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# SHIMPLING

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Basic Conditions Statement



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# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 As part of the formal submission of the Shimpling Neighbourhood Plan to Babergh District Council, there is a requirement for the Parish Council, as the 'qualifying body' to illustrate that they have complied with a series of 'basic conditions' as set out in the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). This Statement accompanies the submission to the local planning authority, Babergh District Council, of the Shimpling Neighbourhood Plan under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations"). Regulation 15 requires a submission neighbourhood development plan to be accompanied by *"a statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act"*.
- 1.2 Paragraph 8 (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 **as applied to neighbourhood development plans** by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, requires that a Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the Basic Conditions if:
- a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood plan,
  - d) the making of the order contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
  - e) the making of the order would not have the effect of preventing development from taking place which:
    - (i) is proposed in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area) and
    - (ii) if it took place would provide housing,
  - f) the making of the order does not breach and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations,
  - fa) any requirements imposed in relation to the order by or part six of the levelling up and regeneration act 2023 (environmental outcomes reports) have been complied with.

## Provisions of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023

- 1.3 On 25 March 2026, Sections 98 and 99 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act (LURA) 2023 came into force. In relation to neighbourhood plans, sections 98 and 99 amended the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in respect of the legal compliance and the Basic Conditions requirements.
- 1.4 In summary, the further legal compliance requires, so far as the qualifying body considers appropriate, and having regard to the subject matter of the plan:
- that the plan must be designed to secure that the development and use of land in the neighbourhood area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change; and
  - that the plan must be designed to take account of any local nature recovery strategy under section 104 of the Environment Act 2021 that relates to all or part of the neighbourhood plan area.
- 1.5 A further Basic Condition related to the new environmental assessment framework commenced but, at this time, a completed framework for the implementation of Environmental Outcome Reports is not in place and, therefore, compliance with this Basic Condition cannot be assessed.
- 1.6 Furthermore, paragraph 30 of the NPPF (December 2024), states that "Neighbourhood plans should not promote less development than set out in the strategic policies for the area, or undermine those strategic policies" with a footnote stating "Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in any development plan that covers their area."
- 1.7 This Statement has been prepared in order to confirm compliance with these basic conditions as follows:
- Section 2** identifies how the Plan conforms with the legislative requirements for the 'basic conditions';
- Section 3** identifies how the Plan's Policies have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance;

**Section 4** conforms how the Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;

**Section 5** assesses the policies against whether they would prevent development taking place which is proposed in the development plan and, if so, it would provide housing.

**Section 6** assesses whether the policies in the Plan contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change;

**Section 7** assesses how the Plan has regard to the content of the Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy;

**Section 8** assesses how the Plan's policies are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted Local Plan; and

**Section 9** identifies how the Plan is compatible with retained European Union obligations and human rights.

- 1.8 It is considered that the Neighbourhood Plan complies with the requirements of the basic conditions as set out in Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

## 2. Legal Requirements

2.1 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) identifies legal requirements that a neighbourhood plan must comply with. Table 1 identifies how the Plan and its process of preparation to date satisfies these requirements.

