

Environmental Report



Breinton Neighbourhood Area

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Non-technical summary

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is an important part of the evidence base which underpins Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP), as it is a systematic decision support process, aiming to ensure that environmental assets, including those whose importance transcends local, regional and national interests, are considered effectively in plan making.

Breinton Parish Council has undertaken to prepare an NDP and this process has been subject to environmental appraisal pursuant to the SEA Directive. Breinton is a small parish immediately west of Hereford city, covering an area of 667 hectares mainly south of the A438 and north of the River Wye throughout its length.

The Breinton NDP includes 9 objectives, which are designed to deliver the overarching vision on the ground, and it is intended that these objectives will be supported by 17 criteria based planning policies; no site allocations are proposed here. A range of alternative options were considered prior to reaching a decision over the format of the earlier draft plan.

The environmental appraisal of the Breinton NDP has been undertaken in line with the Environmental Assessment of Plan and Programmes Regulations 2004. Stage A of the SEA process involved Scoping and Stage B provided a review and analysis of the NDP. Stage C involved preparing a Draft Environmental Report and Stage D comprised a formal consultation on both the SEA Final report July 2015 and the Draft Plan itself and the resubmission plan and SEA report February 2016. This report now details the SEA that was undertaken on the modifications made following the examination.

The NDP has been refined by the NDP steering group to reflect the Decision Document issued following with examination, None of these modifications materially affected the outcomes of Stage B of the SEA process, as they did not involve the introduction of new policies or change the overall aims and objectives of the submission version of the planning policies. In general, the refinements related to the clarity sentences and phrases in line with national policy.

On this basis, the conclusion set out in the previous Draft Environmental Report remains valid. That is, the Breinton NDP is in general conformity with both national planning policy contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and strategic policies set within the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy). Nor does it propose any growth that would be over and above that prescribed by strategic policies. Therefore no changes to the NDP are recommended as a result of the SEA.

Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening has been carried out as the Parish falls within the catchment for the River Wye, which is a European site (Special Area of Conservation). The HRA assesses the potential effects of the NDP on the River Wye SAC.

Once made (adopted) by Herefordshire Council, the effects of the policies within the Breinton NDP will be monitored annually via the Council's Authority Monitoring Report (AMR).

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report forms the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Breinton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).
- 1.2 The Breinton NDP does not propose any site allocations; whilst the settlement of Breinton is targeted for proportional growth in Policy RA2 of the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy), the NDP identifies windfalls within three settlement boundaries, existing commitment and future parish windfalls as the principal mechanism for delivering the residual housing target. The NDP also provides general policies for guiding future development across the parish as a whole.

Purpose of the SEA

- 1.3 SEA is a requirement of EC Directive 2001/42/EC (the SEA Directive) which requires the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment to ensure that the proposals in that plan or programme contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.
- 1.4 The Directive was transposed into domestic legislation through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and which applies to plans with significant environmental effects.
- 1.5. A screening opinion was carried out on the Breinton NDP and it concluded that due to the range of environmental designations in and around the parish, there may be significant environmental effects and consequently an SEA would be required.

About Breinton

- 1.6 Breinton is a small parish immediately west of Hereford city. The parish covers an area of 667 hectares mainly south of the A438 and north of the River Wye throughout its length.
- 1.7 In spite of its proximity to Hereford, the parish is very rural away from the ribbon development along the A438 and has experienced limited expansion over previous plan periods; hence it is sparsely populated with a density of 1.3 persons per hectare.
- 1.8 The neighbourhood area boasts many natural features, with 21 Special Wildlife Sites and 24 Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation either within or bordering the parish. There are numerous built heritage assets, too, including listed buildings, Scheduled Monuments and non-designated assets.
- 1.9 The vision for Breinton in 2031 is as follows:

“To develop Breinton as a sustainable, rural parish, essentially producing food and providing vital opportunities for informal, outdoor recreation and tourism through enhancing its outstanding natural environment and green infrastructure assets for the benefit of local residents and visitors from Hereford City and further afield”.

- 1.10 The 9 NDP objectives which underpin this vision are:

1. To promote a level of housing growth to help meet the indicative housing target for Herefordshire that is proportionate to the size of Breinton parish and its settlements so that the parish retains its essentially rural character.
2. To ensure that new housing developed in Breinton over the plan period provides a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes of homes so that opportunities are provided for local people of all ages to continue to live in the parish.
3. To promote the highest possible environmental standards, by encouraging landowners and developers to exceed minimum standards required by existing regulations.

4. To protect the best quality agricultural land and soils as scarce national resources and support the growth of local agriculture and extensive fruit growing, by wherever possible using farming methods and practices that protect the environment and preserve the distinctive rural landscape of this part of Herefordshire.
5. To protect Breinton parish's limited community assets and to encourage provision of additional, appropriate community assets.
6. To protect and improve a network of links to, from and within Breinton.
7. To continue as an area free of chemical, airborne, noise or light pollution on the boundary of Hereford City: providing recreational opportunities including walking, running, cycling, riding and river based activities in exceptional countryside.
8. To protect and enhance the traditional heritage and landscapes such as the parish's designated and non-designated heritage assets, traditional orchards, hedges, low density, dispersed settlement pattern, and fine rural views including along the Wye and to the Black Mountains.
9. To support the growth of existing businesses.

Context of Neighbourhood Plans

- 1.11 NDPs are a relatively new type of planning document that form a key part of the Government's localism agenda. They enable local communities to develop plans that reflect local aspirations, in accordance with strategic policies.
- 1.12 The Breinton NDP must therefore conform to national planning policy set within the NPPF and strategic level local policy including the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy).
- 1.13 The Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy) was adopted on 16th October 2015.
- 1.14 Paragraph 216 of the NPPF and Planning Practice Guidance set out the weight that may be given to relevant policies in emerging plans, including NDPs, and indicated that weight can be given to relevant policies in emerging NDPs according to:
 - The stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced the preparation, the greater the weight that may be given);
 - The extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given); and
 - The degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the policies in this Framework (the closer the policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given).
- 1.15 The Breinton NDP has been subject to an independent examination and is seen as holding significant weight in terms of paragraph 216 of the NPPF.
- 1.16 Table 4.15 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) lists Breinton among the settlements which it considers to be sustainable locations for growth in line with the provisions of Policy RA2. Accordingly three settlement boundary has been designated to define Breinton in terms of planning policy.
- 1.17 Once made (adopted) by Herefordshire Council, the Breinton NDP will have a role in guiding future development proposals within the Parish, by setting out policies against which planning applications will be determined.

Structure of SEA

- 1.19 The structure of the document is as follows:

- Section 2 – Explains the SEA methodology and summarises the comments received in respect of the SEA Scoping Report
- Section 3 - Introduces the Breinton NDP objectives and the SEA framework
- Section 4 - Appraises the objectives set within the NDP against the SEA framework
- Section 5 - Appraises the options set within the NDP against the SEA framework
- Section 6 – Appraises the policies set within the NDP against the SEA framework
- Section 7 – Discusses the implementation and monitoring of the NDP
- Section 8 - Concludes the SEA report by outlining next steps

2.0 Methodology

2.1 The SEA process comprised several stages and which are summarised, in some detail, below.

2.2 Stage A involved 4 tasks and culminated in a Scoping Report:

- *Task A1:* Identified and reviewed relevant policies, plans and programmes and environmental protection objectives from European, National and Local sources.
- *Task A2:* Collected baseline information to provide a picture of past, present and likely future conditions within the area. This helped to establish indicators which will be used to monitor the effects and performance of the Breinton NDP.
- *Task A3:* Focused on the environmental issues identified from the baseline, highlighting key issues and problems within the neighbourhood area.
- *Task A4:* Used the information gathered from Tasks A1-A3 to develop a set of SEA objectives, sometimes referred to as the 'sustainability framework'.
- *Task A5:* Collated the results of Tasks A1-A4 within a Scoping Report, a document which was subject to a statutory 5 week consultation.

2.3 Stage B involved 4 tasks and assessed the effects of the NDP.

- *Task B1:* Tested NDP Objectives against the SEA Objectives
- *Task B2:* Developed and refined the NDP policies.
- *Task B3/B4:* Predicted and evaluated the significant effects of the NDP

2.4 Stage C involved preparing an Environmental Report. Stage D involves the reassessment of any policies which has been modified as a result of the submission consultation and the independent examination. This report presents information compiled during Stage B and Stage D of the SEA process and constitutes the Environmental Appraisal of the NDP. It accompanies the post examination version of the plan.

Scoping Report Consultation

2.7 With regard to the SEA scoping assessments, documents A1 to A4 were completed by a Herefordshire Council Planning Officer and sent to the Parish Council for comment, in readiness for a 5 week consultation with statutory bodies, pursuant to the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

- 2.8 After the document was approved by the Parish Council, the Breinton SEA Scoping Report was available to four¹ statutory bodies for consultation from 18 June to 23 July 2014.

Consultation outcomes from Statutory Consultees

- 2.9 The consultation resulted in 2 responses, both of which are attached at Appendix 3.
- 2.10 Both responses were collated and incorporated within this document where relevant.

Natural England: List six further documents which should be reviewed as part of SEA Task A1. Also recommend that additional baseline data be sourced in respect of SSSIs, wildlife habitats, landscape character and the quality of agricultural land. The response is clear that a full HRA screen should be carried out due to proximity of the River Wye Special Area of Conservation.

Response: The six documents referred to have been added to A1 and further baseline data has been incorporated at A2.

English Heritage: Made general comments in relation to a range of Scoping Reports which were consulted on at the same time. Suggested that 'heritage assets' be defined and given greater coverage, as opposed to focusing solely on designated assets. Several changes to the wording of certain targets and indicators are suggested, too.

Response: Changes to the wording of relevant indicators and targets have been incorporated into A2 and A4.

Environment Agency: No comments received

Natural Resources Wales: No comments received

Draft Environmental Report consultation

- 2.11 The Draft SEA was consulted on for a 6 week period between 16 February and 30 March 2015. The three statutory bodies listed above were consulted and comments received from two of these can be found in Appendix 3a, with a summary provided at Appendix 6.
- 2.12 The document was available on Herefordshire Council's website for comment during the period highlighted above, but representations were sent to the Parish Council. However, apart from the comments received from one statutory consultee, none of the representations were directed at content or structure of the Draft Environmental Report.
- 2.13 None of the respondents to the consultation disputed or requested an amendment to the SEA of the Breinton NDP and Natural England made clear that the Draft Environmental Report satisfies the requirements of the relevant legislation and regulations, and concur with its conclusions.

Initial Regulation 16 consultation

- 2.14 The Final Environmental Report and the NDP were subject to a 6 week consultation held by Herefordshire Council in accordance with Regulation 16 between 4 August and 15 September 2015. The three statutory bodies listed in Paragraph 2.10 were consulted although no comments specifically on the Environmental Report were received.
- 2.15 However, comments were made by a number of objectors during the consultation regarding the policies. These policies have now been amended to take into consideration these objections. The amended policies have been subject to re-assessment and can be seen in Appendix 8 of this report.

¹ Statutory consultation bodies: Natural England; English Heritage; Environment Agency Natural Resources Wales

- 2.16 In addition, there was one objection stating that the options in the SEA were overly simplistic. The parish have reviewed the options they considered during the time of writing the draft plan and have submitted more detailed options that were considered, and these have also been re-assessed fully (Appendix 7).

3.0 The SEA Framework

- 3.1 As mentioned previously, Stage A of the SEA identifies and reviews relevant policies, plans and programmes and environmental protection objectives from European, National and Local sources (refer to Table A1 in Appendix 2 for details of those documents that were reviewed in completing Stage A of SEA on the Breinton NDP).

- 3.2 The requirement to undertake this 'context review' is contained in Annexes 1(a) and (e) of the SEA Directive which states that an Environmental Report should include:

"...an outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan or programme and relationship with other relevant plans and programmes" and

"...the environmental protection objectives, established at international, Community or Member State level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation"

Policy context

- 3.3 The Breinton NDP will deliver the Local Plan (Core Strategy) at parish level by adding locally specific detail to strategic policies. As a consequence, the Scoping Report for the NDP was based on the context review Herefordshire Council undertook for its Local Plan (Core Strategy).
- 3.4 The results of this assessment (context review) provide the source of the local baseline data and have been incorporated into the SEA framework. It should be noted that:
- No list of policies, plans and programmes can ever be exhaustive and that Herefordshire Council has selected those considered to be of particular relevance to the planning system;
 - New or revised plans and policies can emerge during the SEA process
- 3.5 The following plans, policies and programmes have been reviewed and, where appropriate, incorporated within the SEA Framework objectives:
- *The EC Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2010)* - These regulations transpose the Habitats Directive in England, Wales and to a limited extent Scotland by ensuring that activities are carried out in accordance with the Habitats Directive, which is to protect biodiversity through the conservation of natural habitats and species of wild flora and fauna.
 - *The EC Water Framework Directive (2000)* - Commits all EU member states to achieve good qualitative and quantitative status of all water courses by 2015
 - *The Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)* - The major legal instrument for wildlife protection in Britain, although other significant acts have been passed since. It has numerous parts and supplementary lists and schedules many of which have been amended since publication.
 - *Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services (2011)* - Forms part of the UK's Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework by setting out England's

contribution towards the UK's commitments under the United Nations Convention of Biological Diversity.

- *The Countryside and Right of Way Act (2000)* - Creates a statutory right of access on foot to certain types of open land, to modernise the public rights of way system, to strengthen nature conservation legislation, and to facilitate better management of AONBs
- *The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006)* - Designed to help achieve a rich and diverse natural environment and thriving rural communities through modernised and simplified arrangements for delivering Government policy.
- *Revised EU Sustainable Development strategy (2009)* - Sets out a single strategy on how the EU will more effectively meet its long-standing commitment to meet the challenges of sustainable development.
- *National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012)* - Consolidates the suite of PPG/PPS into one succinct planning policy document.
- *Planning Practice Guidance (2013)* - Sets out the vision, objectives and policies for the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy), which will guide development across the county up to 2031.
- *Herefordshire Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP) 2013-2015* - Sets out the Council's strategy for supporting economic growth, social inclusion and reducing the environmental impacts of transport, as well as the program of investment for the period April 2013 to April 2015.
- *Understanding Herefordshire Report (2014)* - Important to understand the place such as the local economy natural and built environment in which people live, learn and work as part of understanding their quality of life. Enable development for economy and housing to required levels and growth should be supported by sustainable transport measures.
- *Malvern Hills AONB Management Plan 2009-2014 (2009)* - Identifies the issues and challenges facing the special features of the area and contains 24 guiding principles and 46 strategic objectives which will help address them.
- *Wye Valley AONB management Plan 2009-2014 (2009)* - The Management Plan is the prime document which sets out the vision for the area and the priorities for its management.
- *Herefordshire Economic Development Strategy 2011-2016* - Aims to increase the economic wealth of Herefordshire by setting out proposals and to support business growth up to 2016.
- *Herefordshire Employment Land Study (2012)* - Includes employment land assessments for the plan period 2011-2031. The study includes Quantitative and Qualitative assessments of employment land, assessment of market demand and need, as well as providing forecasts and recommendations for future employment need over the plan period.
- *Herefordshire Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) (2009)* - The SHLAA aims to justify site allocations in plans by:
 - Identifying sites which are capable of delivering housing development
 - Assessing sites for their housing potential; and
 - Predicting when a site could be developed for housing.

- *Herefordshire Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA) (2013)* - Builds on an earlier Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) developed for Herefordshire and Shropshire. Its purpose is to inform the Local Plan's policies regarding housing need and demand (for market and affordable housing) within each of the 7 Housing Market Areas (HMAs) in Herefordshire between 2011 and 2031.
- *Herefordshire Local Housing Requirements Study (2012)* - Technical assessment of the housing market and potential future local housing requirements which supports planning policy regarding the amount of growth, housing tenure and housing type needed within Herefordshire up to 2031.
- *Herefordshire Rural Housing Background Report (2013)* - Provides the justification for the proportional housing growth targets outlined in the Core Strategy
- *Herefordshire Draft Gypsies and Travellers Assessment (2013)* - Assesses the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers across Herefordshire.
- *Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan (2007)* - Focuses conservation efforts on the areas within Herefordshire that will result in the greatest benefit for ecological networks, habitats and species.
- *Building Biodiversity into the LDF (2009)* - Provides the Council's Local Plan (Core Strategy) with evidence in respect of biodiversity and geodiversity, identifying both opportunities and constraints across Herefordshire.
- *Herefordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy (2010)* - Develops a framework of natural and culturally important features and functions so that planning for a sustainable future is at the heart of planning within Herefordshire.
- *Renewable Energy Study (2010)* - Assesses the energy demand within Herefordshire and the ability for the county to accommodate renewable and low carbon energy technologies.
- *Herefordshire Playing Pitch Assessment (2012)* - Produces a strategic framework, audit and assessment and needs analysis of outdoor sports pitches and facilities for Herefordshire. The document arises as a result of a recommendation in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sports Facilities Framework to develop local standards for playing fields and sports pitches throughout Herefordshire.
- *Open Spaces Study (2006)* - The 2006 space audit and assessment of need is a snapshot of the quality, quantity and distribution of open space across Herefordshire.
- *Play Facilities Study (2012)* - The Play Facilities Study 2012 updates the previous play facilities analysis under the Open Spaces Study 2006 and provides guidance and a framework for the development, delivery and continued sustainability of providing new and improved play facilities for children and young people in Herefordshire to 2031.
- *Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Water Cycle Study (2009)* - The SFRA provides a summary of flood risk in Herefordshire to inform the location of future development. The Water Cycle Study examines how water resources and water supply infrastructure, wastewater treatment, water quality, sewerage and flood risk could constrain growth across Herefordshire.

3.6 Appendix 1 of the Breinton Plan Scoping Report provides additional detail on the Plans, Policies and Programmes mentioned above and identifies the implications for the SEA and NDP.

SEA Objectives and baseline characteristics

- 3.7 The SEA objectives that were used at Stages A and B of the process are listed in the following table.

SEA Objective	
1	To maintain or enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)
2	To maintain or enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes
3	To improve the quality of surroundings
4	To conserve or where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage
5	To improve air quality
6	To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment
7	To reduce contributions to climate change
8	To reduce vulnerability to climate change
9	To improve water quality
10	To provide for sustainable sources of water supply
11	To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk
12	To conserve soil resources and quality
13	To minimise the production of waste
14	To improve the health of the population
15	To reduce crime and nuisance
16	To conserve natural and manmade resources

- 3.8 The SEA objectives detailed above conform to the SEA Directive, and are derived from the Sustainability Appraisal undertaken for the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2011-2031.
- 3.9 Baseline information gathered during Stage A of the SEA process provided details of the current environmental characteristics of the neighbourhood area and the status of its natural assets and features (refer to Appendix 2). This information was analysed as part of Task B2 of SEA, which looked at the extent to which the emerging NDP policies will help or obstruct these characteristics. There are three objectives for which there is no local baseline data available and therefore this provides a limitation on the baseline data and whether the NDP policies are able to move towards or away from this data, this also means that future trends cannot be predicted.
- 3.10 Following the completion of Task B2 of SEA it was apparent that the largest environmental issue within the parish, and which has an impact on the County as a whole, is water quality; the River Wye, though currently meeting all its conservation objectives, will require effective management, in order to ensure that the quality of water does not deteriorate to the point that nutrient targets are missed further downstream.
- 3.11 The NDP does not propose that sites be allocated for development and contains only criteria-based policies. On this basis, the delivery of the NDP should not exacerbate existing problems regarding water quality or have an unacceptable adverse impact, especially given that new mitigation criteria were added to housing and employment policies following the Draft Plan consultation.

4.0 Assessing the NDP Objectives

4.1 The following objectives, as set out in the NDP, aim to realise the vision for Breinton in 2031:

1. To promote a level of housing growth to help meet the indicative housing target for Herefordshire that is proportionate to the size of Breinton parish and its settlements so that the parish retains its essentially rural character.
2. To ensure that new housing developed in Breinton over the plan period provides a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes of homes so that opportunities are provided for local people of all ages to continue to live in the parish.
3. To promote the highest possible environmental standards, by encouraging landowners and developers to exceed minimum standards required by existing regulations.
4. To protect the best quality agricultural land and soils as scarce national resources and support the growth of local agriculture and extensive fruit growing, by wherever possible using farming methods and practices that protect the environment and preserve the distinctive rural landscape of this part of Herefordshire.
5. To protect Breinton parish's limited community assets and to encourage provision of additional, appropriate community assets.
6. To protect and improve a network of links to, from and within Breinton.
7. To continue as an area free of chemical, airborne, noise or light pollution on the boundary of Hereford City: providing recreational opportunities including walking, running, cycling, riding and river based activities in exceptional countryside.
8. To protect and enhance the traditional heritage and landscapes such as the parish's designated and non-designated heritage assets, traditional orchards, hedges, low density, dispersed settlement pattern, and fine rural views including along the Wye and to the Black Mountains.
9. To support the growth of existing businesses.

4.2 The table below tests these NDP objectives against the SEA objectives, providing a summary of the results of Task B1 of SEA. The full results are available at Appendix 4 of this report.

4.3 The majority of those NDP objectives which have a relationship with the SEA framework are positively compatible with it or have a neutral effect.

4.4 It is impossible to appraise the full implications of NDP objectives 5, 6, 7 and 9 at this stage given the lack of detail over the exact locations of schemes that may come to fruition as a result of the implementation of these objectives (i.e. new or expanded community facilities and business premises on existing employment land).

4.5 Task B1 of the SEA identified the following potential conflicts between the NDP objectives and the SEA framework:

- NDP Objective 5 conflicts with SEA Objectives 5/6/7/8
- NDP Objective 9 conflicts with SEA Objectives 5/6/7/8

4.6 The potential conflicts listed above can be largely attributed to the possible rise in vehicular movements in remote locations once the NDP objectives have been realised on the ground and the attendant impacts on air quality and both contributions and vulnerability to climate change.

Key:	
+	Compatible
-	Possible conflict
0	Neutral
X	No relationship between objectives
?	Unclear, more information needed

NDP objectives	SEA objectives															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Objective 1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	+	0	?	?	x	x	?
Objective 2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	x	x	x
Objective 3	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+
Objective 4	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	?	x	+	+	+	x	x	+
Objective 5	?	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	0	0	?	?	x	+	x	?
Objective 6	?	?	?	?	?	?	x	x	x	x	x	x	?	x	x	x
Objective 7	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	x	x	?	?	x	x	x	?
Objective 8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	x	+	x	+
Objective 9	?	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	0	0	?	?	x	+	x	?

5.0 Assessing the NDP Strategy Options

- 5.1 All options that were considered by the NDP steering group during the development of their plan have been assessed as part of the SEA and the original options summary matrix of the assessment can be found in Table B2 at Appendix 4. There were a number of amended options that were considered these have been assessed the amended B3 table in Appendix 7.
- 5.2 A 'do nothing' option was also considered, i.e. not undertaking an NDP, however this was disregarded at an early stage by the Parish Council as it was considered the majority of the community would support the work undertaken for an NDP.
- 5.4 Option 2 of allocating sites for housing was considered and rejected. Pursuing this option would have given greater certainty over future development within the area particularly within Breinton, where small-scale proportional growth is expected.
- 5.5 The third and fourth option of designating settlement boundaries would also have seen a positive effect on the baseline. The designation of a settlement boundary would give additional certainty and help define those areas considered as the built form and open countryside. This can aid the direction of further growth to maintain the quality of the landscape and surroundings. There is less certainty over the positive effects on the baseline as any growth will be adjudged by criteria based policy.
- 5.6 Option 5 and 6 to designate a settlement boundary and allocate land was also favourable in terms of the SEA objectives but this too was considered and rejected.

