

Environmental Report

Report for:

Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group Neighbourhood Area

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Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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.

The Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group Parish has undertaken to prepare an NDP and this process has been subject to environmental appraisal pursuant to the SEA Directive. The Parish comprises the three rural Parishes of Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland and lies midway between Hereford and Ross-on-Wye.

The Draft Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group NDP includes 9 (was 10) objectives and it is intended that these objectives will be delivered by 12 (was 14) criteria based planning policies; no site allocations are proposed in the plan.

The environmental appraisal of the Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 BBH1 and BBH5. These have been rescreened in D3, other policies have been amended are minor wording changes and have been rescreened. One objective has been deleted and two policies have been deleted. The conclusion set out in the Draft Environment Report is still valid. That is, the Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 as the Group Parish falls within the catchment for the River Wye (including River Lugg), and is in the Wye Valley Woodlands both of which are European sites (Special Area of Conservation). The HRA assesses the potential effects of the NDP on the River Wye SAC and Wye Valley Woodlands SAC.

On the whole, it is considered that the Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 the Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).
- 1.2 The Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group NDP does not propose any site allocations, although Hoarwithy village is identified within table 4.14 and St Owens Cross as a 4.15 which is targeted for proportional levels of growth in Policy RA1 and RA2 of the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy). The NDP will, however, provide general policies for guiding future development across the parish as a whole.

Purpose of the SEA

- 1.3 SEA is a requirement of EC Directive 2001/42/EC (the SEA Directive) which requires the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment to ensure that the proposals in that plan or programme contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.
- 1.4 The Directive was transposed into domestic legislation through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and which applies to plans with significant environmental effects.
- 1.5 A screening opinion was carried out on the Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group Parish comprises the Parishes of Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland. The Group Parish lies midway between Hereford and Ross-on-Wye. The group parish has a range of independent shops, supermarkets, primary and secondary schools, health and leisure facilities. The group parish is easily assessable from the A49, A40 connecting to the M50, M4 and M5.
- 1.7 The parish of Hentland is the largest of three parishes with a population of 443 and incorporates the two main settlements of Hoarwithy and St Owen's Cross.
- 1.8 The neighbourhood area boasts many natural features, not least 25 Special Wildlife Sites and 5 Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation. There are numerous built heritage assets, too, including listed buildings, 5 Scheduled Monuments and non-designated assets.
- 1.9 The vision for Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group in 2031 is as follows:

'Our vision for Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland is for them to be home to strong and thriving communities, working together to maintain and celebrate our history, preserve our beautiful rural setting and unique character while embracing sustainable development'
- 1.10 The 10 NDP objectives are as follows:

- Objective 1 - To encourage phased growth appropriate to the area's different settlements to maintain the area's vitality and community.
- Objective 2 - To encourage improvements in public transport, road safety, traffic, footpaths and bridleways.
- Objective 3 - To encourage outdoor tourist activity and improvements in recreation and leisure facilities.
- Objective 4 - To support business growth and access to job opportunities.
- Objective 5 - To reduce the impact of flooding. This policy has been deleted post regulation 14.*
- Objective 5 - To improve communications infrastructure.
- Objective 6- To protect and enhance the area's landscape.
- Objective 7 - To conserve and enhance the area's natural heritage and historic assets.
- Objective 8 - To protect and enhance community facilities.
- Objective 9- To address the needs of the area's different age groups.

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 Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 15th 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 stage¹.
- 1.16 Table 4.14 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) lists Hoarwithy, and St Owens Cross is identified as a 4.15 settlement 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.
- 1.17 Once made (adopted) by Herefordshire Council, the Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group NDP will have a role in guiding future development proposals within the Parish, by setting out policies against which planning applications will be determined.

¹ 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

Structure of SEA

1.19 The structure of the document is as follows:

- Section 2 – Explains the SEA methodology and summarises the comments received in respect of the SEA Scoping Report
- Section 3 - Introduces the Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group SEA Scoping Report was available to four² statutory bodies for consultation from 4th December 2014 to 8th January 2015.

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: Two documents to be updated within A1. Include information on Biodiversity, flora and fauna in A2.

Response: The two documents referred to have been updated in A1 and further baseline data has been incorporated at A2.

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 Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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"

² Statutory consultation bodies: Natural England; English Heritage; Environment Agency Natural Resources Wales

Policy context

- 3.3 The Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 Group Parish has an impact on the County as a whole is 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.
- 3.11 The NDP does not propose to allocate sites for development and contains only criteria-based policies. On this basis, the delivery of the NDP should not exacerbate existing problems regarding water quality or have an unacceptable adverse impact.
- 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 Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group NDP SEA objectives can be found in appendix 4.
- 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 objectives listed in the NDP that aim to realise the vision for Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group in 2031:

Objective 1- To encourage phased growth appropriate to the area's different settlements to maintain the area's vitality and community.

Objective 2- To encourage improvements in public transport, road safety, traffic, footpaths and bridleways.

Objective 3 - To encourage outdoor tourist activity and improvements in recreation and leisure facilities.

Objective 4 - To support business growth and access to job opportunities.

Objective 5 - To improve communications infrastructure.

Objective 6 - To protect and enhance the area's landscape.

Objective 7 - To conserve and enhance the area's natural heritage and historic assets.

Objective 8 - To protect and enhance community facilities.

Objective 9- To address the needs of the area's different age groups.

- 4.2 The table below tests these NDP objectives against the SEA objectives, providing a summary of the results of Task B1 of SEA. The full results are available at Appendix 4 of this report.
- 4.3 The majority of those NDP objectives which have a relationship with the SEA framework are positively compatible with it or have a neutral effect.
- 4.4 It is impossible to appraise the full implications of NDP objective 3 at this stage given the lack of detail of schemes that may come to fruition as a result of the implementation of these objectives (i.e. type of business and design); however, it is accepted that the planning policies that relate to these objectives would move them towards a compatible outcome given their development criteria.
- 4.5 Task B1 of the SEA identified the following potential conflicts between the NDP objectives and the SEA framework:
- 4.6 The potential conflicts listed above can be largely attributed to the possible rise in vehicular movements in remote locations once the NDP objectives have been realised on the ground and the attendant impacts on air quality and both contributions and vulnerability to climate change.

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

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

5.0 Assessing the NDP Options

- 5.1 All options that were considered by Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 the topics that are likely to formulate the topics going forward in the Plan. These options were formulated from the Parish Plan but were also considered at public consultation events across the Parish in 2015. The results of which will feed into the identification of the preferred options and ultimately the draft policies.

- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 The Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland four options all had a generally positive or unknown impact upon the Baseline data and SEA objectives, in particular Option 3 would have the least impact upon the environment and move towards the SEA objectives. The Option 2 would be more unknown due to not knowing the location of the new settlement boundary; therefore the policy and definition of a new settlement boundary will need to consider the SEA objectives. Option 4 is an unknown impact due to not knowing the details of where the new development will be located. This option states small scale development but no further details are included to understand how a policy would impact upon the baseline.
- 5.5 Overall all of the 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.

