

# HAMMERWICH

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2018-2040

## BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT



March 2021

# 1. INTRODUCTION – PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS AND MATTERS

The Evidence Base Document, Consultation Statement document and this Basic Conditions Statement are the supporting documents for the Hammerwich Neighbourhood Plan (HNP). The following statements are required by the Regulations.

## **Prescribed Conditions and Matters (Schedule 9, Localism Act 2011)**

### **The Submitted Neighbourhood Plan is being Submitted by a qualifying body**

This Submitted Neighbourhood Plan is being submitted by a qualifying body, namely Hammerwich Parish Council.

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

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

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

The Neighbourhood Plan has effect for the period 2018-2040, but will be reviewed regularly during this period.

### **The Neighbourhood Plan does not relate to excluded development**

The Neighbourhood Plan does not deal with County matters (mineral extraction or waste disposal development), nationally significant infrastructure or any other matters set out in Section 61K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

**The Neighbourhood Plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area and there are no other neighbourhood development plans in place within the neighbourhood area.**

The Neighbourhood Plan relates to the Hammerwich Neighbourhood Area and to no other area. There are no other neighbourhood plans relating to that neighbourhood area.

## 2. THE BASIC CONDITIONS

The Basic Conditions that the Neighbourhood Plan must meet are set out in Schedule 4B, Section 8(2) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 as applied to neighbourhood plans by Section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. They are:

(a) that it is appropriate to “make” the Plan **having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State** (i.e. National Planning Policy Framework – NPPF);

(b) that it is appropriate to “make” the Plan **having special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any feature of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses if the Plan grants permission for any development that affects the building or setting.**

(c) that it is appropriate to “make” the Plan **having special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area if the Plan grants permission for any development in relation to land or buildings in the conservation area.** [NOT APPLICABLE – there are no Conservation Areas in the Parish]

(d) the Plan **contributes to sustainable development;**

(e) the Plan is **in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the area of the authority**, that is: Local Plan Strategy 2008-2029 adopted 2015 and Local Plan Allocations 2008-2029 adopted 2019. The Neighbourhood Plan has also paid due regard to the Local Plan Review, which had reached Preferred Options stage by the time this Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to LDC under Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

(f) the Plan **does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations**; and

(g) The Plan **meets the prescribed conditions, and the prescribed matters have been complied with** (see section 1 above)

Each of the above Basic Conditions that are applicable are dealt with individually below.

**(a) Compliance with Relevant National Policies and Guidance: National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Feb 2019**

<b>HNP Policy</b>	<b>Relevant NPPF Policies (para no.)</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
CF1- Protecting and Enhancing Local Facilities	83, 91,92	CF1 supports the extension and enhancement of facilities that serve the local community, whether they are businesses, (NPPF 83) or places for social interaction, improving social wellbeing,(NPPF 91) and opposes their loss (NPPF 92).
VB1- Village Boundary	65, 66	See H1 below. Policy VB1 supports the policy position in H1.
H1- New Housing Development – Siting and Mix of Housing Types	65, 66	For the determination of the housing requirement in a rural area, and the mix of types of housing, NPPF 65 and 66 point to the Local Planning Authority’s assessment for the area, This has been done (see also section (e) below), is explained in the HNP paras 3.13 to 3.15 and 7.3 to 7.5, and so has determined the policy stance taken in H1.
H2- Housing Development Design	125, 127, 128	H2 identifies the special qualities of the neighbourhood area and explains how this should be reflected in development, in accord with NPPF 125. The actions necessary to ensure quality of design, and a sympathetic relationship of housing development to its context, are explored in detail in the Policy and are in line with NPPF 127 & 128.
T1- Increased Traffic from New Developments	102, 108, 109	The local highway network in the Parish is of limited capacity (especially in the rural areas) so the impact of new development on traffic flows is of crucial importance. Policy T1 addresses this, in line with NPPF 102 (especially (a) and (d)) and 108. In line with NPPF 109 Policy T1 states that refusal of a proposal may be necessary where adverse effects cannot be adequately mitigated.
T2- Car Parking Standards - New Developments	105	The lack of public transport in the Village; throughout the Parish the effect of on-street parking on narrow roads; and existing higher than average car ownership – with social trends indicating further increases – all together indicate that higher standards than those in the LDC Supplementary Planning Guidance on Parking Standards are warranted.
T3- New Cycle Routes and Improvements to Walking Routes	98, 104 (d)	The purpose of Policy T3 is to support the creation of new cycling routes and generally support the improvement of walking and cycling routes in the Parish, in line with NPPF 98 and 104 (d).