- 5.7 Option 7 of producing development management criteria policies was initially favoured by the Parish. Criteria based policy does not give the same level of certainty as the other options, as it will be more reactionary than proactive in terms of growth proposals.
- 5.8 Following the initial Regulation 16 consultation, it was seen that there was a need for Settlement boundaries to provide some clarity and certainty to the policies, and to meet the Core Strategy objectives. Therefore, option 8 has been taken forward as the preferred option for the re-submission of Regulation 16.

NDP Options	Baseline Data/SEA Objectives															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Option 1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x
Option 2	++	++	?	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	+				++
Option 3	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?				+
Option 4	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?				+
Option 5	++	++	+	++	++	+	++	++	++	+	++	+				++
Option 6	++	++	+	++	++	+	++	++	++	+	++	+				++
Option 7	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+
Option 8	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++				+

6.0 Appraisal of the policies and options

- 6.1 A key part of developing a plan such as the Breinton NDP is developing a range of options and testing these, so that a preferred way forward can be selected. A number of options were assessed against the NDP topic policies, the assessment table of these can be found in appendix 7.
- 6.2 The plan has been organised with a set of general overarching policies for the whole neighbourhood area and these emerging set of draft policies,(note some have been renumbered and renamed between the draft Regulation 14 consultation and the final plan), have been appraised for the purposes of Stage B of the SEA:
- Policy B1: Housing development in the defined Breinton settlements
 - Policy B2: King's Acre Road
 - Policy B3: Housing in the countryside and rural exception sites
 - Policy B4: Re-use of empty buildings for housing
 - Policy B5: Ensuring an appropriate range of tenures, types and sizes of houses
 - Policy B6: Sustainable design and energy efficiency
 - Policy B7: Protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land, soils and promoting agricultural development that protects the environment and preserves the distinctive rural landscape
 - Policy B8: Protecting and developing existing community assets and infrastructure
 - Policy B9: Protecting designated local greenspace
 - Policy B10: Moving around Breinton
 - Policy B11: Green infrastructure
 - Policy B12: Small scale renewable and low carbon energy schemes
 - Policy B13: Countryside recreation
 - Policy B14: Protecting the landscape
 - Policy B15: Local Distinctiveness

- Policy B16: Protecting important public views
- Policy B17: Local heritage assets
- Policy B18: Veldifer

Stage B of SEA

- 6.3 In the context of Task B1 of SEA, the previous section of this report identified that many of the NDP objectives are compatible with the SEA framework, while others had either a neutral impact, no relationship with the SEA objectives or if needed; further information such as location of development. Additional policy safeguards within the NDP and Local Plan (Core Strategy) would help mitigate any possible conflicts.
- 6.4 With regard to Task B2 of SEA, the NDP policies were measured against both the SEA framework and the baseline characteristics identified during Stage A of the process; here, there was no baseline data available in respect of SEA Objectives 3, 13, 14 and 15. Full details of this appraisal are attached at Appendix 4.
- 6.5 The policies largely score as positive or neutral against the SEA objectives and will not, therefore, have an adverse impact on the baseline characteristics or immediate environmental impacts. This is because they are criteria based policies which only consider schemes on their own merits, as and when planning applications are submitted to the local planning authority.
- 6.6 There are some unknown factors, particularly where the location of specific piece of development (i.e community facilities or business units) is not yet known.
- 6.7 The results of Task B3, as shown at Appendix 4, demonstrate that the cumulative impact of the NDP policies over the course of the plan period is generally positive. Although some policies may have a neutral or uncertain impact during the first 5 years of the plan period, there is no reason why they cannot have a positive effect in the medium to long-term due to policy safeguards included in the Local Plan (Core Strategy); these safeguards should avoid or mitigate against unacceptable adverse impacts.
- 6.8 Task B4 of SEA brings together the results of earlier tasks and thus identifies the cumulative impact of the entire NDP. This task, which is also attached at Appendix 4, reveals that the objectives and policies contained in the Breinton NDP are by and large in general conformity with the Local Plan (Core Strategy), which means that the cumulative effect of the plan will contribute to the achievement of the SEA objectives.
- 6.9 None of the NDP policies are considered to be in direct conflict with or propose greater levels of growth and development than strategic policies contained in the Local Plan (Core Strategy), which themselves have undergone a full Sustainability Appraisal.
- 6.10 As mentioned in para 3.11, Policies B1, B2, B3 and B18 were refined following the Regulation 14 Draft Plan consultation and the proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan (Core Strategy).
- 6.11 However, it is not considered necessary to re-screen these policies to determine their effect on the baseline, as the new criteria do not materially alter the aims of the policies; they merely strengthen their stance on the need to safeguard the River Wye SAC from unacceptable adverse impacts.

SEA Stage D – Assessing the amended policies

- 6.12 Following the Regulation 16 consultation, 4 August to 16 September 2016, a number of objections were received. Therefore it was decided to undertake some amendments to the policies and the re-submit for a Regulation 16 consultation.

6.13 The policies which were amended and subsequently re-assessed under B2 (amended) and D3 (Appendix 8) were:

- Policy B1 – Housing development in the defined Breinton settlements
- Policy B2 – Kings Acre Road
- Policy B3 – Housing in the countryside and rural exception sites
- Policy B5 – Ensuring an appropriate range of tenures, types and sizes of houses
- Policy B6 – Sustainable design and energy efficiency
- Policy B7 – Protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land, soils and promoting agricultural development that protects the environment and preserves the distinctive rural landscape
- Policy B8 – Protecting and developing existing community assets and infrastructure
- Policy B9 – protecting designated Local Green Space
- Policy B10 - Moving around Breinton
- Policy B11 – Green infrastructure

NDP Policies	Baseline Data/SEA Objectives															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Policy B1 ²	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	?	x	x	x	+
Policy B2	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	?	x	x	x	+
Policy B3	+	+	X	+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	+	x	x	x	+
Policy B4	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	x	x	+
Policy B5	+	+	X	+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	x	X	x
Policy B6	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	x	X	+
Policy B7	++	++	X	++	+	x	+	+	X	x	x	++	X	X	X	+
Policy B8	x	++	X	++	+	++	++	x	x	x	x	+	X	X	X	++
Policy B9	++	++	X	++	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	++	X	X	X	++
Policy B10	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	x	x	x	x	+	X	X	X	+
Policy B11	+	+	X	+	+	x	+	+	+	x	+	+	X	X	X	+
Policy B12	?	?	X	?	+	x	++	++	x	+	++	x	X	X	X	+
Policy B13	?	?	X	?	?	?	?	?	o	x	o	?	X	X	X	?
Policy B14	++	++	X	++	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	+	X	X	X	+
Policy B15	++	++	X	++	x	x	x	x	+	x	+	+	X	X	X	+
Policy B16	++	++	X	++	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	X	x
Policy B17	+	+	X	++	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	X	+
Policy B18	+	+	X	+	?	?	?	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	x

6.14 All of these policies had either minor wording changes to add clarity and certainty, or additional wording to strengthen certain policy elements, or to allow the policy to be more flexible. There have been a couple of policy title changes to ensure the title fully reflected the policy.

6.15 Policies B4 and B15 have changed since the Regulation 16 consultation, but this was only grammatical errors therefore these policies were not re-assessed in Template D3.

6.16 Policies B12, B13, B14, B16, B17 and B18 have not changed since the Regulation 16 consultation.

6.17 None of the changes to the policies have materially altered the aims of the policy therefore; it is found that following the re-assessment in template D3 the conclusions of the draft environmental report remain largely the same.

² Refer to Submission Plan for policy criteria

6.18 None of the amended policies are proposing greater levels of growth and development than the Core Strategy, and it is concluded that they will not have an adverse effect on any other plan or programme.

6.19 The objectives and policies contained in the Breinton NDP are in general conformity with the Local Plan (Core Strategy), which means that the cumulative effect of the plan will contribute to the achievement of the SEA objectives.

Stage D of the SEA – assessment of the modifications (post examination)

6.20 Following the draft plan consultation (Reg14) and both the Submission consultations (Reg16), the Plan has now been subject to an Independent Examination (August 2016) by Richard High. He has reported that the NDP will meet the Basic Conditions subject to a number of minor modification to the policies. These can be seen in Appendix 10.

6.21 The policies that have been modified as a result of the examination and subsequently reassessed are listed below. Many of these modifications added clarity to the text to aid implementation and delivery rather than changes in policy direction or stance.

- Policy B1 Housing development in the defined Breinton settlements
- Policy B2 Kings Acre Road
- Policy B3 Housing in the countryside and rural exception sites
- Policy B4 Re-use of empty buildings for housing and community assets
- Policy B5 Ensuring an appropriate range of tenures, types and sizes of houses
- Policy B6 Sustainable design and energy efficiency
- Policy B7 Protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land, soils and promoting agricultural development that protects the environment and preserves the distinctive rural landscape
- Policy B9 Protecting designated Local Green Space
- Policy B10 Moving around Breinton
- Policy B11 Green infrastructure
- Policy B16 Protecting important public views

6.22 The modification have been accepted by Herefordshire Council and Breinton Parish Council and have been made to the plan. A reassessment of the policies with their modifications has been undertaken, the results of which are contained within Appendix 11.

7.0 Implementation and monitoring

7.1 Herefordshire Council as the Local Planning Authority should make arrangements to monitor the significant effects of implementing a neighbourhood plan.

7.2 Regulation 17 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 requires the Local Planning Authority to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of any NDP that was subject to SEA, in order to identify unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and to enable appropriate remedial actions.

7.3 Accordingly, Herefordshire Council will monitor outcomes from the NDP policies and the results of these will be reported in the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).

7.4 The AMR runs from 1 April to 31 March each year and the topics covered therein include the following:

- Housing delivery;
- Previously developed land
- Housing completions
- Affordable housing conditions
- Employment land delivery.

8.0 Next steps

- 8.1 This report will accompany the post examination version of the Breinton NDP. The plan will move to referendum and subject to a successful outcome, final adoption later in 2016.
- 8.2 Any changes made to the NDP as a result of a review will trigger a need to undertake a further SEA.
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Appendix 1

**Initial Habitat Regulations Assessment and Strategic Environmental
Assessment Screening Notification**

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012 (Reg. 32)

Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (d)

Neighbourhood Area:	Breinton Neighbourhood Area
Parish Council:	Breinton Parish Council
Neighbourhood Area Designation Date:	30 th January 2014

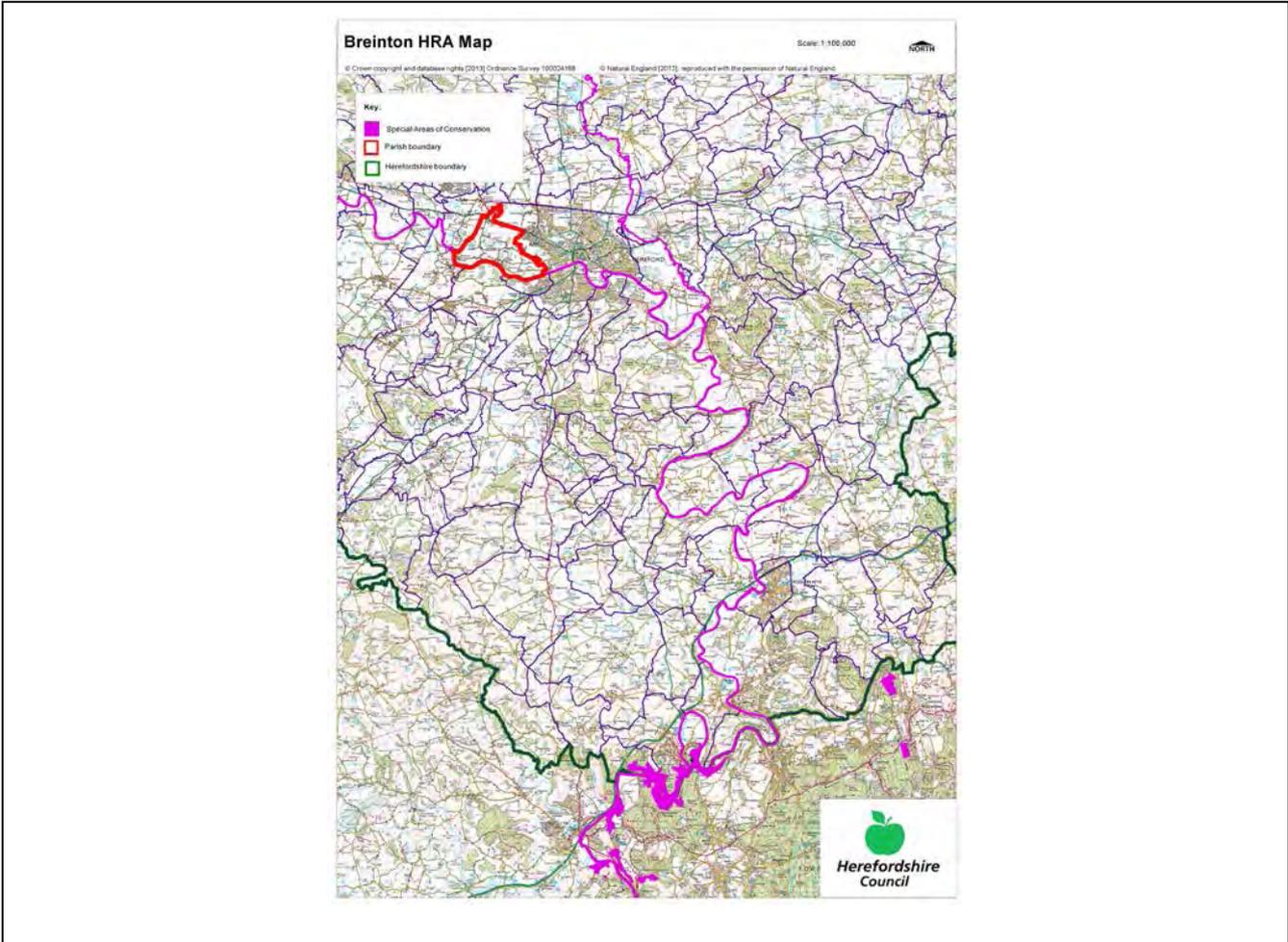
Introduction

This Initial Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening has been undertaken to assess whether any European Sites exist within or in proximity to the Neighbourhood Area which could be affected by any future proposals or policies.

Through continual engagement the outcomes of any required assessments will help to ensure that proposed developments will not lead to Likely Significant Effects upon a European Site or cause adverse impacts upon other environmental assets, such as the built historic or local natural environment.

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**HRA Initial Screening: Map showing relationship of Neighbourhood Area with European Sites
(not to scale)**



Initial HRA Screening

River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC:

Does the Neighbourhood Area have the River Wye (including the River Lugg) in or next to its boundary?	Y	The River Wye SAC runs along the southern border of the Parish.
Is the Neighbourhood Area in the hydrological catchment of the River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC?	Y	The Parish is within the hydrological catchment of the River Wye.
If yes above, does the Neighbourhood Area have mains drainage to deal with foul sewage?	Y	There is mains drainage in Hereford.

Downton Gorge SAC:

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of Downton Gorge SAC?	N	Downton Gorge is 31.2km away from the Parish.
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River Clun SAC:

Does the Neighbourhood Area include: Border Group Parish Council or Leintwardine Group Parish Council?	N	River Clun does not border the Parish.
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Usk Bat Sites SAC:

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of the SAC boundary?	N	Usk Bat Sites are 34.4km away from the Parish.
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Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Sites SAC:

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of any of the individual sites that make up the Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Sites?	N	Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat Sites are 24.9km away from the Parish.
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Wye Valley Woodlands SAC:

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of any of the individual sites that make up the Wye Valley Woodlands Site?	N	Wye Valley Woodlands are 23.2km away from the Parish.
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HRA Conclusion:

The assessment above highlights that the following European Sites will need to be taken into account in the future Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Breinton Neighbourhood Area and a Full HRA Screening will be required.

European Site

(List only those which are relevant from above)

River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC

Strategic Environmental Assessment Initial Screening for nature conservation landscape and heritage features

The following environmental features are within or in general proximity to the Breinton Neighbourhood Area and would need to be taken into account within a Strategic Environmental Assessment. In addition, the NDP will also need to consider the other SEA topics set out in Guidance Note 9a to ensure that the plan does not cause adverse impacts.

SEA features	Total	Explanation	SEA required
Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA)	0	There are no AQMAs within the Parish	N
Ancient Woodland	6	Ruckhall Wood (border); Priors Shell Wood (border); Old Hill Coppice (border); Newton Coppice (border); Credenhill Park Wood (border); 1 x unlabelled opposite turning to Sugwas Farm (border)	Y
Areas of Archaeological Interest (AAI)	0	There are no AAls within the Parish	N
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	0	There are no AONBs within the Parish	N
Conservation Areas	3	Huntington (border); Broomy Hill (border); Central Area (border)	Y
European Sites (SAC)	1	River Wye	Y
Flood Areas/Zones		There are Flood Zones along the River Wye in the south of the Parish	Y
Listed Buildings	Numerous	There are numerous Listed Buildings scattered throughout the Parish	Y
Local Sites (SWS/SINCs/RIGS)	21 (SWS) 24 (SINCs)	SWS: River Wye; Belmont Wood and Hunderton Rough (border); Breinton Wood; Cage Brook Valley & Woodlands (border); Clehonger Village Pond (border); Littlemarsh Common (border); Hayleasow Wood, Newton Coppice & Spring Grove (border); Honeymoon Common (border); Eaton Bishop Church (border); Field near Eaton Camp (border); Warlow Pool (border); Pond near Longmoor Cottage (border); Kings Acre Reserve; Pool near Magna Castra Farm (border); Two pools at Stretton Sugwas Gravel Workings (border); Pool near Stretton House (border); Pond near Huntington Court (border); Credenhill Park and Sally Coppice (border); First pond near Bunshill (border); Bishon Common (border); Field near Whitehouse Farm (border) SINCs: Broomy Hill Waterworks (border); Land adjacent to Waterworks Museum (border); Land north of Villa Street (border); Great Western Way (border); Newton Brook (border); Belmont Pool & Environs (border); Pond north of Newton Farm Open Space (border); Meadow south of St Johns Cottage (border);	Y

		Newton Farm Wet Woodland (border); Land west of Great Western Way north of Wye (border); Active railway south of Wye (border); Grafton House Orchard (border); Land west of Great Western Way, south of Wye (border); Riverside Meadow to west of Greyfriars Bridge (border); Scrub at Friary (border); 4 ponds near Breinton Road (border); Pond at Lower Hill Farm (border); Land at end of Green Lane (border); Green Lane to west of Westfaling Street (border); Moor Park (border); Pond at Huntington Court (border); Orchard at Huntington (border); Yazor Brook (border); Railway line near Green Farm (border)	
Long distance footpaths/trails	1	Wye Valley Walk	Y
Mineral Reserves	6	Between Breinton Farm and Court Farm; Kings Acre, Linden House; Kings Acre Caravan Park; Hunderton Rough to Clehonger to Allensmore (border); South of Roman Road to A438 and area between Wye and A438 (border); South of Canon Bridge (border)	Y
National Nature Reserve (NNR)	0	There are no NNRs within the Parish	N
Registered & Unregistered Parks and Gardens	14 Unregistered	Wyecliffe Court; Warham House; Belmont House (border); Cagebrook House (border); Lower Eaton (border); Sugwas Court (border); Huntington Court, Hereford (border); New Weir (border); Canon Bridge House (border); Burghill Hospital (border); Burghill Court (border); Moor House, Hereford (border); Castle Green (border); Credenhill Court (border)	Y
Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM)	20	Moated site south west of the Church; Eaton Camp (border); New Weir Roman Site (border); Site of Romano-British town of Magna x2 (border); Credenhill Camp (border); Medieval bridge 870m north east of Stretton Court Farm (border); Broomy Hill Pumping Station (border); The white cross at junction of five roads, Whitecross (border); Row Ditch (entrenchment) x2 (border); Wye Bridge (border); Hereford City Walls, ramparts and ditch x6 (border); Hereford Castle (border); Blackfriars Monastery, Preaching Cross and Cemetery and Chapel of St John in Hereford (border)	Y
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	3	River Wye (Unfavourable Recovering); Cage Brook Valley (Unfavourable Declining (part) Unfavourable No Change (part) Favourable (part)) (border); Littlemarsh Common (Unfavourable Declining) (border)	Y

Decision Notification:

The initial screening highlights that the Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Breinton Neighbourhood Area:

- a) Will require further environmental assessment for Habitat Regulations Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Assessment date: 16/12/2013

Assessed by: James Latham

Appendix 1: European Sites

The table below provides the name of each European Site, which has been screened in for the purposes of neighbourhood planning in Herefordshire; includes their site features of integrity; and vulnerability data. This is based on the sites individual features of integrity and their vulnerabilities, which could include distance criteria. This has been used in identifying which parishes are likely to require a full HRA Screening of their future Neighbourhood Development Plan, to establish if their plan might have Likely Significant Effects on a European Site.

Downton Gorge
Site Features: <i>Tilio-Acerion</i> forests of slopes, screes and ravines
Vulnerability data: 10km for air quality associated with poultry units or other intensive agricultural practices.
River Clun
Site Features: Freshwater pearl mussel <i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i>
Vulnerability data: Water quality is important to maintain the site feature. Parishes either side of the River Clun will be affected.
River Wye
Site Features: Water courses of plain to montane levels with the <i>Ranunculion fluitantis</i> and <i>Callitricho-Batrachion</i> vegetation. Transition mires and quaking bogs. White-clawed (or Atlantic Stream) crayfish <i>Austropotamobius pallipes</i> . Sea lamprey <i>Petromyzon marinus</i> . Brook lamprey <i>Lampetra planeri</i> . River lamprey <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> . Twaite shad <i>Alosa fallax</i> . Atlantic salmon <i>Salmo salar</i> . Bullhead <i>Cottus gobio</i> . Otter <i>Lutra lutra</i> . Allis shad <i>Alosa alosa</i>
Vulnerability data: Proximity: Developments should not be within 100m of the designated bank. Some developments beyond 100m may also have impacts based on proximity and these issues should be addressed where possible when developing NDP policy and choosing site allocations. Water Quality: Within the whole catchment of the River Wye, which includes the River Lugg, mains drainage issues with regards to water quality are being resolved through the Core Strategy / Local Plan and development of a Nutrient Management Plan. Welsh Water should be consulted to ensure that the proposed growth will be within the limit of their consents. Otters: "An otter will occupy a 'home range', which on fresh waters usually includes a stretch of river as well as associated tributary streams, ditches, ponds, lakes and woodland. The size of a home range depends largely on the availability of food and shelter, and the presence of neighbouring otters. On rivers, a male's home range may be up to 40km or more of watercourse and associated areas; females have smaller ranges (roughly half the size) and favour quieter locations for breeding, such as tributary streams. Otters without an established home range are known as 'transients'. They are mostly juveniles looking for a territory of their own, or adults that have been pushed out of their territories. Transient otters may use an area for a short while, but they will move on if conditions are not suitable or if they are driven away by resident otters. Transients will have been important in extending the range of otters, but they are very difficult to identify from field signs. Within a home range an otter may use many resting sites. These include above-ground shelters, such as stands of scrub or areas of rank grass, and underground 'holts' – for example, cavities under tree roots and dry drainage pipes." (Source: EA website: http://www.environmentagency.gov.uk/static/documents/Business/Otters_the_facts.pdf accessed 09/04/2013)

Usk Bat Site

Site Features: Annex I habitats present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for site selection: European dry heaths, Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration, Blanket bogs, Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation, Caves not open to the public, *Tilio-Acerion* forests of slopes, screes and ravines. Annex II species of primary reason for site selection: Lesser horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus hipposideros*, UK population 5%, although it is suggested this is an underestimate.