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	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

6.0 Appraisal of the policies

- 6.1 A key part of developing a plan such as the Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland NDP is developing a range of options and testing these, so that a preferred way forward can be selected.
- 6.2 Although the Draft NDP identifies a number of key themes or issues which are considered significant to the Group Parish, there is no evidence that alternative approaches were considered prior to an informal consultation that took place in respect of an emerging draft plan during 2015 and 2016. Therefore only the following, emerging set of draft policies can be appraised for the purposes of Stage B of the SEA:
- Policy BBH1 – promoting new housing development in the settlements of Hoarwithy and St Owen's cross
 - Policy BBH2 – public transport
 - Policy BBH3 – traffic and road safety
 - Policy BBH4 – footpaths, cyclepaths and bridleways
 - Policy BBH5 - promoting outdoor tourism, leisure and recreation
 - Policy BBH6 - employment growth and jobs
 - Policy BBH7 - new development to improve communications infrastructure
 - Policy BBH8- protecting and enhancing landscape character

- Policy BBH9 – high quality design
- Policy BBH10 – protecting local heritage assets
- Policy BBH11 – protecting community facilities, shops and pubs
- Policy BBH12 – a vibrant and thriving community

Stage B of SEA

- 6.3 In the context of Task B1 of SEA, the previous section of this report identified that many of the NDP objectives are compatible with the SEA framework, while others had either a neutral impact, no relationship with the SEA objectives or if needed; further information such as location of development. Additional policy safeguards within the NDP and Local Plan (Core Strategy) would help mitigate any possible conflicts.
- 6.4 With regard to Task B2 of SEA, the NDP policies were measured against both the SEA framework and the baseline characteristics identified during Stage A of the process; here, there was no baseline data available in respect of SEA Objectives 3 and 9. 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 housing or business units) is not yet know. Further details are needed in order to clarify traffic impact, air quality, water quality and flood risk, this can be determined at planning application stage when further details are known.

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

- 6.7 The results of Task B3, as shown at Appendix 4, demonstrate that the cumulative impact of the NDP policies over the course of the plan period is generally positive. Although some policies may have a neutral or uncertain impact during the first 5 years of the plan period, there is no reason why they cannot have a positive effect in the medium to long-term due to policy safeguards included in the Local Plan (Core Strategy); these safeguards should avoid or mitigate against unacceptable adverse impacts.
- 6.8 Task B4 of SEA brings together the results of earlier tasks and thus identifies the cumulative impact of the entire of the NDP. This task, which is also attached at Appendix 4, reveals that the objectives and policies contained in the Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland NDP are by

and large in general conformity with the Local Plan (Core Strategy), which means that the cumulative effect of the plan will contribute to the achievement of the SEA objectives.

- 6.9 None of the NDP policies are considered to be in direct conflict with or propose greater levels of growth and development than strategic policies contained in the Local Plan (Core Strategy), which themselves have undergone a full Sustainability Appraisal.

Regulation 14 Consultation

- 6.10 Following the Draft plan consultation (Regulation 14) The Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland NDP steering group amending criteria in a majority of the policies 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. One of the objectives was deleted and two policies BBH2 and BBH8 were deleted in light of the comments received. Two policies BBH1 and BBH5 were re-assessed as the criteria altered the policies. Overall these changes help move the policies 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 Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Group 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 Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Group Plan will be submitted for examination.

Appendix 1

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

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

Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (d)

Neighbourhood Area:	Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Neighbourhood Area
Parish Council:	Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish Council
Neighbourhood Area Designation Date:	14/04/2014

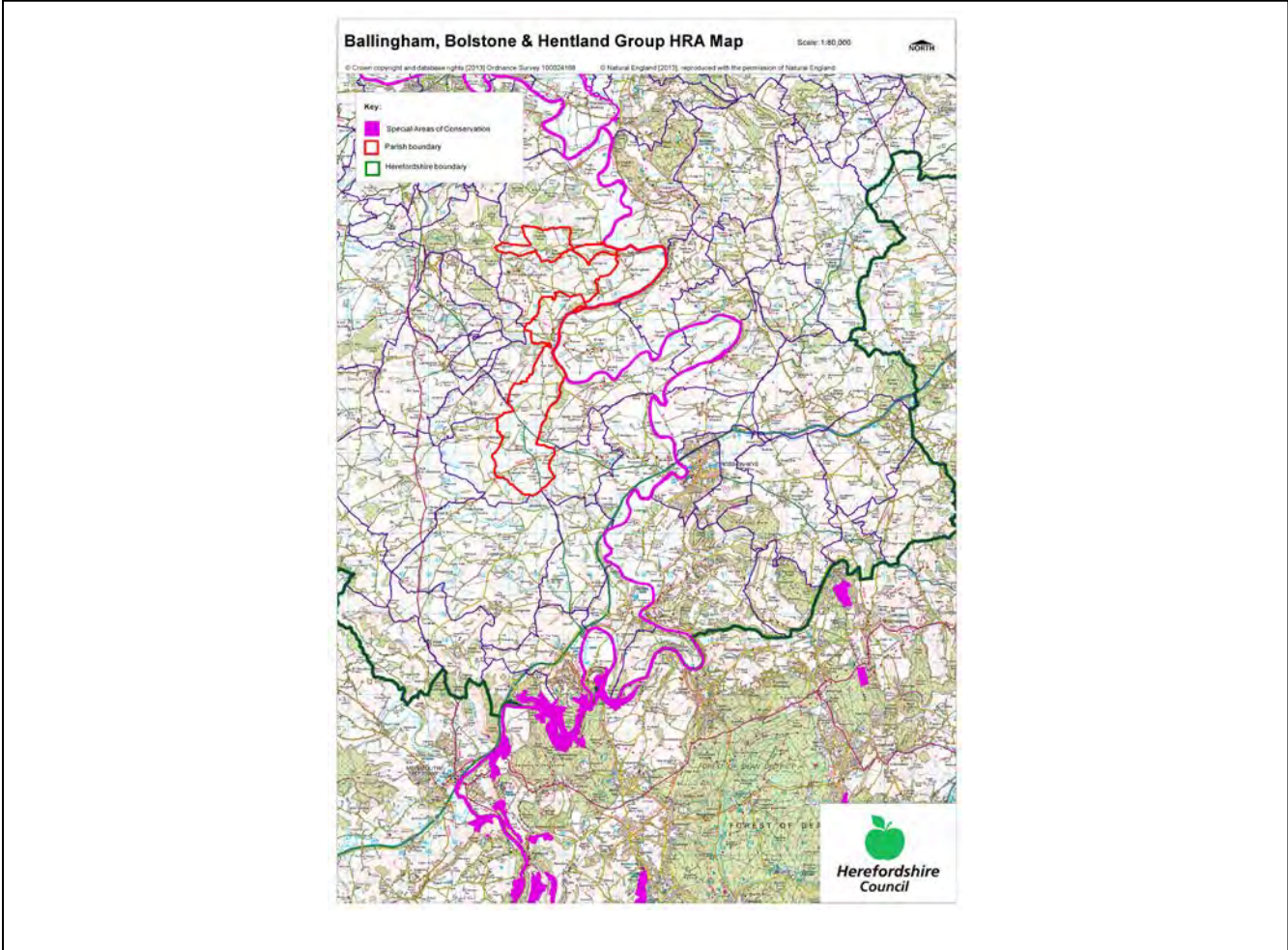
Introduction

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

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

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



Initial HRA Screening

River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC:

Does the Neighbourhood Area have the River Wye (including the River Lugg) in or next to its boundary?	Y	The River Wye SAC runs along the borders of all 3 Parishes.
Is the Neighbourhood Area in the hydrological catchment of the River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC?	Y	The Group Parish is within the hydrological catchment of the River Wye.
If yes above, does the Neighbourhood Area have mains drainage to deal with foul sewage?	Y	There is mains drainage in St Owens Cross.

Downton Gorge SAC:

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of Downton Gorge SAC?	N	Downton Gorge is 41.1km away from the Group Parish.
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River Clun SAC:

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

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of the SAC boundary?	N	Usk Bat Sites are 34.6km away from the Group 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 11.4km away from the Group 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?	Y	Wye Valley Woodlands are 7.5km away from the Group Parish.
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HRA Conclusion:

The assessment above highlights that the following European Sites will need to be taken into account in the future Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group 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

Wye Valley Woodlands 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 Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group Neighbourhood Area and would need to be taken into account within a Strategic Environmental Assessment. In addition, the NDP will also need to consider the other SEA topics set out in Guidance Note 9a to ensure that the plan does not cause adverse impacts.