T4- Reinstatement of the Lichfield to Walsall Railway Line	104 (c)	The support of a reinstatement of a railway line is compatible with NPPF 104(c): identifying and protecting sites and routes which could be critical in developing infrastructure to widen transport choice and realise opportunities for large scale development – the large-scale development to support the reinstatement of this line is likely to occur outside the Parish, however, such as around Lichfield city.
LEnv 1- Parks and Public Open Spaces	91 (b) and (c), 92, 96	Strong protection for identified sites in the Parish is in line with these NPPF policies.
LEnv 2- Protecting the Key Views	134 (d), 189	NPPF 189 recognises the contribution the setting of a local heritage asset can make to the significance of the asset, and LEnv2 assists in identifying the critical settings in the Parish. One of the purposes of Green Belt (NPPF 134 (d)) is the preservation of the setting and special character of historic towns. One of the key views protected by Policy LEnv2 is that from Hammerwich Church across Green Belt to Lichfield Cathedral.
LEnv 3- Local Heritage Assets	184,187 (b), 189 - 199	LEnv3 reflects the importance the NPPF places on local heritage assets, and also potential archaeological sites in the Parish, in line with NPPF 187(b) and 189.
LEc1- Support for Retail and Commercial Uses	80, 83	LEc1 provides positive support for local businesses, both retail and other commercial, where these are in scale with the existing residential areas and rural Green Belt areas. NPPF 80 states: “Significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth and productivity, taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities for development.” Policy LEc1 supporting text recognises that agriculture is an important part of the local economy and is in accord with NPPF 83( b).The Policy is also consonant with NPPF 83 (a) and (c) and c 83 a with regard to support for rural businesses.
Ed1- Supporting Local Educational Provision	92 (a), 94 (a)	Policy Ed1 supports the creation of shared spaces and community benefits at the two educational establishments in the Parish, in accordance with NPPF 92(a). The Policy also acknowledges the need for planning decisions to support the flexibility for these establishments to expand or alter, in line with NPPF 94(a).

**(b) Preserving any Listed Building or its Setting or any Feature of Special Architectural or Historic Interest**

HNP Policies	Relevant NPPF Policies (para no.)	Commentary
LEnv2 & LEnv3	134(d),184,187(b), 189 - 199	In using the HNP and Local Plan policies to make decisions on planning applications, Policy LEnv3 will be used where a development affects a listed building, or its immediate surroundings, and LEnv2 where the development affects the wider setting of the listed building. See above under LEnv2 and LEnv3 for how these policies comply with the NPPF.

**(c) - NOT APPLICABLE**

**(d) Contribution to Sustainable Development**

NPPF Sustainability Objectives	Commentary
<p>NPPF para 8 - Achieving sustainable development means that the planning system has three overarching objectives...</p> <p>a) <b>an economic objective</b> – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy...</p> <p>b) <b>a social objective</b> - to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities...by fostering a well-designed and safe built environment...</p> <p>c) <b>an environmental objective</b> – to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land...</p>	<p>HNP policies help to meet all these Objectives, as follows:</p> <p>a) CF1, T4, LEc1, LEd1</p> <p>b) CF1, H1, H2, T3, LEnv1, LEd1</p> <p>c) H1, H2, T1, T2, T3, T4, LEnv1, LEnv2, LEnv3</p>