Vulnerability data: Lesser Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 5km and 10km between their summer and winter roosts. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat is vulnerable to disturbance; light pollution; and habitat loss. Check with the planning ecologist for other issues.

Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat Sites

Site Features: Annex II species that are a primary reason for site selection: Lesser horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus hipposideros*. Greater horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*

Vulnerability data: Lesser Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 5km and 10km between their summer and winter roosts. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat is vulnerable to disturbance; light pollution; and habitat loss. Check with the planning ecologist for other issues.

Greater Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 20-30km between their summer and winter roosts.

NDPs closest to the European Site will need to consider:
Woodland habitat buffer.

Lesser Horseshoe Bat: Old buildings; woodland locations; sheltered valleys, extensive deciduous woods or dense scrub, close to roost sites. In areas of fragmented habitats, linear habitats such as hedgerows are important corridors. Vulnerable to loss or disturbance of both summer and winter roosts and removal of linear habitat.

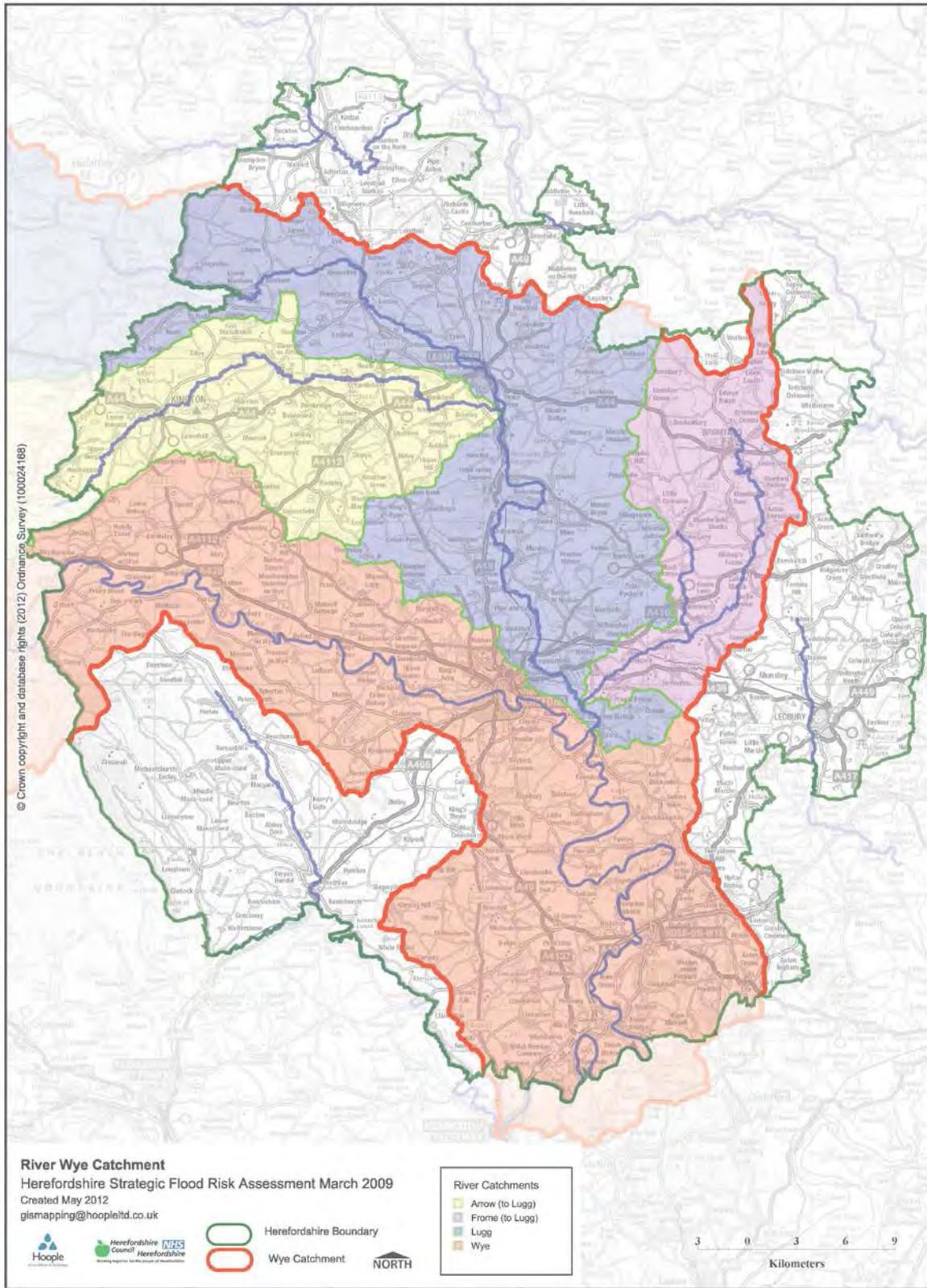
Greater Horseshoe Bat: Large buildings, pasture, edge of mixed deciduous woodland and hedgerows. Mixed land-use especially south-facing slopes, favours beetles, moths and insects they feed on. During the winter they depend on caves, abandoned mines and other underground sites for undisturbed hibernation. A system/series of sites required. Vulnerable to loss of insect food supply, due to insecticide use, changing farming practices and loss of broad-leaved tree-cover and loss / disturbance of underground roosts sites.

Wye Valley Woodlands

Site Features: Annex I habitats that are a primary reason for site selection: Beech forests *Asperulo-Fagetum*, *Tilio-Acerion* forests of slopes, screes and ravines, *Taxus baccata* woods of the British Isles. Annex II species present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for site selection: Lesser horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus hipposideros*, 51-100 residents

Vulnerability data: Lesser Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 5km and 10km between their summer and winter roosts. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat is vulnerable to disturbance; light pollution; and habitat loss. Check with the planning ecologist for other issues. NDPs closest to the European Site will need to consider: Woodland habitat buffer. Lesser Horseshoe Bat: Old buildings; woodland locations; sheltered valleys, extensive deciduous woods or dense scrub, close to roost sites. In areas of fragmented habitats, linear habitats such as hedgerows are important corridors. Vulnerable to loss or disturbance of both summer and winter roosts and removal of linear habitat.

Appendix 2: Wye Catchment Map

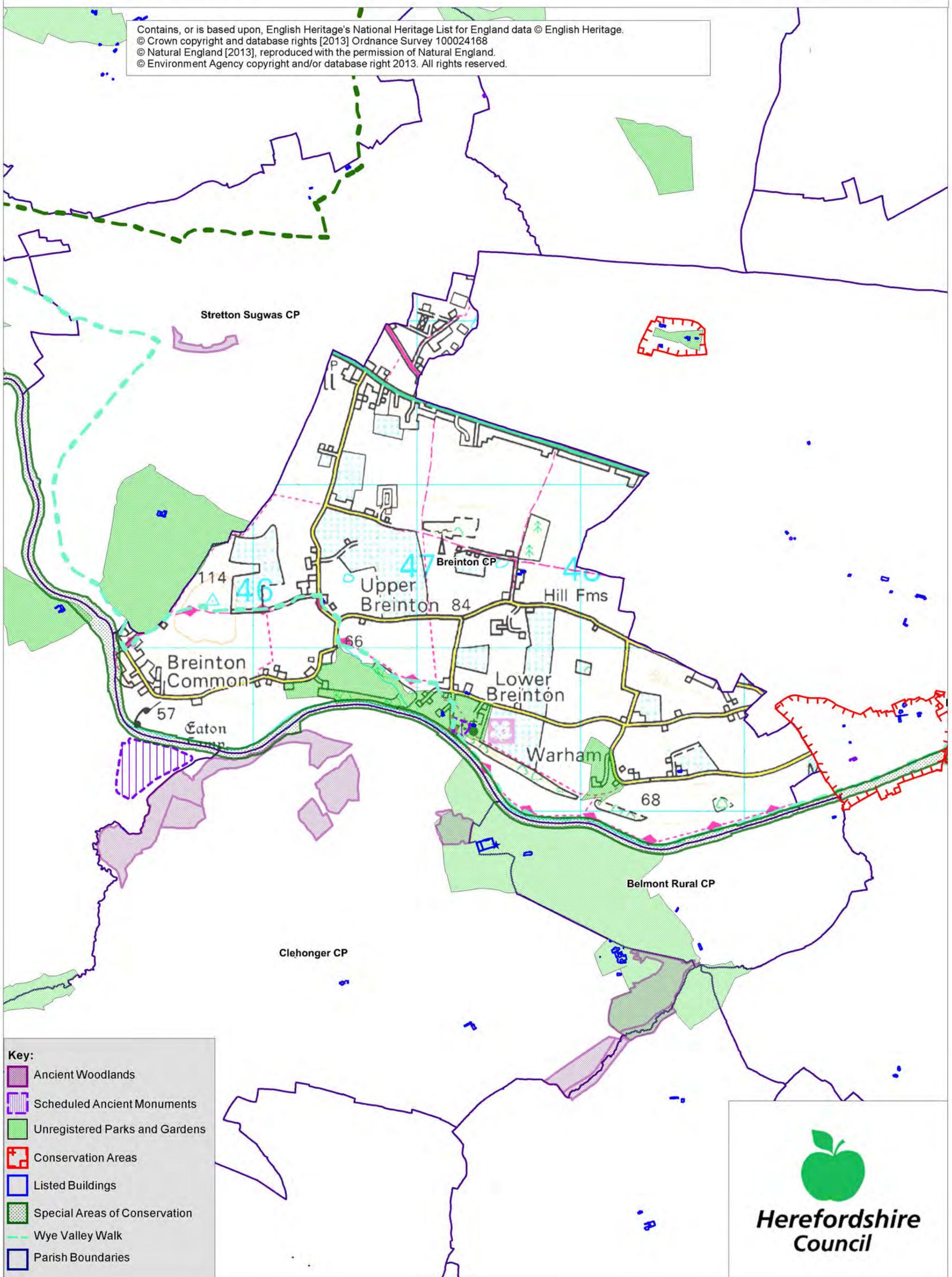


Breinton SEA Map 1

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Key:

- Ancient Woodlands
- Scheduled Ancient Monuments
- Unregistered Parks and Gardens
- Conservation Areas
- Listed Buildings
- Special Areas of Conservation
- Wye Valley Walk
- Parish Boundaries

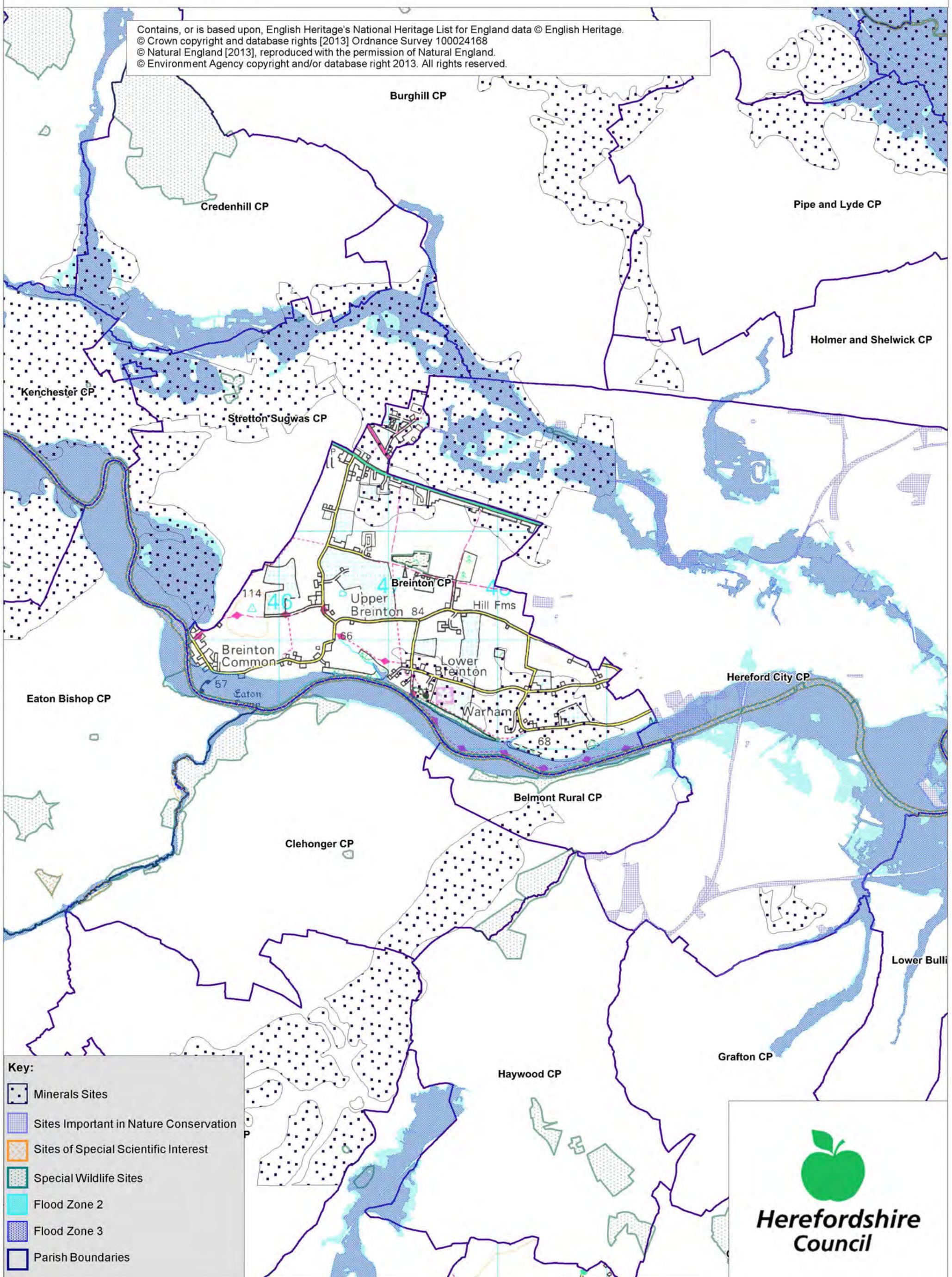
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Breinton SEA Map 2

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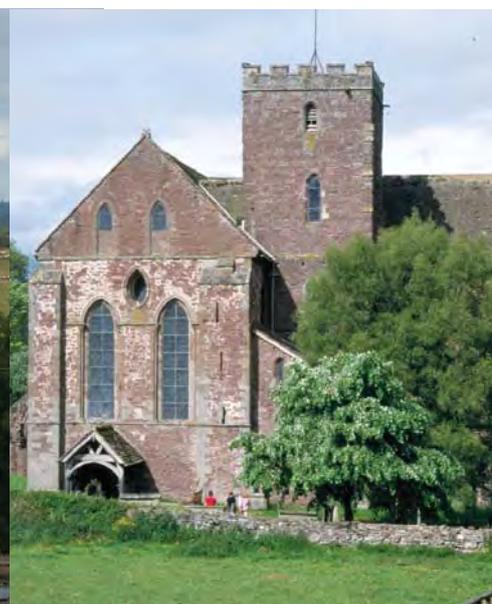
Key:

- Minerals Sites
- Sites Important in Nature Conservation
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- Special Wildlife Sites
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3
- Parish Boundaries

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Appendix 2

Strategic Environmental Assessment



Breinton Neighbourhood Area

Scoping Report

October 2014

Consultation on the Scoping Report

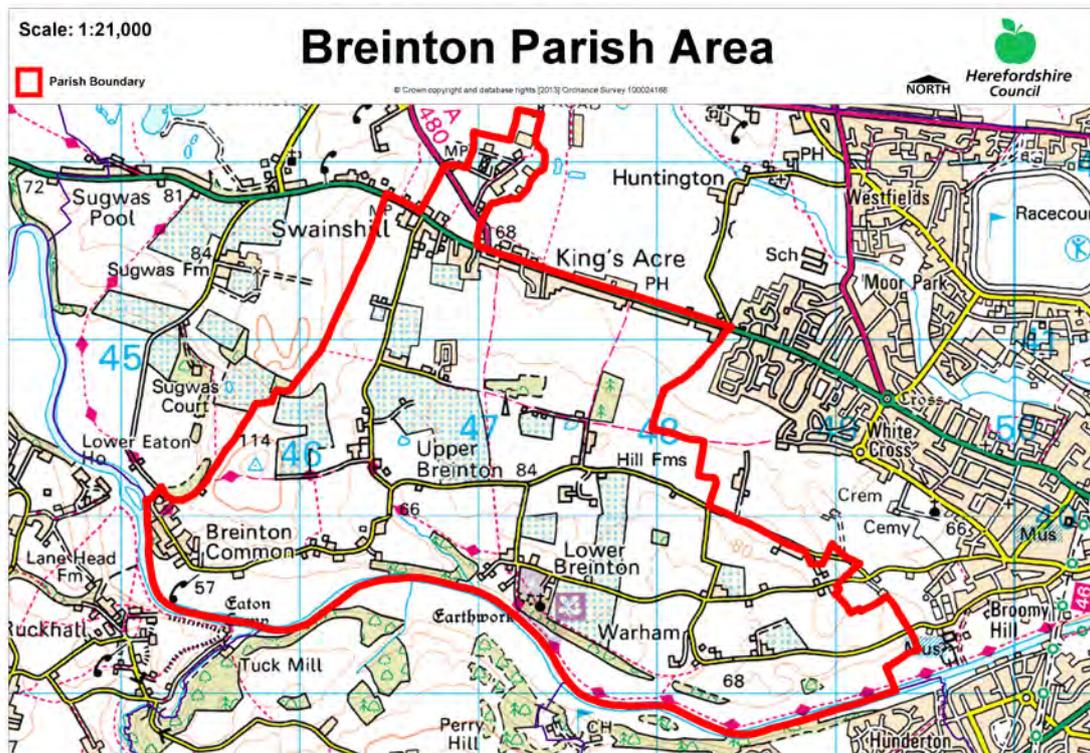
The aim of the consultation process is to involve and engage with statutory consultees and other relevant bodies on the scope of the appraisal. In particular, it seeks to:

- Ensure the SEA is both comprehensive and sufficiently robust to support the Neighbourhood Development Plan during the later stages of full public consultation;
- Seek advice on the completeness of the plan review and baseline data and gain further information where appropriate;
- Seek advice on the suitability of key sustainability issues;
- Seek advice on the suitability of the sustainability objectives.

Comments on this Scoping Report have been invited from the three consultation bodies as required by the SEA regulations, together with the Natural Resources Wales.

The three consultation bodies are as follows:

1. Natural England;
2. English Heritage;
3. Environment Agency.



Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s)	Implications for the NDP and SEA
The EC Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations	European Union Legislation	2010	These regulations transpose the Habitats Directive in England, Wales and to a limited extent Scotland by ensuring that activities are carried out in accordance with the Habitats Directive, which is to protect biodiversity through the conservation of natural habitats and species of wild flora and fauna.	The Regulations make it an offence (subject to exceptions) to deliberately capture, kill, disturb, or trade in the animals listed in Schedule 2, or pick, collect, cut, uproot, destroy, or trade in the plants listed in Schedule 4. However, these actions can be made lawful through the granting of licenses by the appropriate authorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity Cultural heritage and the landscape 	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.
The EC Water Framework Directive	European Union	2000	Commits all EU member states to achieve good qualitative and quantitative status of all water courses by 2015	Aims for 'good status' for all ground and surface waters (rivers, lakes, transitional waters, and coastal waters) in the EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water 	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s)	Implications for the NDP and SEA
The Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)	Domestic Legislation	1981	The major legal instrument for wildlife protection in Britain, although other significant acts have been passed since. It has numerous parts and supplementary lists and schedules many of which have been amended since publication.	The principle mechanism for the legislative protection of wildlife in Great Britain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Soil 	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.
The Countryside and Right of Way Act (2000)	Domestic Legislation	2000	Creates a statutory right of access on foot to certain types of open land, to modernise the public rights of way system, to strengthen nature conservation legislation, and to facilitate better management of AONBs.	<p>The Act provides for a new right of access on foot to areas of open land comprising: Mountain (land over 600 metres); Moorland; Heath; Downland; Registered common land.</p> <p>There are provisions to consider extending the right in the future to coastal land, but not woodland despite some early publicity suggesting this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Soil 	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s)	Implications for the NDP and SEA
The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006)	Domestic Legislation	2006	Designed to help achieve a rich and diverse natural environment and thriving rural communities through modernised and simplified arrangements for delivering Government policy.	Provides that any public body or statutory undertaker in England and Wales must have regard to the purpose of conservation of biological diversity in the exercise of their functions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Soil 	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.
Revised EU Sustainable Development strategy	EU Strategy.	2009	Sets out a single strategy on how the EU will better meet its long-standing commitment to meet the challenges of sustainable development.	Recognises the need to gradually change current unsustainable consumption and production patterns and move towards a better integrated approach to policy making. The Strategy sets overall objectives, targets and concrete actions for seven key priority challenges, predominantly environmental.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population • Soil • Water 	The NDP should take account of the objectives of the strategy, making the aim of sustainable development an integral part of its proposals.

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Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services	National Strategy	2011	Forms part of the UK's Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework by setting out England's contribution towards the UK's commitments under the United Nations Convention of Biological Diversity.	Sets out to halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, with more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity 	The NDP should take account of the provisions of the strategy, making the most of opportunities to enhance wildlife habitats or restore degraded ecosystems in the process.
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	National Planning Policy.	2012	Consolidates the suite of PPG/PPS into one succinct planning policy document.	Aims to make the planning system less complex, more accessible and able to promote growth within the ethos of sustainable development. The presumption is in favour of sustainable development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population • Soil • Water 	The guidance contained within the section on Neighbourhood Planning should be borne in mind during the preparation of the NDP.

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Planning Practice Guidance	Government Guidance	2014	Provides guidance to local planning authorities and others on the operation of the planning system.	Offers up-to-date, electronic guidance on every aspect of planning from air quality and design to land stability and rural housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population • Soil • Water 	The NDP must be pro-growth and facilitate the provision of sustainable development.
Herefordshire Pre Submission Core Strategy 2011-2031	Development Plan Document (DPD)	2013	Sets out the vision, objectives and policies for the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy), which will guide development across the county up to 2031.	Outlines the emerging suite of countywide planning policies relating to housing, economic development and the environment, which the NDP will need to be in conformity with where relevant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population • Soil • Water 	<p>The NDP should take account of relevant policies set within the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Where necessary, the NDP should provide services, facilities and employment opportunities that are</p>

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				<p>The Pre Submission Core Strategy includes a range of objectives, five of which directly relate to rural areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To meet the housing needs of all sections of the community • To improve access to services in rural areas • To strengthen the economic viability of the villages and their rural hinterlands • To achieve sustainable communities and protect the environment <p>• To conserve, promote, utilise and enjoy our natural, built, historic and cultural assets for the fullest benefit of the whole community</p> <p>To achieve a thriving rural Herefordshire, the Core Strategy seeks to enhance</p>		<p>accessible to both local and neighbouring communities.</p> <p>Potential corridors for the Western Relief Road will have to be borne in mind whilst drawing up proposals.</p>

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				the role the villages have traditionally played in as accessible, sustainable centres for their rural catchments.		
Herefordshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2013-2015	Corporate	2013	Sets out the Council's strategy for supporting economic growth, social inclusion and reducing the environmental impacts of transport, as well as the program of investment for the period April 2013 to April 2015.	The document includes three key objectives, one of which seeks to maintain access for rural residents and people without access to a car. Intrinsic to this is the retention of a 'core network' of bus services which focus on journeys between Hereford and the market towns, along with main transport corridors close to larger rural settlements. To this end, the strategy aims to increase the number of bus users by 1.3% (4,700 journeys) by 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Climatic factors • Population 	The LTP does not explore current transport issues in the Breinton neighbourhood area.