SEA features	Total	Explanation	SEA required
Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA)	0	There are no AQMAs within the Group Parish	N
Ancient Woodland	21	Nether Wood (border); Lady Coppice (border); Fox Wood (border); Ballis Wood (border); Trilloes Court Wood; Upper Bolstone Wood; Lower Bolstone Wood; Widows Wood (border); Brick Kiln Wood (border); 1 unlabelled site at Kidley Hill; 1 unlabelled site at Ballingham Hill; Carey & Capler Woods (border); Armastone Wood (border); Weaven Wood; Gwatkins Grove; Elvaston Wood (border); Riggs Wood (border); Pengethley Grove (border); Tuft Wood; 1 x unlabelled site between Dason Court and Harewood End Public House; Lower Heath Wood	Y
Areas of Archaeological Interest (AAI)	0	There are no AAIs within the Group Parish	N
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	1	Wye Valley AONB runs through part of the Group Parish	Y
Conservation Areas	1	Hoarwithy	Y
European Sites (SAC)	1	River Wye	Y
Flood Areas/Zones		Flood Zones follow the River Wye	Y
Listed Buildings	Numerous	There are numerous Listed Buildings throughout the Group Parish	Y
Local Sites (SWS/SINCS/RIGS)	25 (SWS) 1 (RIGS)	SWS: Athelstans and Rough Hill Woods & The Crickets (border); Ballis Wood (border); Trilloes Court Wood; Upper Bolstone Wood & The Belt; Lower Bolstone Wood; Woodlands on Aconbury Hill (border); Williams Wood (border); Brick Kiln Wood (border); Ponds at Holme Lacy (border); River Wye; Kidley Hill Wood; Ballingham Wood; Woods along the Wye from Capler Camp (border); Ballingham Railway Tunnel; Fields north of Carey; Fawley Railway Tunnel (border); Although Wood; Margin of Wriggle Brook near Tresseck; redbrook Meadow, Gwatkins grove & Grandoos Coppice (border); Riggs Wood (border); Castle Meadow Wood (border); Pengethley Grove (border); The Moors; Upper Heath & Lower Heath Woods (border); Wilson Farm	Y

		Ponds (border)	
Long distance footpaths/trails	1	Herefordshire Trail	Y
Mineral Reserves	0	There are no Minerals Reserve Sites within the Group Parish	N
National Nature Reserve (NNR)	0	There are no NNRs within the Group Parish	N
Registered & Unregistered Parks and Gardens	1 Registered 7 Unregistered	Registered: Holme Lacy (border) Unregistered: Harewood Park (border); Pengethley Park; Caradoc Court (border); Pennoxstone (border); Armastone (border); Fawley Court (border); Brockhampton, by Ross (border)	Y
Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM)	5	Moated site, Trilloes Court Wood; Capler Camp (border); Churchyard cross at St Davids churchyard (border); Caple Tump, a motte castle 175m south west of Caple Court (border); Churchyard cross at St Dubricius' churchyard	Y
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	5	River Wye (Unfavourable Recovering); Capler Wood (Favourable) (border); Birch Wood (Favourable) (border); Lea & Pagets Wood (Favourable (part) Unfavourable recovering (part) Unfavourable Declining Part (part) (border)); Common Hill (Favourable (part) Unfavourable Recovering (part) Unfavourable Declining (part)) (border)	Y

Decision Notification:

The initial screening highlights that the Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group Neighbourhood Area:

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

Assessment date: 11/02/2014

Assessed by: James Latham

Appendix 1: European Sites

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

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

Usk Bat Site

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

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

Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat Sites

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

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

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

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

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

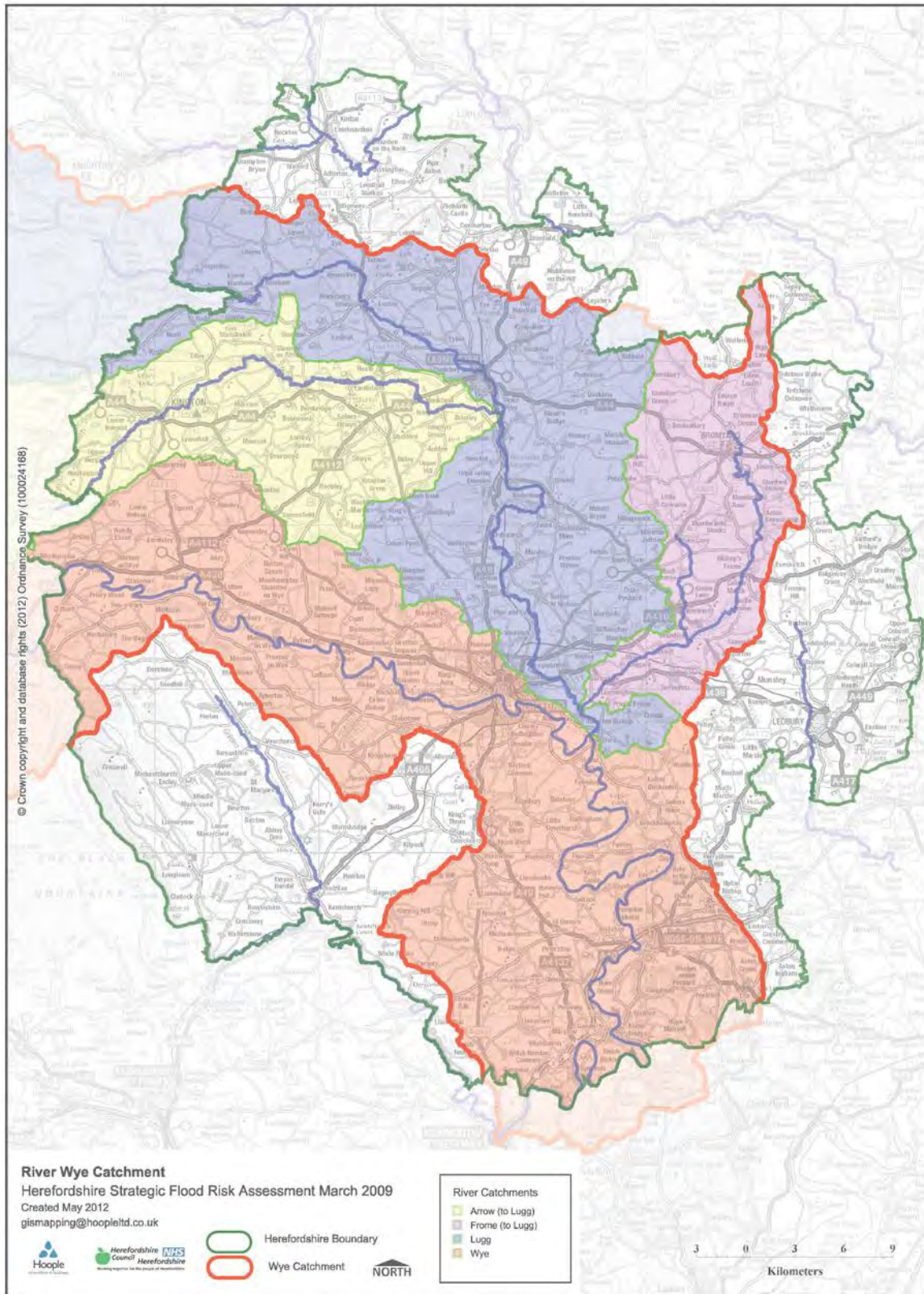
Greater Horseshoe Bat: Large buildings, pasture, edge of mixed deciduous woodland and hedgerows. Mixed land-use especially south-facing slopes, favours beetles, moths and insects they feed on. During the winter they depend on caves, abandoned mines and other underground sites for undisturbed hibernation.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