## (e) Conformity with Relevant Strategic Policies in Lichfield Local Plan Strategy (LPS) and Local Plan Review (LPR)

HNP Policy	LPS & LPR Policies	Commentary
Various	LPS Core Policy 1 (Spatial Strategy) (extract)	The HNP policies conform with LPS Core Policy 1 (extract): <i>Proposals will promote sustainability by minimising and/or mitigating pressure on the natural, built and historic environment, [HNP Policies H1, H2, LEnv 1-3] natural resources, utilities and infrastructure [HNP Policies H1, T1] and areas at risk of flooding, [HNP Policy H2] whilst also mitigating and adapting to climate change and reducing the need to travel.[HNP Policies T1, T3, T4]</i>
CF1- Protecting and Enhancing Local Facilities	LPS Policy Rural 1, LPS Policy Burntwood 2, LPR Strategic Policy OSC1, LPR Local Policy B3	<p>In promoting the improvement of the local community services and businesses in the Parish, HNP Policy CF1 conforms with:</p> <p>LPS Policy Rural 1 - Rural Areas – <i>“Improvements to social, community and environmental infrastructure will be supported where these address the needs of the village and are sustainably located, and do not conflict with other Core Policies in this document”;</i></p> <p>LPS Policy Burntwood 2 - Burntwood services and facilities – <i>“Where possible the range of services and facilities in Burntwood will be improved to remedy existing deficiencies, ... so that these best meet the needs of residents, businesses and visitors. Access to services and facilities will be enhanced, including improvements to, and more effective use of, community facilities.”;</i></p> <p>LPR Strategic Policy OSC1: Securing sustainable development – <i>“The council will secure sustainable development by requiring all development to contribute to the creation and maintenance of sustainable communities... To achieve this, development should address the following key issues: Protect and enhance the character and distinctiveness of Lichfield district and its settlements and maintain the vitality, viability and vibrancy of local communities; Protect the amenity of existing and future residents and promote social cohesion, inclusion and reduce inequalities through the provision of appropriate employment, quality housing, services, facilities and infrastructure...”;</i> and</p> <p>LPR Local Policy B3: Burntwood services and facilities – <i>“Initiatives that strengthen the existing vibrant and important neighbourhood shopping centres located within Burntwood will also be supported to ensure they remain viable.”</i></p>



VB1- Village Boundary	LPR Policy OHF1	See HNP H1 below, particularly LPR Policy OHF1 on village settlement boundaries.
H1- New Housing Development – Siting and Mix of Housing Types	LPS Core Policy 6 LPS Policies Rural1 & Rural 2, LPS Policy NR2 LPS Policy H1 LPR Strategic Policies OHF1 &2 LPR Local Policy OR1,	<p>In permitting new housing in the Parish only on infill sites within Triangle Ward and within the settlement boundary of Hammerwich Village, and not in the Green Belt (unless it meets LPS Policy NR2 - Development in the Green Belt - criteria), HNP Policy H1 is in conformity with:</p> <p>LPS Core Policy CP 6 – Housing Delivery – <i>“In the remaining rural areas, only the following residential development will be permitted: infill development within defined village settlement boundaries (set out in the Local Plan Allocations document); affordable housing delivered through Rural Exceptions (see LPS Policy H2); changes of use and conversion schemes; small scale development supported by local communities, identified through the Local Plan Allocations document or community led plans; agricultural, forestry and other occupational workers dwellings”</i>; and</p> <p>LPS Policy Rural 1: Rural Areas – <i>“smaller villages will only deliver housing to accommodate local needs. Around 5% of the District’s housing (around 500 dwellings) will be met within the village boundaries of these smaller villages, [see LPR Policy OR1, cited below, for update on this] through the conversion of existing buildings and to meet identified local needs on rural exception sites.”</i> and</p> <p>LPS Policy Rural 2: - Other Rural Settlements – <i>“Support will be given to rural settlements wishing to provide small scale development to meet local needs, where the need for this can be clearly and robustly evidenced by the local community and where this accords with policies in the Local Plan”</i> and</p> <p>LPR Strategic Policy OHF1 - Housing Provision - states that in the Smaller Rural Villages: <i>“only the following residential development will be permitted:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Infill development within defined village settlement boundaries [a defined boundary for Hammerwich is formally established by Policy VB1];</i></li> <li>• <i>Affordable housing delivered through rural exceptions (these are explained in Strategic Policy OHF4: Affordable housing);</i></li> <li>• <i>Changes of use and conversion schemes;</i></li> <li>• <i>Development supported by local communities identified through neighbourhood plans or through the subsequent Allocations document [this is currently the July</i></li> </ul>