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Herefordshire Economic Development Strategy 2011-2016	Corporate	2011	Aims to increase the economic wealth of Herefordshire by setting out proposals and to support business growth up to 2016.	<p>The document outlines the path and direction to foster economic vitality within Herefordshire. Key objectives therefore include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining business survival and growth • Increasing wage levels, range and quality of jobs • Having a skilled population to meet future work needs • Developing the county's built infrastructure so enterprise can flourish. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural heritage • Material assets • Population 	None of merit.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s)	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Herefordshire Employment Land Study	Evidence	2012	Includes employment land assessments for the plan period 2011-2031. The study includes Quantitative and Qualitative assessments of employment land, assessment of market demand and need, as well as providing forecasts and recommendations for future employment need over the plan period.	<p>This study covers existing employment sites in Hereford, the five market towns and their rural hinterlands.</p> <p>There are no employment land allocations within Breinton at present and so the study does not identify sites which are worthy of continued protection from alternative uses. Nor does it make any recommendations in respect of employment need within the neighbourhood area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material assets • Population 	None of merit; however it would be appropriate for the NDP to examine employment need locally and determine whether there is any scope for providing employment land and premises.

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Herefordshire Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)	Evidence	2009	<p>The SHLAA aims to justify site allocations in plans by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying sites which are capable of delivering housing development Assessing sites for their housing potential; and Predicting when a site could be developed for housing. 	<p>The SHLAA identifies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,910 additional dwellings could be provided on 13 sites with frontage to Kings Acre Road. However, coupled with the fact that Breinton is not identified as a settlement for proportional growth within the Core Strategy, the significant constraints which exist on these sites are likely to preclude the possibility large scale house building. Of the 1,910 dwellings, 218 could be provided in 1-10 years, and 1,692 in 16-20 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Biodiversity Climatic factors Cultural heritage Flora and fauna Population Soil Water 	<p>The SHLAA assesses the potential availability of land for housing in parts of Breinton.</p> <p>Although it is not an identified settlement for the purposes of the Core Strategy, there may be a need to allocate sites for housing within Breinton in line with its housing policies.</p> <p>If site allocations are pursued then the Breinton NDP should be informed by a housing land assessment, undertaken in line with Guidance Note 21: Site assessment and allocation sites.</p>

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Herefordshire Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA)	Evidence	2013	Builds on an earlier Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) developed for Herefordshire and Shropshire. Its purpose is to inform the Local Plan's policies regarding housing need and demand (for market and affordable housing) within each of the 7 Housing Market Areas (HMAs) in Herefordshire between 2011 and 2031.	<p>The LHMA uses 7 HMAs as the geography for presenting data. Breinton falls within the Hereford HMA. Here, the study reveals that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levels of owner occupation are higher on the western side of the city • 58% of households are unable to afford market housing. • There is an annual requirement for 417 affordable dwellings between 2012 and 2017. • Higher proportion of the HMA population is of working age (62%) compared to the county average of (61%). • The proportion of the population above retirement age is slightly below average (19% compared to 22% across Herefordshire) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Population • Soil • Water 	<p>The LHMA provides an indication of housing needs and affordability within the Hereford HMA.</p> <p>It provides evidence that could be used to inform policies or market and affordable housing requirements in the NDP.</p>

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Herefordshire Local Housing Requirements Study	Evidence	2012	Technical assessment of the housing market and potential future local housing requirements which supports planning policy regarding the amount of growth, housing tenure and housing type needed within Herefordshire up to 2031.	<p>The delivery of 5,300 homes in the rural areas would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support growth in the rural population by 6% • Increase the number of households by 14.5% <p>Forecasts also predict that growth in the population of the rural areas is likely to be primarily through an increase in those aged over 75.</p> <p>Moderate growth is expected in the 30-44 and 60-74 age brackets.</p> <p>The Local Housing Requirements Study therefore anticipates continuing improvements in life expectancy; significant growth is expected of those in their 80s, with the existing population in their 40s and 50s moving into retirement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population • Soil • Water 	<p>This study provides an indication of housing requirements in the rural areas and the Hereford HMA.</p> <p>This evidence can be used to inform the content of the Breinton NDP.</p>

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Herefordshire Rural Housing Background Report	Evidence	2013	Provides the justification for the proportional housing growth targets outlined in the Core Strategy	The settlement is not specifically mentioned in the main body of text.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population • Soil • Water 	The Breinton NDP will need to be in general conformity with the provisions of Local Plan policies concerning the rural areas.

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Herefordshire Draft Gypsies and Travellers Assessment	Evidence	2013	Assesses the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers across Herefordshire.	<p>Key findings from the survey of Gypsy and Traveller households in 2012 found that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31% of households surveyed have some sort of accommodation need • Of the 17 households with an accommodation need, 7 had a requirement for at least one additional pitch • 10 households had a requirement for bricks and mortar housing • There is an additional requirement for 7 pitches and 9 units of Registered Social Landlord accommodation within Herefordshire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population • Soil • Water 	The Breinton NDP should establish whether any of the need identified in this assessment falls within the neighbourhood area and seek appropriate pitches and provision.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s)	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan	Evidence	2007	Focuses conservation efforts on the areas within Herefordshire that will result in the greatest benefit for ecological networks, habitats and species.	Integrating biodiversity objectives with other environmental, social and economic needs can provide a sustainable living and working environment that benefits both people and nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity 	The NDP can help to achieve the LBAP priorities.

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Building Biodiversity into the LDF	Evidence	2009	Provides the Council's Local Plan (Core Strategy) with evidence in respect of biodiversity and geodiversity, identifying both opportunities and constraints across Herefordshire.	<p>Identifies a range of semi-natural habitats and sites which are subject to local designations for their importance to nature conservation.</p> <p>Orchards are a particular feature of Breinton, with rare invertebrate species recorded in some.</p> <p>Small-scale, unimproved and semi-improved grasslands (including those associated with orchards) are a particular feature of the areas to the north (Holmer) and west (Breinton) of Hereford. These grasslands should be retained and appropriate long-term management strategies secured.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population • Soil • Water 	There will be a need to conserve certain sites and explore opportunities to use the NDP as the catalyst for habitat enhancement and creation.

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Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis	Evidence	2010	Technical Paper which supports the SHLAA by classifying the landscape sensitivity of the urban fringe on the edges of Hereford and the five market towns.	Provides documentary and photographic evidence of the condition of the neighbourhood's finest landscapes. Each of these landscapes are categorised into different groups, with some identified as being worthy of protection or enhancement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna 	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Breinton NDP.
Herefordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy	Evidence	2010	Develops a framework of natural and culturally important features and functions so that planning for a sustainable future is at the heart of planning within Herefordshire.	<p>Establishes policies and principles for the protection and enhancement of those features and functions that contributes to the environment of Herefordshire across a range of scales.</p> <p>The parish is part of District Strategic Corridors 7 (DSC7: Hereford to Hay on Wye), a well-connected network of habitats along the River Wye embankment.</p> <p>Also within HerLSC1, the Hereford Strategic Corridor which includes several</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population • Soil • Water 	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Breinton NDP.

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				<p>important ecological sites; and HerLEZ1, the Local Enhancement Zone extending from Hereford Cemetery along Breinton Track, having a high visual sensitivity, but fragmented natural and historical assets and features.</p> <p>In addition, the parish is within Hereford Fringe Zone 4 (HerFZ4), focussing on the predominant features of the landscape: Woodland and Orchards.</p>		

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Renewable Energy Study	Evidence	2010	Assesses the energy demand within Herefordshire and the ability for the county to accommodate renewable and low carbon energy technologies.	<p>The total energy demand excluding transport for Herefordshire, at that point in time, was calculated as being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical: 731 GWh/yr • Heat: 1,810 GWh/yr • Total: 2,541 GWh/yr <p>There is scope for all types of renewable energy production.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population • Soil • Water 	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Breinton NDP.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s)	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Herefordshire Playing Pitch Assessment	Evidence	2012	Produces a strategic framework, audit and assessment and needs analysis of outdoor sports pitches and facilities for Herefordshire. The document arises as a result of a recommendation in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sports Facilities Framework to develop local standards for playing fields and sports pitches throughout Herefordshire.	<p>The study updates components of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sports Facilities Framework 2010 such as updating population forecasts, setting local standards for synthetic turf pitches and grass playing fields within Herefordshire. It identifies any current gaps in provision, and looks forward to 2031 to assess what facilities are likely to be required by that date.</p> <p>There are no pitches identified in Breinton.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population 	None of merit, but there may be local evidence of need for playing pitch provision.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s)	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Open Spaces Study	Evidence	2006	The 2006 space audit and assessment of need is a snap shot of the quality, quantity and distribution of open space across Herefordshire.	<p>The study reveals that within Central Herefordshire, to which Credenhill Ward is a part, there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive over provision of parks and gardens • Extensive over provision of natural and semi-natural green space • Under provision of amenity green space and outdoor sport • Average provision for children and young people. • Extensive under provision of outdoor sports facilities. <p>In terms of Breinton itself, no specific sites are identified.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population 	The open space audit and assessment does not give a specific indication of open space shortfalls and surpluses in Breinton. However, there may be a need to include a policy which encourages and facilitates the provision of outdoor recreational facilities.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s)	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Play Facilities Study	Evidence	2012	The Play Facilities Study 2012 updates the previous play facilities analysis under the Open Spaces Study 2006 and provides guidance and a framework for the development, delivery and continued sustainability of providing new and improved play facilities for children and young people in Herefordshire to 2031.	In terms of Breinton itself, no specific sites are identified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Cultural heritage • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population 	None of merit.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s)	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Water Cycle Study	Evidence	2009	<p>The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) provides a summary of flood risk in Herefordshire to inform the location of future development.</p> <p>The Water Cycle Study (WCS) examines how water resources and water supply infrastructure, wastewater treatment, water quality, sewerage and flood risk could constrain growth across Herefordshire.</p>	<p>There are two small tracts of land at risk from surface water flooding, both of which are located to the north of parish and in close proximity to Kings Acre Road.</p> <p>The neighbourhood area is situated in the River Wye catchment.</p> <p>Sub-catchments within this zone are one of the most rapid response flood warning systems in the SFRA area.</p> <p>Sub-catchments within this zone record a standard percentage run off of 35-40%, which is potentially highly unsuitable for infiltration source control.</p> <p>The area has a very slow flood response (Tp-time to peak) time at around 11 hours.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Climatic factors • Material assets • Population • Water 	<p>New development proposed through the Breinton NDP should be assessed against the capacity of local infrastructure.</p> <p>Up-to-date flood risk information should be gathered from the Environment Agency, in order to ensure that any flood risks are considered when preparing the Breinton NDP.</p>

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				The WCS identifies 30 sites in the River Wye catchment where current discharge consent licences cannot be shown to have no adverse effect.		

Appendix A2 – Baseline information for Breinton

N.B. This is based on countywide baseline information with some additions relevant to Breinton (in red). Where no locally specific data is available for current status, trends and targets, only countywide data is reported. Any gaps in data may be filled following additional research.

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Biodiversity, flora and fauna</i>							
13. Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Net change in condition of SSSIs across Herefordshire.	<p>Current statuses of local SSSIs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Wye (Unfavourable recovering); • Cage Brook Valley (mixed status); • Little marsh Common (Unfavourable declining) (border) 	<p>Percentage of SSSI land in favourable condition.</p> <p>2006: 22% 2007: 22% 2008: 22% 2010: 24% 2011: 27%</p> <p>Proportion of SSSI land that was in unfavourable condition but recovering increased between 2010 and 2012 going from 41% to 65%.</p>	<p>% of SSSI land in favourable condition (Increase)</p> <p>% of SSSI land in unfavourable condition but recovering (Increase)</p> <p>% of SSSI land in unfavourable condition and declining (Decrease)</p>	<p>Herefordshire's SSSIs are in extremely poor condition relative to England as whole, where 96.1% of all SSSI land was in favourable condition in April 2014.</p> <p>The proportion of SSSI in unfavourable condition but recovering is greater than England as a whole, where the figure currently stands at 58.6%.</p>	NE & DEFRA Website (accessed July 2014)

¹ Derived from the Pre Submission Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal Assessment (May 2014)

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
				Proportion in unfavourable and declining condition had also decreased from 4% to 1%.			
13. Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	After use of mineral sites especially wildlife habitat creation.	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	Percentage of opportunities taken.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Phosphate levels within the River Wye SAC and adjoining tributaries that receive increased phosphates from proportional growth.	The existing status of the Wye SAC between the Hay and Lugg confluence is currently meeting its phosphate and conservation targets.	The River Wye SAC was subject to a review of consents in 2010, as a number of sections of the river were found to have greater phosphate levels than those identified in Natural England's favourable condition tables.	The roll out of the Nutrient Management Plan will determine future targets.	New development within the area could lead to the water quality failing the phosphate levels and conservation objectives.	Nutrient Management Plan (2014)

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Changes to protected habitats and impacts of species within the Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan.	<p>The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.</p> <p>Local sites (orchards) included in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. Many of these are also under agri-environmental schemes.</p>	<p>2010/11: 17 Habitat Action Plans and 14 Species Action Plans are currently in operation across Herefordshire.</p> <p>There are no formal records of any unacceptable adverse impacts on habitats or protected species.</p> <p>Originally 156 Priority Species were identified for inclusion in Herefordshire's LBAP.</p> <p>Similarly Herefordshire's LBAP covered 23 habitats with Action Plans.</p>	<p>To protect or enhance the habitats of species identified.</p> <p>Zero net loss of habitats.</p>	Herefordshire Biological Records Centre (HBRC) holds limited data on some individual sites.	-

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SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Changes in the areas of designated nature conservation sites as a consequence of planning permission.	<p>Breinton has:</p> <p>SSSI: 3 (bordering parish)</p> <p>SWS: 21²</p> <p>SINCs: 24</p> <p>The River Wye SAC runs through the parish.</p>	As of 2012, there had been no change in the areas of designated nature conservation sites as a consequence of the planning permissions granted.	To capitalise on opportunities to enhance the areas of value to nature conservation.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	NDP SEA/HRA Screening Notification Report (January 2014)

² View SEA/HRA Screening Notification Report for further details.

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Proportion of local sites where positive conservation management has or is being implemented.	<p>The neighbourhood area comprises the following types of landscapes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal settled farmlands. <p>Local sites known to be managed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breinton Wood (SWS) and; Wyevale Wood (SINC) 	-	To increase the number of local sites under positive conservation management.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	<p>Breinton Parish Council website (searched April 2014).</p> <p>Herefordshire Landscape Character Assessment (2004; updated 2009).</p>

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objectives: <i>Material assets</i>							
14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently.	Resource consumption and climate change	Maintaining Herefordshire Council's County Site and Monuments Register.	Countywide data would be too large to incorporate into this template. Whilst there is no locally specific data available at present, there are numerous archaeological and historic sites in Breinton according to the latest version of the register.	-	No specific targets identified, but need to ensure that the register is kept up to date.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	Herefordshire Environmental Records Register (search April 2014).

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently.	Resource consumption and climate change	Monitoring changes to historic landscapes.	<p><i>Rapid townscape Assessments (2010) were only undertaken for Hereford, Ledbury and Ross</i></p> <p>There is photographic evidence that certain historic landscapes have not changed since they were painted by local artists many years ago.</p> <p>These landscapes are Riverside at Breinton Springs (J. Wathen c1891); Wye Bank at Warham and the Lawns at Warham (both Brian Hatton c.1908).</p> <p>Condition of highly sensitive local landscapes is also reported in the Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis.</p>	-	To maintain or enhance current status.	Should be monitored locally.	<p>Photographs by N. Geeson (member of Breinton NDP Steering Group) 2014.</p> <p>Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis (2010).</p>

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Population, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna</i>							
15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	Natural environment	Number of developments meeting and surpassing national design standards.	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	Natural environment	The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning the aspects of local loss of locally important buildings within a conservation area.	Countywide data would be too large to incorporate into this template. There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning locally important buildings within Huntingdon and Broomy Hill at present.	No historic records of any planning enforcement action or appeals concerning locally important buildings within the two conservation areas.	To maintain or enhance current status.	Current status must be verified by Dvt Mgt and Enforcement Officers.	Council Dvt Mgt records (searched April 2014)

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Climatic Factors</i>							
16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.	Resource consumption and climate change.	Transport patronage by mode.	% of Herefordshire residents who travel to work by: Car: 70.1% Foot: 14.7% Bicycle: 4.3% Bus: 2% Train: 0.8% Motorbike: 0.8% Taxi: 0.3% Other: 7% <i>There is no locally specific data available at present</i>	The number of people cycling or travelling by bus as the main form transport to get to work declined between 2001 and 2011 – across England and Wales there was little change in either. Walking or driving a car or van on the other hand increased.	To encourage the take up of less polluting forms of transport.	There are a lack of transport options for many rural communities and therefore high car ownership and dependency – the last decade has seen a 15 per cent increase in household car ownership, although this is not reflected in traffic flows of recent years with volumes in Hereford City and wider county having decreased. The proportion of people working from home increased over the decade from 15 per cent in 2001 to 17 per cent in 2011.	2011 Census

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.	Resource consumption and climate change.	Number of decentralised energy schemes granted permission.	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	To contribute towards the national target.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.	Resource consumption and climate	Total CO2 emissions per capita	Latest figure dates back to 2010: 1.61 million tonnes (mtCO ₂) <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	Between 2005 and 2010 Herefordshire's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 7% and 8% respectively; while UK's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 8% and 12% respectively within the same period. This trend hides an increase in emissions between 2009 and 2010 when total emissions in the county increased by 5% the same as across the UK (+5%).	To reduce the overall carbon emissions.	CO ₂ emissions produced are decreasing.	Understanding Herefordshire: An integrated needs assessment (June 2013).

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Water</i>							
17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public wellbeing, the economy and the environment.	Natural environment	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds.	The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data. <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	2010/11: None There have been no approvals contrary to EA advice since reporting began in 2004.	To have no applications permitted contrary to EA advice.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Water, air, soil, material assets</i>							
18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.	Natural environment	Agricultural land usage by quality	<i>There is no countywide data available at present.</i> 2011: Large tracts of land in and around Breinton were listed Grades 1 and 2 for their agricultural quality.	-	Measure the number of hectares of best and most versatile soil lost through development.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	West Midland ALC Map (Natural England 2011).

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.	Natural environment	Percentage of river length assessed as good or very good chemical quality and ecological quality as required by the Water Framework Directive	Latest figure dates back to 2005: 84% <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	Figure steadily improved before going into decline: Herefordshire 1999 85.9%, 2000 89.5%, 2001 92.2%, 2002 91.8%	To ensure that rivers meet their conservation objectives and do not fall below the required standard of quality.	None identified.	The State of Herefordshire Report (2007) Water Framework Directive (2000).
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Soil</i>							
19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.	Built environment	Percentage of all new development completed on previously developed land.	2011/13: 57% <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	2010/11: 67% Completions on PDL had risen to 71% by 2005.	To increase the number of homes built on PDL in line with the provisions of national planning policy.	The number of brownfield completions has fallen slightly in recent years, though this is probably the offshoot of tough market conditions.	Herefordshire Council AMR (2011/13)
19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.	Built environment	Housing densities in urban and rural areas	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.	Built environment	Level of development in urban areas compared to rural.	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Cultural heritage</i>							
20. Value, protect or enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, historic environment and cultural heritage.	Built environment	Number and percentage of listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments on Buildings at Risk Register (English Heritage).	The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data. There are 8 listed buildings within the parish and 57 SMRs, none of which are currently recorded in the Buildings at Risk Register.	In 2011, there were 58 heritage assets in Herefordshire that were considered to be at high risk and included in the Heritage at Risk Register.	To maintain or enhance current status.	None of Breinton's listed buildings or SAMs are considered to be at risk at present.	Buildings at Risk Register (English Heritage; searched April 2014)

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
20. Value, protect or enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, historic environment and cultural heritage.	Built environment	The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning the aspects of local loss of heritage assets, locally important buildings across the Parish and particularly within a conservation area.	Countywide data would be too large to incorporate into this template. There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning locally important buildings within Huntingdon and Broomy Hill at present.	No historic records of any planning enforcement action or appeals concerning locally important buildings within the two conservation areas.	To maintain or enhance current status.	Current status must be verified by Dvt Mgt and Enforcement Officers.	Council Dvt Mgt records (searched April 2014)

Appendix A3 – Environmental issues identified from the Breinton baseline

These environmental issues are the same as most of those identified for the Herefordshire Core Strategy¹

SEA Topic		Environmental issue	SA objectives
1	Air	High reliance upon the private car causing high levels of air pollution and in Hereford in particular	Objective 16
		Need to reduce carbon emissions by encouraging less polluting forms of transport.	
2	Biodiversity	Habitats and species of national, regional and local importance are under pressure from the adaptation and diversification of farming and forestry employment.	Objectives 13 & 15
		Minimise loss of biodiversity and expand opportunities for wildlife everywhere.	
3	Climatic factors	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through planning, design and build.	Objective 16
4	Cultural heritage	Breinton has numerous Scheduled Ancient Monuments and listed buildings, all of which require ongoing protection and many in need of high levels of maintenance.	Objective 20
5	Flora and fauna	Conserve and enhance the character and quality of historic landscapes, including all types of natural flora and fauna.	Objective 15
6	Material assets	How the countryside can continue to be managed in an economically, socially and environmentally beneficial way in the face of continuing pressures on traditional farming.	Objectives 14 & 18
7	Population	Minimise energy waste through good designs, which help to reduce energy consumption and maximise efficiency.	Objective 15
		Need to avoid enforcement investigations/action concerning locally important buildings and those within conservation areas in particular.	
8	Soil	Promoting development of previously developed land and buildings as opposed to greenfield sites or agricultural land of the highest quality.	Objectives 18 & 19
9	Water	Issues relating to availability of resources, foul drainage, pollution, and abstraction in a county which supports water dependent biodiversity of international and national importance, given the predicted climate change consequences for water availability and demanding projections for new housing.	Objectives 17 & 18

¹ Derived from the Pre Submission Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal Assessment (May 2014) and LDF General Scoping Report (June 2007)

		Steady decline in the chemical quality of rivers over the last 10 years.	
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Appendix A4 – SEA framework (objectives, indicators and targets)

SEA Topic(s)	SEA Objective(s)	SA Objective(s)	Sub-objectives/Appraisal Questions	Indicators	Targets
Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve air quality. To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. Protect or enhance the quality of watercourses. Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 	Transport patronage by mode.	To increase the take up of less polluting forms of transport.
Biodiversity, Flora and fauna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain or enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. 	Net change in condition of SSSIs across Herefordshire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of SSSI land in favourable condition (Increase) % of SSSI land in unfavourable condition but recovering (Increase) % of SSSI land in unfavourable condition and declining (Decrease)
				After use of mineral sites especially wildlife habitat creation.	Percentage of opportunities taken.