**Table 1 – How preparing the Neighbourhood Plan has satisfied the legal requirements.**

| Requirement                                                                                               | Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | NP response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4B 8 (1)(a) Whether the Draft NP meets the Basic Conditions                                               | This requires the NP to demonstrate compliance with paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the T&CP Act.                                                                                                                                           | This is considered in detail in later sections of this Statement.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Whether the Draft Order Complies with Sections 38A & 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 | This requires the draft order to comply with Sections 38A & 38B of the Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Section 38A sets out the "Meaning of Neighbourhood Development Plan".                                                                   | Compliance with Sections 38A and 38B is demonstrated in the following rows.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                           | Section 38A(1)<br>"any qualifying body is entitled to initiate a process for the purpose of requiring a Local Planning Authority in England to make a Neighbourhood Development Plan."                                                       | The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted by Shimpling Parish Council, a qualifying body (as defined in the Localism Act 2011).                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                           | Section 38A(2)<br>A "Neighbourhood Development Plan is a plan which sets out policies (however expressed) in relation to the development and use of land in the whole or any part of a particular neighbourhood area specified in the plan." | The NP sets out Policies that relate to the development and use of land for the Neighbourhood Area covering the Parish of Shimpling, as designated by Babergh District Council on 6 October 2023. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is shown in the NP. |
|                                                                                                           | Section 38A, Paragraphs (3) - (12)                                                                                                                                                                                                           | These paragraphs are not of relevance to the submission phase of the NP.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                           | Section 38B1(a)<br>The Neighbourhood Development Plan "Must specify the period for which it is to have effect."                                                                                                                              | The plan period of the NP is from 2025 to 2037.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                           | Section 38B1(b)<br>A Neighbourhood Development Plan "may not include provision about development that is excluded development."                                                                                                              | The NP does not contain policies relating to excluded development as defined in Section 61K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                           | Section 38B1(c)<br>A Neighbourhood Development Plan may not relate to more than one neighbourhood area                                                                                                                                       | The NP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It solely relates to the Neighbourhood Plan Area as designated by Babergh District Council on 6 October 2023.                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                           | Section 38B(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | There are currently no other NP's in place in this neighbourhood area.                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| Requirement                                                                                                 | Interpretation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | NP response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|                                                                                                             | Only one Neighbourhood Development Plan may be made for each neighbourhood area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                             | Section 38B(3)<br><br>If to any extent a policy set out in a Neighbourhood Development Plan conflicts with any other statement or information in the plan, the conflict must be resolved in favour of the policy.                                                                                                                                    | There are no conflicts within the NP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                             | Section 38B(4)(a)<br><br>Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions for "restricting the provision that may be included in Neighbourhood Development Plans about the use of land."<br><br>These Regulations are set out in Statutory Instrument 2012 No 637, The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). | The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) have been used to inform the process of making the NP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                             | Section 38B(4)(b)<br><br>Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions "requiring Neighbourhood Development Plans to include such matters as are prescribed in the Regulations."                                                                                                                                                    | A screening process was carried out by the local planning authority to determine whether a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) would be required in support of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was considered that the Shimpling Neighbourhood Plan will not have significant environmental effects and that no European sites would be affected by the policies described in the NP. |
|                                                                                                             | Section 38B, which include paragraphs 38B(4)(c), 5 & 6,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | The remaining requirements of Section 38B are not of relevance to this Basic Conditions Statement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4B 8 (1)(d) Whether The Referendum Should Extend Beyond The NP Area                                         | This requires the examiner to consider whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the NP Area to which it relates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | The NP relates solely to land that falls within the Parish of Shimpling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4B 8 (1)(e) Other Matters 3.28.                                                                             | This requires the examiner to consider such other matters as may be prescribed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | There are no other prescribed matters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018 | These Regulations require an Appropriate Assessment of the Plan to be carried out should the SEA and HRA Screening Opinion deem it necessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | The HRA Screening Opinion concluded that an Appropriate Assessment was not required, as no European sites would be affected by the policies described in the NP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

### 3. Conformity with National Policy

- 3.1 The Shimpling Neighbourhood Plan must have appropriate regard to national policy. The national policy and advice in respect to the preparation of neighbourhood plans is, at the time the Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to the local planning authority, contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published in December 2024. It is acknowledged that the government has announced an intention to publish a new NPPF in "Summer 2026" containing plan making policies but, until that time, it is only possible to assess the Neighbourhood Plan against the paragraphs of the 2024 NPPF.
- 3.2 Table 2, below, identifies how the Plan's policies meet the basic condition of having regard to the NPPF by assessing the Plan against the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF.
- 3.3 The NPPF contains thirteen topic-based chapters in which more detailed policy guidance is set out for plan making and decision taking.

**Table 2 - Compatibility of the Plan's policies against the NPPF**

| Shimpling NP Policy                                                                  | NPPF paragraph | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Policy SPG 1 - Development Location                                                  | 8.             | Paragraph 8 of the NPPF sets out the three overarching objectives of the planning system to achieve sustainable development.<br><br>Policy SPG 1 conforms with this approach.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Policy SPG 2 – Housing Development                                                   | 83             | Paragraph 83 states that "to promote sustainable development in rural areas, housing should be located where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities."<br><br>Policy SPG 2 supports the development of housing within the defined Settlement Boundary in accordance with the strategic policies of the adopted local plan. |
| Policy SPG 3 – Housing Mix                                                           | 61             | Paragraph 61 states that "the overall aim [of planning policies] should be to meet an area's identified housing need, including with an appropriate mix of housing types for the local community."<br><br>Policy SPG 3 seeks to secure an appropriate mix of housing in the parish.                                                              |
| Policy SPG 4 - Affordable Housing on Exception Sites                                 | 82             | Paragraph 82 states that local planning authorities "support opportunities to bring forward rural exception sites that will provide affordable housing to meet identified local needs."<br><br>Policy SPG 4 seeks to secure affordable housing in accordance with the principles of paragraph 82.                                                |
| Policy SPG 5 – Replacement Dwellings and Conversions outside the Settlement Boundary | 84             | Paragraph 84 states that planning policies should "avoid the development of isolated homes in the countryside unless specific circumstances apply."<br><br>Policy SPG 5 would accord with this paragraph.                                                                                                                                        |
| Policy SPG 6 – Protecting Landscape Character                                        | 187            | Paragraph 187 states that planning policies should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by, inter alia, protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, sites of biodiversity or geological value and soils and recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside.                                            |