Wye Valley Woodlands

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

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

Appendix 2: Wye Catchment Map

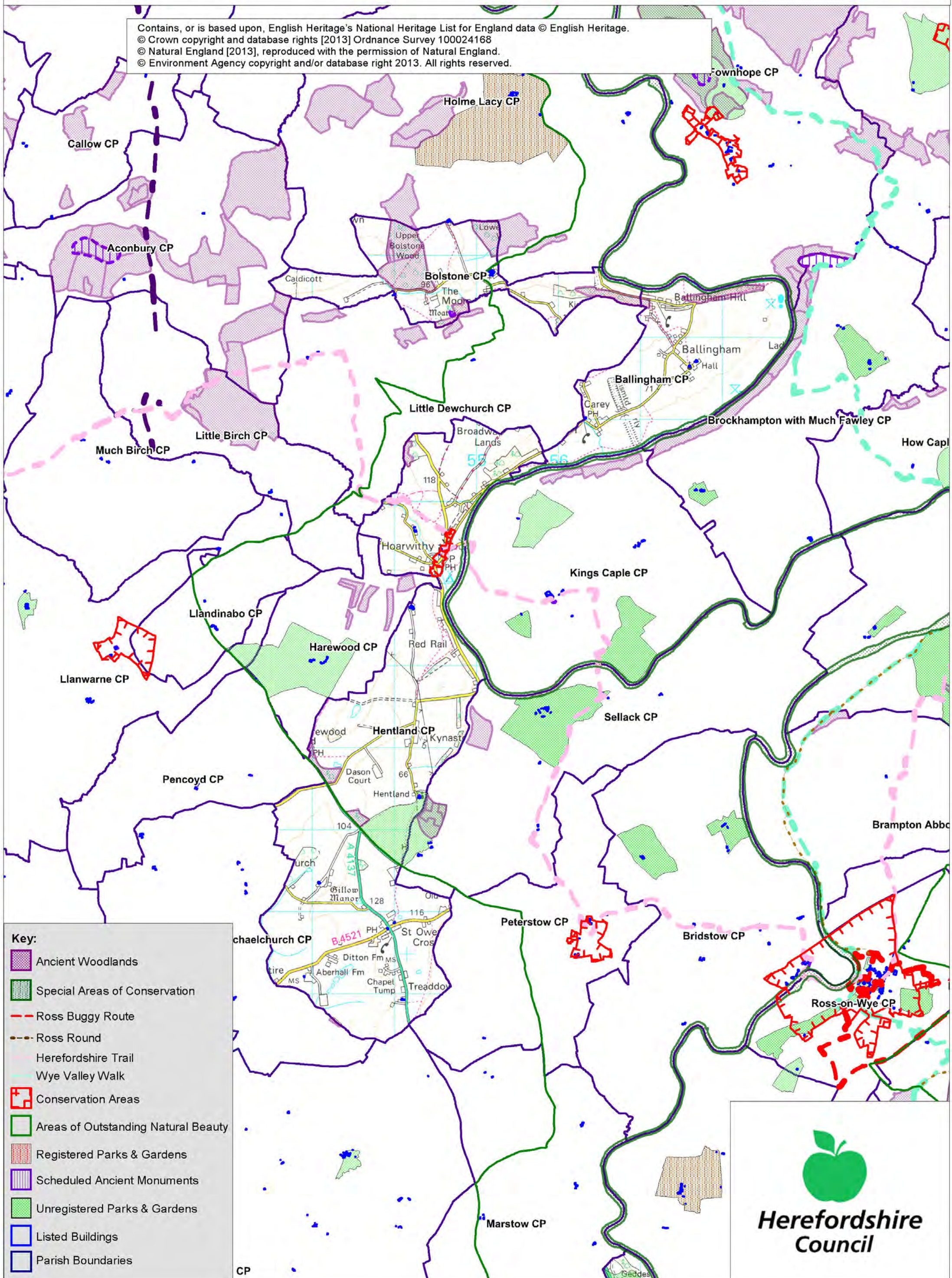


Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group SEA Map 1

Scale: 1:40,000



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- Key:**
- Ancient Woodlands
 - Special Areas of Conservation
 - Ross Buggy Route
 - Ross Round
 - Herefordshire Trail
 - Wye Valley Walk
 - Conservation Areas
 - Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
 - Registered Parks & Gardens
 - Scheduled Ancient Monuments
 - Unregistered Parks & Gardens
 - Listed Buildings
 - Parish Boundaries

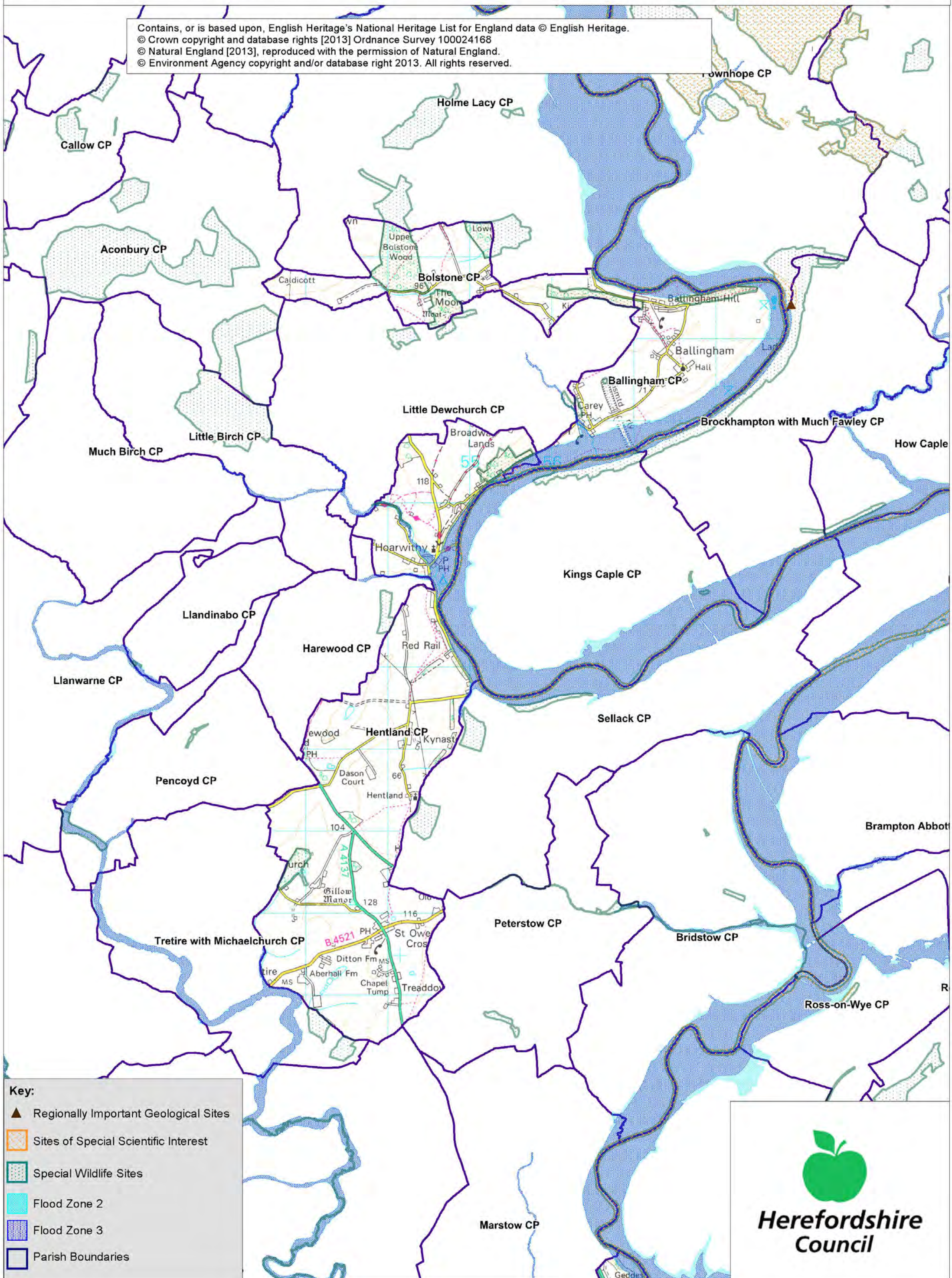


Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group SEA Map 2

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Key:

- Regionally Important Geological Sites
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- Special Wildlife Sites
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3
- Parish Boundaries

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Appendix 2

Strategic Environmental Assessment



Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Neighbourhood Area

Scoping Report

November 2014

Consultation on the Scoping Report

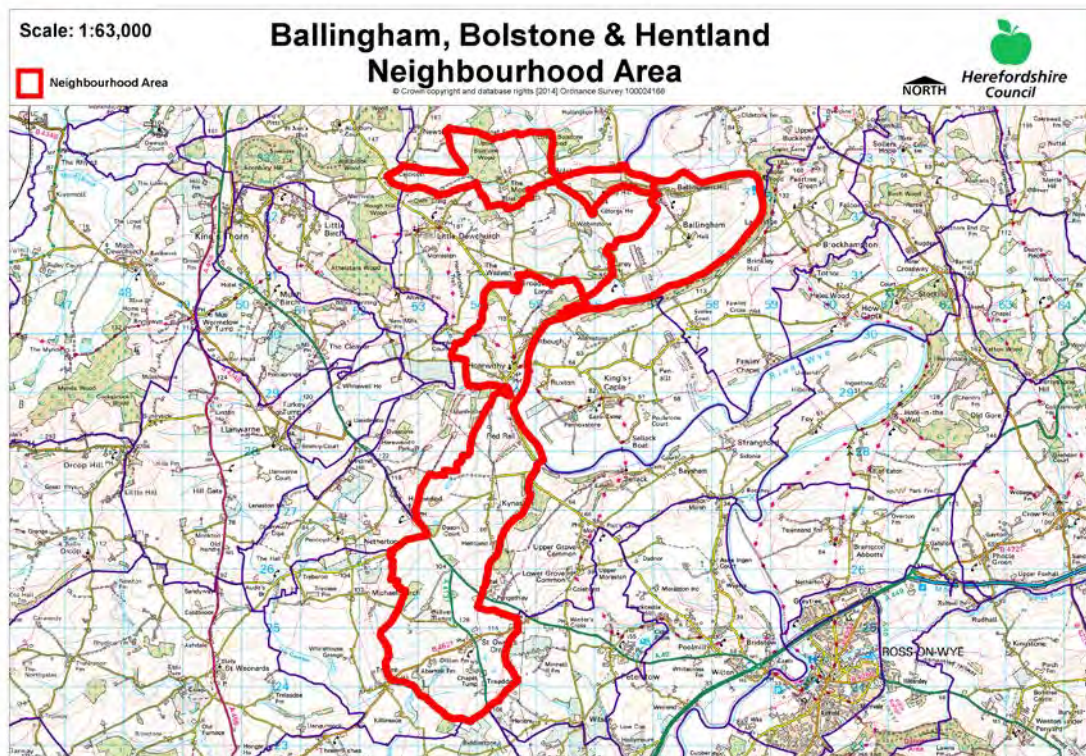
The aim of the consultation process is to involve and engage with statutory consultees and other relevant bodies on the scope of the appraisal. In particular, it seeks to:

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

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

The three consultation bodies are as follows:

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



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

Parish Council Name: Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Parish.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Name: Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Plan.

Date completed: October 2014

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) ¹	Implications for the NDP and SEA
The EC Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations	European Union Legislation	2010	These regulations transpose the Habitats Directive in England, Wales and to a limited extent Scotland by ensuring that activities are carried out in accordance with the Habitats Directive, which is to protect biodiversity through the conservation of natural habitats and species of wild flora and fauna.	The Regulations make it an offence (subject to exceptions) to deliberately capture, kill, disturb, or trade in the animals listed in Schedule 2, or pick, collect, cut, uproot, destroy, or trade in the plants listed in Schedule 4. However, these actions can be made lawful through the granting of licenses by the appropriate authorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Cultural heritage and the landscape 	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.

¹ Derived from the LDF General Scoping Report (June 2007)

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Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) ¹	Implications for the NDP and SEA
The EC Water Framework Directive	European Union	2000	Commits all EU member states to achieve good qualitative and quantitative status of all water courses by 2015	Aims for 'good status' for all ground and surface waters (rivers, lakes, transitional waters, and coastal waters) in the EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water 	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.
The Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)	Domestic Legislation	1981	The major legal instrument for wildlife protection in Britain, although other significant acts have been passed since. It has numerous parts and supplementary lists and schedules many of which have been amended since publication.	The principle mechanism for the legislative protection of wildlife in Great Britain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Soil 	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) ¹	Implications for the NDP and SEA
The Countryside and Right of Way Act (2000)	Domestic Legislation	2000	Creates a statutory right of access on foot to certain types of open land, to modernise the public rights of way system, to strengthen nature conservation legislation, and to facilitate better management of AONBs.	<p>The Act provides for a new right of access on foot to areas of open land comprising: Mountain (land over 600 metres); Moorland; Heath; Downland; Registered common land.</p> <p>There are provisions to consider extending the right in the future to coastal land, but not woodland despite some early publicity suggesting this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Soil 	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.
The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006)	Domestic Legislation	2006	Designed to help achieve a rich and diverse natural environment and thriving rural communities through modernised and simplified arrangements for delivering Government policy.	Provides that any public body or statutory undertaker in England and Wales must have regard to the purpose of conservation of biological diversity in the exercise of their functions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Soil 	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) ¹	Implications for the NDP and SEA
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.	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change and clean energy; • Sustainable transport • Sustainable production and consumption; • Public health threats; • Better management of natural resources; • Social inclusion, demography and migration; • Fighting global poverty. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Population and human health 	The Neighbourhood Plan should take into account the objectives of the strategy. The aim of sustainable development should be implicit in its approach.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) ¹	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services	National Strategy	2011	Forms part of the UK's Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework by setting out England's contribution towards the UK's commitments under the United Nations Convention of Biological Diversity.	Sets out to halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, with more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity 	The NDP should take account of the provisions of the strategy, making the most of opportunities to enhance wildlife habitats or restore degraded ecosystems in the process.
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	National planning policy.	2012	Consolidates the suite of PPG/PPS into one succinct planning policy document.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	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"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets 	The NDP should take into account the planning guidance provided within these documents.

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Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) ¹	Implications for the NDP and SEA
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	
Herefordshire Core Strategy, Pre-submission document 2011-2031	Development Plan Document (DPD)	2013	Sets out the vision, objectives and policies for the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy), which will guide development across the county up to 2031.	<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"> • To meet the housing needs of all sections of the community • To improve access to services in rural areas • To strengthen the economic viability of the villages and their rural hinterlands • To achieve sustainable communities and protect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	<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>Approx 12 dwellings will need to be delivered within the settlement of Hoarwithy.</p> <p>Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group is within the Ross on Wye HMA. Hoarwithy is allocated under RA1 policy and should take</p>

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Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) ¹	Implications for the NDP and SEA
				<p>the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conserve, promote, utilise and enjoy our natural, built, historic and cultural assets for the fullest benefit of the whole community <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>Seeks proportional growth of up to 14% in Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group (Ross on Wye HMA) over the plan period.</p>		into consideration the criteria set within this policy and St Owens Cross is allocated under the RA2.
Herefordshire Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP) 2013-2015	Corporate	2013	Sets out the Council's strategy for supporting economic growth, social inclusion and reducing the environmental impacts of transport, as well as the program of investment for the period April 2013	The document includes three key objectives, one which seeks to maintain access for rural residents and people without access to a car. Intrinsic to this is the retention of a 'core network' of bus services which focus on journeys between Hereford and the market towns, along with main transport corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Climate factors Population and human health 	The LTP does not explore current transport issues in the Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Plan neighbourhood area, but any new development proposed through the NDP should seek to reduce the environmental impacts of transport.