		<p>2019 document, but a review of this document will undoubtedly be made in the future];</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dwellings for agricultural, forestry and other occupational workers within the rural areas</i>” and</li> </ul> <p>LPR Local Policy OR1 states that: <i>“support will be given to rural settlements wishing to provide small scale development to meet local needs, where the need for this can be clearly and robustly evidenced by the local community and where this accords with policies in the Local Plan. In the smaller rural villages and wider rural areas provision will be made for 566 new dwellings, through existing commitments (366), and 200 as part of neighbourhood plan allocations.”</i></p> <p>HNP Policy H1 is in conformity with the balance required to meet the size of dwelling, mix of dwellings and local choice requirements of LPS Policy H1 -A Balanced Housing Market <i>“... the District Council will actively promote the delivery of smaller properties including two bed apartments and two and three bed houses to increase local housing choice and contribute to the development of mixed and sustainable communities”</i> and</p> <p>LPR Strategic Policy OHF2 -Providing a balanced housing market and optimising housing density - see chart and text of this Policy.</p>
H2- Housing Development Design	LPS Policy BE1 LPR Strategic Policy OSC4	The design principles and detailed considerations in Policy H2 underpin and conform with those in LPS Policy BE1 - High Quality Development - and LPR Strategic Policy OSC4 - High quality design.
T1- Increased Traffic from New Developments	LPS Policy ST1, LPR Strategic Policy OST2	<p>HNP Policy T1 is in conformity with:</p> <p>LPS ST1 - Sustainable Travel - <i>“The District Council will seek to secure more sustainable travel patterns by...</i></p> <p><i>6. Only permitting traffic generating development where it is, or can be made compatible with, the transport infrastructure in the area and takes account of: number and nature of additional traffic movements, including servicing needs; capacity of the local transport network; cumulative impact including other proposed development; access and egress to the public highway; and highway safety”</i> and</p> <p>LPR Strategic Policy OST2 : Sustainable travel – <i>“The district council will seek to secure more sustainable travel patterns by... (6) Only permitting traffic generating development where it is, or</i></p>

		<i>can be made compatible with the transport infrastructure in the area and which takes account of: number and nature of additional traffic movements, including servicing needs; capacity of the local transport network; access and egress to the public highway; and highway safety.”</i>
T2- Car Parking Standards - New Developments	LPS ST2 LPR LP1OST	The parking standards set out in Policy T2 are different to those in LDC’s Sustainable Design SPD, but Policy T2 is in general conformity with the principles set out in LPS Policy ST2 – Parking Provision - and LPR Local Policy LP1OST -Parking Provision - that should be taken into account when determining the amount of off-street parking required. It is noted that, in both LPS and LPR policies, the SPD’s parking standards are described as maxima. NPPF para 106 states: <i>“Maximum parking standards for residential and non-residential development should only be set where there is a clear and compelling justification that they are necessary for managing the local road network, or for optimising the density of development in city and town centres and other locations that are well served by public transport.”</i> These two conditions are not applicable in the Parish: (i) there are no locations where the amount of residential parking off-street should be limited to manage the local road network – indeed limiting off-street parking is more likely to lead to local highway problems as more vehicles attempt to park on-street in obstructive and dangerous positions; (ii) nowhere in the Parish could be described as being well-served by public transport. Policy T2 allows for flexibility in providing fewer or more spaces than specified if individual circumstances warrant a deviation from them.
T3- New Cycle Routes & Improvements to Walking Routes	LPS Core Policy 5, LPS Core Policy 10, LPS Policy Burntwood 1, LP Allocations (July 2019) Policy IP2 LPR Strategic Policy OST1 LPR Policy ONR4	HNP Policy T3 is in conformity with:  LPS Core Policy CP5 - Sustainable Transport - and LPS Core Policy 10 - Healthy & Safe Lifestyles - with regard to supporting walking and cycling route improvements, in rural communities as well as in urban areas.  LPS Policy Burntwood 1: Burntwood Environment – <i>“Improved green infrastructure, cycling and walking links, and connections to the wider countryside beyond ...will be encouraged and supported”</i>  LP Allocations Policy IP2: Lichfield Canal – <i>“To assist in the delivery of the Lichfield Canal the route of the Lichfield Canal as shown on the Policies Maps and including the Heritage Towpath Trail will be safeguarded from any development which could prejudice its long-term restoration. New development shall recognise the advantages of supporting the delivery of the canal through a sensitively designed scheme and by including the route as part of the open space network, considering opportunities for sustainable transport, enhanced biodiversity, enhancement to the historic environment and where demonstrated that infiltration drainage is not viable, use of the canal as part of sustainable drainage for disposal of surface water, where appropriate”.</i>

