

# Environmental Report

Report for:

**Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area**

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# **Yarkhill Parish Environmental Report**

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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.

Yarkhill Parish has undertaken to prepare an NDP and this process has been subject to environmental appraisal pursuant to the SEA Directive. Yarkhill Parish is a small rural parish located around 9 miles east of the city of Hereford. The population is around 326, living in 130 dwellings. Community facilities consist of a village hall, petrol station and shop having recently lost its local pub and post office.

The Draft Yarkhill NDP includes 13 main objectives delivered by a mixture of criteria based planning policies and allocations policies. The plan allocates 2 site allocations in the settlement boundaries of Newtown/Lower Eggleton. The sites proposed plan to accommodate up to 10-12 dwellings, this along with windfalls and planning permissions will help meet the housing target of 18 in Yarkhill parish.

The environmental appraisal of the Yarkhill 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 an Environmental Report and Stage D comprises a formal consultation on both this and the Draft Plan itself.

Several policies within the NDP have been amended Y1, Y2 and Y4. These have been rescreened in D3, other policies have been amended are minor wording changes and considered not necessary to rescreen. The conclusion set out in the Draft Environment Report is still valid. That is, the Yarkhill 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). Therefore, no further changes are recommended as a result of this SEA (stage D).

Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening has been carried out on the Parish and have shown it falls within the catchment for the River Wye (including River Lugg). The River Wye does not fall in the parish itself but is within the hydrological catchment. The HRA assesses the potential effects of the NDP on the River Wye SAC, which is a European site (Special Area of Conservation).

On the whole, it is considered that the Yarkhill 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.

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

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report forms the draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of Yarkhill Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).
- 1.2 The Yarkhill NDP proposes two site allocations to accommodate up to 10-12 dwellings, in the identified settlements of Newtown/ Lower Eggleton. Newtown and Monkhide is identified within table 4.14 and 4.15 which is targeted for proportional levels of growth in Policy RA1 of the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy). The NDP will also provide general criteria based policies, sites and settlement boundaries for guiding future development across the parish as a whole as well as the four specifically allocated sites.

### 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 Yarkhill 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.

### Parish Neighbourhood Plan Context

- 1.6 Yarkhill Parish is a small rural parish east of Leominster with a population of around 326 people this is concentrated mostly in the settlements of Monkhide, Newtown and the Yarkhill. The remaining residents live in farmsteads and rural dwellings scattered across the parish.
- 1.7 The landscape of the Parish is in two distinct parts - the central and eastern areas are made of up gently rolling elevated countryside which rise steeply out of the Herefordshire lowlands and provides a number of spectacular far-reaching views to the north and north-west. Most parts of the Parish are low-lying and contain important transport routes linking north Herefordshire with Shropshire.
- 1.8 The facilities within the parish includes the parish hall, shop and petrol garage at Newtown crossroads. Outside Yarkhill there are a number of historic farmsteads scattered across traditional rural landscape of pasture and arable fields. The River Loddon flows among the eastern boundary of the Parish, and the River Frome flows past the village of Yarkhill to the south and south west. The Hereford to Birmingham rail line clips the Parish to the south and the A4103 road bisects the Parish south west to north east. The historic Hereford and Gloucester Canal bisects the Parish north west to south east.
- 1.9 The vision for Yarkhill by 2031 is as follows:

*By 2031 Yarkhill Parish will have grown by at least 14% to meet the requirements of the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy. New development respects and enhances the historical and rural character of Yarkhill Parish and is designed to integrate successfully with the existing built form and the wider landscape.*

*Residents in Yarkhill Parish enjoy a high quality of life. Increases in local population growth are supported by a commensurate level of development of employment opportunities, improved access to community facilities, and investment in infrastructure to ensure the future sustainability of our community.*

*The Parish should continue to retain its own identity as a very rural community of small scattered settlements set within attractive Herefordshire countryside.*

### 1.10 The 13 NDP objectives are as follows:

- YHO1- To support suitable residential development which provides family homes or affordable housing for local people.
- YHO2 – To ensure new homes are sited adjacent to the settlements of Newtown and Monkhide as defined in the Herefordshire Core Strategy.
- YHO3 -To encourage small scale housing schemes which are appropriate to the scattered layout of existing settlements with developments of no more than 67 houses on any one site.
- YHO4- To encourage the design of new houses to reflect local materials and traditions, as well as environmentally friendly "Eco designs" which maximise energy and resource efficiency.
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- YEO2- To support appropriate rural diversification schemes which use redundant former agricultural buildings for new business development.
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- YTI1- To make local roads safer through managing additional traffic volumes from new developments and supporting improvements in bus services and safe cycle routes to encourage alternative modes of transport.
- YTI2- To support improvements in fast broadband and mobile phone reception to attract people to the area and allow existing and proposed businesses to operate effectively.
- YTI3- To work towards improving mains water supplies to all properties whether existing or proposed.
- YCO1- To create public open space and maintain and protect the existing village hall facility to support a growing and potentially younger population.
- YRAO1- To recognise that whilst farms are an essential part of the rural character of Yarkhill, any intensification of farming practices should not be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area.
- YRAO2- To support renewable energy schemes that minimise any adverse impacts on the landscape and ecosystems. In particular, small scale hydro-power will be supported if a viable scheme can be established.

### 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 Yarkhill 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 the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 may 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 This part of the NPPF is reinforced by Planning Practice Guidance published in March 2014, which is clear that an emerging NDP may be a material planning consideration once it has reached submission/local authorities publication stage (Regulation 16). This is reinforced by recent ministerial statements and case law (West Sussex), all of which have demonstrated that an emerging NDP may be a material consideration at the Regulation 16 stage<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, this NDP is currently at the Draft Plan Stage (Regulation 14) and cannot, therefore, be given weight in reaching decisions on planning applications

- 1.16 Table 4.14 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) lists Newtown/Lower Eggleton and 4.15 list Monkide among the settlements which it considers to be sustainable locations for growth, albeit smaller market homes which meet the needs of people with local connections or affordable housing in line with the provisions of Policy RA2. It is listed within the Ledbury HMA which proposes 14% growth.
- 1.17 Once adopted) by Herefordshire Council, the Yarkhill NDP will have a role in guiding future development proposals within the Parish, by setting out setting out policies against which planning applications will be determined.

### Structure of SEA

- 1.18 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 Yarkhill Neighbourhood Plan objectives and the SEA framework
  - Section 4 - Appraises the objectives contained within the Neighbourhood Plan against the SEA framework
  - Section 5 - Appraises the options considered within the Neighbourhood Plan against the SEA framework
  - Section 6 – Appraises the policies contained within the Neighbourhood Plan against the SEA framework
  - Section 7 – Discusses the implementation and monitoring of the Neighbourhood Plan
  - 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 Yarkhill 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 options and policies
  - *Task B3/B4:* Predicted and evaluated the significant effects of the NDP
- 2.4 Stage C involved preparing an Environmental Report. This report presents information compiled during Stage B of the SEA process and constitutes the Draft Environmental Appraisal of the NDP. It accompanies the Draft Plan during its formal Regulation 14 consultation with people who live, work and carry out businesses in the neighbourhood area, as well as statutory bodies listed in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 2.5 Producing an Environmental Report was therefore a legal requirement and the submission of this report to Herefordshire Council forms Stage D of the SEA process.

### Scoping Report Consultation

- 2.6 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.
- 2.7 After the document was approved by the Parish Council, the Yarkhill SEA Scoping Report was available to four<sup>2</sup> statutory bodies for consultation from 23 March to 29 April 2016.

### Consultation outcomes from Statutory Consultees

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

**Natural England:** NE approves and welcomes reports A1 and A3. NE have commented on A2 to include baseline information and in A4.

**English Heritage:** Have no substantive objection to the contents of the documents.

**Environment Agency:** No comments received

**Natural Resources Wales:** No comments received.

### 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 Yarkhill 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"*

<sup>2</sup> Statutory consultation bodies: Natural England; English Heritage; Environment Agency Natural Resources Wales

## Policy context

- 3.3 The Yarkhill 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 strategies and plans have been reviewed and, where appropriate, incorporated within the SA 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 snap shot 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 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (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 Yarkhill NDP 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.
- 3.10 Following the completion of Task B2 of SEA it was apparent that the largest environmental issue within the Parish is flooding and this will have an impact on the County as a whole regarding water quality; the River Wye (including the River Lugg), 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 it should be noted also that any policies relating to SEA objective 10 and 11 are particularly robust.
- 3.11 The NDP proposes two sites be allocated for development and contains also criteria-based policies. Mitigation measures in the NDP especially policy Y9, include a phasing criteria to ensure development is in line with planned works on water infrastructure. On this basis, the delivery of the NDP should not exacerbate existing problems regarding water quality or have an unacceptable adverse impact.
- 3.12 Baseline characteristics within the SEA detail the current environmental status of environmental characteristics in the neighbourhood plan area from different sources. The source of Baseline Information used in Table A2 in Appendix 2, and analysed in Table B2 can be found in Appendix 4 Baseline characteristics in relation to the Yarkhill NDP SEA objectives can be found in stage A SEA assessments.
- 3.13 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 there are no future trends to link the SEA objective too.

#### **4.0 Assessing the NDP Objectives**

- 4.1 The following are 13 objectives listed in the NDP that aim to realise the vision for Yarkhill in 2031:
- YHO1- To support suitable residential development which provides family homes or affordable housing for local people.
  - YHO2 – To ensure new homes are sited adjacent to the settlements of Newtown and Monkhide as defined in the Herefordshire Core Strategy.
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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 the NDP objectives which have a relationship with the SEA framework are positively compatible with it or have a neutral or unknown effect or were not relevant.

4.4 Task B1 of the SEA didn't identify any major conflicts between the NDP objectives and the SEA framework, however some impacts are unknown due to the overarching nature of the policy and will have to be addressed on a case by case basis at planning stages:

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
YHO1-	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
YHO2 -	?	+	+	x	?	?	?	?	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	?
YHO3 -	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
YHO4-	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	x	x	x	+	+	+	+	+
YEO1-	0	+	+	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
YEO2-	0	+	+	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0
YEO3-	+	+	+	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
YT11	+	+	+	X	++	++	+	x	X	X	X	x	+	+	+	+
YT12-	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0
YT13-	0	+	+	X	0	0	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	0
YCO1-	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
YRAO1-	0	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	x	x	+	+	+	+	0
YRAO2-	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+

NDP Objectives	SEA Objectives															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

## 5.0 Assessing the NDP Options

- 5.1 All options that were considered by Yarkhill parish during the development of their Plan have been assessed as part of the SEA, the summary matrix of the assessment can be found in Table B2 options these tables are in Appendix 4.
- 5.2 The options covered were are followed;
- Option 1-** To do nothing  
**Option 2-** To do a criteria based policy.  
**Option 3 -** To allocate sites in the plan.  
**Option 4-** Criteria policy and settlement boundary.  
**Option 5-** Criteria policy/settlement boundary/allocate sites.
- 5.3 These options were formulated at public consultation events across the Parish. The results of which will feed into the identification of the preferred options and ultimately the draft policies.
- 5.4 A 'do nothing' option was also considered by the Parish, i.e. not undertaking a Neighbourhood Development Plan, however this was disregarded at an early stage by the Parish Council as it was highlighted within the Parish Plan that the majority of the community would support the work undertaken for a Neighbourhood Plan. Option 2-5 have a positive impact of the baseline data as they all consider planning for proportionate growth using suitable planning techniques such as allocating sites Option 2 and 4, identifying settlement boundaries in option 3 and 4.
- 5.5 Overall all of the criteria policy options had mainly a positive effect on the SEA objectives and baseline, if the policies that are developed incorporated the elements of the options that are ensuring mitigation of new development and additional details are provided for the location and design of any proposed site then the assessment of the policies should result in a positive result. As these options were generally moving towards the SEA objectives any further alternatives would probably be moving away and therefore no further options are required to be assessed. A summary of assessment B is listed below.

NDP Options	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	x	x	x
Option 2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Option 3	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++	++	+	++	+	+	+	+	++
Option 4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Option 5	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++	++	+	++	+	+	+	+	++

## Site Options

- 5.6 The plan has considered 13 site options all had mixture of outcomes. The sites identified around Yarkhill sites 1 to 8 had mostly a negative outcome towards the sea baseline data. This is down to the sites being located in open countryside and in a place not identified for sustainable growth in accordance to policies RA1 and RA2 of the Core Strategy. Also impact on the landscape character and existing mature hedgerows and trees would be significantly impact by development.
- 5.7 Selected sites 10 and 11 although allocated did not have a positive impact on the baseline objectives/Although these sites are considered to be Monkhide the proximity of their location to the main Monkhide is too far to be deemed part of the settlement. Therefore development here is regarded unsustainable and will also impact on the rural landscape character. Although this is identified as Monkhide, Therefore this report recommends for these two sites

to be removed in order for the plan to conform to the Core Strategy along with the SEA baseline.

- 5.8 Site 11 to 13 move towards the baseline data. 12 and 13 in particular fit in better with the existing settlement character of Monkhide and Newtown. There are a few uncertain factors regarding traffic and water impact, however environmental impact can be assessed further at planning application stage. A summary table of the assessment report can be found below.

NDP Site Options	SEA Objectives															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Option 1	-	-	-	-	?	?	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-
Option 2	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-
Option 3	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-
Option 4	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-
Option 5	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-
Option 6	-	-	-	-	?	?	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-
Option 7	-	-	-	-	?	?	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-
Option 8	0	?	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Option 9	-	-	-	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	0	0	-
Option 10	-	-	-	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	0	0	-
Option 11	0	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0
Option 12	+	+	+	0	?	?	0	0	?	?	0	+	+	+	+	+
Option 13	+	+	+	0	?	?	0	0	?	?	0	+	+	+	+	+

- 5.9 Overall the four chosen sites, two of the options all had a generally positive effect but with some unknown factors. Further clarification of environmental impact can be determined at planning application stage. A summary of the site option assessment is located in the table below, the full assessment can be found in appendix 4. Two located west of Monkhide had a negative impact on the sea baseline and therefore recommended to be removed as allocations, as the housing target can be met with existing allocations and planning permissions. Since regulation 14 consultation sites 3 and 4 have been removed in light of comments received from Herefordshire Council at consultation. This leaves the plan with two site allocations within Lower Eggleton (Squirrels Nest) and Rosedale within Eggleton.