| Shimpling NP Policy                          | NPPF paragraph     | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|                                              |                    | Policies SPG 6, SPG 7 and SPG 8 have been prepared to be in accordance with paragraph 187.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Policy SPG 7 – Area of Local Landscape Value | 187                | As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Policy SPG 8 – Important Views               | 187                | As above                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Policy SPG 9 – Biodiversity and Habitats     | 192, 193           | <p>Paragraph 192 states that plans should “promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species; and identify and pursue opportunities for securing measurable net gains for biodiversity.”</p> <p>Paragraph 193 provides criteria against which proposals that would impact on habitats should be determined.</p> <p>Policy SPG 9 has been prepared in accordance with these paragraphs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Policy SPG 10 – Local Green Spaces           | 106, 107           | <p>Paragraph 106 supports communities identifying land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans. Paragraph 107 specifies that criteria that such spaces should meet.</p> <p>Policy SPG 10 designates Local Green Spaces that meet the criteria of paragraph 107.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Policy SPG 11 – Special Character Area       | 203                | <p>Paragraph 203 states that “plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment”.</p> <p>Policy SPG 11 conforms with this objective.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Policy SPG 12 – Design Considerations        | 131, 132, 134, 135 | <p>Paragraph 131 states “the creation of high quality, beautiful and sustainable buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve.”</p> <p>Paragraph 132 states that “neighbourhood planning groups can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development, both through their own plans and by engaging in the production of design policy, guidance and codes by local planning authorities and developers.” The Neighbourhood Plan is supported by design guidance and codes prepared specifically with the regard to characteristics of the Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>Paragraph 134 states that “design guides and codes can be prepared at an area-wide, neighbourhood or sites-specific scale, and to carry weight in decision-making should be produced either as part of a plan or as supplementary planning documents.” The Shimpling Design Guidance and Codes form a supporting document to Policy SPG 12.</p> <p>Paragraph 135 provides a number of criteria against which planning policies and decisions should be assessed. The Neighbourhood Plan positively supports the criteria of this paragraph.</p> |

| Shimpling NP Policy                               | NPPF paragraph | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Policy SPG 13 - Flooding and Sustainable Drainage | 182            | Paragraph 182 states that "applications which could affect drainage on or around the site should incorporate sustainable drainage systems".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Policy SPG 14 – Minimising Light Pollution        | 198            | Paragraph 198 states that planning policies and decisions should limit the impact of light pollution.<br><br>Policy SPG 14 conforms with this approach.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Policy SPG 15 – Village Services and Facilities   | 88             | Paragraph 88 states that planning policies should support "the retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship."<br><br>Policy SPG 15 conforms with this approach.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Policy SPG 16 – Parking Standards                 | 112            | Paragraph 112 states "If setting local parking standards for residential and non-residential development, policies should take into account:<br>a) the accessibility of the development;<br>b) the type, mix and use of development;<br>c) the availability of and opportunities for public transport;<br>d) local car ownership levels; and<br>e) the need to ensure an adequate provision of spaces for charging plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles."<br><br>Policy SPG 16 conforms with this approach. |
| Policy SPG 17 – Public Rights of Way              | 105            | Paragraph 105 states that "planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## 4. Contribution to the achievement of sustainable development

- 4.1 The NPPF is framed around a basic premise of achieving sustainable development, comprising three main dimensions: economic, social and environmental. Paragraph 8 requires the planning system to have regard to three overarching objectives:
- a) *"an economic objective – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure;*
  - b) *a social objective – to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering a well-designed, beautiful and safe places, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being; and*
  - c) *an environmental objective – to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, improving biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy."*
- 4.2 Table 3 identifies how the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan contribute to the achievement of sustainable development as defined by the NPPF.