		<p>LPR Strategic Policy OST1: Our sustainable transport - sets out general support for sustainable means of transport which Policy T3 helps to achieve.</p> <p>LPR Policy ONR4 - Green Infrastructure and Connectivity - sets out the District's support of safeguarding the Lichfield Canal.</p>
T4- Reinstatement of the Lichfield to Walsall Railway Line	LPS Core Policy 5, LPR Strategic Policy OST1	<p>HNP Policy T4 is in conformity with Core Policy 5 - Sustainable Transport - with regard to safeguarding this former railway line's route for possible re-opening.</p> <p>LPR Strategic Policy OST1: Our sustainable transport -sets out general support for sustainable means of transport which HNP Policy T3 helps to achieve.</p>
LEnv 1- Parks and Public Open Spaces	LPS Core Policy 10 LPR Strategic Policy OHSC1, LPR Preferred Policy OSR2	<p>HNP Policy LEnv1 is in conformity with:</p> <p>LPS Core Policy 10: Healthy &amp; Safe Lifestyles -the Council will facilitate "... access to a range of high quality and well-maintained open spaces, playing pitches, sport, recreation, play facilities and cultural assets which are relevant to, and meet the needs of local communities" and with</p> <p>LPR Preferred Policy OSR2: Open Space and Recreation. and LPR Strategic Policy OHSC1: Healthy &amp; safe communities – which provides a general presumption against loss of sports facilities and open spaces for recreation, and supports "initiatives and development that will enable existing facilities and services to be able to adapt to change and continue to best serve the identified needs of our communities".</p>
LEnv 2- Protecting the Key Views Across the Countryside to and from Hammerwich Village	LPS Core Policy 14, Policy BE1, LP Allocations (July 2019) Policy BE2 LPR Strategic Policies OSC1, ONR5 and OBHE4	<p>HNP Policy LEnv2 conforms with:</p> <p>LPS Core Policy 14 - Our Built &amp; Historic Environment - "<i>The skyline of Lichfield City, characterised by the five spires emerging above the roofs and tree canopy will be protected and should inform the height, scale and layout for new developments. This and other locally important views within settlements and rural locations will be safeguarded and the integration of views and vistas shaping a strong sense of place in new development layouts will also be encouraged</i>" and</p>