SEA Topic(s)	SEA Objective(s)	SA Objective(s)	Sub-objectives/Appraisal Questions	Indicators	Targets
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create new appropriate habitats. • Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings • Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. • Ensure that environmental impacts caused by mineral operations and the transport of minerals are minimised. • Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. 	<p>Phosphate levels within the River Wye SAC and adjoining tributaries that receive increased phosphates from proportional growth.</p>	<p>The roll out of the Nutrient Management Plan will determine future targets</p>
				<p>Changes to protected habitats and impacts of species within the Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan.</p>	<p>To protect or enhance the habitats of species identified.</p> <p>Zero net loss of habitats.</p>
				<p>Changes in the areas of designated nature conservation sites as a consequence of planning permission.</p>	<p>To capitalise on opportunities to enhance the areas of value to nature conservation.</p>
				<p>Proportion of local sites where positive conservation management has or is being implemented.</p>	<p>The number of local sites under positive conservation management (Increase).</p>

SEA Topic(s)	SEA Objective(s)	SA Objective(s)	Sub-objectives/Appraisal Questions	Indicators	Targets
Climatic factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce contributions to climate change To reduce vulnerability to climate change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. 	Number of decentralised energy schemes granted permission.	To contribute towards the national target.
				Total CO2 emissions per capita.	To reduce the overall carbon emissions.

SEA Topic(s)	SEA Objective(s)	SA Objective(s)	Sub-objectives/Appraisal Questions	Indicators	Targets
Cultural heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conserve or enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and cultural heritage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value, protect or enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, historic environment and cultural heritage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserve, protect or enhance Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, archaeological remains, and other features and areas of historical heritage and cultural value e.g. locally listed buildings. Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area. Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place. Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. 	Number and percentage of listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments on Buildings at Risk Register (English Heritage).	To maintain or enhance current status in Breinton.
				The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning the aspects of local loss of heritage assets, locally important buildings across the Parish and particularly within a conservation area.	To maintain or enhance current status in Breinton.

SEA Topic(s)	SEA Objective(s)	SA Objective(s)	Sub-objectives/Appraisal Questions	Indicators	Targets
Material assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conserve natural and man-made resources. To maintain or enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes To improve the quality of surroundings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use natural resources and energy more efficiently. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. 	Maintaining Herefordshire Council's County Site and Monuments Register.	No specific targets identified, but need to ensure that the register is kept up to date.
				Monitoring changes to historic landscapes.	No specific targets identified.
				Agricultural land usage by quality	Measure the number of hectares of best and most versatile soil lost through development.

SEA Topic(s)	SEA Objective(s)	SA Objective(s)	Sub-objectives/Appraisal Questions	Indicators	Targets
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the health and well-being of the population. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value, protect, enhance or restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. Ensure that environmental impacts caused by mineral operations and the transport of minerals are minimised. Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. 	Number of developments meeting and surpassing national design standards.	No specific targets identified.
				The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning the aspects of local loss of locally important buildings within a conservation area.	To maintain or enhance current status in Breinton.

SEA Topic(s)	SEA Objective(s)	SA Objective(s)	Sub-objectives/Appraisal Questions	Indicators	Targets
Soil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conserve soil resources and quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 	Percentage of all new development completed on previously developed land.	To increase the number of homes built on PDL in line with the provisions of national planning policy.
				Housing densities in urban and rural areas.	No specific targets identified.

SEA Topic(s)	SEA Objective(s)	SA Objective(s)	Sub-objectives/Appraisal Questions	Indicators	Targets
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve water quality To provide for sustainable sources of water supply To reduce, avoid and manage flood risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. Protect or enhance the quality of watercourses. 	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds.	To have no applications permitted contrary to EA advice.
				Percentage of river length assessed as good or very good chemical quality.	To ensure that rivers meet their conservation objectives and do not fall below the required standard of quality.

Appendix 3

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Dear Mr Latham

Breinton Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 20 June 2014 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

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

Where Neighbourhood Plans could have significant environmental effects, they may require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) under the Environment Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

Further guidance on deciding whether the proposals are likely to have significant environmental effects and the requirements for consulting Natural England on SEA are set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance at:
<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/does-a-neighbourhood-plan-require-a-sustainability-appraisal/>

We welcome the production of this SEA Scoping report. The following comments are intended to further improve the SEA and its usefulness in assessing the Neighbourhood Plan.

Appendix A1 – Plans, policies and programmes

In addition to the plans, policies and programmes listed, we suggest that the following are relevant and should be added:

- The EC Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010
- The EC Water Framework Directive 2000
- The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
- The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
- The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006
- Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan



Appendix A2 – Baseline information for Breinton

Biodiversity, flora and fauna

Against the proposed indicator “*Net change in condition of SSSIs across Herefordshire*”, under “*current status*” the table states that there is no data available. Natural England is able to provide up to date information on the condition of SSSI’s. Please contact us for this information as and when required.

Under the proposed indicator “*Changes to protected habitats and impacts of species within the Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan*”, no baseline information source has been identified. Maps of priority habitats and species are available on *Magic*, Defra’s GIS package for environmental assets (www.natureonthemap.naturalengland.org.uk).

Baseline information on the landscape and open spaces needs to be included under SA objective 15: “*Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces*”. Reference could be made to the county Landscape Character Assessment and Landscape Characterisation studies including Historic Landscape Characterisation if this has been carried out.

Water, air, soil and material assets

This section (or suitable alternative) should include information on geodiversity. The baseline and assessment should make reference to geological conservation and the need to conserve, interpret and manage geological sites and features, both in the wider environment and in relation to designated features. The Herefordshire & Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust may be of assistance.

The proposed indicator “*Agricultural land usage by quality*” has no countywide data identified. Agricultural land classification maps are available via *Magic* (website above). We suggest as an indicator that the Local Planning Authority could monitor and report on the number of hectares of best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 3a and higher) lost to development.

Appendix A3 – Environmental issues identified from the Breinton baseline

We note that landscape, soil and geodiversity are not covered. These issues should be added to the SEA baseline information, so that significant impacts on these aspects of the environment can be given appropriate consideration.

Under the SEA topic “*Biodiversity*”, we suggest that development should be noted as an additional pressure.

Appendix A4 – SEA framework (objectives, indicators and targets)

Not all of the sub-objective/appraisal questions listed under the SEA topic “*air*” are relevant; i.e. sub-objectives covering watercourses, soils and contaminated land.

Under the SEA topic “*biodiversity, flora and fauna*” and the SEA objective “*Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces*”, landscape quality and open spaces have not been covered in the sub-objectives/appraisal questions or indicators. Relevant indicators should be added, or else it will be impossible to monitor the impacts of the plan on the landscape and open space. Reference could be made to the county Landscape Character Assessment and Landscape Characterisation studies including Historic Landscape Characterisation if this has been carried out. Applications resulting in the loss of open space could be monitored.

Under the indicator “*After use of mineral sites especially wildlife habitat creation*”, no targets have been identified. We suggest that perhaps the percentage of opportunities taken could be monitored.

Under SEA topic “*material assets*”, there are no targets identified against the indicator “*monitoring changes to the historic landscape*”. We suggest that the LPA could monitor the number of applications permitted despite a significant impact on the landscape having been identified.

No targets have been identified against the indicator “*Agricultural land use by quality*”. We suggest that the LPA could monitor the Ha of best and most versatile agricultural land lost to development.

The inclusion of the SEA objective “*Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces*” against the SEA topic “*population*” is not relevant; we recommend instead including it under material assets. Additional indicators or targets could be included around the number of permissions granted despite a significant impacts on the landscape, and hectares of open space lost to development.

Some of the sub-objectives/appraisal questions proposed in relation to the SEA topic “*soil*” are not about soils, i.e. the third bullet “*Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel*”. Additional indicators or targets could be included around hectares of the best and most versatile agricultural land lost to development.

Under the SEA topic “*water*”, the indicator “*Percentage of river length assessed as good or very good chemical quality*” should also refer to ecological quality. Reference could be made to the Water Framework Directive.

Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening

We note the recommendation that a full Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening is undertaken due to proximity to the River Wye Special Area of Conservation.

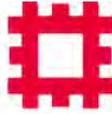
We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Hayley Fleming on 0300 060 1594. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

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

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Thank you for your e-mails and the invitation to comment on the SEA Scoping Reports for the Neighbourhood Plans listed above. We have no substantive objection to the contents of the documents but have the following comments and recommendations which we urge you to consider before finalizing the reports.

Firstly, as regards terminology there appears to be very little reference made to “heritage assets” generally which leaves a perhaps undue emphasis upon designated assets such as conservation areas, listed buildings and SAMs. This is at variance with the Government’s objective, expressed as a core planning principle in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to “conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of this and future generations”. No distinction is made here between designated and undesignated assets. The accompanying Planning Practice Guidance also states (inter alia) that local planning authorities should identify specific opportunities within their area for the conservation and enhancement of heritage assets and equally this applies to all such assets.

We strongly encourage you, therefore, to weave the term “heritage assets” into the SEA templates wherever reference is made to the cultural heritage. It is difficult to be more specific as there is a degree of variation in the template content across the range of

Neighbourhood Plans covered, presumably due to differing authorships. Nevertheless in English Heritage's view some templates are more successful at reflecting historic environment concerns than others. In this regard we would particularly endorse the approach taken in relation to Dorstone, Breinton, Stretton Sugwas, Peterchurch, Brimfield and Whitbourne and suggest similar wording is applied to the other NP templates. That said, however, we would also suggest slight rewording and additions to those preferred templates.

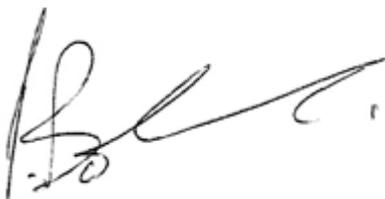
Taking the Dorstone "Task 4" template (page 3 of 7) and the Cultural heritage SA Objective as an example, we would suggest "Value protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's *heritage assets*, historic environment and cultural heritage". Similarly under Sub-objectives consider "Preserve, protect and enhance *heritage assets*, including Conservation Areas....." Under Indicators please consider ".....aspects of local loss of *heritage assets and* locally important buildings across the Parish *and particularly* within a conservation area. Under Targets we would suggest "To *wherever possible improve upon or otherwise* maintain current status...". This reflects (inter alia) the repeated statement for each Parish under Environmental Issues that many listed buildings are in need of high levels of maintenance and there may eg be the potential for grant schemes. In the same vein, where applicable (eg Lyonshall) it should we believe be a target to "*Promote opportunities to achieve the removal of heritage assets from the At Risk Register*".

A further Indicator and Target that features in some templates (eg Staunton on Wye, Brimfield and Withington and we suggest should apply to all is "*Maintaining Herefordshire Council's Sites and Monuments Register*" with a target of "*Ensure that the Herefordshire Council Sites and Monuments Register is kept up to date*". It should in fact be possible to use the Register as an effective monitoring tool in relation to the changing status of heritage assets and the effectiveness of planning tools in achieving their conservation and enhancement. We would strongly suggest that you hold detailed discussions in this respect with your own Council historic environment specialists in order to achieve an effective indicator for the wider historic environment beyond designated heritage assets.

A final minor comment is that there are apparently stray references to "Huntingdon and Broomy Hill" that appear in the templates for Breinton and Stretton Sugwas and presumably these need editing out.

I hope you find this advice helpful.

Yours faithfully



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Dear Mr Latham

Re: Breinton Neighbourhood Development Plan SEA and HRA

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated the 13 February and received by Natural England on 14 February 2015.

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

THE CONSERVATION OF HABITATS AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2010 (AS AMENDED) (HABITATS REGULATIONS)

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report

This HRA should reflect the most up to date version of the Herefordshire Core Strategy HRA which is to be submitted as part of the examination of the Core Strategy. Therefore we advise that if you wish to proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan, prior to the adoption of the Core Strategy, the HRA will need to be amended and updated.

In Section 8 of the HRA, it appears the basis for the conclusion of no likely significant effect from the Breinton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), in combination with the draft Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy), is that in combination effects have been ruled out as the NDP aligns with the draft Local Plan.

The draft Local Plan has not yet been adopted and both it, and its HRA, are therefore potentially subject to further changes. Given this, relying on the draft Local Plan and its HRA to avoid or mitigate for any potential impact are not considered sufficient to be certain of avoiding impact at this stage. The NDP's HRA may, of course, rely on the evidence supporting the Local Plan's HRA to draw conclusions as to whether the policies in the plan will have significant effects on the River Wye Special Area of Conservation (SAC), and incorporate mitigation measures as necessary.

We note that a number of policies in the NDP relate to new development (housing and commercial). Natural England is concerned that, given the NDP is progressing in advance of the Local Plan, and



cannot therefore rely on the policies within the local plan or its associated HRA, there remains a risk of likely significant effect on the River Wye SAC, with respect to water quality impacts. We have therefore suggested the following to address this issue:

- Additional wording for policies B1, B4, B5 and B18 to ensure that development can only proceed where any adverse effects on the River Wye SAC can be avoided and mitigated, and
- an additional criterion within policies B1, B4, B5 and B18, which stipulates that development will only be permitted when it does not compromise the ability of the nutrient management plan to deliver the necessary overall nutrient reductions along those stretches of the River Wye SAC which are already exceeding water quality targets or are at risk of doing so.

Natural England would suggest that amendments to both the HRA and these policies are necessary to provide the necessary certainty that likely significant effects can be avoided, and therefore enable the NDP to progress in advance of the Core Strategy.

Draft Breinton Environment Report

Natural England welcomes the production of an Environmental Report. Having reviewed the report Natural England confirms that it meets the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) European Directive and national regulations, and that we concur with its conclusions.

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

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Gillian Driver on 0300 060 4335. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

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

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 4

NDP Objectives versus SEA Objectives (SMART and Compatibility Test)			
SEA Stage B1	Key:	SMART criteria:	
+	Compatible	S – Specific:	NDP objectives should specify what is intended to be done in detail and should not be open to a wide range of misinterpretations
-	Possible conflict	M – Measurable:	It should be possible to monitor NDP objectives in a quantifiable way, by the use of indicators. Indicators should be measurable with limited resource implications.
0	Neutral	A – Attainable/achievable:	NDP objectives should be achievable and deliverable, related to the scale of growth proposed
X	No relationship between objectives	R – Realistic:	NDP objectives should relate to the overall vision of the plan. Likewise, chosen indicators should relate to objectives and their outcomes.
?	Unclear, more information needed	T – Time-Bound:	Objectives should be specific to the NDP period or another specified time-frame. Objectives should be associated with a target and indicators should specify when the target should be achieved.

The following matrix appraises the emerging Breinton NDP Objectives in terms of their SMART criteria and their compatibility with the SEA Objectives.

These objectives have been developed from both Government guidance on SEA and from the local evidence base gathered for identifying the NDP issues.

SEA Objectives

1. To maintain or enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)
2. To maintain or enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes
3. To improve quality of surroundings
4. To conserve or where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage
5. To improve air quality
6. To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment
7. To reduce contributions to climate change
8. To reduce vulnerability to climate change
9. To improve water quality
10. To provide for sustainable sources of water supply
11. To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk
12. To conserve soil resources and quality
13. To minimise the production of waste
14. To improve the health of the population
15. To reduce crime and nuisance
16. To conserve natural and manmade resources

NDP objectives	SEA objectives																Conclusions	Recommendations	SMART Test of NDP objective	After SMART objective
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
Objective 1 To promote a level of housing growth to help meet the indicative housing target for Herefordshire that is proportionate to the size of Breinton parish and its settlements so that the parish retains its essentially rural character.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	+	0	?	?	X	X	?	This objective infers that development should take place in accordance with the Core Strategy policies. Therefore sufficient safeguards exist to ensure mitigation.	None.	This objective is specific and measurable via the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). It will be attainable, achievable and realistic.	Deliver proportional growth in line with the Core Strategy.
Objective 2 To ensure that new housing developed in Breinton over the plan period provides a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes of homes so that opportunities are provided for local people of all ages to continue to live in the parish.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	X	X	X	This objective is compatible with the majority of the relevant SEA objectives. Policy safeguards existing within both the Core Strategy and NDP to mitigate any impacts.	None	This objective is specific and measurable via the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). It will be attainable, achievable and realistic.	Deliver minimal housing growth for local needs in line with the Core Strategy policy with minimal impact on the rural surroundings.

<p>Objective 3</p> <p>To promote the highest possible environmental standards, by encouraging landowners and developers to exceed minimum standards required by existing regulations.</p>	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	This objective is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives.	None	This objective meets all the SMART objectives	Deliver appropriately designed and sustainable developments.
<p>Objective 4</p> <p>To protect the best quality agricultural land and soils as scarce national resources and support the growth of local agriculture and extensive fruit growing, by wherever possible using farming methods and practices that protect the environment and preserve the distinctive rural landscape of this part of Herefordshire. (see Figures 4, 5, 6 7 and 8).</p>	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	?	X	+	+	+	X	X	+	This objective is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives.	None	This objective meets all the SMART objectives	Preserve the best quality agricultural land save for policies and proposals elsewhere in the NDP.

Objective 5 To protect Breinton parish's limited community assets and to encourage provision of additional, appropriate community assets.	?	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	0	0	?	?	X	+	X	?	To protect and retain existing facilities within the parish would not have any negative effect on the SEA objectives. However, the creation of new facilities may be to the detriment of natural and environmental assets and so the compatibility of this aspect of the objective is currently vague, as the exact location of the new facilities is not currently known.	Further details would be required on the location of any new community facilities, but policy safeguards existing within both the Core Strategy and the NDP to mitigate any impacts.	This objective relates well to the overall vision and has the ability to be monitored, and it is achievable. The timeframe is not indicated but will be for the lifetime of the plan.	Protecting existing local community facilities and exploring opportunities for the creation of a more sustainable community.
Objective 6 To protect and improve a network of links to, from and within Breinton.	?	?	?	?	?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	?	X	X	X	Whilst this objective is supported by Policies B10 and B11 within the NDP, further details would be required, in order to fully assess its compatibility with SEA objectives.	Further details and information would be required to understand the implications of this objective on the SEA objectives.	Although two policies have been included within the NDP to make this objective achievable and realistic during the timeframe of the neighbourhood plan, it is rather vague and should be more specific in its approach.	Improve sustainable transport or movement opportunities during the plan period.
Objective 7 To continue as an area free of chemical, airborne, noise or light pollution on the boundary of Hereford City: providing recreational opportunities including walking, running, cycling, riding and river based activities in exceptional countryside.	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	X	X	?	?	X	X	X	?	It is impossible to assess the impact of this objective on the natural and built environs, as the exact nature and location of the recreational opportunities to be facilitated by the NDP are currently unknown. Policy safeguards existing within both the Core Strategy and the NDP to mitigate any impacts.	Any recreational opportunities promoted through the NDP should take account of the SEA objectives.	This objective meets all the SMART objectives	Exploring opportunities to provide recreational opportunities by 2031.

Objective 8 To protect and enhance the traditional heritage and landscapes such as the parish's designated and non-designated heritage assets, traditional orchards, hedges, low density, dispersed settlement pattern, and fine rural views including along the Wye and to the Black Mountains.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	X	+	X	+	Generally compatible with the relevant SEA objectives.	None.	This objective meets all the SMART objectives	Exploring opportunities to protect or enhance the traditional heritage and landscapes up to 2031.
Objective 9 To support the growth of existing businesses.	?	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	0	0	?	?	X	+	X	?	This objective relates to Policy B18 of the NDP and which seeks to ensure the continued use of an existing employment site and resist inappropriate alternative uses. However, the scale and nature of the growth of existing premises on site is not currently known and consequently the impact of this on the SEA objectives is vague.	Further details would be required on the scale and nature of any new or expanded employment premises on the said employment site and mitigation measures put in place to ensure there would be no adverse impacts on traffic, air quality, climate change issues and flood risk.	This objective meets the requirements of the SMART analysis as it is relative to the vision and achievable on the ground. Although this objective does not specifically state a timeframe in which it will be delivered, the objective as a whole is for the plan period and will in fact influence the area beyond the Plan period.	Encouraging the growth of existing businesses so long as they pose no threat to the sustainability of the landscape and natural qualities of the parish.

NDP Objectives versus SEA Objectives (SMART and Compatibility Test)			
SEA Stage B1	Key:	SMART criteria:	
+	Compatible/very compatible	S – Specific:	NDP objectives should specify what is intended to be done in detail and should not be open to a wide range of misinterpretations
-	Possible conflict	M – Measurable:	It should be possible to monitor NDP objectives in a quantifiable way, by the use of indicators. Indicators should be measurable with limited resource implications.
0	Neutral	A – Attainable/achievable	NDP objectives should be achievable and deliverable, related to the scale of growth proposed
X	No relationship between objectives	R – Realistic:	NDP objectives should relate to the overall vision of the plan. Likewise, chosen indicators should relate to objectives and their outcomes.
?	Unclear, more information needed	T – Time-Bound:	Objectives should be specific to the NDP period or another specified time-frame. Objectives should be associated with a target and indicators should specify when the target should be achieved.

The following matrix appraises the emerging Breinton NDP Policies in terms of their SMART criteria and their compatibility with the SEA Objectives and Baseline data.

These objectives have been developed from both Government guidance on SEA and from the local evidence base gathered for identifying the NDP issues.

SEA Objectives	Baseline carried over from Stage A
1. To maintain or enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	1. Breinton has: 1 SAC; 1 SSSI; 12 SWS; 10 SINCS. There are no NNRs and LNRs.
2. To maintain or enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	2. There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning locally important buildings within the parish at present and there are no conservation areas.
3. To improve quality of surroundings	3. No baseline data available.
4. To conserve or where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	4. There are numerous scheduled monuments across the parish according to the latest version of the County Sites and Monuments Register.
5. To improve air quality	5. Between 2005 and 2010 Herefordshire's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 7% and 8% respectively; while the UK's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 8% and 12% respectively within the same period.
6. To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	6. % of Herefordshire residents who travel to work by: Car: 70.1%, Foot: 14.7; Bicycle: 4.3%,Bus: 2%, Train: 0.8%,Motorbike: 0.8%,Taxi: 0.3%,Other: 7%.
7. To reduce contributions to climate change	7. Figures on Herefordshire's CO ₂ emissions date back to 2010: 1.62 million tonnes (mtCO ₂).
8. To reduce vulnerability to climate change	8. Reduce the risk of flooding; there have been no approvals contrary to EA advice since reporting began in 2004.
9. To improve water quality	9. Percentage of river length assessed as good or very good chemical quality and ecological quality as required by the Water Framework Directive. Latest figure dates back to 2005; 84%
10. To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	10. The neighbourhood area is situated in the River Wye catchment. Sub-catchments within this zone are one of the most rapid response flood warning systems in the SFRA area, recording standard percentage run off of 35-40%, which is potentially highly unsuitable for infiltration source control. The area has a very slow flood response (Tp-time to peak) time at around 11 hours. The WCS identifies 30 sites in the River Wye catchment where current discharge consent licences cannot be shown to have no adverse effect.
11. To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	11. Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds; the 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.
12. To conserve soil resources and quality	12. In 2011 the majority of land within the neighbourhood area was listed Grades 1 (Excellent) and 2 (Very Good) for its agricultural quality. The number of completions on previously development land (brownfield) during the same year was 67%.
13. To minimise the production of waste	13. No baseline data available
14. To improve the health of the population	14. No baseline data available.
15. To reduce crime and nuisance	15. No baseline data available.
16. To conserve natural and manmade resources	16. There are numerous listed buildings within the parish and 6 SAMs, none of which are currently recorded in the Buildings at Risk Register.