**Table 3 - How the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan policies achieve sustainable development**

| Policy | Purpose                                                                                                                       | Outcome                                                                                                                                     |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPG 1  | Sets out a strategy for appropriate development within the parish.                                                            | Ensures new development is compatible with the form and function of the settlement and that the parish retains its special qualities.       |
| SPG 2  | Provides a positive framework for the location of new housing development.                                                    | Contributes to ensuring new housing is located in sustainable locations.                                                                    |
| SPG 3  | Identifies the type of new housing that will be supported.                                                                    | Contributes to meeting local housing needs.                                                                                                 |
| SPG 4  | Provides a mechanism for delivering affordable housing to meet local needs.                                                   | Contributes to meeting local housing needs.                                                                                                 |
| SPG 5  | Provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for replacement dwellings and conversion of building in the countryside. | Ensures that the rural landscape of the parish will not be harmed by the overdevelopment of a plot                                          |
| SPG 6  | To conserve the landscape, heritage and rural character of the parishes.                                                      | Ensures that development does not have a detrimental impact on the landscape character of the area.                                         |
| SPG 7  | Identifies an area of greater landscape character value and sensitivity within the plan area that should be protected.        | Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, setting of the parish and maintaining the landscape character of the area. |
| SPG 8  | Identifies important views within the Plan Area that should be protected.                                                     | Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, and to maintaining the landscape character of the settlement               |
| SPG 9  | Protects, trees, hedgerows and other natural features in the plan area.                                                       | Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, and to maintaining the landscape character of the settlement.              |
| SPG 10 | Designates Local Green Spaces                                                                                                 | Contributes to protecting important green spaces.                                                                                           |
| SPG 11 | Identifies an area that has special historic character.                                                                       | Protects built heritage characteristics of a designated area                                                                                |

| Policy | Purpose                                                                                    | Outcome                                                                                              |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPG 12 | Provides design criteria for new development.                                              | Contributes to ensuring that development proposals have a positive impact on the Neighbourhood Area. |
| SPG 13 | Requires proposals to demonstrate how potential surface water run-off will be managed.     | Ensures proposals adequately mitigate the potential for local surface water flooding.                |
| SPG 14 | Provides criteria to assess impact of artificial lighting in new development.              | Contributes to ensuring that development proposals have a positive impact on the Neighbourhood Area. |
| SPG 15 | Supports the retention and improvement of community facilities and services in the parish. | Maintains existing parish services and reduce the need to travel.                                    |
| SPG 16 | Sets out parking standards to be applied to new residential development.                   | To ensure the character of the built environment is maintained.                                      |
| SPG 17 | Promotes improvement to the public rights of way network.                                  | Contributes to health and wellbeing.                                                                 |

## 5. Whether the policies of the Plan prevent development from taking place which is proposed in the development plan for the area, and if it took place, would provide housing.

- 5.1 The Basic Condition seeks to ensure that the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan do not block development proposed in the adopted Local Plan and whether such policies would provide housing.
- 5.2 Table 4 identifies whether each policy in the Neighbourhood Plan would prevent proposals in the development plan taking place and, if so, whether it would provide housing.

**Table 4 – Impact of the Neighbourhood Plan policies on the delivery of proposed development in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (Part 1) and the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan**

| Policy | Purpose                                                                                                                       | Outcome                                                                                                                                          |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPG 1  | Sets out a strategy for appropriate development within the parish.                                                            | The policy is positive towards new housing development within the Settlement Boundary.                                                           |
| SPG 2  | Provides a positive framework for the location of new housing development.                                                    | The policy is positive towards new housing development within the Settlement Boundary.                                                           |
| SPG 3  | Identifies the type of new housing that will be supported.                                                                    | The policy is positive towards new housing development that meets locally identified needs.                                                      |
| SPG 4  | Provides a mechanism for delivering affordable housing to meet local needs.                                                   | The policy is positive towards new housing development that meets locally identified needs.                                                      |
| SPG 5  | Provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for replacement dwellings and conversion of building in the countryside. | The policy supports the provision of housing in specified circumstances.                                                                         |
| SPG 6  | To conserve the landscape, heritage and rural character of the parish.                                                        | The policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan where they are in accordance with other policies. |
| SPG 7  | Identifies an area of greater landscape character value and sensitivity within the plan area that should be protected.        | The policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan where they are in accordance with other policies. |
| SPG 8  | Identifies important views within the Plan Area that should be protected.                                                     | The policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan where they are in accordance with other policies. |
| SPG 9  | Protects, trees, hedgerows and other natural features in the plan area.                                                       | The policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan where they are in accordance with other policies. |
| SPG 10 | Designates Local Green Spaces                                                                                                 | The policy is not applicable to housing proposals.                                                                                               |
| SPG 11 | Identifies an area that has special historic character.                                                                       | The policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan where they are in accordance with other policies. |
| SPG 12 | Provides design criteria for new development.                                                                                 | The policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan where they are in accordance with other policies. |

| Policy | Purpose                                                                                    | Outcome                                                                                                                                          |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPG 13 | Requires proposals to demonstrate how potential surface water run-off will be managed.     | The policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan where they are in accordance with other policies. |
| SPG 14 | Provides criteria to assess impact of artificial lighting in new development.              | The policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan where they are in accordance with other policies. |
| SPG 15 | Supports the retention and improvement of community facilities and services in the parish. | The policy is not applicable to housing proposals.                                                                                               |
| SPG 16 | Sets out parking standards to be applied to new residential development.                   | The policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan where they are in accordance with other policies. |
| SPG 17 | Promotes improvement to the public rights of way network.                                  | The policy does not prevent the delivery of the housing requirements of the adopted Local Plan where they are in accordance with other policies. |