## 6.0 Appraisal of the policies

- 6.1 A key part of developing a plan such as the Yarkhill NDP is developing a range of options and testing these, so that a preferred way forward can be selected.

- 6.2 The following, emerging set of draft policies can be appraised for the purposes of Stage B of the SEA:

- Y1-Site allocations for new housing
- Y2-Settlement boundaries
- Y3- Housing Development within the Settlement Boundaries of Newtown and Monkhide
- Y4- Conversion of former agricultural buildings for residential use
- Y5-Protecting existing areas of employment and encouraging investment in business opportunities
- Y6-Supporting rural diversification
  
- Y7-Tourism
- Y8-Traffic and transport
- Y9-Water supply and drainage
- Y10-Reducing flood risk and supporting sustainability
- Y11-Community facilities

- Y12-Protecting landscape character
- Y13-Large agricultural buildings
- Y14-Local energy schemes

### 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. For 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 tourist facilities or business units) is not yet known. Uncertain factors regarding the second Monkhide settlement boundary west of Monkhide is questionable, and is recommended to remove this along with the two allocated sites in order for the plan to conform to the Core Strategy. This two has now been removed post regulation 14 consultation.

NDP Policies																
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Policy 1	?	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	?
Policy 2	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 3:	?	?	?	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	+	+	+	+	?
Policy 4	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 5	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 6	+	+	+	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 7	+	+	+	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 8	+	+	+	x	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 9	+	+	+	x	+	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+
Policy 10	+	+	+	x	+	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+
Policy 11	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
Policy 12	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 13	0	+	+	x	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0
Policy 14	0	+	+	x	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0

- 6.7 The results of Task B3, as shown at Appendix 4, demonstrates 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 identifies the cumulative impact of the entire of the NDP. This task, which is also attached at Appendix 4, reveals that the objectives and policies contained in the Yarkhill 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 The policies in the Yarkhill NDP are not 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. However site allocations were recommended to be removed as they were not considered to be sustainable locations for development by their own merit and by the Core Strategy.

### **Regulation 14 Consultation**

- 6.10 Following the Draft plan consultation (Regulation 14) The Yarkhill NDP steering group amending criteria in a majority of the polices in response to the comments received at regulation 14 consultation. The amendments were mainly minor wording changes to ensure consistency with the Framework and to provide more clarity for decision makers. Three polices Y1, Y2, and Y4 were re-assessed as the criteria altered the policies along with the removal of sites 3 and 4 in Monkhide. Overall these changes help move the polices closer towards the SEA baseline and likely to ensure suitable development in the NDP plan period.
- 6.11 It has been concluded that the rescreening made will not have a significant adverse impact on the SEA objectives and therefore the conclusions of the SEA remain the same as with the Draft Plan, no significant effect is likely from the implementation of the Yarkhill NDP policies.
- 6.12 The full results of the re-assessed policies can be found in Appendix 8 and Appendix 9 of this Environmental Report.

## **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 Indeed, 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 alongside the final NDP plan will be formally submitted to Herefordshire Council and will be subject to a 6 week consultation as part of Regulation 16. Following this Consultation the Yarkhill Plan will be submitted for examination.



# Appendix 1

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

**The Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations  
2015 (Reg. 32)**

**Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (d)**

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<b>Neighbourhood Area:</b>	Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area
<b>Parish Council:</b>	Yarkhill Parish Council
<b>Neighbourhood Area Designation Date:</b>	5 July 2016

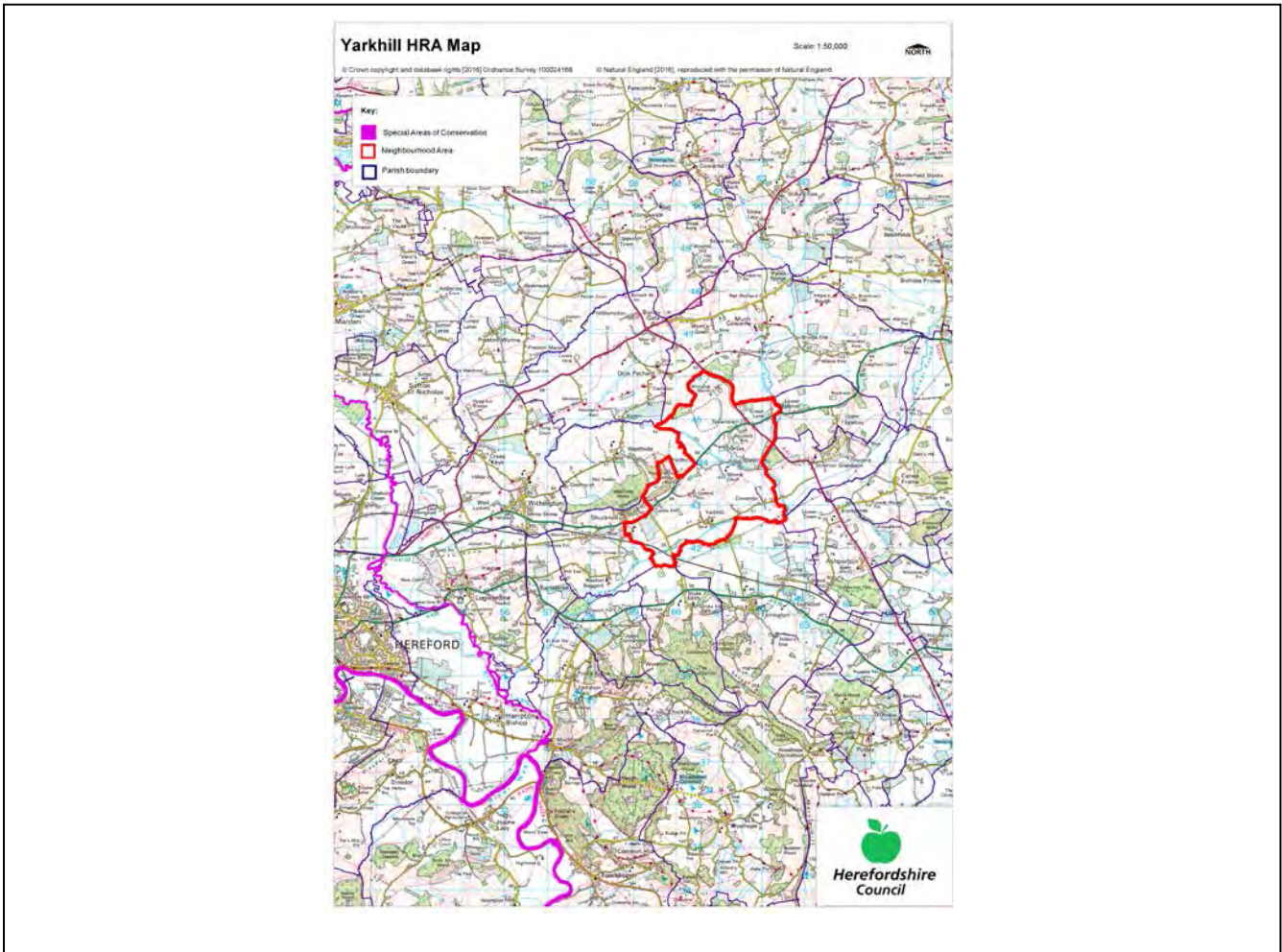
### **Introduction**

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.

## HRA Initial Screening

Map showing relationship of Neighbourhood Area with European Sites (not to scale)



### River Wye (including the River Lugg) Special Area of Conservation (SAC):

Does the Neighbourhood Area have the River Wye (including the River Lugg) in or next to its boundary?	N	The River Wye is 5.4km away from 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 Frome (to Lugg).
If yes above, does the Neighbourhood Area have mains drainage to deal with foul sewage?	Y	There is mains drainage at Monkhide

### Downton Gorge SAC:

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of Downton Gorge SAC?	N	Downton Gorge is 32.25km away from the Parish.
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**River Clun SAC:**

Does the River Clun border the Neighbourhood Area	N	River Clun does not border 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 22km 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 25km away from the Parish.
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**HRA Conclusion:**

The assessment above highlights that European Sites will need to be taken into account in the future Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Yarkhill 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 Yarkhill 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	Within Neighbourhood Area		Bordering Neighbourhood Area	
	Total number	Name(s)	Total number	Name(s)
Ancient Woodland	1	Ash Coppice.	11	Long Coppice; Pye Coppice; Unnamed plot in south of Much Cowrne Parish; Stretton Copse; Ibbridge Copse; Blackway Coppice; Leighton Court Wood; Ashperton Park; Westhide Wood; Hansnett Wood; Meephill Coppice.
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	0	-	0	-
Conservation Areas	0	-	0	-
Flood Areas	There are Flood Zones in the south, east and north west of the Neighbourhood Area.			
Geoparks	0	-	0	-
Listed Buildings	There are numerous Listed Buildings within the Neighbourhood Area.			
Local Geological Sites (LGS)	0	-	0	-
Local Wildlife Sites (LWS)	4	River Frome; Woodland on Shucknall; Old Canal at Monkhide; Ash Coppice.	12	Cowarne Wood; Gorse Wood; Blackway Coppice; Pond at Canon Frome Court;

				Woodland near Millend Cottage; Old Canal at Ashperton; Ashperton Park; Hansnett Wood; East Wood; Woodland near Seager Hill; Backbury Hill; Perton Roadside Section and Quarry.
Mineral Reserves	3	River Lodon, Monkhide to Yarkhill to Bartestree; Shucknall Hill Common; Yarkhill Reservoir to Hillend Grove.	2	Quarry south east of Westhide; Stretton Grandison to Canon Frome to Bishops Frome.
National Nature Reserve (NNR)	0	-	0	-
Nature Trails	0	-	0	-
Registered Parks and Gardens	0	-	1	Stoke Edith.
Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM)	1	Moated Site.	8	Churchyard cross at St Bartholomew's Churchyard; Medieval Settlement at Much Cowarne, south east of Mill House; Churchyard cross at St Mary the Virgin's Churchyard; Roman Settlement; Roman Fort and Outworks 550yds south west of Canon From Court; Churchyard cross at St John the Baptist's Churchyard; Churchyard cross at St Phillip's and St James' Churchyard; Ashperton Court.
Sites of Importance in Nature Conservation (SINC)	0	-	0	-
Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)	0	-	0	-
Unregistered parks and	0	-	5	Porch House;

gardens				Westhide Court; Cowarne Court; Homend; Canon Frome Court.	
			<b>SSSI Status</b>		<b>SSSI Status</b>
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	0	-	-	0	-

**Decision Notification:**

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

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

**Assessment date: 6 June 2016**

**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.

<b>Downton Gorge</b>
<b>Site Features:</b> <i>Tilio-Acerion</i> forests of slopes, screes and ravines
<b>Vulnerability data:</b> 10km for air quality associated with poultry units or other intensive agricultural practices.
<b>River Clun</b>
<b>Site Features:</b> Freshwater pearl mussel <i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i>
<b>Vulnerability data:</b> Water quality is important to maintain the site feature. Parishes either side of the River Clun will be affected.
<b>River Wye</b>
<b>Site Features:</b> 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>
<b>Vulnerability data:</b> 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."



### 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

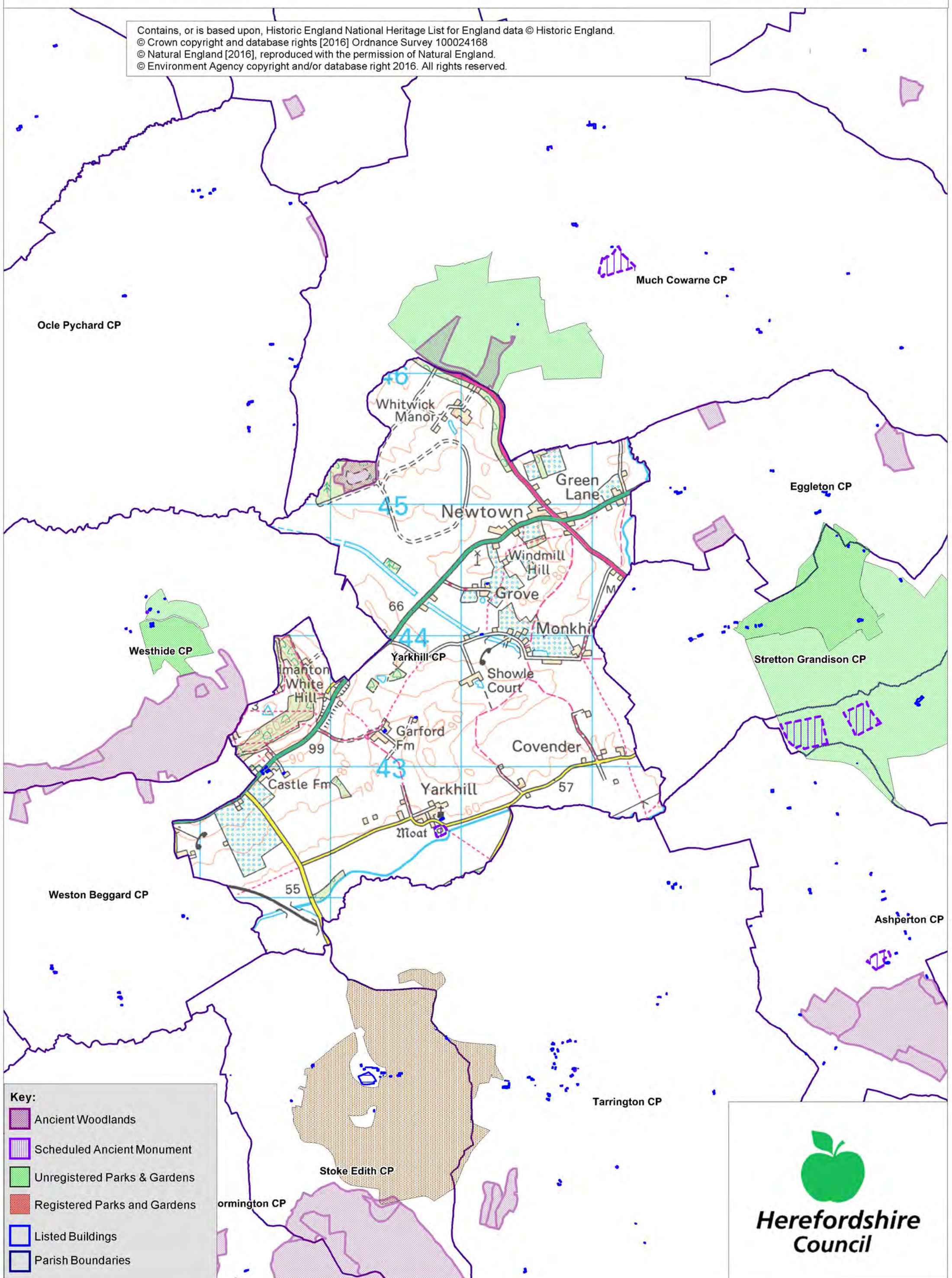
**Vulnerability data:** Lesser Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 5km and 10km between their summer and winter roosts. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat is vulnerable to disturbance; light pollution; and habitat loss. Check with the planning ecologist for other issues. NDPs closest to the European Site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