NDP Policies	Baseline Data/SEA Objectives																Summary of impact of NDP policy in relation to baseline data	Recommendations	Conformity with Core Strategy
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
Option 1 Do nothing	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	Do nothing option is essential not to produce a NDP and would rely on the criteria policies within the Core Strategy to guide further development. Specific policies and proposals for the parishes would not exist.	All developments would need to be in conformity with the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal and policies met the SEA objectives.	N/A
Option 2 Allocate sites for housing	++	++		++	++	+	++	++	++	+	++	+				++	Allocation of sites for housing or other uses would give certainty to future development. Specific environmental issues could be investigated during the site search and be positively addressed within the policy wording. This option could have a positive effect on the baseline.	Pursuing this option would give greater certainty over future development within the area particularly within Breinton Common, where proportional growth is expected. If required mitigation criteria can be added to site allocations policies to ensure all SEA objectives are achieved.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.
Option 3 Manage future housing using a settlement boundary	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+	The designation of a settlement boundary will give additional certainty and help define those areas considered as the built form and open countryside. This can aid the direction of further growth to maintain the quality of the landscape and surroundings. There is less certainty over the positive effects on the baseline as any growth will be adjudged by criteria based policy.	Any settlement boundary would need to be designated to ensure that sufficient capacity was included to permit any proportional growth requirements. Criteria would need to be included within the policy to safeguard against effects on any SEA objectives.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.
Option 4 Allocate sites and identify a settlement boundary.	++	++		++	++	+	++	++	++	+	++	+				++	Allocation of sites for housing or other uses would give certainty to future development. Specific environmental issues could be investigated during the site search and be positively addressed within the policy wording. The designation of a settlement boundary will give additional certainty and help define those areas considered as the built form and open countryside This option could have a positive effect on the baseline.	Pursuing this option would give greater certainty over future development within the area particularly within Breinton Common, where proportional growth is expected. If required mitigation criteria can be added to site allocations policies to ensure all SEA objectives are achieved.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.

Option 5 Manage future housing through a development management policy.	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+	Criteria based policy does not give the same level of certainty as the other options as it will be more reactionary than proactive in terms of growth proposals. However, provided criteria is added to the policy to safeguard or mitigate against any harm, the option will have a positive effect on the baseline.	Criteria would need to be included within the policy to safeguard against effects on any SEA objectives.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.
Policy B1¹ Housing development in Breinton	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	?				+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. There are some unknown locational issues at the stage, however other safeguarding policies exist within both the Core Strategy and NDP to provide adequate mitigation. This policy will enable the proportional growth as indicated within Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	None.	This policy does not go beyond that within the Core Strategy in terms of the SEA.
Policy B2 Re-use of empty buildings	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts on highways, landscape, biodiversity, heritage and resources.	None.	This policy does not go beyond that within the Core Strategy in terms of the SEA.
Policy B3 Ensuring and appropriate range of tenures, types and sizes of houses	+	+		+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	This policy is compatible with the relevant SEA objective and will ensure an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	None.	This policy does not go beyond that within the Core Strategy in terms of the SEA.
Policy B4 Rural exception sites.	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	?				+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. There are some unknown locational issues at the stage, however other safeguarding policies exist within both the Core Strategy and NDP to provide adequate mitigation. This policy will allow small scale growth in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.	None.	This policy does not go beyond that within the Core Strategy in terms of the SEA.

¹ Refer to Draft Plan for Policy Criteria

Policy B5 King's Acre Road.	+	+		+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+				+	This policy is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives.	The inclusion of a settlement boundary would help to distinguish open countryside from	This policy does not go beyond that within the Core Strategy in terms of the SEA.
Policy B6 Sustainable design and energy efficiency	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+	This policy is compatible with the baseline, as it would not lead to development itself but contains criteria to guide design aspects of proposals.	None.	This policy does not go beyond that within the Core Strategy in terms of the SEA.
Policy B7 Protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land, soils and promoting agricultural development that protects the environment and preserves the distinctive rural landscape.	++	++		++	+	X	+	+	X	X	X	++				+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the baseline data.	None.	Whilst it does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA, the policy as currently worded could be used to resist all development proposals.
Policy B8 Protecting existing and development of new community assets.	X	++		++	+	++	++	X	X	X	X	+				++	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the baseline data, as it will encourage the continuing use of existing facilities thus contributing to the village character and heritage environment. It will also reduce the need to travel to other areas for facilities, thus reducing the impact of climate change.	None.	This policy does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy B9 Protecting local greenspaces.	++	++		++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	++				++	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	None.	This policy does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy B10 Moving around Breinton.	+	+		+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	+				+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	Criterion b of this policy should be clear that only public views can be protected; private views are not protected by legislation.	This policy does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Policy B11 Green infrastructure.	+	+		+	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	+				+	This policy is compatible with the baseline, as it aims to promote the inclusion and retention of green infrastructure.	The use of the word 'and' in phrases concerning the enhancement of landscape features must be changed to 'or' because a recent court decision held that an asset cannot be protected 'and' enhanced.	This policy does not go beyond that within the Core Strategy in terms of the SEA
Policy B12 Small scale renewable and low carbon energy schemes.	?	?		?	+	X	++	++	X	+	++	X				+	The policy is generally compatible with the relevant baseline data; the siting of renewable energy schemes will be key to determining the extent to which they would have a detrimental impact on nature conservation and landscape character, but safeguarding policies exist within both the Core Strategy and NDP to provide adequate mitigation.	None.	This policy does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy B13 Countryside recreation.	?	?		?	?	?	?	?	O	X	O	?				?	Overall the policy is potentially compatible with the baseline data; additional tourism visitors and facilities can have an effect on natural resources, air quality, highways etc, but additional policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy would help mitigate these issues and thus ensure that the policy is compatible with the SEA objectives	None.	TBD
Policy B14 Protecting the landscape.	++	++		++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+				+	This is not a policy which will directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to avoid inappropriate forms of development within sensitive landscapes.	The use of the word 'and' in any phrases concerning the enhancement of landscape features must be changed to 'or' because a recent court decision held that an asset cannot be protected 'and' enhanced.	This policy does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy B15 Landscape design principles.	++	++		++	X	X	X	+	+	X	+	+				+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data, as it sets the criteria requirements for development proposals.	None.	This policy does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy B16 Protecting important views.	++	++		++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	This is not a policy which will not directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to preserve the appearance of specific tracts of land from a number of public vantage points.	The criteria included in this policy are very similar to those of Policy B15, so would be worth checking that there is no duplication of effort here.	Whilst it does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA, the policy as currently worded could be used to resist all development proposals.

Policy B17 Local heritage assets.	+	+		++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	The use of the word 'and' in any phrases concerning the enhancement of landscape features must be changed to 'or' because recent court decision held that an asset cannot be protected 'and' enhanced.	This policy does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy B18 Veldifer	+	+		+	?	?	?	X	X	X	X	X				X	New or expanded business premises on site can have an adverse effect on natural resources, air quality, highways etc, depending on their nature and scale, but additional policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy would help mitigate these issues and thus ensure that the policy is compatible with the SEA objectives.	None.	This policy does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

++ Move towards significantly	+ Move towards Marginally	- Move away significantly	- Move away marginally	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	X No relationship
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Policy B1: Housing development in Breinton						
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities	
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)			
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.		
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.		
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A			
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.		
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.		
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.		
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.		
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.		

To improve water quality	?	+	+	House building in as yet unspecified locations could place acute pressure on sewerage systems, but this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	?	+	+	Policy safeguards that exist elsewhere within the NDP, namely at Policy B7, should ensure that housing development would not compromise the quality of the best agricultural land in the medium term.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
Overall commentary	This policy compliments Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy and would only lead to very small scale development. Policy safeguarding exists to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account.				

Policy B2: Re-use of empty buildings					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	++	++	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	

To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	++	++	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	++	++	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	++	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	++	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	
To improve water quality	+	+	+	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		

To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts.	
Overall commentary	This policy only lead to alternate uses within existing buildings and criteria have been attached to reduce any negative impacts on highways, landscape, biodiversity, heritage and resources etc.				

Policy B3: Ensuring an appropriate range of tenures, types and size of houses					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would facilitate the delivery of an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would facilitate the delivery of an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would facilitate the delivery of an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	

To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	X	X	X	No relationship.	
Overall commentary	This policy compliments Policy H3 of the Core Strategy and should ensure that residential developments provide an appropriate range and mix of housing. Policy safeguarding exists to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account.				

Policy B4: Rural exception sites					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	?	+	+	It is impossible to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	?	+	+	It is impossible to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		

To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	?	+	+	It is impossible to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	?	+	+	It is impossible to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.
To reduce contributions to climate change	?	+	+	It is impossible to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.
To improve water quality	?	?	+	It is impossible to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.
To conserve soil resources and quality	?	?	+	It is impossible to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and

				above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 of the Core Strategy.	
Overall commentary	This policy compliments Policy H2 of the Core Strategy; in spite of some locational issues policy safeguarding exists to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account and any potential adverse impacts mitigated against.				

Policy B5: King's Acre Road					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives and will help to preserve nature conservation assets as its intention is to prevent further ribbon development and unacceptable encroachments into open countryside.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscape	+	+	+	This policy is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives and will help to conserve landscapes and the built environment by preventing further ribbon development and unacceptable encroachments into open countryside.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This policy is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives and will help to conserve historic landscapes and cultural assets by preventing further ribbon development and unacceptable encroachments into open countryside.	
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	

To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This policy is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives and the prevention of further ribbon development and unacceptable encroachments into open countryside will help to conserve the finest agricultural land.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy is compatible with the relevant SEA objectives and the prevention of further ribbon development and unacceptable encroachments into open countryside will help to conserve natural resources.	
Overall commentary	This policy does not go beyond that within the Core Strategy in terms of the SEA.				

Policy B6: Sustainable design and energy efficiency					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		

To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To improve water quality	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
Overall commentary	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains criteria to guide design aspects of proposals. The policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and policy safeguards exist with the Core Strategy and the NDP to avoid and mitigate against significant harm.				

Policy B7: Protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land, soils and promoting agricultural development that protects the environment and preserves the distinctive rural landscape					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development. This will help to reduce food miles by ensuring that produce is available locally, in turn improving air quality.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development. This will help to reduce food miles by ensuring that produce is available locally, in turn reducing carbon emissions.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development. This will help to ensure that produce can be grown and sourced locally, making the area less dependent on imported products.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		

To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
Overall commentary	Whilst it does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA, the policy as currently worded could be used to resist all development proposals.				

Policy B8: Protecting existing and development of new community assets					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	X	X	X	No relationship. This policy seeks to encourage the continuing and increase use of existing community facilities.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	++	++	The policy encourages the continuing use of community facilities. The use of the existing facilities will help maintain the quality of the 'townscape' and character of the area.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	++	++	The policy encourages the continuing use of community facilities. The use of the existing facilities will help maintain the quality the character of the area.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Encouraging the continuing use of existing facilities will help to reduce the need to travel to other facilities and services.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	++	++	Encouraging the continuing use of existing facilities will help to reduce the need to travel to other facilities and services.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	++	++	Encouraging the continuing use of existing facilities will help to reduce the need to travel to other facilities and services.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	

To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Encouraging the continuing use of existing facilities will help to reduce the need to develop additional land for recreations or community uses.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	++	++	Encouraging the continuing use of existing facilities will help to reduce the need to develop additional land and use additional resources for recreations or community uses.	
Overall commentary	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the baseline data, as it will encourage the continuing use of existing facilities thus contributing to the village character and heritage environment. It will also reduce the need to travel to other areas for facilities, thus reducing the impact of climate change.				

Policy B9: Protecting local greenspaces					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	This policy should make a positive contribution to the protection or enhancement of the natural environment.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	++	++	++	The protection or enhancement of local greenspaces should help maintain the quality of the 'townscape' and character of the area.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	++	++	++	The protection or enhancement of local greenspaces should help maintain the quality the character of the area.	
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	

To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	++	++	++	This policy will provide added protection to the finest agricultural land.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	++	++	++	To protect or enhance local greenspaces should negate the need to develop additional land and use additional resources for recreations or community uses.	
Overall commentary	This policy does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA.				

Policy B10: Moving around Breinton					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	

To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
Overall commentary	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.				

Policy B11: Green infrastructure					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy aims to protect and improve green infrastructure in the area which could have a positive impact on nature conversation.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This policy aims to protect and improve green infrastructure in the area which could have a positive impact the quality of the landscape and townscape.	

To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This policy aims to protect and improve green infrastructure in the area which could have a positive impact the historic environment	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could have a positive effect on air quality.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could have a positive effect on air quality.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could provide additional flood storage areas.	
To improve water quality	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could provide additional flood storage areas.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could provide additional flood storage areas	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Additional and increased green areas will have a positive effect on conserving soil quality.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Improvements and protection for green infrastructure will contribute to the conservation of natural resources.	
Overall commentary	This policy is compatible with the SEA objectives.				

Policy B12: Small scale renewable and low carbon energy schemes					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	?	+	+	This policy is seeking to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and encourage more renewable forms of energy. This could have some impacts on the natural environment depending on siting but policy safeguards exist to avoid or mitigate against effects on the environment.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	?	+	+	This policy is seeking to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and encourage more renewable forms of energy. This could have some impacts on the landscape or built environment depending on siting but policy safeguards exist to avoid or mitigate against effects on the environment.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	?	+	+	This policy is seeking to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and encourage more renewable forms of energy. This could have some impacts on the landscape or built environment depending on siting but policy safeguards exist to avoid or mitigate against effects on the environment.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy is seeking to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and encourage more renewable forms of energy. This could have a small positive impact on air quality towards the end of the plan period.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	++	++	This policy is seeking to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and encourage more renewable forms of energy. This could have a small positive impact on flooding towards the end of the plan period.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	++	++	This policy is seeking to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and encourage more renewable forms of energy. This could have a small positive impact on air quality and flooding issues towards the end of the plan period.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water	+	+	+	This will be dependent on the type and location of renewable energy source. Policy safeguards exist to avoid	

supply				and mitigate against any adverse effects.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	++	++	This policy is seeking to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and encourage more renewable forms of energy. This could have a small positive impact on flooding issues towards the end of the plan period.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy is aiming to increase connectivity within the parish. Policy safeguards exist within the policy to avoid or mitigate effects on the natural environment.	
Overall commentary	The policy is aiming to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels and encourage the principles of renewable energy. A number of policy criteria safeguards exist both within the Core Strategy and the NDP to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts on the environment.				

Policy B13: Countryside recreation					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	?	+	+	Additional tourism visitors and facilities could have an effect on the natural environment. Policy safeguards within the Core Strategy and the NDP to avoid or mitigate against impacts on the environment.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	?	+	+	Additional tourism visitors and facilities could have an effect on the natural environment. Policy safeguards within the Core Strategy and the NDP to avoid or mitigate against impacts on the environment.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	?	+	+	Additional tourism visitors and facilities could have an effect on the natural environment. Policy safeguards within the Core Strategy and the NDP to avoid or mitigate against impacts on the environment.	

To improve air quality	?	+	+	Additional tourism facilities could increase visitor numbers; equally it could provide services for visitors who are already coming to the area by car.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	?	+	+	Additional tourism facilities could increase visitor numbers; equally it could provide services for visitor who are already coming to the area by car.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	?	+	+	Additional policy safeguards are in place within the Core Strategy and the NDP to avoid and mitigate flood risk areas.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	?	+	+	Additional policy safeguards are in place within the Core Strategy and the NDP to avoid and mitigate flood risk areas.	
To improve water quality	O	+	+	Additional tourism visitors and facilities could have an effect on the natural environment. Policy safeguards within the Core Strategy and the NDP to avoid or mitigate against impacts on the environment particularly the River Wye.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	O	+	+	Additional policy safeguards are in place within the Core Strategy and the NDP to avoid and mitigate flood risk areas.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	?	+	+	Additional visitor numbers could have an impact on the use and quality of surrounding land due to increasing in walking and recreation. However, sufficient policy criteria safeguards exist to ensure impact on the natural environment is mitigated against where possible.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	?	+	+	Additional tourism visitors and facilities could have an effect on the natural environment. Policy safeguards within the Core Strategy and the NDP to avoid or mitigate against impacts on the environment.	
Overall commentary	Additional tourism visitors and facilities could have an effect on the natural environment. Policy safeguards within the Core Strategy and the NDP to avoid or mitigate against impacts on the environment.				

Policy B14: Protecting the landscape					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	This policy seeks to protect or enhance landscape character by requiring good design.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscape	++	++	++	This policy seeks to protect or enhance the landscape through requiring good design and should therefore ensure that the character of townscape is reflected in development proposals.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This policy seeks to protect or enhance the landscape through requiring good design and should therefore have a positive impact the historic environment.	
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Affording a greater degree of protection to the landscape should feed into conservation of soil quality.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		

To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Affording a greater degree of protection to the landscape will contribute to the conservation of natural resources.	
Overall commentary	This is not a policy which will not directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to avoid inappropriate forms of development within sensitive landscapes.				

Policy B15: Landscape design principles					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria which will help to preserve or enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	++	++	++	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria which will help to preserve or enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	++	++	++	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria which will help to preserve or enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria which will help to preserve or enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria which will help to preserve or enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria which will help to preserve or	

				enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria which will help to preserve or enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	
Overall commentary	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve or enhance landscape character and the natural and built environments, as well as habitats.				

Policy B16: Protecting important views					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	This is not a policy which will directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to preserve the appearance of specific tracts of land from a number of public vantage points.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	++	++	++	This is not a policy which will directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to preserve the appearance of specific tracts of land from a number of public vantage points.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	++	++	++	This is not a policy which will directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to preserve the appearance of specific tracts of land from a number of public vantage points.	
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	

To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	X	X	X	No relationship.	
Overall commentary	This is not a policy which will directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to preserve the appearance of specific tracts of land from a number of public vantage points.				

Policy B17: Local heritage assets					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy seeks to protect or enhance specific heritage assets and should therefore have a positive impact the natural environment.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This policy seeks to protect or enhance specific heritage assets and should therefore ensure that the historic character of townscape is preserved or enhanced.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	++	++	++	This policy seeks to protect or enhance specific heritage assets and should therefore have a highly positive impact the historic environment and cultural heritage.	
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	

To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy seeks to protect or enhance specific heritage assets, several of which relate to manmade resources i.e brick kilns and farmsteads etc.	
Overall commentary	This policy seeks to protect or enhance specific heritage assets and would not have a generally positive impact.				

Policy B18: Veldifer					
SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	The continued use of existing employment land and premises will reduce the likelihood of alternative sites being put forward for business purposes, to the detriment of the natural environment. Policy safeguards exist to ensure that any new or expanded business premises would not have an unacceptable adverse impact.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	The continued use of existing employment land and premises will reduce the likelihood of alternative sites being put forward for business purposes, to the detriment of landscape character and the historic character of	

				townscape. Policy safeguards exist to ensure that any new or expanded business premises would not have an unacceptable adverse impact.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	The continued use of existing employment land and premises will reduce the likelihood of alternative sites being put forward for business purposes, to the detriment of the landscape character and the historic character of townscape. Policy safeguards exist to ensure that any new or expanded business premises would not have an unacceptable adverse impact.	
To improve air quality	?	+	+	Increase in opportunities over time will reduce the need to travel by car as more business and services can be undertaken from within the parish. Policy safeguards exist to ensure that any new or expanded business premises would not have an unacceptable adverse impact.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	?	+	+	Increase in opportunities over time will reduce the need to travel by car as more business and services can be undertaken from within the parish. Policy safeguards exist to ensure that any new or expanded business premises would not have an unacceptable adverse impact.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	?	+	+	Increase in opportunities over time will reduce the need to travel by car as more business and services can be undertaken from within the parish. Policy safeguards exist to ensure that any new or expanded business premises would not have an unacceptable adverse impact.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	X	X	X	No relationship.	

Overall commentary	Additional policy safeguards within the NDP would help mitigate any unacceptable adverse impacts resulting from this policy.
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++ Move towards significantly	+ Move towards Marginally	- Move away significantly	- Move away marginally	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	X No Relationship
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SEA Objective																
NDP Objective/Policy	To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	To improve quality of surroundings	To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	To improve air quality	To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	To reduce contributions to climate change	To reduce vulnerability to climate change	To improve water quality	To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	To conserve soil resources and quality	To minimise the production of waste	To improve health of the population	To reduce crime and nuisance	To conserve natural and manmade resources
Objective 1 ¹	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	+	0	?	?	X	X	?
Objective 2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?	?	?	?	?	X	X	X
Objective 3	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+
Objective 4	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	?	X	+	+	+	X	X	+
Objective 5	?	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	0	0	?	?	X	+	X	?
Objective 6	?	?	?	?	?	?	X	X	X	X	X	X	?	X	X	X
Objective 7	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	X	X	?	?	X	X	X	?
Objective 8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	X	+	X	+
Objective 9	?	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	0	0	?	?	X	+	X	?

¹ Refer to Draft Plan for details of objectives

Policy B1 ²	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	?				+
Policy B2	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+
Policy B3	+	+		+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
Policy B4	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	?				+
Policy B5	+	+		+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+				+
Policy B6	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+
Policy B7	++	++		++	+	X	+	+	X	X	X	++				+
Policy B8	X	++		++	+	++	++	X	X	X	X	+				++
Policy B9	++	++		++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	++				++
Policy B10	+	+		+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	+				+
Policy B11	+	+		+	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	+				+
Policy B12	?	?		?	+	X	++	++	X	+	++	X				+
Policy B13	?	?		?	?	?	?	?	O	X	O	?				?
Policy B14	++	++		++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+				+
Policy B15	++	++		++	X	X	X	+	+	X	+	+				+
Policy B16	++	++		++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
Policy B17	+	+		+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				+
Policy B18	+	+		+	?	?	?	X	X	X	X	X				X

² Refer to Draft Plan for exact policy wording

Summary of effects of whole plan on each SEA Objective	++	++		++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			+
Cumulative effects of whole plan (1 + 2 + 3...)	<p>Overall the Breinton NDP will contribute towards the achievement of the SEA objectives and consequently there is no reason why it should have a negative impact on the baseline.</p> <p>Policies have been drafted in general conformity with the Core Strategy objectives and contain many policy safeguards to ensure that the potential adverse effects on environmental assets can be avoided or mitigated against. None of the policies are in direct conflict with those already assessed for the Core Strategy.</p>														
Commentary for significant cumulative effects	No significant cumulative effects identified.														