## 6. Whether the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change

6.1 This section assesses how each policy of the Neighbourhood Plan, as appropriate, meets the requirements of paragraph 38B (2B) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) which requires that a Plan must “be designed to secure that the development and use of land in the neighbourhood area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.”

6.2 Each policy is assessed in Table 5 to identify how the Plan meets these requirements. For the purposes of the assessment, the definition of climate change is based on the content of the December 2024 NPPF Glossary:

**Climate change adaptation:** Adjustments made to natural or human systems in response to the actual or anticipated impacts of climate change, to mitigate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities.

**Climate change mitigation:** Action to reduce the impact of human activity on the climate system, primarily through reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

**Table 5 – Assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan policies against the requirement to secure development that contributes to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change**

| Policy | Purpose                                                                                                                       | Does the policy contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change?                                                                        |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPG 1  | Sets out a strategy for appropriate development within the parish.                                                            | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                                                                          |
| SPG 2  | Provides a positive framework for the location of new housing development.                                                    | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                                                                          |
| SPG 3  | Identifies the type of new housing that will be supported.                                                                    | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                                                                          |
| SPG 4  | Provides a mechanism for delivering affordable housing to meet local needs.                                                   | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                                                                          |
| SPG 5  | Provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for replacement dwellings and conversion of building in the countryside. | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                                                                          |
| SPG 6  | To conserve the landscape, heritage and rural character of the parish.                                                        | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                                                                          |
| SPG 7  | Identifies an area of greater landscape character value and sensitivity within the plan area that should be protected.        | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                                                                          |
| SPG 8  | Identifies important views within the Plan Area that should be protected.                                                     | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                                                                          |
| SPG 9  | Protects, trees, hedgerows and other natural features in the plan area.                                                       | Positive – the policy seeks the retention and improvement of natural features that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by acting as natural carbon sinks. |
| SPG 10 | Designates Local Green Spaces                                                                                                 | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                                                                          |
| SPG 11 | Identifies an area that has special historic character.                                                                       | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                                                                          |
| SPG 12 | Provides design criteria for new development.                                                                                 | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                                                                          |

| Policy | Purpose                                                                                    | Does the policy contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change?                       |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPG 13 | Requires proposals to demonstrate how potential surface water run-off will be managed.     | Positive – the policy requires the provision of Sustainable Drainage Systems for appropriate development. |
| SPG 14 | Provides criteria to assess impact of artificial lighting in new development.              | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                         |
| SPG 15 | Supports the retention and improvement of community facilities and services in the parish. | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                         |
| SPG 16 | Sets out parking standards to be applied to new residential development.                   | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                         |
| SPG 17 | Promotes improvement to the public rights of way network.                                  | Neutral – it does not address matters relating to climate change.                                         |

## 7. Whether the Plan takes account of the Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy

- 7.1 The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for the area that includes the Neighbourhood Area is the Suffolk LNRS that was adopted by local authorities in October 2025. It includes mapping of "Areas of Particular Importance for Biodiversity" (APIB) and "Areas that Could Become Important for Biodiversity" (ACIB). For Shimpling, the mapping identifies APIB as well as extensive areas of ACB. It provides a blueprint for how Suffolk's local communities, landowners, local authorities, private companies, and government bodies can work together to broaden protection, restore, and recover nature on the ground. The Neighbourhood Plan includes an appendix that identifies the Priority Habitats in the Parish.
- 7.2 Table 6 provides an assessment of the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan against the Suffolk LNRS.