		<p>LPS Policy BE1 and LPR Policy OSC1 – Historic Environment - particularly with regard to the requirement to demonstrate that new development will have a positive impact on the <i>“significance of all elements of the historic environment, in particular that of heritage assets including the aspects of the asset’s significance that are derived from its setting, such as skylines and landscapes containing important historic, built and natural features”</i></p> <p>LP Allocations Policy BE2 - Heritage Assets: <i>“Development proposals which conserve and enhance our historic environment will be supported where the development will not result in harm to the significance of the heritage asset or its setting. To enable the effect of an application on the historic environment to be assessed, any application which could impact on a heritage asset (designated or non-designated) including its setting should be accompanied by a Heritage Statement which should include an assessment of its significance, and an assessment of the impact of the proposals on the significance. It should also include an archaeological assessment where relevant. Clear and convincing evidence will be required for any harm or loss to the significance of a heritage asset. The loss of, or harm to, a heritage asset will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the ensuing harm and loss of significance of the heritage asset is necessary to achieve public benefits that outweigh that harm or loss in accordance with the NPPF. In this case the areas affected should be recorded and the information submitted to the Staffordshire County Council’s Historic Environment Record as a minimum.”</i></p> <p>LPR Policies ONR5 – Natural and Historic Landscapes: <i>“Where development or land use changes may affect national or locally-identified landscape designations, views of Lichfield Cathedral and its setting ...a full understanding of the context, characteristics and significance of the landscape and impact on character and the views should be provided”</i> and</p> <p>Policy OBHE4 - Evidence to Support Heritage Proposals: <i>“Where a development proposal would affect the significance of a heritage asset (whether designated or non-designated) including any contribution made by its setting, it should be informed by proportionate historic environment assessments...that... explain the nature and degree of any impact on a heritage asset, in particular, on elements that contribute to their significance and demonstrate how, in order of preference, any harm will be avoided, minimised or mitigated. This may require an assessment of the impact of the proposal upon longer distance views and vistas of Lichfield Cathedral and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or views identified in conservation area management plans or neighbourhood plans...”</i></p>
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<p>LEnv 3- Local Heritage Assets</p>	<p>LPS Core Policy 14, LP Allocations Policy BE2 LPR Strategic Policies OBHE1, OBHE2 &amp; OSC1</p>	<p>HNP Policy LEnv3 conforms with LPS Core Policy 14 - Our Built &amp; Historic Environment – (first four paragraphs) and Policy BE2 in LP Allocations July 2019 document (see under NP Policy LEnv2 above for text)</p> <p>LPR Policy OBHE1 - Historic Environment: <i>“The re-use, maintenance and repair of listed buildings and other heritage assets will be supported where the proposed use is considered to be the optimal viable use and is compatible with its fabric including its interior, character, appearance and setting of the historic asset. Changes of use should demonstrably assist in the maintenance or enhancement of the asset, particularly those that have been identified as being at risk. The loss of historic fabric simply to accommodate new uses will not be permitted. Reversibility and minimal intervention will also be key considerations when assessing proposals. Features essential to the special interest of the heritage asset should not be lost or altered to facilitate the change of use Opportunities which better reveal the significance of heritage assets and which improve the understanding of the district’s historic environment and local character will be supported”</i> and</p> <p>OBHE2 - Loss of heritage assets – as regards the maintenance and protection of heritage assets. This HNP Policy also conforms with LPR Policy OSC1 – historic environment, as quoted above under LEnv2.</p>
<p>LEc1- Support for Retail and Commercial Uses</p>	<p>LPS Core Policy 7, LPS Policy NR1, LPS Policy Rural 1, LPR Strategic Policy OEET1, Local Policy B3</p>	<p>HNP Policy LEc1 complies with:</p> <p>LPS Core Policy 7 - Employment &amp; Economic Development – <i>“Proposals for economic development and diversification of the rural economy will be supported where they do not conflict with other Local Plan Policies”</i> and</p> <p>LPS Policy NR1 - Countryside Management – <i>“Development proposals will be supported which: assist in delivering diverse and sustainable farming enterprises; deliver/assist in delivering other countryside-based enterprises and activities, including those which promote the recreation and enjoyment of the countryside, such as forestry, horticulture, fishing and equestrian activities, and crops for energy generation, which may fall outside the definition of agriculture...”</i> and</p> <p>LPS Policy Rural 1 - Rural Areas - <i>“Rural employment and diversification will be supported where this accords with Core Policy 7: Employment and Economic Development, including initiatives which provide support to existing businesses, home workers and the provision of faster broadband and other technologies which help to develop the rural economy”</i> and</p>



		<p>LPR Strategic Policy OEET1 - Our Employment and Economic Development – (general support for businesses) and</p> <p>Local Policy B3: Burntwood Services and Facilities – <i>“Initiatives that strengthen the existing vibrant and important neighbourhood shopping centres located within Burntwood will also be supported to ensure they remain viable.”</i></p>
Ed1- Supporting Local Educational Provision	LPS Core Policy 11, LPR Preferred Policy OSR2	<p>HNP Policy Ed1 conforms with:</p> <p>LPS CP11 - Participation in Sport &amp; Physical Activity - <i>“Support will be given for appropriate improvements to community infrastructure including community buildings and grounds and the community use of school facilities to enable them to offer a range of facilities and services that meet the needs of the local community particularly where this would facilitate opportunities to accommodate activities that promote healthy lifestyles”</i> and</p> <p>LPR Preferred Policy OSR2: Open space and recreation – <i>“Support will be given to the development of shared facilities which increase the opportunities for our communities to improve their health and well-being including provision which forms part of schools and colleges.”</i></p>

## (f) Compatibility with EU Obligations

Main EU Obligations	Commentary
Does the Revised Policy require a Strategic Environmental Assessment or a Habitats Regulations Assessment?	Screening Opinion for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment was undertaken by LDC. It was their opinion that neither Assessment would be required. (see document submitted separately as Appendix1)

# APPENDIX 1

## Screening Report Received from Lichfield District Council Regarding Requirement for a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment -

See separate submitted document

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