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			to April 2015.	close to larger rural settlements. To this end, the strategy aims to increase the number of bus users by 1.3% (4,700 journeys) by 2015.		
Understanding Herefordshire Report	Built and natural environment	2014	<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>Enable development for economy and housing to required levels.</p> <p>Growth should be supported by sustainable transport measures.</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>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 2009-2014	Corporate	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.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	The Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Plan neighbourhood Area is not within or adjacent to the Malvern Hills AONB.
Wye Valley AONB management Plan 2009-2014	Corporate	2009	The Management Plan is the prime document which sets out the vision for the area and the priorities for its management.	<p>PA management plan is in place to conserve and enhance natural beauty.</p> <p>Plan is here to provide guidance and strategic objectives for individuals and groups based within the Wye Valley AONB.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	The Wye Valley AONB runs through the Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group parish.
Herefordshire Economic Development Strategy 2011-2016	Corporate	2011	Aims to increase the economic wealth of Herefordshire by setting out proposals and to	The document outlines the path and direction to foster economic vitality within Herefordshire. Key objectives therefore include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Material assets • Population and human health 	None of merit.

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			support business growth up to 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining business survival and growth • Increasing wage levels, range and quality of jobs • Having a skilled population to meet future work needs • Developing the county's built infrastructure so enterprise can flourish. 		
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	<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 Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group at present and so the study does not identify sites which are worthy of continued protection from alternative uses. Nor does it make any recommendations in respect of employment need within the neighbourhood area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material assets • Population and human health 	None of merit; however the 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.

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			period.			
Herefordshire Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)	Evidence	2009	<p>The SHLAA aims to justify site allocations in plans by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying sites which are capable of delivering housing development • Assessing sites for their housing potential; and • Predicting when a site could be developed for housing. 	In terms of Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group did not have a SHLAA assessment undertaken.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	The village of Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group did not have a SHLAA assessment undertaken, therefore a local site assessment exercise should be undertaken for these parishes if site allocations are likely to be proposed.

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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>Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group fall within the Ross on Wye HMA. Here, the study reveals that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55% of households are unable to afford market housing. • There is an annual requirement for 58 affordable dwellings between 2012 and 2017. <p>The study identifies that, in rural parts of the Ross on Wye HMA between 2011-2031, there is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 690 market houses • 490 affordable houses. <p>The study highlights that within the Ross on Wye HMA the overall estimated housing need by size 2012-2017 is as follows: 1 Bed - 54.4%, 2 bed – 18.4%, 3 bed – 28.2%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	<p>The LHMA provides an indication of housing needs and affordability within the Ross on Wye HMA.</p> <p>It provides evidence that could be used to inform policies or market and affordable housing requirements in the NDP.</p>

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

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				provide more 3 bedroom homes, with more 1 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 Horwithy is a RA1 settlement, which means it is considered a sustainable location for proportional growth of up to 14%.The village of St Owens Cross is listed as an RA2 settlement, this means development will be restricted to market homes which meets the needs of people with local connections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	The Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group NDP will need to be in conformity with the provisions of Policy RA1 and RA2 policy.
Herefordshire Draft Gypsies and Travellers Assessment	Evidence	2013	Assesses the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers across Herefordshire.	<p>Key findings from the survey of Gypsy and Traveller households in 2012 found that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31% of households surveyed have some sort of accommodation need • Of the 17 households with an accommodation need, 7 had a requirement for at least one additional pitch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	The Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group NDP must establish whether any of the need identified in this assessment falls within the neighbourhood area and make appropriate provisions for it.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 households had a requirement for bricks and mortar housing • There is an additional requirement for 7 pitches and 9 units of Registered Social Landlord accommodation within Herefordshire. 		
Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan	Evidence	2007	Focuses conservation efforts on the areas within Herefordshire that will result in the greatest benefit for ecological networks, habitats and species.	Integrating biodiversity objectives with other environmental, social and economic needs can provide a sustainable living and working environment that benefits both people and nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity 	The NDP can help to achieve the LBAP priorities.

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Building Biodiversity into the LDF	Evidence	2009	Provides the Council's Local Plan (Core Strategy) with evidence in respect of biodiversity and geodiversity, identifying both opportunities and constraints across Herefordshire.	This document provides useful information in respect of Hereford and the market towns only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	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 Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group 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"> • Air • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group NDP.
Renewable Energy Study	Evidence	2010	Assesses the energy demand	The total energy demand excluding transport for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air • Biodiversity 	The study provides evidence that could be

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			within Herefordshire and the ability for the county to accommodate renewable and low carbon energy technologies.	Herefordshire, at that point in time, was calculated as being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical: 731 GWh/yr • Heat: 1,810 GWh/yr • Total: 2,541 GWh/yr There is scope for all types of renewable energy production.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health • Soil • Water 	taken into account when preparing policies for the Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group NDP.
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	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. In terms of Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group parish itself, the study reveals that there is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health 	Additional local evidence may be required to identify if there is a need for any secured playing pitch facilities within the Group Parish.

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			playing fields and sports pitches throughout Herefordshire.	no playing pitch within this group parish.		
Open Spaces Study	Evidence	2006	The 2006 space audit and assessment of need is a snapshot of the quality, quantity and distribution of open space across Herefordshire.	<p>Key findings that Ross on Wye area there is an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive under provision of parks, amenity green space, outdoor sport and gardens. • Extensive over provision for natural and semi natural green space. • And an average provision for facilities for children and young people. <p>The Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland group NDP area for open space is not specifically referred to.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the landscape • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health 	The open space audit and assessment of does not give a specific indication of open space shortfalls and surpluses in Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group.
Play Facilities Study	Evidence	2012	The Play Facilities Study 2012 updates the previous play facilities analysis	The study reveals that within Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group have a population under 500 and share play facilities with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Cultural heritage and the 	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Ballingham Bolstone

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			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.	<p>Much Dewchurch and Much Birch.</p> <p>Much Birch play area is for infants to teens and is a high priority for investment and refurbishment.</p> <p>Much Dewchurch play area for juniors and is a medium priority for refurbishment.</p>	<p>landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flora and fauna • Material assets • Population and human health 	& Hentland Group NDP.
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</p>	<p>Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group is situated in the Lower Wye catchment and is has the highest risk of fluvial flooding in the county. Therefore requires a holistic integrated approach to flood risk management.</p> <p>The Lower Wye has a 23.4% standard run percentage run off by sub catchment. This is</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Climate factors • Material assets • Population and human health • Water 	<p>New development proposed through the Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group 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</p>

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			<p>water supply infrastructure, wastewater treatment, water quality, sewerage and flood risk could constrain growth across Herefordshire.</p>	<p>potentially moderately suitable for infiltration source control. Lower Wye has a very slow flood response (Tp-time to peak) time at around 25 hours.</p> <p>The WCS identifies 30 sites in the River Wye catchment where current discharge consent licences cannot be shown to have no adverse effect. Abstraction of water from the River Wye may have impacted the habitats directive ecological river flow.</p>		<p>preparing the Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group NDP.</p>

Appendix A2 – Baseline information for Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group

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

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Biodiversity, flora and fauna</i>							
13. Value, maintain, restore 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. Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group has 5 SSSI's within the group parish. There statuses are River Wye (Unfavourable Recovering); Capler Wood (Favourable) (border); Birch Wood (Favourable) (border); Lea &	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 October 2014

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

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
			Pagets Wood (Favourable (part) Unfavourable recovering (part) Unfavourable Declining Part (part) (border)); Common Hill (Favourable (part) Unfavourable Recovering (part) Unfavourable Declining (part) (border))				
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.	-