**Table 6 – Assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan policies against the content of the Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy (October 2025)**

| Policy | Purpose                                                                                                                       | Does the policy take account of the Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPG 1  | Sets out a strategy for appropriate development within the parish.                                                            | Yes – the policy states that development proposals will be supported within the Settlement Boundary and limits development outside the Settlement Boundary to exceptional circumstances. It therefore limits the potential for development to impact on the aspirations of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.               |
| SPG 2  | Provides a positive framework for the location of new housing development.                                                    | Yes – the policy states that proposals for new housing should be directed to sites within the Settlement Boundary and limits development outside the Settlement Boundary to exceptional circumstances. It therefore limits the potential for development to impact on the aspirations of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy. |
| SPG 3  | Identifies the type of new housing that will be supported.                                                                    | Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| SPG 4  | Provides a mechanism for delivering affordable housing to meet local needs.                                                   | Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| SPG 5  | Provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for replacement dwellings and conversion of building in the countryside. | Yes - the policy limits the extent of replacement dwellings in the countryside and the form of conversion of buildings in the countryside. It therefore limits the potential for development to impact on the aspirations of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.                                                             |
| SPG 6  | To conserve the landscape, heritage and rural character of the parish.                                                        | Positive – it seeks the conservation of key landscape features in the parish, thereby supporting the aspirations of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| SPG 7  | Identifies an area of greater landscape character value and sensitivity within the plan area that should be protected.        | Positive – it identifies an area of local landscape importance, thereby supporting the aspirations of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| SPG 8  | Identifies important views within the Plan Area that should be protected.                                                     | Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| SPG 9  | Protects, trees, hedgerows and other natural features in the plan area.                                                       | Positive – the policy seeks the retention and improvement of natural features that help reduce                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

| Policy | Purpose                                                                                    | Does the policy take account of the Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy?                                                                                                                     |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|        |                                                                                            | greenhouse gas emissions by acting as natural carbon sinks.                                                                                                                                     |
| SPG 10 | Designates Local Green Spaces                                                              | Positive – the policy seeks the retention of important open spaces, many of which contribute to providing local habitats.                                                                       |
| SPG 11 | Identifies an area that has special historic character.                                    | Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.                                                                                          |
| SPG 12 | Provides design criteria for new development.                                              | Positive – the policy requires that development does not adversely affect important landscape characteristics including trees and ancient hedgerows and other prominent topographical features. |
| SPG 13 | Requires proposals to demonstrate how potential surface water run-off will be managed.     | Positive – the policy requires the provision of Sustainable Drainage Systems for appropriate development which can provide habitats.                                                            |
| SPG 14 | Provides criteria to assess impact of artificial lighting in new development.              | Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.                                                                                          |
| SPG 15 | Supports the retention and improvement of community facilities and services in the parish. | Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.                                                                                          |
| SPG 16 | Sets out parking standards to be applied to new residential development.                   | Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.                                                                                          |
| SPG 17 | Promotes improvement to the public rights of way network.                                  | Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to the content of the Suffolk Nature Recovery Strategy.                                                                                          |

## 8. General conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan

- 8.1 In accordance with paragraph 30 of the NPPF (December 2024), an assessment is made to demonstrate that the Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained the adopted development plan that covers their area. At the time the Plan was submitted to Babergh District Council, the development plan for the area is the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan (Part 1), adopted in November 2023, and the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan (2020).
- 8.2 The Government's Planning Practice Guidance states:
- "Strategic policies will be different in each local planning authority area. When reaching a view on whether a policy is a strategic policy the following are useful considerations:
- whether the policy sets out an overarching direction or objective
  - whether the policy seeks to shape the broad characteristics of development
  - the scale at which the policy is intended to operate
  - whether the policy sets a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced
  - whether the policy sets a standard or other requirement that is essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan
  - in the case of site allocations, whether bringing the site forward is central to achieving the vision and aspirations of the Local Plan
  - whether the Local Plan identifies the policy as being strategic"
- 8.3 The Basic Conditions Statement assesses compatibility of the Neighbourhood Plan policies against the identified strategic policies that are considered relevant to the Neighbourhood Area. A small number of policies have been saved from the 2006 Local Plan and 2014 Core Strategy, none of which are applicable to the Neighbourhood Area, (see Appendix A for details). There are a number of "Local Policies" within the adopted Joint Local Plan which have not assessed as they are not strategic but add detail to the strategic policies. This Basic Conditions Statement therefore, assesses compatibility of the Neighbourhood Plan policies only against the identified strategic policies.
- 8.4 Table 7 provides details of the policies in the development plan, a link to the Neighbourhood Plan policy (where relevant) and a narrative of conformity of the Neighbourhood Plan with the development plan.