# Yarkhill SEA Map 1

Scale: 1:25,000



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**Key:**

- Ancient Woodlands
- Scheduled Ancient Monument
- Unregistered Parks & Gardens
- Registered Parks and Gardens
- Listed Buildings
- Parish Boundaries

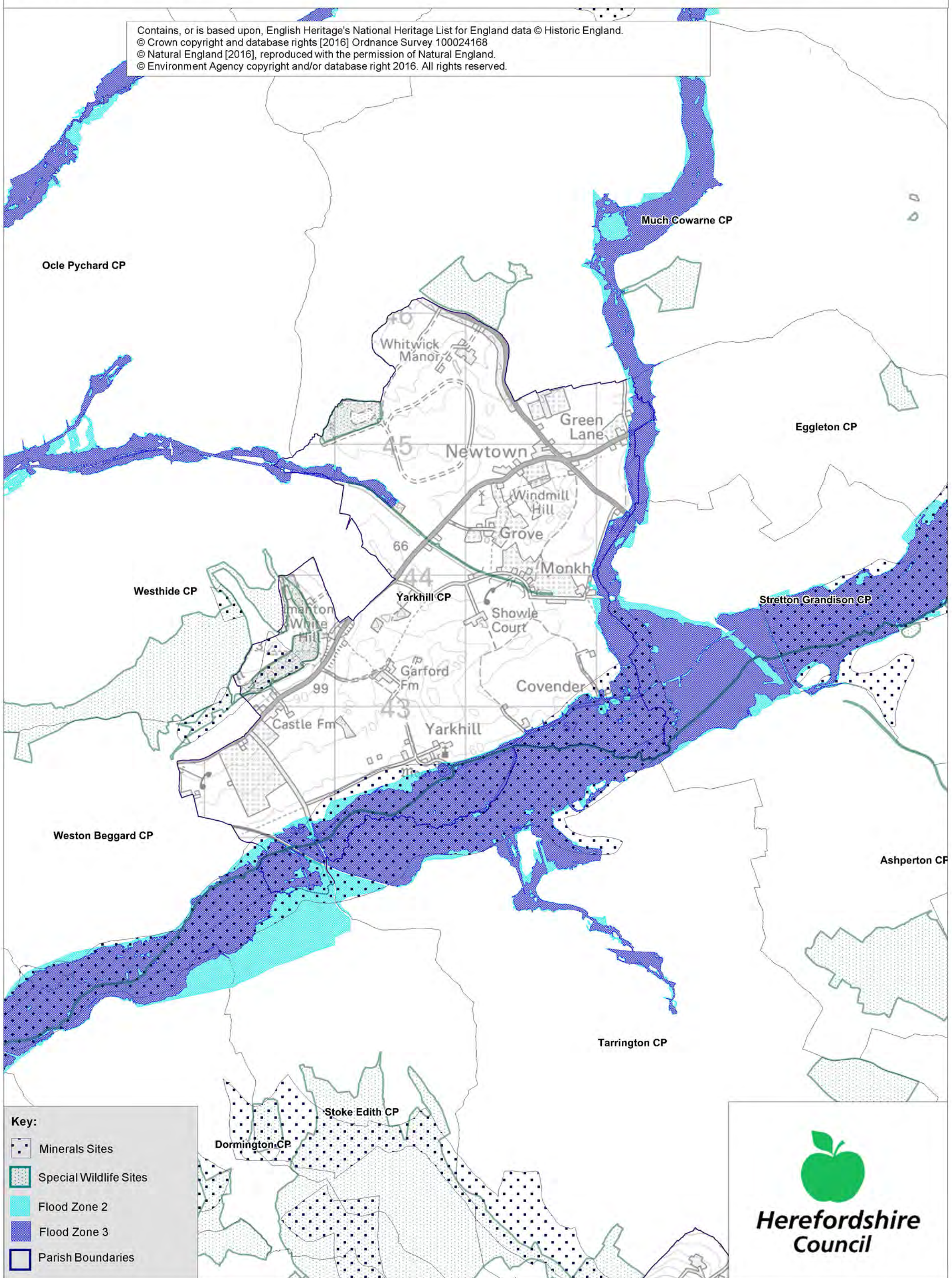
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# Yarkhill SEA Map 2

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**Key:**

- Minerals Sites
- Special Wildlife Sites
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3
- Parish Boundaries



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# Appendix 2

# Strategic Environmental Assessment



## Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area

Scoping Report

December 2016

## 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 Natural Resources Wales.

The three consultation bodies are as follows:

1. Natural England;
2. Historic England;
3. Environment Agency.



## Template A1: Identification and review of local Neighbourhood Area relevant plans, policies and programmes

Parish Council Name: Yarkhill

Neighbourhood Development Plan Name: Yarkhill Neighbourhood Development Plan

Date completed: November 2016

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	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"> <li>Biodiversity</li> <li>Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Water</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.
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	The principle mechanism for the legislative protection of wildlife in Great Britain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> <li>Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>Flora and fauna</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.

<sup>1</sup> Derived from the LDF General Scoping Report (June 2007)

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
			has numerous parts and supplementary lists and schedules many of which have been amended since publication.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Soil</li> </ul>	
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"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Soil</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.
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	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"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Soil</li> </ul>	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) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
			Government policy.			
Revised EU Sustainable Development strategy	European Union 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.	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"> <li>• Climate change and clean energy;</li> <li>• Sustainable transport</li> <li>• Sustainable production and consumption;</li> <li>• Public health threats;</li> <li>• Better management of natural resources;</li> <li>• Social inclusion, demography and migration;</li> <li>• Fighting global poverty.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should take into account the objectives of the strategy. The aim of sustainable development should be implicit in its approach.

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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"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> </ul>	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.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The NDP should take into account the relevant policies set within the NPPF.
Planning Practice Guidance	Government Guidance	2014	Provides guidance to local planning authorities and others on the operation of the planning system.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> </ul>	The NDP should take into account the planning guidance provided within these documents.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	
Herefordshire Core Strategy, (adopted) 2011-2031	Development Plan Document (DPD)	2015	Sets out the vision, objectives and policies for the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy), which will guide development across the county up to 2031.	<p>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.</p> <p>The Core Strategy includes a range of objectives, five of which directly relate to rural areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To meet the housing needs of all sections of the community</li> <li>• To improve access to services in rural areas</li> <li>• To strengthen the economic viability of the villages and their rural hinterlands</li> <li>• To achieve sustainable communities and protect the environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>The NDP should take account of relevant policies set within in the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Where necessary, the NDP should provide services, facilities and employment opportunities that are accessible to both local and neighbouring communities.</p> <p>Newtown is listed in the Core Strategy table 4.14 and Monkhide is listed with table 4.15 and lies within the Ledbury LHMA. This means the NDP should take into consideration the criteria set within Policy RA1 and RA2.</p> <p>The neighbourhood plan should allocate a minimum of 18 dwellings within Yarkhill within the plan</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To conserve, promote, utilise and enjoy our natural, built, historic and cultural assets for the fullest benefit of the whole community.</li> </ul> <p>To achieve a thriving rural Herefordshire, the Core Strategy seeks to enhance the role the villages have traditionally played in as accessible, sustainable centres for their rural catchments.</p> <p>Yarkhill is within the Ledbury Housing Market Area (HMA) and so the target for proportionate growth is 14% across the parish.</p>		<p>period of 2011 to 2031.</p>

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Herefordshire Local Transport Plan 2016-2031	Corporate	2016	The Local Transport Plan outlines the significant role that transport will play to enable the delivery of the Core Strategy proposals. This 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 2016 to 2031.	<p>The Transport Plan aims to increase highway capacity for new development sites as improve efficiency of existing transport network.</p> <p>The document includes five key objectives, one which plans to enable economic growth connecting new roads with developments. Intrinsic to this is to provide a good quality transport network. The other objectives aim to promote healthy lifestyles with pollution reduction and active travel schemes. Improvements will be made to make journeys easier and safer, ensuring access to services for living in rural areas maximising accessibility.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The LTP does not explore current transport issues in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Plan area, but any new development proposed through the NDP should seek to reduce the environmental impacts of transport.

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Understanding Herefordshire Report	Built and natural environment	2016	<p>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</p> <p>Promotion of healthy lifestyle choices.</p> <p>Enable development for economy and housing to required levels.</p> <p>Growth should be supported by sustainable transport measures.</p>	<p>An air quality management plan is in place to tackle this. Destination Hereford project is in place to give locals more sustainable transport options.</p> <p>Sustainable transport measures will also help to promote active lifestyles within Herefordshire.</p>	<p>Improve air quality.</p> <p>Have a more diverse range of transport options.</p>	None identified.

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Malvern Hills AONB Management Plan 2014-2019	Corporate	2015	The Management Plan is the prime document which sets out the vision and objectives for the Malvern Hills AONB area and the priorities for its management.	Identifies the issues and challenges facing the special features of the area and contains 21 guiding principles and 14 strategic objectives and 76 policies which will help address them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The Yarkhill Neighbourhood Plan Area is not within or adjacent to the Malvern Hills AONB.
Wye Valley AONB management Plan 2015-2020	Corporate	2015	The Management Plan is the prime document which sets out the vision for the Wye Valley AONB area and the priorities for its management.	Sets out a range of objectives which seek to reconcile the competing interests of the environment, the ecology and the social and economic well-being of the AONB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The Yarkhill Neighbourhood Plan Area is not within the Wye Valley AONB.

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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"> <li>• Sustaining business survival and growth</li> <li>• Increasing wage levels, range and quality of jobs</li> <li>• Having a skilled population to meet future work needs</li> <li>• Developing the county's built infrastructure so enterprise can flourish.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	None of merit.



Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	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 Yarkhill 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"> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	None of merit; however the Yarkhill NDP process may have to explore whether there is any employment need locally and if so whether there is any scope for providing employment land and premises.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Herefordshire Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)	Evidence	2015	<p>The HELAA aims to justify site allocations in plans by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying sites which are capable of delivering housing development</li> <li>Assessing sites for their housing potential; and</li> <li>Predicting when a site could be developed for housing.</li> </ul>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air</li> <li>Biodiversity</li> <li>Climate factors</li> <li>Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>Flora and fauna</li> <li>Population and human health</li> <li>Soil</li> <li>Water</li> </ul>	No SHLAA has been undertaken to assess the potential availability of land for housing in Yarkhill.

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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. Yarkhill falls within the Ledbury HMA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 53% of households are unable to afford market housing.</li> <li>• There is an annual requirement for 90 affordable dwellings between 2012 and 2017.</li> </ul> <p>The study identifies that, in rural parts of Ledbury LHMA, between 2011-2031 there is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 339 market houses</li> <li>• 226 affordable houses.</li> </ul> <p>The study highlights that within the Ledbury HMA the overall estimated housing need by size 2012-2017 is as follows: 1 Bed - 46.8%, 2 bed -22.3%, 3 bed – 22.7%, 4 bed-8.2%.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climatic factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Population</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>The LHMA provides an indication of housing needs and affordability within the Ledbury 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 2012 (updated in 2014)	Evidence	2014	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"> <li>• Support growth in the rural population by 6%</li> <li>• Increase the number of households by 14.5%</li> </ul> <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> <p>As a consequence, the rural areas will face an increasing urgency to provide more 3 bedroom homes, with more 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>This study provides an indication of housing requirements in the rural areas and the Ledbury HMA.</p> <p>This evidence can be used to inform the content of the Yarkhill NDP, which could include policies to facilitate the provision of the right types of homes in the right places.</p>

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				and 2 bed homes required in the affordable sector.		
Herefordshire Rural Housing Background Report	Evidence	2013	Provides the justification for the proportional housing growth targets outlined in the Core Strategy	The village of Newtown is classified as a 4.14 settlement, and village of Monkhide as a 4.15 which means it is considered a sustainable location for proportional growth of up to 14% across the parish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The Yarkhill NDP will need to be in conformity with the provisions of Core Strategy Policy RA1 and RA2.