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
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.	The parish falls inside the Lower River Wye sub catchment area for the River Wye SAC. The River Wye downstream of the confluence with the River Lugg is currently meeting the phosphate target (0.05 mg/l phosphate).	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nutrient Management Plan 2014

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore 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><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 (2010/11)

SA Objective ¹	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.	Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group has: SSSI: 5 SWS: 25 RIGS:1 SACs:1 There are no NNRs, SINC and LNRs within the group parish.	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 2014
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Proportion of local sites where positive conservation management has or is being implemented.	The Parish Area has the following landscape types: Riverside meadows; principle settled farmlands; sandstone estate lands; principle wooded hills.	-	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>							

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently.	Resource consumption and climate change	Maintaining Herefordshire Council's County Site and Monuments Register.	Countywide data would be too large to incorporate into this template. Whilst there is no qualitative, locally specific data available at present, there are five scheduled monuments in Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group according to the latest version of the register.	-	No specific targets identified, but need to ensure that the register is kept up to date.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	Herefordshire Environmental Records Register (search October 2014).
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)

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

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	Natural environment	The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning aspects of local loss of heritage assets and locally important buildings particularly within the 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 and locally important buildings within Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group present.	No historic records of any planning enforcement action or appeals concerning locally important buildings within the one conservation 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 October 2014)
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Climatic Factors</i>							

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.	Resource consumption and climate change.	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 ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.	Resource consumption and climate change.	Number of decentralised energy schemes granted permission.	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	To contribute towards the national target.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-
16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.	Resource consumption and climate	Total CO2 emissions per capita	Latest figure dates back to 2010: 1.61 million tonnes (mtCO ₂) <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	Between 2005 and 2010 Herefordshire's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 7% and 8% respectively; while UK's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 8% and 12% respectively within the same period. This trend hides an increase in emissions between 2009 and 2010 when	To reduce the overall carbon emissions.	CO ₂ emissions produced are decreasing.	Understanding Herefordshire: An integrated needs assessment (June 2013).

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
				total emissions in the county increased by 5% the same as across the UK (+5%).			
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Water</i>							
17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public wellbeing, the economy and the environment.	Natural environment	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds.	The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data. 2010/11: 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 (2010/11)
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	Throughout Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group have a mixture of Grade 1 (excellent) and Grade 2 (Very good) agricultural	-	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 Oct 2014

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
		(grades 3a and higher) lost to development.	land classification.				
18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.	Natural environment	Percentage of river length assessed as good or very good chemical quality and ecological quality as required by the Water Framework Directive	Latest figure dates back to 2005: 84% <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	Figure steadily improved before going into decline: Herefordshire 1999 85.9%, 2000 89.5%, 2001 92.2%, 2002 91.8%	To ensure that rivers meet their conservation objectives and do not fall below the required standard of quality.	None identified.	The State of Herefordshire (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% <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	Herefordshire Council AMR (2010/11) and (2011-2013)

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
						market conditions.	
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>							
20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, including	Built environment	Number and percentage of listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments on Buildings at Risk Register (English	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	There were 70 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. (If heritage is at risk include-promote opportunities to achieve the	None of Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group listed buildings or SAMs are considered to be at risk at present.	Buildings at Risk Register (English Heritage; search October 2014)

SA Objective ¹	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
conservation areas, historic environment and cultural heritage.		Heritage).	this template. There are numerous listed buildings within the parish and five SAMs. None are currently recorded in the Buildings at Risk Register.		removal of heritage assets from the at risk register.		
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 the 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 particularly within the conservation area within Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group.	No historic records of any planning enforcement action or appeals concerning locally important buildings within the one conservation areas.	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 October 2014)

Appendix A3 – Environmental issues identified from the Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group baseline

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

SEA Topic		Environmental issue	SA objectives
1	Air	High reliance upon the private car causing high levels of air pollution and in Hereford in particular	Objective 16
		Need to reduce carbon emissions by encouraging 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	Eardisley Group has numerous Scheduled Ancient Monuments and listed buildings, all of which require ongoing protection and many in need of high levels of maintenance.	Objective 20
5	Flora and fauna	Conserve and enhance the character and quality of historic landscapes, including all types of natural flora and fauna.	Objective 15
6	Material assets	How the countryside can continue to be managed in an economically, socially and environmentally beneficial way in the face of continuing pressures on traditional farming.	Objectives 14 & 18
7	Population	Minimise energy waste through good designs, which help to reduce energy consumption and maximise efficiency.	Objective 15
		Need to avoid enforcement investigations/action concerning locally important buildings and those within conservation areas in particular.	
8	Soil	Promoting development of previously developed land and buildings as opposed to greenfield sites or agricultural land of the highest quality.	Objectives 18 & 19

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

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.	

Template A4: SEA Framework

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

Parish Council Name: Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group

Neighbourhood Development Plan Name: Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group Plan

Date completed: October 2014

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"> Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance. Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species. Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces. Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value. Create new appropriate habitats. Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their 	<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)</p> <p>% of SSSI land in unfavourable condition but recovering (Increase)</p> <p>% 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>settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management • Ensure that environmental impacts caused by mineral operations and the transport of minerals are minimised. • Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users. 		
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"> • Protect and enhance the landscape everywhere and particularly in designated areas • Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness • Improve landscape and ecological quality and character of the countryside • Improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space • Improve satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods as places to live 	<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 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>To capitalise on opportunities to enhance the areas of value to nature conservation as much as possible.</p> <p>No specific targets identified.</p> <p>No specific targets identified.</p> <p>No specific targets identified</p>

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease litter and graffiti in towns and countryside Result in the loss of open space 		
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"> Preserve, protect and enhance heritage assets including conservation areas, listed buildings, archaeological sites and other culturally important features in both urban and rural settings. Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area. Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place. Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area. 	<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 kept up to date.</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
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"> Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. Protect or enhance the quality of watercourses. Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources. Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation. 	<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"> • Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change. • Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems. • Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate. • Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. • Protect or enhance the quality of watercourses. 	<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>To conserve soil resources and quality</p> <p>Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution. • Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land. 	<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>

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SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
	Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel. 		
Population and Human Health	Value, protect, enhance or restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	<p>To improve health of the population</p> <p>To reduce crime and nuisance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings. Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management. Ensure that environmental impacts caused by mineral operations and the transport of minerals are minimised. Promote the use of 	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"> • Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels. • Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials. • Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build. • Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques. 	<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

Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening for:

Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group;
Kington, Kington Rural & Lower Harpton and Huntington
Upton Bishop
Vowchurch & District Group
Weston Beggard

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated and received by Natural England on 04 December 2014.

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.

We welcome the production of this SEA Scoping report. With respect to the natural environment Natural England wishes to make the following comments which are intended to further improve the SEA and its usefulness in assessing the Neighbourhood Plan.

Appendix A1 – Plans, policies and programmes

All that refer to:

Malvern Hills AONB Management Plan 2009- 2014, we advise referring to the more up to date [Malvern Hills AONB Management Plan 2014 to 2018](#).

Wye Valley AONB Management Plan 2009-2014, we advise also referring to [Draft Wye Valley Management Plan 2014 -19](#).

Appendix A2 – Baseline information

Biodiversity, flora and fauna

Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group

Under objective-13. “*Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity*”, proposed indicator: “Phosphate levels within the River Wye SAC and adjoining tributaries that receive increased phosphates from proportional growth” there are no trends, targets, issues and constraints and would refer you to the other Neighbourhood Area Scoping Report we have been consulted on which do include these details.

Upton Bishop

Under objective-13. “*Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity*”, proposed indicator- “*Net change to condition of SSSIs across Herefordshire*”, it is stated under Current Status that “there are no SSSIs within the Neighbourhood area”. Whilst this statement is correct, consideration should be made of impacts to SSSIs outside the Neighbourhood Area which could be impacted by Neighbourhood Area plan.