**Table 7 – How the Neighbourhood Plan policies conform with the relevant strategic policies of the Local Plan.**

| Joint Local Plan Strategic Policy | Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                          | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SP01 – Housing Needs              | SPG 1 – Development Location<br>SPG 2 – Housing Development<br>SPG 3 – Housing Mix | The local plan policy identifies the amount of additional housing to be provided during the Local Plan period. It also states that the mix of tenure, size and type should be informed by assessments. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this approach. |
| SP02 – Affordable Housing         | SPG 2 – Housing Development                                                        | The local plan policy provides the thresholds for when there is a requirement to provide affordable housing as part of a scheme. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this approach.                                                                       |

| Joint Local Plan Strategic Policy                                  | Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                      | Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SP03 - The sustainable location of new development                 | SPG 1 – Development Location                                                                                                                                                   | The local plan policy generally supports development within the defined settlement boundaries and limits it outside those boundaries. The Neighbourhood Plan policies support this approach.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| SP04 – Provision for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople | SPG 1 – Development Location                                                                                                                                                   | The local plan policy identifies how proposals for Gypsy and traveller accommodation will be considered. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| SP05 – Employment Land                                             | No specific policies apply                                                                                                                                                     | The local plan policy applies primarily to identified strategic employment sites and is not applicable to the Neighbourhood Area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| SP06 – Retail and Main Town Centre Uses                            | No specific policies apply                                                                                                                                                     | The local plan policy applies to main town centres in the district and is not applicable to the Neighbourhood Area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| SP07 – Tourism                                                     | No specific policies apply                                                                                                                                                     | The local plan policy promotes appropriate sustainable tourism development. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| SP08 – Strategic Infrastructure Provision                          | No specific policies apply                                                                                                                                                     | The local plan policy seeks the delivery of key infrastructure projects and development to contribute to community infrastructure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| SP09 – Enhancement and Management of the Environment               | SPG 6 – Protecting Landscape Character<br>SPG 7 – Area of Local Landscape Value<br>SPG 8 – Important Views<br>SPG 9 – Biodiversity and Habitats<br>SPG 10 – Local Green Spaces | The local plan policy requires development to support and contribute to the conservation, enhancement and management of the natural and local environment and networks of green infrastructure, including landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and the historic environment and historic landscapes. The Neighbourhood Plan supports this approach through identifying local characteristics. |
| SP10 - Climate Change                                              | SPG 12 – Design Considerations<br>SPG 13 – Flooding and Sustainable Drainage                                                                                                   | The local plan policy requires all development to mitigate and adapt to climate change through specific measures. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## 9. Compatibility with European Union Obligations and Human Rights

### Environmental Impact and Habitat Regulations

- 9.1 Section 4B 8 (2)(f) states that a draft Neighbourhood Plan will meet the basic conditions if, the making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations and the making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.
- 9.2 European Union Directive 2001/42/EC requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken for certain types of plan or programmes that would have a significant environmental effect. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the Regulations) that this is to be determined by a screening process which should use a specified set of criteria (set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations). The results of this process must be set out in an SEA Screening Statement, which must be publicly available.
- 9.3 In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Regulations, as amended by the Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018, Shimpling Parish Council requested Babergh District Council, as the responsible body, to consider whether an environmental assessment of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan is required. Babergh District Council subsequently made this determination following consultation with the statutory consultees. The determination is set out in Shimpling Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulation Assessment Determination Notices dated March 2026. The relevant statutory bodies were consulted on these assessments and those that responded agreed with the conclusion that it was not necessary for further assessments.
- 9.4 In line with Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) these documents are also submitted to the District Council alongside the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

### Human Rights

- 9.5 The public consultation process for the Shimpling Neighbourhood Plan has been wide and inclusive and has included direct engagement with the local community. The policies contained within the plan do not disadvantage any minority group or group with protected characteristics.
- 9.6 The overall purpose of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is to improve the quality of life for people living and working now and in the future in the parish from an environmental, social and economic point of view. The aims and policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have been formulated in response to local people's views and in the light of evidence gathered for the parish, and to meet the needs expressed and address the issues identified. To confirm that the Neighbourhood Plan does not have any unintended consequences for particular groups, the strategic aims and the policies in the Plan have been systematically scrutinised to ensure that they do not disadvantage any potentially vulnerable groups. The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on all public authorities in the exercise of their functions to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity, and to foster good relations between persons who have a "protected characteristic" and those who do not. "Protected characteristics" are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
- 9.7 This section assesses the Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that Shimpling Parish Council is satisfying its statutory duties in this regard. An assessment has been made on whether the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have a positive, negative or neutral impact on each of the protected characteristics. The purpose of each of the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are provided, and their likely impact on persons with protected characteristics is assessed in Table 8

