Article 3.8, 3.9)	N	A Neighbourhood Plan does not deal with any of these categories of plan.
8. Is the Plan likely to have a significant effect on the environment? (Article 3.5)	N	No likely significant effects upon the environment have been identified.

## 4 HRA Screening

- 4.1 The initial screening stage of the HRA process determines if there are any likely significant effects possible as a result of the implementation of the plan and if an appropriate assessment is needed. This stage should provide a description of the plan and an identification of the Natura 2000 sites which may be affected by the plan and assess the significance of any possible effects on the identified sites.
- 4.2 There are no Natura 2000 sites which could be affected by the proposed plan, the only SAC sites within the locality are Derwent Valley (SAC) – 19km from Tadcaster; and Skipwith Common (SAC) – 16km from Tadcaster. The Adopted Core Strategy has been assessed against a HRA assessment and has been adopted under these regulations. The proposed neighbourhood plan does not propose allocating any sites or contain any policies that would impact the SAC sites listed above. However, the draft Tadcaster NDP does identify a number of proposed allocated sites which have been identified in the Selby District Publication Local Plan which was subject to consultation between August and October 2022. The Selby District Publication Local Plan can be viewed on the Council's website - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/planning-policy/planning-policy-your-local-area/selby-planning-policy/selby-new-local-plan>.

### Assessment of Effects

#### Screening Assessment for the Tadcaster NDP

- 4.3 The following questions will help establish whether an Appropriate Assessment is required for the TNDP.

**Is the Neighbourhood Development Plan directly connected with, or necessary to the management of a European site for nature conservation?**

- 4.4 No.

**Does the Neighbourhood Development Plan propose new development or allocate sites for development?**

- 4.5 No, but does reference proposed allocated sites listed in the Selby District Publication Local Plan as set out under paragraph 3.5 and 4.2.

**Are there any other projects or plans that together with the Neighbourhood Plan could impact on the integrity of a European site, the 'in combination' impact?**

- 4.6 No.

### Screening Outcome

- 4.7 A full HRA of the plan is not required as it does not contain any specific development allocations or policies or proposals that would significantly affect any European site alone or in conjunction with other projects or plans. The sites listed from the Selby District Publication Local Plan have been subject to a separate HRA process.



## 5. Overall Conclusions

- 5.1 In light of the assessments undertaken above, a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulations Assessment are not required for the plan.

## Appendix 1

### Consultee responses

- Environment Agency – No response received.
- Historic England (dated 25 July 2023)
- Natural England (dated 3 August 2023)