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Herefordshire Draft Gypsies and Travellers Assessment	Evidence	2016	Assesses the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers across Herefordshire.	Key findings from the survey of Gypsy and Traveller households in 2012 found that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31% of households surveyed have some sort of accommodation need</li> <li>• Of the 17 households with an accommodation need, 7 had a requirement for at least one additional pitch</li> <li>• 10 households had a requirement for bricks and mortar housing</li> <li>• There is an additional requirement for 7 pitches and 9 units of Registered Social Landlord accommodation within Herefordshire.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The Yarkhill NDP must establish whether any of the need identified in this assessment falls within the neighbourhood area and make appropriate provisions for it.
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"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> </ul>	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.	This document provides useful information in respect of Hereford and the market towns only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	There is a lack of information about rural areas which means it will be necessary to gather and assess existing biodiversity and geodiversity data, in order to ensure that the Yarkhill NDP can overcome any existing constraints and capitalise on opportunities to enhance habitats and their networks.
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.	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Yarkhill NDP.

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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"> <li>• Electrical: 731 GWh/yr</li> <li>• Heat: 1,810 GWh/yr</li> <li>• Total: 2,541 GWh/yr</li> </ul> <p>There is scope for all types of renewable energy production.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Yarkhill NDP.



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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 playing pitches within Yarkhill.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	<p>The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Yarkhill NDP.</p> <p>Additional local evidence may be required to identify if there is a need for any secured playing pitch facilities within the Group Parish.</p>

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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 the Ledbury area, to which Yarkhill is a part, there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive under provision of parks and gardens and outdoor Sport.</li> <li>• Extensive over provision of natural and semi natural greenspace.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The open space audit and assessment of does not give a specific indication of open space shortfalls and surpluses in Yarkhill.

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Play Facilities Study	Evidence	2006	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.	Yarkhill is have a population of under 500 with no formal play provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Yarkhill NDP.

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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 examines how water resources and water supply infrastructure, wastewater treatment, water quality, sewerage and flood risk could constrain growth across Herefordshire.</p>	<p>Yarkhill is in the Middle Frome river catchment. The middle Frome is classified as one of the highest areas at risk for flood reports in the county. This SFRA study states that:</p> <p>Middle Frome has a 35-40% standard run percentage run off by sub catchment. This is potentially highly unsuitable for infiltration source control.</p> <p>Middle Frome has a moderately slow flood response (Tp-time to peak) time at around 9-11 hours.</p> <p>The WCS states that the River Frome is identified as in poor ecological status especially upstream of Bromyard. (Classed as one of the rivers in the worst ecological state). Therefore will require specific mitigation measures if new housing is required in these sub-catchments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>New development proposed through the Yarkhill 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 Yarkhill NDP.</p>

**Appendix A2 – Baseline information for Yarkhill**

*N.B. This is based on countywide baseline information with some additions relevant to Yarkhill (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 <sup>1</sup>	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 and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Net change in condition of SSSIs across Herefordshire.	The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.  2010/11: 27% of Herefordshire's SSSI land was in favourable condition.  <b>Within Yarkhill there are no SSSI's and no SACs.</b>	2006: 22% 2007: 22% 2008: 22% 2010: 24 %  Proportion of SSSI land that was in unfavourable condition but recovering increased between 2010 and 2012 going from 41% to 65%. Proportion in unfavourable and declining condition had also decreased from 4% to 1%.	% 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)	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.  The proportion of SSSI in unfavourable condition but recovering is greater than England as a whole, where the figure currently stands at 58.6%.	Understanding Herefordshire: An integrated needs assessment (June 2013).  NE & DEFRA Website November 2016

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore and 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.	-
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Phosphate levels within the River Wye SAC and adjoining tributaries that receive increased phosphates from proportional growth.	<b>The Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area, falls inside the hydrological catchment of the hydrological catchment of the River Frome SAC.</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nutrient Management Plan 2014

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore and 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>2010/11: 17 Habitat Action Plans and 14 Species Action Plans are currently in operation across Herefordshire.</p> <p>2013/14: 16 Habitat Action Plans and 14 Species Action Plans are currently in operation across Herefordshire.</p> <p><i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i></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 and where possible enhance the habitats of protected species identified.</p> <p>No net losses.</p>	Herefordshire Biological Records Centre (HBRC) holds limited data on some individual sites.	Herefordshire Council AMR (2013/14)

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Changes in the areas of designated nature conservation sites as a consequence of planning permission.	<b>Yarkhill Parish has:</b> <b>SSSI: 0</b> <b>LWS: 4</b> <b>There are no NNRs and SINC's within the parish.</b>	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 as much as possible.	Herefordshire Biological Records Centre (HBRC) holds limited data on some individual sites.	Herefordshire Council Initial Screening Report for the Neighbourhood Plan 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Proportion of local sites where positive conservation management has or is being implemented.	<b>The Parish Area of Yarkhill has the following landscape types: Principle settled farmlands to the north and south and in the centre is riverside meadows.</b>	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	Herefordshire Landscape Character Assessment (2004 updated 2009)
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.  <b>Whilst there is no qualitative, locally specific data</b>	-	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 ( <b>search November 2016</b> ).



SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
			available at present, there are numerous listed buildings and 1 Scheduled Ancient Monuments in Yarkhill according to the latest version of the register.				
14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently.	Resource consumption and climate change	Monitoring changes to historic landscapes.	Historic Landscape Character assessments have only been undertaken for Hereford City.  Rapid townscape Assessments (2010) were only undertaken for Hereford, Ledbury and Ross.	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	Historic Landscape Character Assessment for Hereford.  Rapid townscape Assessments (2010)
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Population, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna</i>							

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	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	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.	-
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 aspects of local loss of heritage assets and locally important buildings particularly within a conservation area.	Countywide data would be too large to incorporate into this template.  <i>There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning local loss of heritage assets and locally important buildings within Yarkhill at present.</i>	<i>No historic records of any planning enforcement action or appeals concerning locally important buildings.</i>	To wherever possible improve upon or otherwise maintain current status.	Current status must be verified by Dvt Mgt and Enforcement Officers, but the NDP can help to avoid enforcement action and appeals during the plan period.	Council Dvt Mgt records ( <i>searched November 2016</i> )
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Climatic Factors</i>							

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	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.	Transport patronage by mode	<p>% of Herefordshire residents who travel to work by:</p> <p>Car: 70.1%  Foot: 14.7%  Bicycle: 4.3%  Bus: 2%  Train: 0.8%  Motorbike: 0.8%  Taxi: 0.3%  Other: 7%</p> <p><i>There is no locally specific data available at present</i></p>	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 lesser polluting modes 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 <sup>1</sup>	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.	Herefordshire Council AMR (2013/14)

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	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	<p>Latest figure dates back to 2010: 1.61 million tonnes (mtCO<sup>2</sup>)</p> <p>There is no locally specific data available at present.</p>	<p>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%).</p>	To reduce the overall carbon emissions.	CO <sup>2</sup> emissions produced are decreasing.	Understanding Herefordshire: An integrated needs assessment (June 2013).

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	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.	2010/11: None 2011/13: Not specified 2013/14: None <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	There have been no approvals contrary to EA advice since reporting began in 2004.	To have no applications permitted contrary to EA advice.	None identified.	Herefordshire Council AMR (2013/14)
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 . LA to monitor the number of hectares of the best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 3a and higher) lost to development.	<b>The agricultural land classification around Yarkhill is predominantly Grade 1 to 3.(Excellent to good/moderate).</b>	-	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.	DEFRA 'Magic' website for land classification <b>November 2016</b>

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	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 figures for the county as a whole dates back to 2005 when there was considered to be 84% assessed as good or very good. This represents a decrease in the % since 2002  <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 (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.	2010/11: 67% 2011-13: 57% 2013-14: 65%  <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	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 (2010/11),(2011-2013) and (2013-2014)

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
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.	-
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>  This indicator would not be applicable to rural NDPs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Cultural heritage</i>							



SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, including conservation areas, historic environment and cultural heritage.	Built environment	Number and percentage of listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments on Buildings at Risk Register (Historic England).	Up-to-date countywide information will be presented in the next AMR and which is due to be published in 2014. However, this data would be too large to incorporate into this template.  There are numerous listed buildings within the parish, one SAM and no Conservation Areas. No buildings are currently recorded in the Buildings at Risk Register.	There were 72 heritage assets in Herefordshire that were considered to be at high risk and included in the Heritage at Risk Register 2014.	To wherever possible improve upon or otherwise maintain current status.	-	Buildings at Risk Register (Historic England; search November 2016)

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, including conservation areas, historic environment and cultural heritage.	Built environment	The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning aspects of local loss of heritage assets, locally important buildings within 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 local loss of heritage assets locally important buildings within Yarkhill.	No historic records of any planning enforcement action or appeals concerning locally important buildings within the Yarkhill NDP area.	To wherever possible improve upon or otherwise maintain current status	Current status must be verified by Dvt Mgt and Enforcement Officers, but the NDP can help to avoid enforcement action and appeals during the plan period.	Council Dvt Mgt records (searched November 2016)

**Appendix A3** – Environmental issues identified from the Yarkhill baseline

These environmental issues are the same as most of those identified for the Herefordshire Core Strategy<sup>1</sup>

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 alternative modes of travel.	
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
		Habitats and species of national, regional and local importance are under pressure from development	
		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	Yarkhill have numerous listed buildings and 1 Scheduled Ancient monument, and 8 bordering monuments all of which require ongoing protection and many in need of high levels of maintenance. Yarkhill has got no conservation areas.	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
		Steady decline in the chemical quality of rivers over the last 10 years.	

**Appendix A4: SEA Framework**

**SEA Scoping Stage A, Task A4 - SEA Framework SEA Objectives, Indicators, Targets**

**Parish Council Name:** Yarkhill

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Yarkhill Neighbourhood Plan

**Date completed:** November 2016

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
Nature Conservation (Biodiversity, flora and fauna)	Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity.  Value, protect, enhance or restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</li> <li>Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</li> <li>Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</li> <li>Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</li> <li>Create new appropriate habitats.</li> <li>Value, enhance and protect natural</li> </ul>	<p>Net change in condition of SSSIs across Herefordshire.</p> <p>After use of mineral sites especially wildlife habitat creation</p> <p>Changes to protected habitats and impacts of species within the Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan.</p>	<p>% 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)</p> <p>Percentage of opportunities taken</p> <p>To protect and where possible enhance the habitats of protected species identified. No net losses</p>

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
			<p>environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management</li> <li>• Ensure that environmental impacts caused by mineral operations and the transport of minerals are minimised.</li> <li>• Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</li> </ul>		
Landscape	Not covered in SA	<p>To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes</p> <p>To improve quality of surroundings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect and enhance the landscape everywhere and particularly in designated areas</li> <li>• Value and protect diversity and local</li> </ul>	<p>Changes in the areas of designated nature conservation sites as a consequence of planning permission.</p> <p>Proportion of local sites where positive conservation management has or is being</p>	<p>To capitalise on opportunities to enhance the areas of value to nature conservation as much as possible.</p> <p>No specific targets identified.</p>

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
			<p>distinctiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve landscape and ecological quality and character of the countryside</li> <li>• Improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space</li> <li>• Improve satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods as places to live</li> <li>• Decrease litter and graffiti in towns and countryside</li> <li>• Result in the loss of open space</li> </ul>	<p>implemented.</p> <p>Monitoring changes to historic landscapes.</p> <p>Area resulting in a loss of open space as a result of planning permission</p>	<p>No specific targets identified.</p> <p>No specific targets identified</p>
Heritage	Value, protect or enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, historic environment and cultural heritage.	To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and culture heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve, protect and enhance heritage assets including conservation areas, listed buildings, archaeological sites and other culturally important features in both urban and rural settings.</li> <li>• Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p> <p>Number and percentage of listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments on Buildings at Risk Register (English Heritage).</p> <p>Ensure that Herefordshire Council's Sites and Monuments Register is</p>	<p>To improve upon or otherwise maintain current status.</p> <p>To improve upon or otherwise maintain current status.</p> <p>No specific targets identified, but need to ensure that the register is kept up to date.</p>

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
			<p>to its setting or to its function or local area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</li> </ul>	kept up to date.	<p>There are no scheduled ancient monuments building on the Buildings at Risk Register (English Heritage) November 2016.</p>

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
Air and Climate	<p>Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.</p> <p>Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.</p>	<p>To improve air quality</p> <p>To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment</p> <p>To reduce contributions to climate change</p> <p>To reduce vulnerability to climate change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</li> <li>Protect or enhance the quality of watercourses.</li> <li>Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</li> <li>Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p>Transport patronage by mode</p> <p>Number of decentralised energy schemes granted permission.</p> <p>Total CO2 emissions per capita</p>	<p>To increase the take up of alternative modes to the private car.</p> <p>To contribute towards the national target.</p> <p>To reduce the overall carbon emissions.</p>



SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
Water	<p>Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.</p> <p>Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.</p>	<p>To improve water quality</p> <p>To provide for sustainable sources of water supply</p> <p>To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</li> <li>• Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</li> <li>• Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</li> <li>• Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</li> <li>• Protect or enhance the quality of watercourses.</li> </ul>	<p>Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds.</p> <p>Percentage of river length assessed as good or very good chemical quality and ecological quality</p> <p>Phosphate levels within the River Wye SAC and adjoining tributaries that receive increased phosphates from proportional growth.</p>	<p>To have no applications permitted contrary to EA advice.</p> <p>To ensure that rivers meet their conservation objectives and do not fall below the required standard of quality as set out in the Water Framework Directive.</p> <p>To meet the targets set out in the Nutrient Management Plan (2014)</p>
Soil	<p>Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.</p> <p>Ensure integrated, efficient and</p>	<p>To conserve soil resources and quality</p> <p>Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</li> <li>• Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</li> <li>• Ensure new developments</li> </ul>	<p>Percentage of all new development completed on previously developed land.</p> <p>Amount of land identified as best and most versatile agricultural land lost to development.</p>	<p>To increase the number of homes built on PDL in line with the provisions of national planning policy.</p> <p>Measure the number of hectares of best and most versatile soil lost through development.</p>

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
	balanced land use.		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.		
Population and Human Health	Value, protect, enhance or restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	To improve health of the population  To reduce crime and nuisance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</li> <li>Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</li> <li>Ensure that environmental impacts caused by mineral operations and the transport of minerals are minimised.</li> <li>Promote the use of</li> </ul>	Number of developments meeting and surpassing national design	No specific targets identified.