**Table 8 - Impact of Shimpling Neighbourhood Development Plan Policies on Persons with Protected Characteristics**

| Policy | Purpose                                                                                                                       | Outcome                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPG 1  | Sets out a strategy for appropriate development within the parish.                                                            | Ensures new development is compatible with the form and function of the settlement and that the parish retains its special qualities.<br>Neutral impact for persons with protected characteristics. |
| SPG 2  | Provides a positive framework for the location of new housing development.                                                    | Contributes to ensuring new housing is located in sustainable locations.<br>Neutral impact for persons with protected characteristics.                                                              |
| SPG 3  | Identifies the type of new housing that will be supported.                                                                    | Delivers housing that will meet locally identified needs.<br>Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.                                                            |
| SPG 4  | Provides a mechanism for delivering affordable housing to meet local needs.                                                   | Enables developments to take place that meet local needs<br>Neutral impact for persons with protected characteristics.                                                                              |
| SPG 5  | Provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for replacement dwellings and conversion of building in the countryside. | Enables dwellings or buildings in the countryside to be replaced or converted for residential purposes.<br>Neutral impact for persons with protected characteristics.                               |
| SPG 6  | To conserve the landscape, heritage and rural character of the parish.                                                        | Protects and enhances the character and setting of the village.<br>Neutral impact for persons with protected characteristics.                                                                       |
| SPG 7  | Identifies an area of greater landscape character value and sensitivity within the plan area that should be protected.        | Reduces detrimental impact of development on the village and its environment.<br>Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics                                                  |
| SPG 8  | Identifies important views within the Plan Area that should be protected.                                                     | Contributes to maintaining the landscape character of the settlement.<br>Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics                                                          |
| SPG 9  | Protects, trees, hedgerows and other natural features in the plan area.                                                       | Provides protection for important natural features to the benefit of the community.<br>Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.                                  |
| SPG 10 | Designates Local Green Spaces                                                                                                 | Ensures that important open spaces are retained.<br>Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.                                                                     |
| SPG 11 | Identifies an area that has special historic character.                                                                       | Preserves the distinct heritage and natural features of the identified area.<br>Neutral impact for persons with certain characteristics.                                                            |
| SPG 12 | Provides design criteria for new development.                                                                                 | Preserves and enhances the distinctiveness, character and sense of place of the built environment.<br>Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.                   |
| SPG 13 | Requires proposals to demonstrate how potential surface water run-off will be managed.                                        | Ensures development proposals incorporate appropriate sustainable drainage mechanisms.<br>Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.                                        |
| SPG 14 | Provides criteria to assess impact of artificial lighting in new development.                                                 | Ensures only essential external lighting is provided in new developments to retain the rural character of the village.<br>Neutral impact for persons with certain protected                         |

| Policy | Purpose                                                                                    | Outcome                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPG 15 | Supports the retention and improvement of community facilities and services in the parish. | Contributes to ensuring a level of services and facilities are available locally.<br>Broadly positive impact for persons with certain characteristics.    |
| SPG 16 | Sets out parking standards to be applied to new residential development.                   | Ensures new development includes provision for car parking.<br>Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics                 |
| SPG 17 | Promotes improvement to the public rights of way network.                                  | Ensures existing routes are maintained and accessible for local residents.<br>Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics. |

9.8 Certain protected characteristics are not affected by the Neighbourhood Plan, namely gender reassignment, race, religion, or sexual orientation. For persons with these characteristics, the Plan has a neutral effect. Where policies in the Plan would adversely affect persons with these protected characteristics, they would not be differently affected than persons without these characteristics. For example, if a person with these protected characteristics were disadvantaged by a policy, it would have the same consequence for a person without the protected characteristic who wished to do the same thing. Similarly, if a person with one of these protected characteristics were to benefit from a policy, it would have the same benefit for a person without the protected characteristic in the same circumstances.

## APPENDIX A – Saved development plan policies that do not apply to Shimpling Neighbourhood Plan

The following policies in the Babergh Development Plan (Core Strategy and Local Plan) are not appropriate to the Neighbourhood Plan area, either because they are not of a strategic nature or do not apply to the area and have therefore not been assessed in this Basic Conditions Statement.

### Babergh Core Strategy 2014

CS4 Chilton Woods Strategic Land Allocation and Strategy for Sudbury / Great Cornard  
CS5 Strategic Broad Location – East of Sudbury / Great Cornard  
CS6 Hadleigh  
CS7 Strategic Site Allocation - Babergh Ipswich Fringe  
CS10 Brantham Regeneration Area

### Babergh Local Plan (2006) Saved Policies

CR14 Houseboats - Estuarial/or Inland Waters  
CR15 Houseboats at Pin Mill  
CR16 Jetties at Pin Mill  
RE15 Moorings and Marinas

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