Appendix 5

Objectives and context	Where referenced in NDP/SEA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Neighbourhood Development Plan's purpose and objectives are made clear. • The Neighbourhood Area's environmental issues and constraints, including acknowledgement of those in the Local Plan (Core Strategy) SA, where relevant, and local environmental protection objectives, are considered in developing objectives and targets. • SEA objectives are clearly set out and linked to indicators and targets where appropriate. • Links with other locally related plans, programmes and policies are identified, explained and acknowledgement for those set out in the SA of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) is given, where relevant. • Conflicts that exist between SEA and Neighbourhood Development Plan objectives; and between SEA objectives and other local plan objectives are identified and described. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1 (paras 1.10 – 1.17). • Sections 2 and 3; and Tables A2 and A3 • Section 3 (para 3.7). • Section 3 (para 3.1). • Section 4 (paras 4.4 – 4.6)
Scoping	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Consultees are consulted in appropriate ways and at appropriate times on the content and scope of the Environmental Report. • The assessment focuses on significant issues. • Technical, procedural and other difficulties encountered are discussed; assumptions and uncertainties are made explicit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2 (paras 2.6 – 2.9) & Appendix 3 • Sections 2 and 6 • Sections 2 and 6

Alternatives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Realistic alternatives are considered for key issues, and the reasons for choosing them are documented. Alternatives include 'do minimum' and/or 'business as usual' scenarios wherever relevant. The environmental effects (both adverse and beneficial) of each alternative are identified and compared. Inconsistencies between the alternatives and other relevant local plans, programmes or policies are identified and explained. Reasons are given for selection or elimination of alternatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 5. Section 5 (paras 5.1 – 5.8). Section 5 & Appendix 5 N/A Section 5 (paras 5.1 – 5.8).
Baseline information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant aspects of the current state of the local, neighbourhood area environment and their likely evolution without the Neighbourhood Development Plan are described. Acknowledgement to the information in the SA of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) is given, where relevant. Environmental characteristics of the local, neighbourhood area, likely to be significantly affected are described, including areas wider than the physical boundary of the designated neighbourhood area, where it is likely to be affected by the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Difficulties such as deficiencies in information or methods are explained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1 and 6. Initial screening report and Section 1. Section 2.

Prediction and evaluation of likely significant environmental effects	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects identified include the types listed in the Directive (biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climate factors, material assets, cultural heritage and landscape), as relevant; and other local likely environmental effects are also covered, as appropriate. • Both positive and negative effects are considered, and the duration of effects (short, medium or long-term) is addressed. • Likely secondary, cumulative (growing in quantity and strength) and synergistic (acting together) effects are identified, where practicable. • Inter-relationships between effects are considered, where practicable. • The prediction and evaluation of effects makes use of relevant accepted standards, regulations, and thresholds (i.e. data gathered for the evidence base). • Methods used to evaluate the effects are described. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables A2, A3 and A4 (Appendix 2) • Tables B2 and B3 (Appendix 4) • Table B4 (Appendix 4) • Section 6 • Section 6 • Section 2
Mitigation measures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and offset any significant adverse effects of implementing the Neighbourhood Development Plan are indicated. • Issues to be taken into account when determining planning applications or other projects, for example funding bids, are identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 6 (paras 6.6. – 6.8) • Section 6.

The Environmental Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is clear and concise in its layout and presentation. • Uses simple, clear language and avoids or explains technical terms. • Uses maps and other illustrations, where appropriate. • Explains the methodology used. • Explains who was consulted and what methods of consultation were used. • Identifies sources of information, including expert judgement and matters of opinion. • Contains a non-technical summary covering the overall approach to the SEA, the objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, the main options considered, and any changes to the Neighbourhood Development Plan resulting from the SEA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A • N/A • Section 2 • Section 2 • Section 2 • Included at page 1
Consultation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SEA is consulted on as an integral part of the plan-making process of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. • Consultation Bodies and the public likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the Neighbourhood Development Plan are consulted in ways and at times, which give them an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinions on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and Environmental Report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2 (paras 2.4 – 2.5). • Section 7.

Decision-making and information on the decision	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The environmental report and the opinions of those consulted are taken into account in finalising and adopting the Neighbourhood Development Plan. An explanation is given of how they have been taken into account. Reasons are given for choosing the Neighbourhood Development Plan as adopted, in the light of other reasonable alternatives considered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sections 2 and 8. Following draft consultation Following draft consultation
Monitoring measures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures proposed for monitoring the Neighbourhood Development Plan are clear, practicable and linked to the indicators and objectives used in the SEA. Monitoring is used, where appropriate, during implementation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to make good deficiencies in baseline information in the SEA. Acknowledgement that monitoring enables unforeseen adverse effects to be identified at an early stage. (These effects may include predictions which prove to be incorrect.) Proposals are made for action in response to significant adverse effects arising from the monitoring of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7. Section 7. Section 7. Section 7.

Appendix 6

Template D1: SEA Consultation Feedback

This consultation feedback is only for comments received on the SEA of your Neighbourhood Development Plan

Parish Council Name: Breinton Parish

Details of consultation: Regulation 14 Draft Plan consultation

Consultation date: 16 Feb 2015- 30 March 2015

Response Date	Consultee	Summary of Comments	Response to Comments
27/03/15	Natural England	Welcomes the production of an Environmental Report, Natural England confirms that it meets the requirements of the regulation and concur with its conclusions.	Noted

Appendix 7

This template re-assesses all of the options that were considered at an early stage of the Plan making as opposed to the 5 options that were considered originally prior to the Regulation 14 consultation. The options were simplified previously and now include the original 5 but also further details about locations within the Parish are considered.

NDP Objectives versus SEA Objectives (SMART and Compatibility Test)			
SEA Stage B1	Key:	SMART criteria:	
+	Compatible/very compatible	S – Specific:	NDP objectives should specify what is intended to be done in detail and should not be open to a wide range of misinterpretations
-	Possible conflict	M – Measurable:	It should be possible to monitor NDP objectives in a quantifiable way, by the use of indicators. Indicators should be measurable with limited resource implications.
0	Neutral	A – Attainable/achievable	NDP objectives should be achievable and deliverable, related to the scale of growth proposed
X	No relationship between objectives	R – Realistic:	NDP objectives should relate to the overall vision of the plan. Likewise, chosen indicators should relate to objectives and their outcomes.
?	Unclear, more information needed	T – Time-Bound:	Objectives should be specific to the NDP period or another specified time-frame. Objectives should be associated with a target and indicators should specify when the target should be achieved.

The following matrix appraises the emerging Breinton NDP Policies in terms of their SMART criteria and their compatibility with the SEA Objectives and Baseline data.

These objectives have been developed from both Government guidance on SEA and from the local evidence base gathered for identifying the NDP issues.

SEA Objectives	Baseline carried over from Stage A
1. To maintain or enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	1. Breinton has: 1 SAC; 1 SSSI; 12 SWS; 10 SINCS. There are no NNRs and LNRs.
2. To maintain or enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	2. There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning locally important buildings within the parish at present and there are no conservation areas.
3. To improve quality of surroundings	3. No baseline data available.
4. To conserve or where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	4. There are numerous scheduled monuments across the parish according to the latest version of the County Sites and Monuments Register.
5. To improve air quality	5. Between 2005 and 2010 Herefordshire's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 7% and 8% respectively; while the UK's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 8% and 12% respectively within the same period.
6. To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	6. % of Herefordshire residents who travel to work by: Car: 70.1%, Foot: 14.7; Bicycle: 4.3%, Bus: 2%, Train: 0.8%, Motorbike: 0.8%, Taxi: 0.3%, Other: 7%.
7. To reduce contributions to climate change	7. Figures on Herefordshire's CO ₂ emissions date back to 2010: 1.62 million tonnes (mtCO ₂).
8. To reduce vulnerability to climate change	8. Reduce the risk of flooding; there have been no approvals contrary to EA advice since reporting began in 2004.
9. To improve water quality	9. Percentage of river length assessed as good or very good chemical quality and ecological quality as required by the Water Framework Directive. Latest figure dates back to 2005; 84%
10. To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	10. The neighbourhood area is situated in the River Wye catchment. Sub-catchments within this zone are one of the most rapid response flood warning systems in the SFRA area, recording standard percentage run off of 35-40%, which is potentially highly unsuitable for infiltration source control. The area has a very slow flood response (Tp-time to peak) time at around 11 hours. The WCS identifies 30 sites in the River Wye catchment where current discharge consent licences cannot be shown to have no adverse effect.
11. To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	11. Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds; the 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.
12. To conserve soil resources and quality	12. In 2011 the majority of land within the neighbourhood area was listed Grades 1 (Excellent) and 2 (Very Good) for its agricultural quality. The number of completions on previously development land (brownfield) during the same year was 67%.
13. To minimise the production of waste	13. No baseline data available
14. To improve the health of the population	14. No baseline data available.
15. To reduce crime and nuisance	15. No baseline data available.
16. To conserve natural and manmade resources	16. There are numerous listed buildings within the parish and 6 SAMs, none of which are currently recorded in the Buildings at Risk Register.

NDP Policies	Baseline Data/SEA Objectives																Summary of impact of NDP policy in relation to baseline data	Recommendations	Conformity with Core Strategy
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
Option 1 Do nothing	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	Do nothing option is essential not to produce a NDP and would rely on the criteria policies within the Core Strategy to guide further development. Specific policies and proposals for the parishes would not exist.	All developments would need to be in conformity with the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal and policies met the SEA objectives.	N/A
Option 2 Allocate sites for housing along Kings Acre Road	++	++	?	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	+				++	Allocation of sites for housing would give certainty to future development. Specific environmental issues could be investigated during the site search and be positively addressed within the policy wording. This option could have a positive effect on the baseline. As the area is detailing King's Acre road then this will allow other modes of transport to be used rather than relying on the car due to the proximity of services.	Pursuing this option would give greater certainty over future development particularly in the Kings Acre road area. If required mitigation criteria can be added to site allocations policies to ensure all SEA objectives are achieved.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.
Option 3 Managing housing sites using one settlement boundary for the main built up areas	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?				+	The designation of a settlement boundary will give additional certainty and help define those areas considered as the built form and open countryside. This can aid the direction of further growth to maintain the quality of the landscape and surroundings. There is less certainty over the positive effects on the baseline as any growth with be adjudged by criteria based policy.	Any settlement boundary would need to be designated to ensure that sufficient capacity was included to permit any proportional growth requirements. Criteria would need to be included within the policy to safeguard against effects on any SEA objectives.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.
Option 4 Managing housing sites using multiple settlement boundaries for the main built up areas	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?				+	The designation of settlement boundaries across the main areas of the parish will give additional certainty and help define those areas considered as the built form and open countryside. This can aid the direction of further growth to maintain the quality of the landscape and surroundings. There is less certainty over the positive effects on the baseline as any growth with be adjudged by criteria based policy.	Any settlement boundary would need to be designated to ensure that sufficient capacity was included to permit any proportional growth requirements. Criteria would need to be included within the policy to safeguard against effects on any SEA objectives	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.
Option 5 Allocate sites and identify a	++	++	+	++	++	+	++	++	++	+	++	+				++	Allocation of sites for housing would give certainty to future development. Specific environmental issues could be investigated during the site search and	Pursuing this option would give greater certainty over future development within the area. If required mitigation criteria can	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.

Option 10 Have policy B4 in the NDP	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	++				+	This option will enhance and add further detail to the Core Strategy policy RA5, it will ensure the special character of the area is preserved and enhanced and help to conserve soil resources.	Pursuing this option would provide a more detailed policy approach to re-using redundant buildings.	
Option 11 Policy B5 – No policy and rely on Core Strategy policy H3	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	The Core strategy policy H3 details the requirement for a range of type and mix of housing.	This option would provide information for developers and the parish.	
Option 12 Have policy B5 in the NDP	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	This option will provide further clarity for developers and the parish for future types of houses.	Pursuing this option will add additional detail to the Core Strategy Policy H3.	
Option 13 Policy B6 – No policy and rely on Core Strategy policy SD1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+	The Core strategy policy ensures efficient use of land and maintaining local distinctiveness	This option will still offer policy protection for the parish in terms of maintaining local distinctiveness.	
Option 14 Have policy B6 in the NDP	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				+	Having policy B6 will ensure that the density of a new scheme will protect the local character; it adds further details and certainty to the Core strategy policy.	Pursuing this option will add additional detail to the Core Strategy Policy SD1.	
Option 15 No policy B7 and rely on Core Strategy policies	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+	+				+	Although there is no specific policy on protecting agricultural land there is criteria within various policies to ensure protection.	This option will not provide as much certainty and will not allow the level of policy detail and protection to agricultural soils.	
Option 16 Have policy B7 in the NDP	++	++	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+	++				+	This policy option has a positive impact upon the SEA objectives as it seeks to protect the high quality agricultural land within the parish.	This option will ensure policy protection for the Parish above the requirements set out in the Core Strategy.	
Option 17 No policy B8 and rely on the Core Strategy policies	+	+	+	+	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	++				++	The Core Strategy policy SC1 covers the protection of community facilities but it does not provide specific details	This option will offer some protection towards the general community facilities in the parish.	

Option 18 Have policy B8 in the NDP	X	++	+	++	X	++	++	X	X	X	X	++				++	This policy offers protection to specific community assets, and provides criteria as to when any re-development may be acceptable to the parish.	This option will offer more certainty to the parish for the protection of community assets, which will help to maintain the character of the parish and reduce the need to travel to neighbouring parishes for uses such as church and village hall.	
Option 19 No policy B9 and rely on Core Strategy Policy	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+				+	The Core Strategy policy OS3 covers the protection of open space, but does not designate any local green space therefore does not provide the level of policy cover for the local areas.	This option will provide protection towards open spaces within the parish but does not identify any specific locations to protect.	
Option 20 Have policy B9 in the NDP	++	++	+	++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	++				++	This policy identifies key areas that the community have identified as areas worthy of special protection.	This option will offer more certainty to the parish for the protection of Local green spaces within the parish, and allows the parish to identify the areas that are important	
Option 21 No policy B10 and rely on Core Strategy Policy	?	?	?	?	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	?				?	There are a number of transportation policies within the Core Strategy however they are not specifically talking about Breinton Parish therefore many factors remain unknown. Policy HD3 details the relief road to the west of Hereford which will pass through Breinton Parish.	This option details criteria for new roads and sustainable transport methods so will have a mitigating effect against new development.	
Option 22 Have Policy B10 in the NDP	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	+				+	This policy allows for further detailed criteria to be included in the NDP to ensure the least possible effect on the parish as a result of new highways and routes. This policy also includes criteria for the proposed relief road to ensure it integrates sympathetically.	This option provides the most certainty for the parish, and ensures mitigation criteria are included for all new development of highways.	
Option 23 No policy B11 and rely on Core Strategy Policy	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	X	+	+				+	Policy LD3 in the Core Strategy provides protection and delivery of new green infrastructure.	This option provides criteria for development proposals to adhere too, and will provide a mitigating effect.	
Option 24 Have Policy B11 in the NDP	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	+				+	This policy in the NDP provides detailed criteria for the management of the loss of any green infrastructure within the parish. It goes more in depth than the Core Strategy policy.	This option provides more detailed requirements for development proposals to adhere to and make it locally specific to the parish.	

Option 25 No policy B12 and rely on Core Strategy Policy	?	?	?	?	+	X	++	++	X	+	++	X				+	The Core Strategy policy SD2 provides criteria for development proposals to meet for renewable and low carbon energy. There are unknown factors due to the unknown locations and also type of renewable energy schemes.	This option provides mitigation towards development proposals.	
Option 26 Have policy B12 in the NDP	?	?	?	?	+	X	++	++	X	+	++	X				+	This policy within the plan would provide a more local level detail towards small scale renewable schemes. There are unknown factors due to the unknown locations and also type of renewable energy schemes.	This option provides more certainty towards the parish and ensures there are local level criteria towards small scale schemes.	
Option 27 No policy B13 and rely on Core Strategy Policy	+	+	+	?	X	?	?	?	0	X	0	?				?	There are a number of policies within the core strategy that cover the topic of Countryside recreation. There are a number of unknowns due to not knowing the type of recreation and location.	The Core strategy policies will provide mitigation towards allowing recreational development.	
Option 28 Have policy B13 in the NDP	+	+	+	?	X	?	?	?	0	X	0	?				+	There are a number of unknown factors, but the policy details additional criteria for development proposals to meet, and demonstrate, to ensure mitigation.	This policy ensures there are criteria to support what the local community want protected and encouraged.	
Option 29 No policy B14 and rely on Core Strategy Policy	++	++	+	++	X	X	X	X	X	X	+	+				+	This option provides a positive effect on the SEA baseline, and ensures that the character of the landscape is retained.	The core strategy policies cover the protection of the landscape, in particular policy LD1, but the criteria are fairly general and not locally specific.	
Option 30 Have policy B14 in the NDP	++	++	+	++	X	X	X	X	X	X	+	+				+	This option has a positive effect on the SEA objectives, and the policy details additional criteria for development proposals to ensure mitigation more than the Core Strategy.	This policy ensures there are criteria to support the protection of the local landscape.	
Option 31 No policy B15 and rely on Core Strategy Policy	++	++	+	++	X	X	X	+	+	X	+	+				+	This option provides a positive effect on the SEA baseline, and ensures that the character of the historic landscape and biodiversity habitats are retained.	The core strategy policies cover the protection of the landscape, in particular policies LD2 and LD4, but the criteria are fairly general and not locally specific.	

Option 32 Have policy B15 in the NDP	++	++	+	++	X	X	X	+	+	X	+	+				+	This option has a positive effect on the SEA objectives, and the policy details additional criteria for development proposals to ensure locally specific mitigation more than the Core Strategy.	This policy ensures there are criteria to support the protection of the local historic landscape and character, and the local wildlife habitats.	
Option 33 No policy B16 and rely on Core Strategy Policy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	There is no policy relating to protecting local views within the Core Strategy.	N/A	
Option 34 Have policy B16 I the NDP	++	++	+	++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	This policy will provide additional detail and protection for key areas within the parish and provides a positive effect on the SEA baseline.	This policy will provide more protection for the parish in terms of key views and areas than the Core strategy policies.	
Option 35 No policy B17 and rely on Core Strategy Policy	+	+	+	++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				+	This option provides a positive effect on the SEA baseline, and ensures that the character of the historic landscape and buildings are retained.	The core strategy policies cover the protection of the historic heritage, in particular policy LD4.	
Option 36 Have policy B17 in the NDP	+	+	+	++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				+	This policy has a positive effect on the SEA objectives and will ensure protection of the character of the historic landscape.	This option provides a list of the local heritage assets, and therefore makes the policy more locally specific.	
Option 37 No policy B18 and rely on Core Strategy Policy	+	+	+	+	?	?	?	X	X	X	X	?				?	The Core Strategy policies have generally positive effect on the SEA objectives there are some unknown factors due to not knowing the locations for future employment.	This option would provide criteria for future employment proposals and provide mitigation against development.	
Option 38 Have policy B18 in the NDP	+	+	+	+	?	?	?	X	X	X	X	+				+	This policy has a positive effect on the SEA objectives and provides specific details on the employment site within the parish.	This option would provide locally specific details on the employment site within the parish.	

Appendix 8

D3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the amended Neighbourhood Development Plan policies following Regulation 16 consultation

Parish Council Name: Breinton Parish

Date completed: February 2016

SEA Objectives	Baseline carried over from Stage A
1. To maintain or enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	1. Breinton has: 1 SAC; 1 SSSI; 12 SWS; 10 SINCS. There are no NNRs and LNRs.
2. To maintain or enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	2. There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning locally important buildings within the parish at present and there are no conservation areas.
3. To improve quality of surroundings	3. No baseline data available.
4. To conserve or where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	4. There are numerous scheduled monuments across the parish according to the latest version of the County Sites and Monuments Register.
5. To improve air quality	5. Between 2005 and 2010 Herefordshire's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 7% and 8% respectively; while the UK's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 8% and 12% respectively within the same period.
6. To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	6. % of Herefordshire residents who travel to work by: Car: 70.1%, Foot: 14.7; Bicycle: 4.3%, Bus: 2%, Train: 0.8%, Motorbike: 0.8%, Taxi: 0.3%, Other: 7%.
7. To reduce contributions to climate change	7. Figures on Herefordshire's CO ₂ emissions date back to 2010: 1.62 million tonnes (mtCO ₂).
8. To reduce vulnerability to climate change	8. Reduce the risk of flooding; there have been no approvals contrary to EA advice since reporting began in 2004.
9. To improve water quality	9. Percentage of river length assessed as good or very good chemical quality and ecological quality as required by the Water Framework Directive. Latest figure dates back to 2005; 84%
10. To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	10. The neighbourhood area is situated in the River Wye catchment. Sub-catchments within this zone are one of the most rapid response flood warning systems in the SFRA area, recording standard percentage run off of 35-40%, which is potentially highly unsuitable for infiltration source control. The area has a very slow flood response (Tp-time to peak) time at around 11 hours. The WCS identifies 30 sites in the River Wye catchment where current discharge consent licences cannot be shown to have no adverse effect.
11. To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	11. Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds; the 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.

12. To conserve soil resources and quality	12. In 2011 the majority of land within the neighbourhood area was listed Grades 1 (Excellent) and 2 (Very Good) for its agricultural quality. The number of completions on previously development land (brownfield) during the same year was 67%.
13. To minimise the production of waste	13. No baseline data available
14. To improve the health of the population	14. No baseline data available.
15. To reduce crime and nuisance	15. No baseline data available.
16. To conserve natural and manmade resources	16. There are numerous listed buildings within the parish and 6 SAMs, none of which are currently recorded in the Buildings at Risk Register.

Key:

++ Move towards significantly	+ Move towards Marginally	- - Move away significantly	- Move away marginally	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	N/A No relationship
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Policy B1 – Housing Development in the defined Breinton Settlements

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	

fauna)					
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve quality of surroundings	?	?	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line	

				with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve water quality	?	+	+	House building in as yet unspecified locations could place acute pressure on sewerage systems, but this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. There is a criterion within the Policy to ensure development is connected to main sewer or have suitable treatment on site.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	?	+	+	Policy safeguards exist within criterion c of this policy and Policy B7, should ensure that housing development would not compromise the quality of the best agricultural land in the medium term.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line	

resources				with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy compliments Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy as it identifies Breinton in the table 4.15 of the Core Strategy Local Plan and would only lead to very small scale development. Policy safeguarding exists to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account.				

Policy B2 – Kings Acre road

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	

townscapes					
To improve quality of surroundings	?	?	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. This area of the parish is located closer to the City and also public transport links.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. This area of the parish is located closer to the City and also public transport links.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	

To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. This area of the parish is located closer to the City and also public transport links therefore should reduce the need to travel and help improve the air quality.				

Policy B3 – Housing in the countryside and rural exception sites

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)	Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
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	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	?	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	?	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	?	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development	

				in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	?	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	?	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms.	

				However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve water quality	?	?	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	?	?	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core	

				Strategy.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy compliments Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy; in spite of some locational issues policy safeguarding exists to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account and any potential adverse impacts mitigated against.				

Policy B5 – Ensuring an appropriate range of tenures, types and sizes of houses

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5)	Medium term	Long term (10 years +)		

	years)	(6 – 10 years)			
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would facilitate the delivery of an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would facilitate the delivery of an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve quality of surroundings	?	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would facilitate the delivery of an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would facilitate the delivery of an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions	X	X	X	No relationship.	