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
			rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.		
Material Assets	<p>Use natural resources and energy more efficiently.</p> <p>Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.</p>	To conserve natural and manmade resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</li> <li>• Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p> <p>Maintaining Herefordshire Council's County Site and Monuments Register.</p> <p>Monitoring changes to historic landscapes.</p> <p>Agricultural land usage by quality</p>	<p>Measure the number of hectares of best and most versatile soil lost through development. No specific targets identified.</p> <p>No specific targets identified, but need to ensure that the register is kept up to date.</p> <p>No specific targets identified.</p> <p>Measure the number of hectares of best and most versatile soil lost through development.</p>

# Appendix 3



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Dear Mr Latham

**CONSULTATION ON SEA SCOPING REPORTS FOR GOODRICH AND WELSH  
BICKNOR GROUP AND YARKHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

Thank you for 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 document.

The SEA Frameworks sections of the SEA are generally commendable in their approach of including references to historic landscape and townscape quality, the maintenance of the Herefordshire SMR and conservation and wherever possible enhancement of locally significant heritage assets. We particularly commend the treatment of "Heritage at Risk" and the commitment to put measures in place to assist in the removal of heritage assets from the register.

I hope this is helpful.

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Dear Mr Latham,

**Yarkhill – SEA Scoping Report Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 6 December.

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.

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**

Natural England approves of the plans, policies and programmes contained in the SEA Scoping Report.

**Appendix A2**

Objective 15 *“Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces”*.

Baseline information (source) on the landscape and open spaces needs to be included under SA objective 15.

**Appendix A3**

Natural England welcomes the environmental issues identified.

**Appendix A4 – SEA Framework**

Under the SEA topic “*Nature Conservation (Biodiversity, flora and fauna)*”, we would welcome the inclusion of an indicator/target regarding the impact/benefit to ecological networks (NPPF paragraph 109, 113 and 117).

### **Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening**

Where a Neighbourhood Plan could potentially lead to significant environmental effects it will be necessary to screen the Plan in relation to the Habitats and Species Regulations (2010), as amended (the ‘Habitats Regulations’). One of the basic conditions that will be tested at Examination is whether the making of the plan is compatible with European obligations and this includes requirements relating to the Habitats Directive.

In relation to the Habitats Regulations, a Neighbourhood Plan cannot progress if the likelihood of significant effects on any European Site, either alone (or in combination with other plans and projects) cannot be ruled out) (see Schedule 2, The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012). Therefore measures may need to be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that any likely significant effects are avoided in order to secure compliance with the Regulations.

A screening exercise should be undertaken if there is any doubt about the possible effects of the Plan on European protected sites. This will be particularly important if a Neighbourhood Plan is to progress before a Local Plan has been adopted and/or the Neighbourhood Plan proposes development which has not been assessed and/or included in the Habitats Regulations Assessment for the Local Plan.

We note the recommendation set out in the Initial HRA that a full Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening will be undertaken due to proximity to the River Wye (including River Lugg) Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

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 Tom Amos on 02080 260961. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send correspondence to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto: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 3a



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Dear Mr Latham

**Yarkhill Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 14, SEA and HRA**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 15 August 2017 which was received by Natural England on 15 August 2017.

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.

Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.

**Natural England has reviewed the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Plan and would like to make the following comments:**

We note that the Yarkhill NDP doesn't contain policy on protection of the local wildlife and habitats. It would be helpful for the potential developers if the NDP could contain a reference to the Core Strategy's vision in respect of environmental quality and local distinctiveness. For example, Policy Y4 Conversion of Former Agricultural Buildings for Residential Use has no reference of potential impacts on protected species (bats) and appropriate mitigation. The section 5.3.2 of the adopted Herefordshire Core Strategy provides guidance on a proactive strategy for the conservation, restoration and enhancement of environmental assets and the delivery of new green infrastructure, in particular supplement spatial strategy Policy SS6 - Environmental quality and local distinctiveness, LD1 - Landscape and townscape, LD2 - Biodiversity and geodiversity and LD3 - Green infrastructure.

In addition we welcome policy Y9 on Water Supply and Drainage, Y10 on Reducing Flood Risk and Supporting Sustainability and Y12 Protecting Landscape Character.

**Additional information**

The attached annex may be of use to you; it sets out sources of environmental information and some natural environment issues you may wish to consider as you develop your neighbourhood plan or order.

**Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report**

Having reviewed the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report and subject to policies in adopted Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy we agree with the conclusion in section 8.6 that the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is unlikely to have significant effects on the designated European Sites and further Habitats Regulations Assessment will not be required.

**SEA Environmental 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 welcome the objectives 1, 2, 5, 9 and 12 which are related to Natural England's remit.

For clarification of any points in this letter, please contact Yana Burlachka on 02082256013. For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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# Annex 1 - Neighbourhood planning and the natural environment: information, issues and opportunities

## Natural environment information sources

The [Magic](#)<sup>1</sup> website will provide you with much of the nationally held natural environment data for your plan area. The most relevant layers for you to consider are: **Agricultural Land Classification, Ancient Woodland, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Local Nature Reserves, National Parks (England), National Trails, Priority Habitat Inventory, public rights of way (on the Ordnance Survey base map) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (including their impact risk zones)**. Local environmental record centres may hold a range of additional information on the natural environment. A list of local record centres is available [here](#)<sup>2</sup>.

**Priority habitats** are those habitats of particular importance for nature conservation, and the list of them can be found [here](#)<sup>3</sup>. Most of these will be mapped either as **Sites of Special Scientific Interest**, on the Magic website or as **Local Wildlife Sites**. Your local planning authority should be able to supply you with the locations of Local Wildlife Sites.

**National Character Areas** (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each character area is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. NCA profiles contain descriptions of the area and statements of environmental opportunity, which may be useful to inform proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found [here](#)<sup>4</sup>.

There may also be a local **landscape character assessment** covering your area. This is a tool to help understand the character and local distinctiveness of the landscape and identify the features that give it a sense of place. It can help to inform, plan and manage change in the area. Your local planning authority should be able to help you access these if you can't find them online.

If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a **National Park** or **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** (AONB), the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area will set out useful information about the protected landscape. You can access the plans on from the relevant National Park Authority or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty website.

General mapped information on **soil types** and **Agricultural Land Classification** is available (under 'landscape') on the [Magic](#)<sup>5</sup> website and also from the [LandIS website](#)<sup>6</sup>, which contains more information about obtaining soil data.

## Natural environment issues to consider

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#)<sup>7</sup> sets out national planning policy on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. [Planning Practice Guidance](#)<sup>8</sup> sets out supporting guidance.

Your local planning authority should be able to provide you with further advice on the potential impacts of your plan or order on the natural environment and the need for any environmental assessments.

### Landscape

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<sup>1</sup> <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.nbn-nfbr.org.uk/nfbr.php>

<sup>3</sup> <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-character-area-profiles-data-for-local-decision-making>

<sup>5</sup> <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.landis.org.uk/index.cfm>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

<sup>8</sup> <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/natural-environment/>

Your plans or orders may present opportunities to protect and enhance locally valued landscapes. You may want to consider identifying distinctive local landscape features or characteristics such as ponds, woodland or dry stone walls and think about how any new development proposals can respect and enhance local landscape character and distinctiveness.

If you are proposing development within or close to a protected landscape (National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) or other sensitive location, we recommend that you carry out a landscape assessment of the proposal. Landscape assessments can help you to choose the most appropriate sites for development and help to avoid or minimise impacts of development on the landscape through careful siting, design and landscaping.

### Wildlife habitats

Some proposals can have adverse impacts on designated wildlife sites or other priority habitats (listed [here](#)<sup>9</sup>), such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest or [Ancient woodland](#)<sup>10</sup>. If there are likely to be any adverse impacts you'll need to think about how such impacts can be avoided, mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated for.

### Priority and protected species

You'll also want to consider whether any proposals might affect priority species (listed [here](#)<sup>11</sup>) or protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced advice [here](#)<sup>12</sup> to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected species.

### Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services for society. It is a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, a store for carbon and water, a reservoir of biodiversity and a buffer against pollution. If you are proposing development, you should seek to use areas of poorer quality agricultural land in preference to that of a higher quality in line with National Planning Policy Framework para 112. For more information, see our publication [Agricultural Land Classification: protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land](#)<sup>13</sup>.

## **Improving your natural environment**

Your plan or order can offer exciting opportunities to enhance your local environment. If you are setting out policies on new development or proposing sites for development, you may wish to consider identifying what environmental features you want to be retained or enhanced or new features you would like to see created as part of any new development. Examples might include:

- Providing a new footpath through the new development to link into existing rights of way.
- Restoring a neglected hedgerow.
- Creating a new pond as an attractive feature on the site.
- Planting trees characteristic to the local area to make a positive contribution to the local landscape.
- Using native plants in landscaping schemes for better nectar and seed sources for bees and birds.
- Incorporating swift boxes or bat boxes into the design of new buildings.
- Think about how lighting can be best managed to encourage wildlife.
- Adding a green roof to new buildings.

You may also want to consider enhancing your local area in other ways, for example by:

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<sup>9</sup><http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ancient-woodland-and-veteran-trees-protection-surveys-licences>

<sup>11</sup> <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140711133551/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habsandspeciesimportance.aspx>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals>

<sup>13</sup> <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/35012>

- Setting out in your plan how you would like to implement elements of a wider Green Infrastructure Strategy (if one exists) in your community.
- Assessing needs for accessible greenspace and setting out proposals to address any deficiencies or enhance provision.
- Identifying green areas of particular importance for special protection through Local Green Space designation (see [Planning Practice Guidance on this](#)<sup>14</sup>).
- Managing existing (and new) public spaces to be more wildlife friendly (e.g. by sowing wild flower strips in less used parts of parks, changing hedge cutting timings and frequency).
- Planting additional street trees.
- Identifying any improvements to the existing public right of way network, e.g. cutting back hedges, improving the surface, clearing litter or installing kissing gates) or extending the network to create missing links.
- Restoring neglected environmental features (e.g. coppicing a prominent hedge that is in poor condition, or clearing away an eyesore).

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<sup>14</sup> <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space/local-green-space-designation/>

# Appendix 4

Objectives verses SEA Objectives (SMART and Compatibility Test)			
<b>SEA Stage B1</b>	<b>Key:</b>	<b>SMART criteria:</b>	
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The following matrix appraises the emerging Yarkhill NDP Objectives in terms of their SMART criteria and their compatibility with the SEA Objectives. These have been developed from Government guidance on SEA and from the local evidence base gathered for identifying the NDP issues.

**SEA Objectives**

- 1- To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)
- 2- To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes
- 3- To improve quality of surroundings
- 4- To conserve and 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 health of the population
- 15- To reduce crime and nuisance
- 16- To conserve natural and manmade resources

	SEA Objectives																August 2017			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Conclusions	Recommendations	SMART Test of NDP objective	After SMART objectives
YHO1- To support suitable residential development which provides family homes or affordable housing for local people.	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	This objective is generally compatible with the SEA objectives. Policy safeguards exist within both the Core Strategy and neighbourhood plan to mitigate any impacts upon the environment.	To ensure that sites are fully assessed to have the lowest impact on the environment.	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria. This objective is specific and measurable via the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). It will be attainable, achievable and realistic.	No change.
YHO2 – To ensure new homes are sited adjacent to the settlements of Newtown and Monkhide as defined in the Herefordshire Core Strategy.	?	+	+	X	?	?	?	?	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	?	This objective ensures homes are sited within or adjacent to the settlements of Newtown and Monkhide in line with policy.	Any specific locational policies for future development should take into account the SEA objectives. However, further development of the planning policies will move the objective towards a compatible outcome.	This objective reflects the vision, it also has the ability to be monitored and some aspects of this will be monitoring in the countywide Annual Monitoring Report. Future policies developed from this objective should aim to make this achievable and deliverable. Wording change is recommended to reflect accuracy.	To ensure new homes are sited adjacent to the settlements of Newtown and Monkhide as defined in the Core Strategy policy RA2.
YHO3 -To encourage small scale housing schemes which are appropriate to the scattered layout of existing settlements with developments of no more than 67 houses on any one site.	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	This objective covers the aspects of small scale development whilst including criteria to protect environmental assets and addressing any issues concerning environmental constraints.	Any specific locational policies for future development should take into account the SEA objectives. However, further development of the planning policies will move the objective towards a compatible outcome.	This objective reflects the vision, it also has the ability to be monitored and some aspects of this will be monitoring in the countywide Annual Monitoring Report. Future policies developed from this objective should aim to make this achievable and deliverable. The timeframe is not specifically indicated but will be for the lifetime of the plan.	No change.
YHO4- To encourage the design of new houses to reflect local materials and traditions, as well as environmentally friendly “Eco designs” which maximise energy and resource	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	This objective is seeking to protect and retain existing character and design of the village, by supporting good and environmentally friendly. Therefore the objective does not have any negative effect the SEA objectives.	Generally shows a compatibility between this plan objective and the SEA objectives.	This objective reflects the vision, it also has the ability to be monitored and some aspects of this will be monitoring in the countywide Annual Monitoring Report. Future policies developed from this objective should aim to make this achievable and deliverable. The timeframe is not specifically indicated but will be for the lifetime of the plan.	No change.



efficiency.																				August 2017			
YEO1- To protect existing employment areas such as those at Acorn Park, Newtown Cross, Baddy Marsh Farm and Whitwick Manor and to encourage investment in new business premises in these areas to provide new employment opportunities for local residents.	0	+	+	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0				Overall the objective has generally a positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. Policy safeguards exist within both the Core Strategy and neighbourhood plan to mitigate any impacts upon the environment.	Ensure proposed development considers environmental impact that development causes, ensure it is in line with the SEA Objectives.	This objective meets all of the SMART Objectives. A time frame in which the objective will be achieved is generally covered throughout the plan.	No change.
YEO2- To support appropriate rural diversification schemes which use redundant former agricultural buildings for new business development.	0	+	+	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0				Overall the objective has generally a positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. Policy safeguards exist within both the Core Strategy and neighbourhood plan to mitigate any impacts upon the environment.	Any specific locational policies for future development should take into account the SEA objectives. However, further development of rural diversification policies will move the objective towards a compatible outcome.	This objective meets all of the SMART Objectives. A time frame in which the objective will be achieved is generally covered throughout the plan.	No change.
YEO3- To support the development of tourism for ventures that would not have a major visual impact on the landscape, i.e. B&B and food premises rather than camping or holiday chalets.	+	+	+	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+				Overall the objective has generally a positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. Policy safeguards exist within both the Core Strategy and neighbourhood plan to mitigate any impacts upon the environment.	Ensure proposed development considers environmental impact that development causes, ensure it is in line with the SEA Objectives.	This objective is achievable and deliverable. Monitoring will be undertaken by the production of a Consultation Report and testing at the examination. A time frame in which the objective will be achieved is generally covered throughout the plan.	No change.
YT11- To make local roads safer through managing additional	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	+	+	+	+				This objective ensures traffic and transport issues are dealt with, improved cycle ways, footpaths	Ensure that the location of any new roads will have no adverse impact upon the environment. Encourage more use of public transport within the	Generally shows compatibility between this plan objective and the SEA objectives. This objective meets all of the SMART criteria. This objective is specific and	No change.

<p>traffic volumes from new developments and supporting improvements in bus services and safe cycle routes to encourage alternative modes of transport.</p>					+	+													<p>and bridleways and local transport services may counteract this.</p>	<p>policies</p>	<p>measurable via the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). It will be attainable, achievable and realistic.</p>	<p>August 2017</p>
<p>YT12- To support improvements in fast broadband and mobile phone reception to attract people to the area and allow existing and proposed businesses to operate effectively.</p>	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0			<p>Overall the objective has generally a positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. Policy safeguards exist within both the Core Strategy and neighbourhood plan to mitigate any impacts upon the environment.</p>	<p>Ensure proposed development considers environmental impact that development causes, ensure it is in line with the SEA Objectives.</p>	<p>This objective is achievable and deliverable. Monitoring will be undertaken by the production of a Consultation Report and testing at the examination. A time frame in which the objective will be achieved is generally covered throughout the plan.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>YT13- To work towards improving mains water supplies to all properties whether existing or proposed.</p>	0	+	+	X	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0		<p>Overall the objective has generally a positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. Policy safeguards exist within both the Core Strategy and neighbourhood plan to mitigate any impacts upon the environment.</p>	<p>Ensure proposed development considers environmental impact that development causes, ensure it is in line with the SEA Objectives.</p>	<p>This objective is achievable and deliverable. Monitoring will be undertaken by the production of a Consultation Report and testing at the examination. A time frame in which the objective will be achieved is generally covered throughout the plan.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>YCO1- To create public open space and maintain and protect the existing village hall facility to support a</p>	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+			<p>Overall the objective has generally a positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. Policy safeguards exist within both the Core Strategy and neighbourhood plan to mitigate any</p>	<p>Ensure proposed development considers environmental impact that development causes, ensure it is in line with the SEA Objectives.</p>	<p>This objective is achievable and deliverable. Monitoring will be undertaken by the production of a Consultation Report and testing at the examination. A time frame in which the objective will be achieved is generally covered throughout the plan.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

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YRAO1- To recognise that whilst farms are an essential part of the rural character of Yarkhill, any intensification of farming practices should not be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area.	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the objective has generally a positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. Policy safeguards exist within both the Core Strategy and neighbourhood plan to mitigate any impacts upon the environment.	Ensure proposed development considers environmental impact that development causes, ensure it is in line with the SEA Objectives.	This objective is achievable and deliverable. Monitoring will be undertaken by the production of a Consultation Report and testing at the examination. A time frame in which the objective will be achieved is generally covered throughout the plan.	No change.
YRAO2- To support renewable energy schemes that minimise any adverse impacts on the landscape and ecosystems. In particular, small scale hydro-power will be supported if a viable scheme can be established.	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the objective has generally a positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. Policy safeguards exist within both the Core Strategy and neighbourhood plan to mitigate any impacts upon the environment.	Ensure proposed development considers environmental impact that development causes, ensure it is in line with the SEA Objectives.	This objective is achievable and deliverable. Monitoring will be undertaken by the production of a Consultation Report and testing at the examination. A time frame in which the objective will be achieved is generally covered throughout the plan.	No change.

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SEA Objectives	Baseline carried over from Stage A
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NDP Policies	SEA objectives																Summary in relation to baseline	Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations	Conformity with Core Strategy
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
<b>Baseline</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
<b>Option 1-</b> To do nothing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Do nothing option is essential not to produce a neighbourhood plan and 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
<b>Option 2-</b> To do a criteria based 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 provide 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. Further determination of environmental impact can be assessed at planning application stage.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA
<b>Option 3 -</b> To allocate sites in the plan.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	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 Yarkhill, 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.
<b>Option 4-</b> Criteria policy and 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 with be adjudged by criteria based policy.	Any settlement boundary would need to be designated to ensure that sufficient capacity was included to permit the proportional growth requirements within Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. 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.
<b>Option 5-</b> Criteria policy/settlement boundary/allocate sites.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	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 Yarkhill, 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.

Site Options																			
<b>Site Option 1-</b> Yarkhill Court, Watery Lane, Yarkhill.	-	-	-	-	?	?	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-	This site option would conflict with policy RA3 of the Core Strategy, as Yarkhill is not identified as an area for proportionate growth. Therefore this site is likely to be unsuitable, although this site has some access and infrastructure. This small site for two dwellings could impact significant views in the parish and have an impact on the landscape character of Yarkhill.	Pursuing this site option is not recommended as growth within Yarkhill is likely to be unsustainable impacting on existing infrastructure and landscape and built character.	This site would not comply with the SEA policy RA1 and RA2 as Yarkhill hasn't been identified as a settlement for proportionate growth. Therefore development should be limited in accordance with policy RA3.
<b>Site Option 2-</b> Yarkhill Court 2, Watery Lane, Yarkhill.	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-	This site option would conflict with policy RA3 of the Core Strategy, as Yarkhill is not identified as an area for proportionate growth. Therefore this site is likely to be unsuitable, although this site has some access and infrastructure. This small site for two dwellings could impact significant views in the parish and have an impact on the landscape character of Yarkhill.	Pursuing this site option is not recommended as growth within Yarkhill is likely to be unsustainable impacting on existing infrastructure and landscape and built character. Pursuing this site will extend the existing form of the village eastwards, as well as impacting of the loss of trees and hedgerows around the perimeter of the site.	This site would not comply with the SEA policy RA1 and RA2 as Yarkhill hasn't been identified as a settlement for proportionate growth. Therefore development should be limited in accordance with policy RA3.
<b>Site Option 3-</b> Yarkhill Court 3, Watery Lane, Yarkhill.	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-	This site option would conflict with policy RA3 of the Core Strategy, as Yarkhill is not identified as an area for proportionate growth. Therefore this site is likely to be unsuitable, although this site has some access and infrastructure. This small site for one dwelling could have a small impact on significant views in the parish and landscape character of Yarkhill.	Pursuing this site option is not recommended as growth within Yarkhill is likely to be unsustainable impacting on existing infrastructure and landscape and built character. Although this site is a very small scale and within the built form of yarkhill, it will still be contrary to RA2 policy.	This site would not comply with the SEA policy RA1 and RA2 as Yarkhill hasn't been identified as a settlement for proportionate growth. Therefore development should be limited in accordance with policy RA3.
<b>Site Option 4-</b> Old Orchard Cottage, Yarkhill.	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-	This site option would conflict with policy RA3 of the Core Strategy, as Yarkhill is not identified as an area for proportionate growth. Therefore this site is likely to be unsuitable, although this site has some access and infrastructure. This small site for one dwelling could have a small impact on significant views in the parish and landscape character of Yarkhill.	Pursuing this site option is not recommended as growth within Yarkhill is likely to be unsustainable impacting on existing infrastructure and landscape and built character. Although this site is a very small scale and within the built form of yarkhill, it will still be contrary to RA2 policy.	This site would not comply with the SEA policy RA1 and RA2 as Yarkhill hasn't been identified as a settlement for proportionate growth. Therefore development should be limited in accordance with policy RA3.
<b>Site Option 5-</b> Land at Yarkhill.	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-	This site option would conflict with policy RA3 of the Core Strategy, as Yarkhill is not identified as an area for proportionate growth. Therefore this site is likely to be unsuitable, although this site has some access and infrastructure. This small site for two dwellings could impact significant views in	Pursuing this site option is not recommended as growth within Yarkhill is likely to be unsustainable impacting on existing infrastructure and landscape and built character.	This site would not comply with the SEA policy RA1 and RA2 as Yarkhill hasn't been identified as a settlement for proportionate growth.

																	the parish and have a small impact on the landscape character of Yarkhill.		Therefore development should be limited in accordance with policy RA3.
<b>Site Option 6-</b> One Pound Cottage, Yarkhill.	-	-	-	-	?	?	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-	This site option would conflict with policy RA3 of the Core Strategy, as Yarkhill is not identified as an area for proportionate growth. Therefore this site is likely to be unsuitable, although this site has some access and infrastructure. This small site for two dwellings could impact significant views in the parish and have a small impact on the landscape character of Yarkhill.	Pursuing this site option is not recommended as growth within Yarkhill is likely to be unsustainable impacting on existing infrastructure and landscape and built character.	This site would not comply with the SEA policy RA1 and RA2 as Yarkhill hasn't been identified as a settlement for proportionate growth. Therefore development should be limited in accordance with policy RA3.
<b>Site Option 7-</b> Two Pound Cottage, Yarkhill.	-	-	-	-	?	?	-	-	?	?	?	-	-	-	-	-	This site option would conflict with policy RA3 of the Core Strategy, as Yarkhill is not identified as an area for proportionate growth. Therefore this site is likely to be unsuitable, although this site has some access and infrastructure. Although this site is a very small scale and within the built form of Yarkhill, it will still be contrary to RA2 policy, the site has limited access to infrastructure and has no access, development to acquire access will have a direct detrimental impact on the existing built form and countryside.	Pursuing this site option is not recommended as growth within Yarkhill is likely to be unsustainable impacting on existing infrastructure and landscape and built character. There may be some loss of semi mature trees and hedgerows if development was to go ahead on this site.	This site would not comply with the SEA policy RA1 and RA2 as Yarkhill hasn't been identified as a settlement for proportionate growth. Therefore development should be limited in accordance with policy RA3.
<b>Site Option 8-1</b> Monksbury Cottages, Monkhide.	0	?	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	This site option is on the eastern edge of Monkhide. Pursuing this site for 4 dwellings would extend the eastern side of Monkhide which effects the character and settlement pattern. Overall the impact towards the SEA baseline is uncertain, further justification and need for the site is needed.	This site option has access to some infrastructure and could have potential access onto the highway. However the site does not relate to the existing built form of Monkhide therefore the site isn't favourable for development.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.
<b>Site Option 9-</b> Little Woodmanton, Yarkhill. (selected)	-	-	-	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	0	0	-	This site option along with the settlement boundary for this section of Monkhide is questionable and negative towards the baseline data. This identified area is quite far from the settlement of Monkhide. I would consider this site and identified boundary as open countryside therefore this site would be contrary to policy RA3 of the Core Strategy.	Pursuing this site although it is a small scale of 1 is not recommended as it does not comply with Core Strategy Policy RA3. Removing site allocation Little Woodmanton would be recommended, Yarkhill NDP will still meet their housing target from other allocations and permissions granted.	This site would not comply with the SEA policy RA1 and RA2 as this settlement boundary is too far to be considered as part of Monkhide. Therefore development should be limited in accordance with policy RA3.
<b>Site Option 10-</b> The Acorns, Yarkhill.	-	-	-	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	0	0	-	This site option along with the settlement boundary for this section of Monkhide is questionable and negative towards the baseline data. This identified area is quite far from the settlement of Monkhide. I would consider this site and identified boundary as	Pursuing this site although it is a small scale of 2 is not recommended as it does not comply with Core Strategy Policy RA3. Removing site allocation The Acorns would be recommended, Yarkhill NDP will still meet their housing target from other allocations and	This site would not comply with the SEA policy RA1 and RA2 as this settlement boundary is too far to be considered as part

(selected)																	open countryside therefore this site would be contrary to policy RA3 of the Core Strategy.	permissions granted.	of Monkhide. Therefore development should be limited in accordance with policy RA3.
<b>Site Option 11- The Wharf, Yarkhill.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	This site option for 1-4 houses is on the western edge of Newtown. Pursuing this site for 4 dwellings would extend the western side of Newtown which effects the character and settlement pattern. Overall the impact towards the SEA baseline is uncertain, further justification and need for the site is needed.	This site option has access to some infrastructure and could have potential access onto the highway. However the site does not relate to the existing built form of Newtown form of the settlement therefore the site isn't favourable for development.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.
<b>Site Option 12- Squirrels Nest, Lower Eggleton.</b> (selected)	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This site option for 4-6 dwellings sites on a 0.16 greenfield site within the Newtown settlement boundary. Location and scale of the site is fitting within the existing built form, and development would not affect trees and hedgerows. Therefore meets most of the baseline objectives. Traffic air quality along with water quality can be defined further at a later stage of development.	Further determination of environmental impact can be assessed at planning application stage.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA
<b>Site Option 13- Rosedale, Lower Eggleton.</b> (selected)	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This site option for 4-6 dwellings sites on a 0.59 greenfield site within the Newtown settlement boundary. Location and scale of the site is fitting within the existing built form, and development would not affect trees and hedgerows. Therefore meets most of the baseline objectives. Traffic air quality along with water quality can be defined further at a later stage of development.	Further determination of environmental impact can be assessed at planning application stage.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA



Objectives verses SEA Objectives (SMART and Compatibility Test)				
<b>SEA Stage B1</b>	<b>Key:</b>	<b>SMART criteria:</b>		
+ =/++	Compatible/very comp	<b>S – Specific:</b>	NDP objectives should specify what is intended to be done in detail and should not be open to a wide range of misinterpretations	The following matrix appraises the emerging Yarkhill NDP Objectives in terms of their SMART criteria and their compatibility with the SEA Objectives. These have been developed from Government guidance on SEA and from the local evidence base gathered for identifying the NDP issues.
- =	Possible conflict	<b>M – Measurable:</b>	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	<b>A – Attainable/achievable:</b>	NDP objectives should be achievable and deliverable, related to the scale of growth proposed	
X =	No relationship between objectives	<b>R – Realistic:</b>	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	<b>T – Time-Bound:</b>	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.	