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to climate change					
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	X	X	X	No relationship.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				

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Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy compliments Policy H3 of the Core Strategy and should ensure that residential developments provide an appropriate range and mix of housing. Policy safeguarding exists to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account.
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Policy B6 – Sustainable design and energy efficiency

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To improve quality of surroundings	?	?	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	

To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To improve water quality	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	

To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.				

Policy B7 – Protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land, soils and promoting agricultural development that protects the environment and preserves the distinctive rural landscape.

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SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development. This will help to reduce food miles by ensuring that produce is	

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				available locally, in turn improving air quality.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development. This will help to reduce food miles by ensuring that produce is available locally, in turn reducing carbon emissions.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development. This will help to ensure that produce can be grown and sourced locally, making the area less dependent on imported products.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of	N/A	N/A	N/A		

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the population					
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy does meet the Core Strategy objectives, and the change of wording has meant that it is now not as restrictive as the previous versions; therefore some development will be able to come forward.				

Policy B8 – Protecting and developing existing community assets and infrastructure

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation	X	X	X	No relationship. This policy seeks to encourage the continuing and increase use of existing community facilities.	

(biodiversity, flora and fauna)					
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	++	++	The policy encourages the continuing use of community facilities. The use of the existing facilities will help maintain the quality of the 'townscape' and character of the area.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	++	++	The policy encourages the continuing use of community facilities. The use of the existing facilities will help maintain the quality the character of the area.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Encouraging the continuing use of existing facilities will help to reduce the need to travel to other facilities and services.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	++	++	Encouraging the continuing use of existing facilities will help to reduce the need to travel to other facilities and services.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	++	++	Encouraging the continuing use of existing facilities will help to reduce the need to travel to other facilities and services.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water	X	X	X	No relationship.	

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quality					
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Encouraging the continuing use of existing facilities will help to reduce the need to develop additional land for recreations or community uses.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	++	++	Encouraging the continuing use of existing facilities will help to reduce the need to develop additional land and use additional resources for recreations or community uses.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the baseline data, as it will encourage the continuing use of existing facilities thus contributing to the village character and heritage environment. It will also reduce the need to travel to other areas for facilities, thus reducing the impact of climate change. There have been minor wording changes to this policy from previous versions.				

Policy B9 – Protecting designated Local Green Space

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	This policy should make a positive contribution to the protection or enhancement of the natural environment.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	++	++	++	The protection or enhancement of local greenspaces should help maintain the quality of the 'townscape' and character of the area.	
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	The protection or enhancement of local greenspaces should help maintain the quality of the surroundings of the area.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	++	++	++	The protection or enhancement of local greenspaces should help maintain the quality the character of the area.	

To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	++	++	++	This policy will provide added protection to the finest agricultural land.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		

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To conserve natural and manmade resources	++	++	++	To protect or enhance local greenspaces should negate the need to develop additional land and use additional resources for recreations or community uses.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA, and will help to maintain the character and special attributes of the area. This policy has been strengthened to protect the Local Green Spaces but the list of areas to protect has reduced to ensure they meet the NPPF definition.				

Policy B10 – Moving around Breinton

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	

landscapes and townscapes					
To improve quality of surroundings	?	?	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	

To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data. The amended policy has included additional wording on the criteria for the relief road, which acknowledges that the route of the relief road is through the parish and therefore the criteria will seek to limit the effect the road has on the parish.				

Policy B11- Green Infrastructure

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three	Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation
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	time periods)				opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy aims to protect and improve green infrastructure in the area which could have a positive impact on nature conversation.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This policy aims to protect and improve green infrastructure in the area which could have a positive impact the quality of the landscape and townscape.	
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This policy aims to protect and improve green infrastructure in the area which could have a positive impact the quality of surroundings.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	This policy aims to protect and improve green infrastructure in the area which could have a positive impact the historic environment	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could have a positive effect on air quality.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	

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To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could have a positive effect on air quality.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could provide additional flood storage areas.	
To improve water quality	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could provide additional flood storage areas.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could provide additional flood storage areas	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Additional and increased green areas will have a positive effect on conserving soil quality.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Improvements and protection for green infrastructure will contribute to the conservation of natural resources.	
Summary in relation	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				

to baseline	
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy meets the Core Strategy objectives, the additional wording in the revised policy helps to strengthen the protection of green infrastructure around the parish.

Appendix 9

Consultation date: 8 March to 19 April 2016

Consultation title: Breinton Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16

*N.B. This consultation feedback is **only** for comments received on the HRA of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (February 2016)*

Consultee	Summary of Comments	Response to Comments
Natural England	Agree with the conclusion of the SEA	n/a
Heritage England	Comments received to policy text but not specifically regarding the SEA	n/a
Environment Agency	Comments received to policy text but not specifically regarding the SEA	n/a
Natural Resources Wales	No comments received	n/a

Appendix 10

Table of Examiner's recommended modifications

Policy	Modification recommended	Justification
Modification 1 Policy B1	Modify the first part of Policy B1 to read "Housing development that will make a proportionate contribution to the provision for new housing in the Hereford Rural Housing Market Area defined in Core Strategy Policy RA1 will be supported within, or adjoining, the defined rural settlements of Breinton Common (Figure 17) and Lower Breinton (Figure 18) when the development:"	To include reference to the strategic policy background and cross reference to the Core Strategy policy to ensure clarity
Modification 2 Policy B1	Criteria a: delete 'significant' and insert 'substantial' Criteria b: at the beginning insert 'where appropriate' Criteria d: at the beginning insert 'maintains or'	To add clarity to policy meaning To add clarity regarding the reuse of previously developed land where appropriate given the potential limited supply within the parish Remove unduly onerous requirements
Modification 3 Policy B2	After 'within' insert 'or adjacent to' in the first line Insert new criteria c and d to read; 'c; it would not allow any further westward expansion of the ribbon development or any substantial incursion into open countryside to the south that would not be sustainable; d; it would not significantly constrain options for the route of the Hereford Relief Road; e; it would comply with the requirements of Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy'	Policy was more restrictive that Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy will no clear justification for a more restrictive policy at Kings Acre Road. Examiner was not satisfied that the proportionate levels of development envisaged could be met with the submitted wording. Acknowledge the current constraints regarding the Hereford Relief Road corridor
Modification 4 Background / Justification to Policy B2	Delete 'Being 'ribbon development' this area is not identified as a settlement under Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy' And replace with 'Kings Acre Road was originally regarded as ribbon development related to the Hereford Fringe by Herefordshire Council and was not regarded as a settlement under Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. However the proportionate figure of 72 dwellings for	Policy was more restrictive that Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy will no clear justification for a more restrictive policy at Kings Acre Road. Examiner was not satisfied that the proportionate levels of development envisaged could be met with the submitted wording.

	<p>Breinton related to the whole of the existing housing stock of Breinton including Kings Acre Road and a settlement boundary has been define for Kings Acre Road'</p> <p>Insert a new paragraph after the second paragraph to read:</p> <p>'The corridor being protected for the proposed Hereford Relief Road covers a large part of the existing settlement of Kings Acre Road and the adjoining countryside and this represents a substantial constraint on potential development until decisions have been taken on whether the road is to be built and if so its preferred route'</p>	Acknowledge the current constraints regarding the Hereford Relief Road corridor
Modification 5 Policy B3	<p>In the third line after 'of the Core Strategy' start a new paragraph with a space separating it from the preceding text</p> <p>In criteria B after 'The proposal' insert 'is closely related to existing housing and..'</p> <p>Delete criteria d</p>	<p>To clearly separate the two parts of the policy regarding housing in the countryside and exception sites.</p> <p>To be in conformity with para 55 of NPPF</p> <p>To add clarity to the policy regarding as the term 'reasonable access' is not clear</p>
Modification 6 Policy B4	<p>Delete criteria a</p> <p>Add 'and community assets' after 'housing' within the policy header</p>	To ensure conformity with para 51 of the NPPF and the presumption in favour of development
Modification 7 Policy B5	Insert a full stop after 'the parish' and delete 'including Lifetime Homes'	To comply with the Ministerial Statement (25 March 2015) regarding the setting of local technical standards for construction, internal layout or performance'
Modification 8 Supporting text to Policy B5	Delete 'Developers should also meet the Lifetime Homes standard, and produce homes that meet or exceed the prevailing standard for sustainable homes'	To comply with the Ministerial Statement (25 March 2015) regarding the setting of local technical standards for construction, internal layout or performance'
Modification 9 Policy B6	Delete criteria c	To comply with the Ministerial Statement (25 March 2015) regarding the setting of local technical standards for construction, internal layout or performance'
Modification 10 Policy B7	Criteria a; insert 'in a suitable location' after '...that development'	Clarify the definitions within the policy and ensure compatibility with the presumption in favour of

		development
Modification 11 Fig 20a	Increase the scale sufficiently to show the space that is designed in Green Lane ie the boundaries on both sides	Ensure the area is clearly defined
Modification 12 Policy B9	Delete the 6 th bullet 'Wye Valley Walk' In the last paragraph amend the wording after 'or include' to read 'appropriate mitigation to offset, any adverse impact'	Does not meet the requirements of para 77 of the NPPF To ensure clarity within the policy wording
Modification 13 Policy B10	Reword the first sentence to read 'The quiet and rural character of the existing routes shown of Figure 1, excluding the A438 will be protected' Reword criteria o to read 'Any road should be designed and developed to minimise adverse impacts or physical damage to habitats, water quality in the River Wye SAC, residential amenity, business interests, the significance and setting of heritage assets and the historic character of the wider landscape as a result of noise pollution and vibration, light pollution, air pollution or flood risk. Where harmful effects cannot be entirely avoided proposal should include measures to mitigate the harm within the parish.	To avoid ambiguity with the legal status of Quiet Lanes. To ensure clarity in phraseology
Modification 14 Policy B11	In the second para delete 'biodiversity poor habitat (such as species poor hedge)' and insert in its place 'the network (for example a limited stretch of hedgerow)'	To ensure compatibility with the presumption in favour of development
Modification 15 Policy B14	Reword the beginning of Policy B14 to read 'All development proposals will be expected to provide landscape impact analysis proportionate to the scale of the development and its impact, which will demonstrate..' In the second part of the Policy delete 'and should not break the skyline'	To remove over onerous requirement on all development proposals with regards to para 193 of the NPPF Remove unduly prescriptive text in accordance with para 60 of the NPPF
Modification 16 Policy B16	Delete Figure 15 and replace with Figure 1 from the NDP 'Identification of important public views' Modify the first line of Policy B16 to read 'Development which detracts significantly from the qualities of the following views as defined in Breinton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011-2031 Identification of Important Public Views will not be permitted'	To ensure the plan is at a scale which the numbers can be read. To ensure policy wording is clear and does not preclude development
Modification 17 Policy B17	Delete Policy B17 Retain the heading 'Local Heritage Assets' and the first and second sentences of the supporting text and modify the third	To remove oversimplified policy which does not reflect section 12 of the NPPF or comply with PPG guidance on locally

	sentence to read 'national policies set out in the NPPF will be applied to conserve and enhance these assets, thereby retaining the historical richness of the area for future generations'	distinctive policies.
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Appendix 11

D3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the amended Neighbourhood Development Plan policies following examination**Key:**

++ Move towards significantly	+ Move towards Marginally	- - - Move away significantly	- Move away marginally	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	N/A No relationship
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Policy B1 – Housing Development in the defined Breinton Settlements

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve quality of	?	?	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would	

surroundings				only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	++	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve water quality	?	+	+	House building in as yet unspecified locations could place acute pressure on sewerage systems, but this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. There is a criterion within the Policy to ensure development is connected to main sewer or have suitable	

				treatment on site.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	?	+	+	Policy safeguards exist within criterion c of this policy and Policy B7, should ensure that housing development would not compromise the quality of the best agricultural land in the medium term.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative	This policy compliments Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy as it identifies Breinton in the table 4.15 of the Core Strategy Local Plan and would only lead to very small scale development. Policy safeguarding exists to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account. Wording changes have been made as a result of the				

effects	modifications but these are to include reference to the strategic policy background and add clarity rather than a change in stance.
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Policy B2 – Kings Acre road

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Modifications have included criteria to reduce ribbon development to the west and substantial incursions into the open countryside.	
To improve quality of surroundings	?	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Modifications have included criteria to reduce ribbon development to the west and substantial incursions into the open countryside.	

To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. This area of the parish is located closer to the City and also public transport links.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. This area of the parish is located closer to the City and also public transport links.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	

To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. This area of the parish is located closer to the City and also public transport links therefore should reduce the need to travel and help improve the air quality. Modifications to the policy have included reference to the prevention of expansion of ribbon development to the west and substantial incursions into the open countryside.				

Policy B3 – Housing in the countryside and rural exception sites

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		

To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	?	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy. Modifications have included reference to the proposal being closely related to the existing housing.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	?	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy. Modifications have included reference to the proposal being closely related to the existing housing.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	?	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development	

				in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	?	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	?	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve water quality	?	?	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To provide for sustainable sources of	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line	

water supply				with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	?	?	+	It is difficult to predict the short-term effects of house building, albeit on a small scale; in as yet unspecified locations and which would not ordinarily be acceptable in development terms. However, this policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to very small scale development in line with Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy.	

Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy compliments Policy H2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy; in spite of some locational issues policy safeguarding exists to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account and any potential adverse impacts mitigated against. Modifications have included criteria to ensure that proposals are related to existing housing.

Policy B5 – Ensuring an appropriate range of tenures, types and sizes of houses

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would facilitate the delivery of an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would facilitate the delivery of an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	

To improve quality of surroundings	?	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would facilitate the delivery of an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would facilitate the delivery of an appropriate range and mix of housing in line with Policy H3 of the Core Strategy.	
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	

To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	X	X	X	No relationship.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy compliments Policy H3 of the Core Strategy and should ensure that residential developments provide an appropriate range and mix of housing. Policy safeguarding exists to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account. Minor amendments only with regards to the deletion of reference to Lifetime Homes.				

Policy B6 – Sustainable design and energy efficiency

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term	Medium term	Long term		

	(1 – 5 years)	(6 – 10 years)	(10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To improve quality of surroundings	?	?	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	

To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To improve water quality	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		

To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains the design criteria for development proposals. The policy does not over and above the Core Strategy. Modification included the deletion of reference to Lifetime Homes.				

Policy B7 – Protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land, soils and promoting agricultural development that protects the environment and preserves the distinctive rural landscape.

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	

To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development. This will help to reduce food miles by ensuring that produce is available locally, in turn improving air quality.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development. This will help to reduce food miles by ensuring that produce is available locally, in turn reducing carbon emissions.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development. This will help to ensure that produce can be grown and sourced locally, making the area less dependent on imported products.	

To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	++	++	++	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	The intention of this policy is to protect the best agricultural land from development.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy does meet the Core Strategy objectives, and the change of wording has meant that it is now not as restrictive as the previous versions; therefore some development will be able to come forward. Minor wording modification included 'suitable locations' to assist clarity.				

Policy B9 – Protecting designated Local Green Space

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	This policy should make a positive contribution to the protection or enhancement of the natural environment.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	++	++	++	The protection or enhancement of local greenspaces should help maintain the quality of the 'townscape' and character of the area.	
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	The protection or enhancement of local greenspaces should help maintain the quality of the surroundings of the area.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	++	++	++	The protection or enhancement of local greenspaces should help maintain the quality the character of the area.	

To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	++	++	++	This policy will provide added protection to the finest agricultural land.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		

To conserve natural and manmade resources	++	++	++	To protect or enhance local greenspaces should negate the need to develop additional land and use additional resources for recreations or community uses.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy does meet the Core Strategy's requirements for the purposes of the SEA, and will help to maintain the character and special attributes of the area. This policy seeks to protect the Local Green Spaces, the modification has ensured all meet the requirements of the NPPF and reference mitigation.				

Policy B10 – Moving around Breinton

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	

landscapes and townscapes					
To improve quality of surroundings	?	?	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	

To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the relevant baseline data. The amended criteria concerning the design of the relief road includes reference to a number of environmental factors.				

Policy B11- Green Infrastructure

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This policy aims to protect and improve green infrastructure in the area which could have a positive impact on nature conversation.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This policy aims to protect and improve green infrastructure in the area which could have a positive impact the quality of the landscape and townscape.	
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This policy aims to protect and improve green infrastructure in the area which could have a positive impact the quality of surroundings.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	This policy aims to protect and improve green infrastructure in the area which could have a positive impact the historic environment	

To improve air quality	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could have a positive effect on air quality.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could have a positive effect on air quality.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could provide additional flood storage areas.	
To improve water quality	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could provide additional flood storage areas.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Improved green infrastructure could provide additional flood storage areas	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Additional and increased green areas will have a positive effect on conserving soil quality.	
To minimise the production	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		

To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Improvements and protection for green infrastructure will contribute to the conservation of natural resources.	
Summary in relation to baseline	This policy will seek to continue to protect and enhance the character of the Parish and special areas within it.				
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	This policy meets the Core Strategy objectives, the additional wording in the revised policy helps to strengthen the protection of green infrastructure around the parish. Minor modification has been made to the wording to assist clarity but has not affected the previous assessment.				

Policy B14 Protecting the landscape

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	This policy seeks to protect or enhance landscape character by requiring good design.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	++	++	++	This policy seeks to protect or enhance the landscape through requiring good design and should therefore ensure that the character of townscape is reflected in development proposals.	

To improve quality of surroundings	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This policy seeks to protect or enhance the landscape through requiring good design and should therefore have a positive impact the historic environment.	
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Affording a greater degree of protection to the landscape should feed into conservation of soil quality.	
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		

To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Affording a greater degree of protection to the landscape will contribute to the conservation of natural resources.	
Overall commentary	This is not a policy which will not directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to avoid inappropriate forms of development within sensitive landscapes. Modification has been made to ensure that the requirements are proportionate to the application.				

Policy B16 – Protecting important public views

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (Cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	This is not a policy which will directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to preserve the appearance of specific tracts of land from a number of public vantage points.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	++	++	++	This is not a policy which will directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to preserve the appearance of specific tracts of land from a number of public vantage points.	
To improve quality of	N/A	N/A	N/A		

surroundings					
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	++	++	++	This is not a policy which will directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to preserve the appearance of specific tracts of land from a number of public vantage points.	
To improve air quality	X	X	X		
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X		
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X		
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X		
To improve water quality	X	X	X		
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X		
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X		
To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X		
To minimise the production of waste	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To improve the health of the population	N/A	N/A	N/A		

To reduce crime and nuisance	N/A	N/A	N/A		
To conserve natural and manmade resources	X	X	X		
Overall commentary	This is not a policy which will directly result in development but a criteria policy designed to preserve the appearance of specific tracts of land from a number of public vantage points. The policy has been modified to include reference to the 'identification of public views' map.				

Appendix 12

Objectives and context	Where referenced in NDP/SEA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Neighbourhood Development Plan's purpose and objectives are made clear. • The Neighbourhood Area's environmental issues and constraints, including acknowledgement of those in the Local Plan (Core Strategy) SA, where relevant, and local environmental protection objectives, are considered in developing objectives and targets. • SEA objectives are clearly set out and linked to indicators and targets where appropriate. • Links with other locally related plans, programmes and policies are identified, explained and acknowledgement for those set out in the SA of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) is given, where relevant. • Conflicts that exist between SEA and Neighbourhood Development Plan objectives; and between SEA objectives and other local plan objectives are identified and described. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 1 (paras 1.06 – 1.10). • Sections 2 and 3; and Tables A2 and A3 • Section 3 (para 3.7). • Section 3 (para 3.1). • Section 4 (paras 4.1 – 4.4)
Scoping	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Consultees are consulted in appropriate ways and at appropriate times on the content and scope of the Environmental Report. • The assessment focuses on significant issues. • Technical, procedural and other difficulties encountered are discussed; assumptions and uncertainties are made explicit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2 (paras 2.6 – 2.7) & Appendix 3 • Sections 2 and 6 • Sections 2 and 6

Alternatives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Realistic alternatives are considered for key issues, and the reasons for choosing them are documented. Alternatives include 'do minimum' and/or 'business as usual' scenarios wherever relevant. The environmental effects (both adverse and beneficial) of each alternative are identified and compared. Inconsistencies between the alternatives and other relevant local plans, programmes or policies are identified and explained. Reasons are given for selection or elimination of alternatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 5. Section 5 (paras 5.2 – 5.6). Section 5 & Appendix 5 N/A Section 5 (paras 5.2 – 5.6).
Baseline information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant aspects of the current state of the local, neighbourhood area environment and their likely evolution without the Neighbourhood Development Plan are described. Acknowledgement to the information in the SA of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) is given, where relevant. Environmental characteristics of the local, neighbourhood area, likely to be significantly affected are described, including areas wider than the physical boundary of the designated neighbourhood area, where it is likely to be affected by the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Difficulties such as deficiencies in information or methods are explained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 1 and 6. Initial screening report and Section 1. Section 2.

Prediction and evaluation of likely significant environmental effects	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects identified include the types listed in the Directive (biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climate factors, material assets, cultural heritage and landscape), as relevant; and other local likely environmental effects are also covered, as appropriate. • Both positive and negative effects are considered, and the duration of effects (short, medium or long-term) is addressed. • Likely secondary, cumulative (growing in quantity and strength) and synergistic (acting together) effects are identified, where practicable. • Inter-relationships between effects are considered, where practicable. • The prediction and evaluation of effects makes use of relevant accepted standards, regulations, and thresholds (i.e. data gathered for the evidence base). • Methods used to evaluate the effects are described. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables A2, A3 and A4 (Appendix 2) • Tables B2 and B3 (Appendix 4) and D3 (Appendix 7) and D3 Appendix 11 • Table B4 (Appendix 4) and D3 Appendix 11 • Section 6 • Section 6 • Section 2
Mitigation measures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and offset any significant adverse effects of implementing the Neighbourhood Development Plan are indicated. • Issues to be taken into account when determining planning applications or other projects, for example funding bids, are identified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 6 (paras 6.6. – 6.8) • Section 6.

The Environmental Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is clear and concise in its layout and presentation. • Uses simple, clear language and avoids or explains technical terms. • Uses maps and other illustrations, where appropriate. • Explains the methodology used. • Explains who was consulted and what methods of consultation were used. • Identifies sources of information, including expert judgement and matters of opinion. • Contains a non-technical summary covering the overall approach to the SEA, the objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, the main options considered, and any changes to the Neighbourhood Development Plan resulting from the SEA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A • N/A • N/A • Section 2 • Section 2 • Section 2 • Included at page 1
Consultation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SEA is consulted on as an integral part of the plan-making process of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. • Consultation Bodies and the public likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the Neighbourhood Development Plan are consulted in ways and at times, which give them an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinions on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and Environmental Report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2 (paras 2.4 – 2.5). • Section 8.

Decision-making and information on the decision	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The environmental report and the opinions of those consulted are taken into account in finalising and adopting the Neighbourhood Development Plan. An explanation is given of how they have been taken into account. Reasons are given for choosing the Neighbourhood Development Plan as adopted, in the light of other reasonable alternatives considered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sections 2 and 8. Section 3 Section 3
Monitoring measures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures proposed for monitoring the Neighbourhood Development Plan are clear, practicable and linked to the indicators and objectives used in the SEA. Monitoring is used, where appropriate, during implementation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to make good deficiencies in baseline information in the SEA. Acknowledgement that monitoring enables unforeseen adverse effects to be identified at an early stage. (These effects may include predictions which prove to be incorrect.) Proposals are made for action in response to significant adverse effects arising from the monitoring of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7. Section 7. Section 7. Section 7.