SEA Objectives	Baseline carried over from Stage A
<p>1- To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)</p> <p>2- To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes</p> <p>3- To improve quality of surroundings</p> <p>4- To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage</p> <p>5- To improve air quality</p> <p>6- To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment</p> <p>7- To reduce contributions to climate change</p> <p>8- To reduce vulnerability to climate change</p> <p>9- To improve water quality</p> <p>10- To provide for sustainable sources of water supply</p> <p>11- To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk</p> <p>12- To conserve soil resources and quality</p> <p>13- To minimise the production of waste</p> <p>14- To improve health of the population</p> <p>15- To reduce crime and nuisance</p> <p>16- To conserve natural and manmade resources</p>	<p>1-The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.2010/11: 27% of Herefordshire’s SSSI land was in favourable condition. 09/14 – status of the SSSI is : Hall Wood (Unfavourable recovering). The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data. 2010/11: 17 Habitat Action Plans and 14 Species Action Plans are currently in operation across Herefordshire. Yarkhill Parish has: 4 LWS. The Parish is 5.4km away from the River Wye. There are no SSSI’S NNRs and SINCS within the parish.</p> <p>2-There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning locally important buildings within Yarkhill at present.</p> <p>3- Yarkhill is have a population of under 500 with no formal play provision.</p> <p>4-Whilst there is no qualitative, locally specific data available at present, there is 1 scheduled monument in Yarkhill, according to the latest version of the register and 8 boarding the parish.</p> <p>5-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 suggests that air quality is improving.</p> <p>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%.</p> <p>7-Herefordshire latest figure of C02 emissions per capita-dates back to 2010: 1.61 million tonnes (mtCO<sup>2</sup>)</p> <p>8-Reduce the risk of flooding-There have been no approvals contrary to EA advice since reporting began in 2004.The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.</p> <p>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%.</p> <p>10-Yarkhill parish falls into the Herefordshire Conjunctive Use Water Resource Zones (WRZs), one of 6 zones covering Herefordshire. 39% of demand is from non-household use.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>12-Around the village and parish of Yarkhill the soil classification is listed Grade 1 (Excellent) for its agricultural quality to 3 (good to moderate).</p> <p>13,14,15,16- There are numerous listed buildings within the parish and 1 SAMs, none of which are currently recorded in the Buildings at Risk Register. The Parish Area has the following landscape types: principle timbered farmlands to the south and north and in the centre is riverside meadows.</p>

NDP Policies	SEA objectives																Summary in relation to baseline	Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations	Conformity with Core Strategy
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
<b>Baseline</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
Y1-Site allocations for new housing	?	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	?	Overall this policy site allocations for new housing is compatible with the Core Strategy and has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will lead to some small scale development on 4 sites to provide up to 15 dwellings in Monkhide and Newtown within the settlement boundaries designated. Allocations 3 and 4 is outside the settlement boundary therefore would fall under RA3 policy of the Core Strategy.	Overall this policy meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy in promoting sustainable development within the parish.  Environmental safeguard and mitigation measures are available in policies within the Core Strategy SS1, LD2, and SD3 and SD4.Environmental protection can be found within the NDP polices Y12 and Y10 for flooding.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Y2- Settlement boundaries	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	Overall this policy settlement boundaries mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy promotes sustainable development in the settlement of Yarkhill, distinguishing between the settlement and open countryside. Settlement boundary west of monkhide is recommended to be removed as it is too far away from the settlement of monkhide.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to small scale development focused with a defined settlement boundary for Yarkhill. Criteria have been attached in subsequent policies to reduce any negative impacts on landscape, biodiversity, heritage and resources.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Y3- Housing Development within the Settlement Boundaries of Newtown and Monkhide	?	?	?	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	+	+	+	+	?	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. Air quality, traffic and flooding issues can be further clarified when further details are known.  Monkhide settlement boundary including the Acorn site does not appear to be close enough to be considered as a part of Monkhide settlement, therefore I would question identifying the acorns area selection as a part of the identified settlement.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to small scale development focused with a defined settlement boundary for Newtown and Monkhide. This includes design criteria for development to adhere to, to ensure that future development is in keeping with the existing built landscape.	However part of the settlement boundary west of Monkhide should be removed as it is too far away from the settlement boundary including two acorns and little woodman site.
Y4- Conversion of former agricultural buildings for residential use	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact towards the relevant SEA objectives.	Overall this policy promotes sustainable re use of agricultural buildings in line with policy RA3 of the Core Strategy. This policy includes criteria to ensure proposals are in keeping with the landscape and character promoting use of high quality materials.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Y5- Protecting existing areas of employment and encouraging investment in business	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	Overall the policy protecting existing areas of employment and encouraging investment in business is positive as it will help to reduce the need to travel and enable additional opportunities to work from home. Criteria within the NDP, has been included which would aim to safeguard environmental character and quality.	Overall this policy is compatible with the sea baseline data. This policy supports new small scale employment development, in particular supports economic development in Acorn Park, Newtown Cross, Baddy Marsh Farm and Whitwick Manor. This policy also promotes infrastructure provision for high speed broadband and relevant communication networks.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.



## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Key:

++ Move significantly	+ Move towards Marginally	- - Move away significantly	- Move away marginally	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	N/A No relationship
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## Y1 Sites allocations for new housing

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 (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	?	?	?	Uncertain impact on the environmental baseline. Allocations 3 and 4 is outside the settlement boundary therefore would fall under RA3 policy of the Core Strategy. Removal of these sites will help move the policy closer to the sea objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
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 small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the	Allocations 3 and 4 is outside the settlement boundary therefore would fall under RA3 policy of the Core Strategy.

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				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 small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	Allocations 3 and 4 is outside the settlement boundary therefore would fall under RA3 policy of the Core Strategy.
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 small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve air quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.

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To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused

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				small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

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To conserve natural and manmade resources	?	?	?	Uncertain impact on the environmental baseline. Allocations 3 and 4 is outside the settlement boundary therefore would fall under RA3 policy of the Core Strategy. Removal of these sites will help move the policy closer to the sea objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the baseline objectives and is in conformity with the Core Strategy. Short, medium and long term will have a positive impact on the baseline as this policy promotes sustainable development in terms of site allocations. Environmental impact is overall uncertain. Allocations 3 and 4 is outside the settlement boundary therefore would fall under RA3 policy of the Core Strategy. Removal of these sites will help move the policy closer to the sea objectives.				

Y2-Settlement boundaries

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		



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To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	Allocations 3 and 4 is outside the settlement boundary therefore would fall under RA3 policy of the Core Strategy.
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	Allocations 3 and 4 is outside the settlement boundary therefore would fall under RA3 policy of the Core Strategy.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.

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To improve air quality	-	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	-	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	0	0	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	0	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.

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To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

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To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

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<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to proportionate growth within the settlement boundaries identified. Overall has a positive impact in the long, medium and short term. Short term will have a positive impact on the baseline as many of the housing identified sites will be constructed during this time may have an effect on traffic and effects on water quality. This can be assessed at a later stage of the SEA process.
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## Y3- Housing Development within the Settlement Boundaries of Newtown and Monkhide

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	?	?	?	Overall environmental impact of Monkhide settlement boundary is uncertain due to the western identified area of the settlement boundary. Removing this will help clarify this policy.	Allocations 3 and 4 is outside the settlement boundary therefore would fall under RA3 policy of the Core Strategy. The western settlement boundary of Monkhide should be removed.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and	?	?	?	Overall environmental impact of Monkhide settlement boundary is uncertain due to the western identified area of the settlement	Allocations 3 and 4 is outside the settlement boundary therefore would fall under RA3 policy of the Core Strategy. The western settlement boundary of

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townscapes				boundary. Removing this will help clarify this policy.	Monkhide should be removed.
To improve quality of surroundings	?	?	?	Overall environmental impact of Monkhide settlement boundary is uncertain due to the western identified area of the settlement boundary. Removing this will help clarify this policy.	Allocations 3 and 4 is outside the settlement boundary therefore would fall under RA3 policy of the Core Strategy. The western settlement boundary of Monkhide should be removed.
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 small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve air quality	-	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	-	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies

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				line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies

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				line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	?	?	?	Impact of flood risk is uncertain at this stage and could be defined later in the planning application process, on a case by case basis.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	0	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.



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				within the Core Strategy.	
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in the identified settlement boundaries in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the baseline objectives and is in conformity with the Core Strategy. This will help to provide certainty for growth within Monkhide and Newtown. Short term will have a positive impact on the baseline as many of the housing identified sites will be constructed during this time may have an effect on traffic and effects on water quality. This can be assessed at a later stage of the SEA process.				

## Y4- Conversion of former agricultural buildings for residential use

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)	<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>

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	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure nature conservation is taken into consideration.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies

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				Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies

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				the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from

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				small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.

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To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

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				consideration.	
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
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 small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the baseline objectives and is in conformity with the Core Strategy. Mitigation measures have been included within the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure no detrimental effects towards the environment will be caused by conversion of agricultural buildings.				

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## Y5-Protecting existing areas of employment and encouraging investment in business opportunities

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 (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
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 protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	0	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.



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				business opportunities.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.

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To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	<b>?</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities. Further details on short term impact can be determined at planning application stage.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>?</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities. Further details on short term impact can be determined at planning application stage.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>?</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies

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				business opportunities. Further details on short term impact can be determined at planning application stage.	LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

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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 protecting existing employment areas and encourage existing business opportunities.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
This policy overall compliments the Core Strategy and would only lead to protecting existing employment sites and supporting potential employment growth. Policy safeguarding exists within the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account.					

## Y6-Supporting rural diversification

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 (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and	+	+	+	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies

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fauna)					LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship.	
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>?</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Impact of water supply is uncertain at this stage and could be defined later in the planning application process, on a case by case basis.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To conserve natural and manmade resources	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	The principles of this policy are compatible with Core Strategy policy RA6 and will help support rural diversification throughout Yarkhill.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives in the short, medium and long term of the plan period.				

Y7-Tourism

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 (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.



## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>?</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>?</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

				scale design and materials.	LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies

B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

				Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensures tourism development will be appropriate to Yarkhill's character in terms of scale design and materials.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives in the short , medium and long term.				

Y8-Traffic and transport

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 (11 years +)		

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

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. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
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. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	0	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	X	X	X	No relationship	
To improve air quality	+	++	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	++	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	0	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives in the short , medium and long term.				

## Y9-Water supply and drainage

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 (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.



## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	
To improve air quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To reduce contributions to climate change	+	++	++	Impact of water quality is considered in terms in the process of delivering housing development and moves this policy close to the baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	++	++	Impact of water quality is considered in terms in the process of delivering housing development and moves this policy close to the baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	+	++	++	Impact of water quality is considered in terms in the process of delivering housing development and moves this policy close to the baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	++	++	Impact of water quality is considered in terms in the process of delivering housing development and moves this policy close to the baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	++	++	Impact of water quality is considered in terms in the process of delivering housing development and moves this policy close to the baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To conserve soil resources and quality	+	++	++	Impact of water quality is considered in terms in the process of delivering housing development and moves this policy close to the baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	Impact of water quality is considered in terms in the process of delivering housing development and moves this policy close to the baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Impact of water quality is considered in terms in the process of delivering housing development and moves this policy close to the baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Impact of water quality is considered in terms in the process of delivering housing development and moves this policy close to the baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Impact of water quality is considered in terms in the process of delivering housing development and moves this policy close to the baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives in the short, medium and long term.
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## Y10-Reducing flood risk and supporting sustainability

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 (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 moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and	+	+	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from

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townscapes				SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	X	X	X	No relationship	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

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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 moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	+	+	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies

B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

				flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	++	++	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	++	++	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	++	++	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline. This policy ensures environmental protection against	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies



## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

				flooding, this will help safeguard against development in flooding prone areas.	LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. The policy will help to alleviate flood risk in the short, medium and long term.				

## Y11-Community facilities

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 (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	This policy helps to safeguard community facilities for the people of Yarkhill. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

					policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	This policy helps to safeguard community facilities for the people of Yarkhill. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	This policy helps to safeguard community facilities for the people of Yarkhill. None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly

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					policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	This policy helps to safeguard community facilities for the people of Yarkhill. None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to

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				Neighbourhood Area.	alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.

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To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

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To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Area.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. This will have an overall positive effect in the short, medium and long term in the plan period.				

Y12-Protecting landscape character

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		

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To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	++	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	++	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.

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To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.



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To improve water quality	0	0	0	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	0	0	0	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.

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To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the landscape, environment and habitats.	This criteria based policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. This will safeguard landscape character for Yarkhill in the medium and short term.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA				

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<b>effects</b>	objectives. This will have a positive effect in the short, medium and long term in the plan period.
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## Y13-Large agricultural buildings

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 (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.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
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.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.

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To improve quality of surroundings	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.

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To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly

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					policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly

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					policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	0	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. The policy will help to provide criteria for development for large agricultural buildings in the short, medium and long term.				

## Y14-Local energy schemes

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 –	Medium	Long term		

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	5 years)	<b>term</b> (6 – 10 years)	(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 moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
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 moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will



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cultural heritage					benefit community in the medium and short term.
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the

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					medium and short term.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.

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To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy itself can help mitigate impact of development. Providing sustainable methods of energy gathering, which will benefit community in the medium and short term.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative</b>	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the baseline objectives and is in conformity with the Core Strategy. This has a				

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<b>effects</b>	positive impact on the short and particularly medium and long term.
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**Key:**

++ Move significantly towards	+ Move towards marginally	-- Move away Significantly	- Move away marginally	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	X No relationship
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SEA Objective / Objective / Policy	1. To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	2. To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	3. To improve quality of surroundings	4. To conserve and 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	14. To improve health of the population	15. To reduce crime and nuisance	16. To conserve natural and manmade resources
YHO1- To support suitable residential development which provides family homes or affordable housing for local people.	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
YHO2 – To ensure new homes are sited adjacent to the settlements of Newtown and Monkhide as defined in the Herefordshire Core Strategy.	?	+	+	X	?	?	?	?	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	?
YHO3 -To encourage small scale housing schemes which are appropriate to the scattered layout of existing settlements with developments of no more than 67 houses	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+

on any one site.																
YHO4- To encourage the design of new houses to reflect local materials and traditions, as well as environmentally friendly "Eco designs" which maximise energy and resource efficiency.	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+
YEO1- To protect existing employment areas such as those at Acorn Park, Newtown Cross, Baddy Marsh Farm and Whitwick Manor and to encourage investment in new business premises in these areas to provide new employment opportunities for local residents.	0	+	+	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0
YEO2- To support appropriate rural diversification schemes which use redundant former agricultural buildings for new business development.	0	+	+	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0
YEO3- To support the development of	+	+	+	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+

tourism for ventures that would not have a major visual impact on the landscape, i.e. B&B and food premises rather than camping or holiday chalets.																
YTI1- To make local roads safer through managing additional traffic volumes from new developments and supporting improvements in bus services and safe cycle routes to encourage alternative modes of transport.	+	+	+	X	++	++	+	x	X	X	X	x	+	+	+	+
YTI2- To support improvements in fast broadband and mobile phone reception to attract people to the area and allow existing and proposed businesses to operate effectively.	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0

YT13- To work towards improving mains water supplies to all properties whether existing or proposed.	0	+	+	X	0	0	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	0
YCO1- To create public open space and maintain and protect the existing village hall facility to support a growing and potentially younger population.	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
YRAO1- To recognise that whilst farms are an essential part of the rural character of Yarkhill, any intensification of farming practices should not be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area.	0	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	0
YRAO2- To support renewable energy schemes that minimise any adverse impacts on the landscape and ecosystems. In particular,	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+



small scale hydro-power will be supported if a viable scheme can be established.																	
<b>Polices</b>																	
Y1-Site allocations for new housing	?	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	?
Y2-Settlement boundaries	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Y3- Housing Development within the Settlement Boundaries of Newtown and Monkhide	?	?	?	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	?	+	+	+	+	+	?
Y4- Conversion of former agricultural buildings for residential use	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+
Y5-Protecting existing areas of employment and encouraging investment in business opportunities	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+
Y6-Supporting rural diversification	+	+	+	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+
Y7-Tourism	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Y8-Traffic and transport	+	+	+	X	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Y9-Water supply and drainage	+	+	+	X	+	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+

Y10-Reducing flood risk and supporting sustainability	+	+	+	X	+	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+
Y11-Community facilities	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
Y12-Protecting landscape character	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Y13-Large agricultural buildings	0	+	+	X	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0
Y14-Local energy schemes	0	+	+	X	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0
<b>Summary of effects of whole plan on each SEA Objective</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>
<b>Cumulative effects of whole plan (1 + 2 + 3...)</b>	Overall the Yarkhill Neighbourhood Plan policies and objectives have a positive impact towards the SEA baseline data. And are in general conformity with the Core Strategy Overall all of the policies and objectives meet the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA. Policies and objectives strive to preserve and maintain natural and built historic environment that can help mitigate impact from the housing policies. This plan ensures appropriate sized development is developed this may help mitigate the effect of development. The sites identified within the settlement boundary lie outside the flood risk zone, therefore development within the settlement boundary is not at risk of fluvial flooding. However they are still at risk of pluvial and surface water flooding. Water supply and flood risk issues in each proposed housing scheme can be determined at planning application stage, and will be tested on a case by case basis.															
<b>Commentary for significant cumulative effects</b>	Overall this has had a positive effect on the SEA baseline data. Overall the unknown areas require further detail such as location, scale and size of development, therefore are likely to be determined at planning application/ proposal stage. No significant cumulative effects have been identified.															

# Appendix 5

## Yarkhill Options

<b>Option 1</b> -Do nothing
<b>Option 2</b> -To do a criteria based policy.
<b>Option 3</b> -To allocate sites in the plan.
<b>Option 4</b> - Criteria policy and settlement boundary.
<b>Option 5</b> - Criteria policy/settlement boundary/allocate sites.
<b>Site Option 1</b> - Yarkhill Court, Watery Lane, Yarkhill.
<b>Site Option 2</b> - Yarkhill Court 2, Watery Lane, Yarkhill.
<b>Site Option 3</b> - Yarkhill Court 3, Watery Lane, Yarkhill.
<b>Site Option 4</b> -Old Orchard Cottage, Yarkhill.
<b>Site Option 5</b> - Land at Yarkhill.
<b>Site Option 6</b> - One Pound Cottage, Yarkhill.
<b>Site Option 7</b> - Two Pound Cottage, Yarkhill.
<b>Site Option 8</b> - 1 Monksbury Cottages, Monkhide.
<b>Site Option 9</b> - Little Woodmanton, Yarkhill.
<b>Site Option 10</b> - The Acorns, Yarkhill.
<b>Site Option 11</b> - The Wharf, Yarkhill.
<b>Site Option 12</b> -Squirrels Nest, Lower Eggleton.
<b>Site Option 13</b> - Rosedale, Lower Eggleton.

# Appendix 6

## Template C2: SEA Quality Assurance Checklist

**Parish Council Name:** Yarkhill

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Yarkhill NDP

**Date completed:** December 2017

Objectives and context	Where are the points covered in Neighbourhood Development Plan SEA (insert chapter, section, page references, as necessary)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Neighbourhood Development Plan's purpose and objectives are made clear.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• SEA objectives are clearly set out and linked to indicators and targets where appropriate.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Conflicts that exist between SEA objectives; between SEA and Neighbourhood Development Plan objectives; and between SEA objectives and other local plan objectives are identified and described.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 1.6 – 1.10</p> <p>Chapter 2 methodology, chapter 3 and tables A2 and A3</p> <p>Chapter 3 paragraph 3.5 and 3.7</p> <p>Chapter 3, paragraph 3.1</p> <p>Chapter 3</p>
<p><b>Scoping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory Consultees are consulted in appropriate ways and at appropriate times on the content and scope of the Environmental Report.</li> <li>• The assessment focuses on significant issues.</li> <li>• Technical, procedural and other difficulties encountered are discussed; assumptions and uncertainties are made explicit.</li> <li>• Reasons are given for eliminating issues from further consideration.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 2, paragraphs 2.6-2.9</p> <p>Chapter 2 and chapter 4</p> <p>Chapter 2</p> <p>Chapter 2, chapter 4 and chapter 5</p>

<p><b>Alternatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realistic alternatives are considered for key issues, and the reasons for choosing them are documented.</li> <li>• Alternatives include 'do minimum' and/or 'business as usual' scenarios wherever relevant.</li> <li>• The environmental effects (both adverse and beneficial) of each alternative are identified and compared.</li> <li>• Inconsistencies between the alternatives and other relevant local plans, programmes or policies are identified and explained.</li> <li>• Reasons are given for selection or elimination of alternatives.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 4 and chapter 5</p> <p>Paragraph 5.4</p> <p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Chapter 5</p>
<p><b>Baseline information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Difficulties such as deficiencies in information or methods are explained.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 1, Chapter 3</p> <p>Initial screening report and Chapter 1</p> <p>Chapter 2</p>
<p><b>Prediction and evaluation of likely significant environmental effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Both positive and negative effects are considered, and the duration of effects (short, medium or long-term) is addressed.</li> <li>• Likely secondary, cumulative (growing in quantity and strength) and synergistic (acting together) effects are identified, where practicable.</li> <li>• Inter-relationships between effects are considered, where practicable.</li> </ul>	<p>Tables A2, A3 and A4</p> <p>Tables B2 and B3</p> <p>Table B4</p> <p>Chapter 5, chapter 6</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The prediction and evaluation of effects makes use of relevant accepted standards, regulations, and thresholds (i.e. data gathered for the evidence base).</li> <li>• Methods used to evaluate the effects are described.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 5, chapter 6</p> <p>Chapter 2</p>
<p><b>Mitigation measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and offset any significant adverse effects of implementing the Neighbourhood Development Plan are indicated.</li> <li>• Issues to be taken into account when determining planning applications or other projects, for example funding bids, are identified.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 6, paragraph 6.6 – 6.9</p> <p>Chapter 6</p>
<p><b>The Environmental Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is clear and concise in its layout and presentation.</li> <li>• Uses simple, clear language and avoids or explains technical terms.</li> <li>• Uses maps and other illustrations, where appropriate.</li> <li>• Explains the methodology used.</li> <li>• Explains who was consulted and what methods of consultation were used.</li> <li>• Identifies sources of information, including expert judgement and matters of opinion.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Chapter 2</p> <p>Paragraph 2.6-2.9</p> <p>Paragraph 2.8-2.9</p> <p>Page 1 / Paragraph 1.8 / Chapter 6</p>
<p><b>Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEA is consulted on as an integral part of the plan-making process of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Paragraph 2.6-2.9</p> <p>Chapter 8</p>
<p><b>Decision-making and information on the decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The environmental report and the opinions of those</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 8</p>



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

# Appendix 7

### **Template D1: SEA Consultation Feedback**

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

**Parish Council Name:** Yarkhill

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Yarkhill

**Consultation date:** 21 July to 22 September 2017

**Consultation title:** Yarkhill Regulation 14 Consultation

### **Natural England 22.09.17**

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 welcome the objectives 1, 2, 5, 9 and 12 which are related to Natural England's remit.

# Appendix 8

**Template D3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the amended Neighbourhood Development Plan policies and sites**

**Parish Council Name:** Yarkhill Parish Council

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Yarkhill Neighbourhood Plan

**Date completed:** December 2017

**Key:**

++ Move towards significantly	+ Move towards Marginally	- - Move away significantly	- Move away marginally	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	N/A No relationship
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4-6 change Y1, Removal of 2 sites in Monkhide sites 3 and 4

*Policy Y1*

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)	0	0	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development

				be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1,

				be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	0	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	0	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1,

				be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Changes to this policy by removing site 3 and 4 help move the policy closer to the SEA baseline and help the policy confirm to the policies set out in the Local Plan. Overall this policy has a positive effect on the baseline objectives and is in conformity with the Core Strategy. Short, medium and long term will have a positive impact on the baseline as this policy promotes sustainable				



	development in terms of site allocations.
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Policy Y2 SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY AT MONKHIDE REMOVED

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)	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.

				Strategy.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve air quality	0	0	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	0	0	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	0	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1,

				Strategy.	LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1,

				Strategy.	LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Removal of allocations 3 and 4 helps the plan be in general conformity to the Core Strategy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Changes to this policy help move the policy closer to the SEA baseline and help the policy confirm to the policies set out in the Local Plan. This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to proportionate growth within the settlement boundaries identified. Overall has a positive impact in the long, medium and short term. Short term will have a positive impact on the baseline as many of the housing identified sites will be constructed during this time may have an effect on traffic and effects on water quality. But in the long term as it is within the sustainable settlement demand for resources and concentration of traffic will be contained within the nucleated settlement.				

Policy Y4

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)	+	+	++	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly

				baseline.	policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	++	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and would only lead to small scale development in line with the proportional growth within the Core Strategy. Policy safeguards are included within the policy to ensure landscape and townscape features are taken into consideration.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and MT1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species	None identified. Policy safeguards within the

				within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6,SS7 and SD3.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SS6, SS7 and SD3.
To improve water quality	+	+	+	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.

To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	++	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and



				baseline.	SD3.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	++	Changes to this policy add further protection for protected species within the area and adds further protection to the built and natural environment. Changes to this policy help move it closer to the SEA baseline.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and SD3.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Changes to this policy help move the policy closer to the SEA baseline and add further protection to the natural and built environment. Overall this policy has a positive effect on the baseline objectives and is in conformity with the Core Strategy. Mitigation measures have been included within the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure no detrimental effects towards the environment will be caused by conversion of agricultural buildings.				