All

Under the proposed indicator “*Changes to protected habitats and impacts of species within the Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan*”, we advise an additional or at least the following baseline information source -Maps of priority habitats and species are available on *Magic*, Defra’s GIS package for environmental assets (www.natureonthemap.naturalengland.org.uk). We note that some of the report refer to the Herefordshire Council AMR (2010/11) as a baseline information source- could this be applied to all of them?

Water, air, soil and material assets

All

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

Appendix A3 – Environmental issues identified from the baseline

All

Natural England welcomes the environmental issues identified.

Appendix A4 – SEA Framework

All

Under topic “*Nature Conservation*”- “*Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity*”, we advise that any indicators chosen should allow for the monitoring of the effects of the plan on the objective concerned, and not the objective more generally. Thus, for example, condition of Sites of Special Scientific Interest is not a useful thing to monitor, but impacts of the plan on Sites of Special Scientific Interest might be.

Under the SEA topic “*Landscape*” reference could be made to the county Landscape Character Assessment and Landscape Characterisation studies including Historic Landscape Characterisation if this has been carried out.

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

Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening

We would remind you of one of the basic conditions that a draft neighbourhood plan or Order must meet, as set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, which states that 'The making of the neighbourhood development plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site'.

Kington, Kington Rural & Lower Harpton and Huntington

Weston Beggard

We welcome this initial assessment and agree that a full screening exercise will be required to assess the impacts on the River Wye (including the River Lugg) Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group;

We welcome this initial assessment and agree that a full screening exercise will be required to assess the impacts on the River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC and Wye Valleys Woodlands SAC

Upton Bishop

We welcome this initial assessment and agree that a full screening exercise will be required to assess the impacts on the River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC, Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Sites SAC.

Vowchurch & District Group

We welcome this initial assessment and agree that a full screening exercise will not be required.

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

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Thank you for your e-mail and the invitation to comment on the SEA Scoping Reports for the Neighbourhood Plans listed above. We have no substantive objection to the contents of the documents. However, having considered the above Neighbourhood Plans please note that overall our comments and recommendations to you in relation to these remain substantively the same as those which we communicated to you in our letter of the 15th August 2014 in response to the first tranche of SEA Scoping Reports. We urge you to refer back to and consider these representations before finalizing the reports in relation to the above Neighbourhood Plans also.

Specifically in relation to the seventh tranche of consultations we note that all of the SEA Scoping Reports appear to have anomalous references to SAM's, the Herefordshire SMR, monitoring changes to historic landscapes and historic landscape character assessments in relation to SA Objective 14 "Use natural resources and energy more effectively". Presumably this is unintentional? Is there some confusion as between the Herefordshire Sites and Monuments Register and the Herefordshire Environmental Records Register? Would these elements in fact be more relevant under SA Objectives 15 and 20?

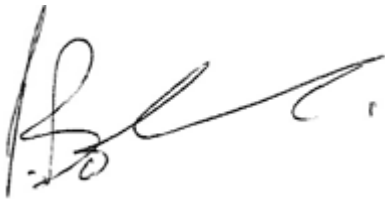
Other than that we note the SEA Frameworks sections of the SEA's submitted are generally commendable in their approach of including references to historic landscape and townscape quality, the maintenance of the Herefordshire SMR and conservation and wherever possible enhancement of locally significant heritage assets. We also 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, also the commitment to encourage the retention and re-use of existing buildings.

A final minor comment is to simply highlight a typographical error in Appendix A3 of the Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group where S.4 “Cultural Heritage” erroneously references “Eardisley Group”.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Boland', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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Appendix 4

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

The following matrix appraises the emerging Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Parish 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

NDP objectives	SEA Objectives																Conclusions	Recommendations	SMART Test of NDP objective	After SMART objectives
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				
Objective 1 - To encourage phased growth appropriate to the area's different settlements to maintain the area's vitality and community.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	This objective meets all the relevant SEA objectives and overall has a positive effect on the baseline.	Ensure proposed development has some sustainable design elements to reduce environmental impact of new development.	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria except specifying a time frame in which the objective will be achieved; a time frame will strengthen the objective.	No change.
Objective 2 - To encourage improvements in public transport, road safety, traffic, footpaths and bridleways.	0	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	x	x	x	0	+	+	+	0	Overall the objective to encourage improvements in public transport, road safety, traffic, footpaths and bridleways meets all the relevant SEA objectives.	-	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria.	No change.
Objective 3 - To encourage outdoor tourist activity and improvements in recreation and leisure facilities.	0	+	+	x	+	?	0	0	x	x	x	x	+	+	+	0	This objective meets all the relevant SEA objectives and overall has a positive effect on the baseline.	-	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria.	No change.
Objective 4 - To support business growth and access to job opportunities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	This objective meets all the relevant SEA objectives and overall has a neutral effect on the baseline.	-	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria.	No change.
Objective 5 - To reduce the impact of flooding.	+	+	+	+	x	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	This objective meets all the relevant SEA objectives and overall has a positive effect on the baseline.	-	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria.	No change.
Objective 6 - To improve communications infrastructure.	x	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	x	This objective meets all the relevant SEA objectives and overall has a positive effect on the baseline.	-	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria.	No change.
Objective 7 - To protect and enhance the area's landscape.	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	This objective meets all the relevant SEA objectives and overall has a positive effect on the baseline.	-	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria.	No change.

Objective 8 - To conserve and enhance the area's natural heritage and historic assets.	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	This objective meets all the relevant SEA objectives and overall has a positive effect on the baseline.	-	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria.	No change.
Objective 9 - To protect and enhance community facilities.	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	This objective meets all the relevant SEA objectives and overall has a positive effect on the baseline.	-	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria.	No change.
Objective 10 - To address the needs of the area's different age groups.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	This objective meets all the relevant SEA objectives and overall has a neutral effect on the baseline.	This objective specifically a land use policy, but aims to meet the needs of everyone in the local community.	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria.	No change.

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

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. Ballingham Bolstone & Hentland Group has 5 SSSI’s within the group parish. There statuses are River Wye (Unfavourable Recovering); Capler Wood (Favourable) (border); Birch Wood (Favourable) (border); Lea & Pagets Wood (Favourable (part) Unfavourable recovering (part) Unfavourable Declining Part (part) (border)); Common Hill (Favourable (part) Unfavourable Recovering (part) Unfavourable Declining (part)) (border).</p> <p>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. Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Group has: 5 SSSI, 25 SWS. There are no NNRs and SINCs within the parish.</p> <p>2-There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning locally important buildings within Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland at present.</p> <p>3-In terms of Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland itself, the study reveals that there are no play areas or playing pitches in the group parish.</p> <p>4-Whilst there is no qualitative, locally specific data available at present, there is five scheduled monument in the group parish to the latest version of the register.</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 CO2 emissions per capita-dates back to 2010: 1.61 million tonnes (mtCO²)</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-Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group 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. The parish falls inside the Lower River Wye sub catchment area for the River Wye SAC. The River Wye downstream of the confluence with the River Lugg is currently meeting the phosphate target (0.05 mg/l phosphate).</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 parishes of Ballingham, Bolstoneand Hentland the soil classification is Grades 1 and 2. Percentage of all new development completed on previously developed land.2010/11: 67%2011-13: 57%.</p> <p>13/14/15/16-There are numerous listed buildings within the parish and five SAMs. None are in the Buildings at Risk Register, as generally satisfactory but with localised problems. There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning locally important buildings within Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Group parish at present. The Parish Area has the following landscape types: Riverside meadows; principle settled farmlands; sandstone estate lands; principle wooded hills.</p>

NDP Options	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			
Baseline	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
Option 1- Do not prepare and NDP and let HC use the Core Strategy and Allocation s Plan.	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 until a Rural Areas Development Plan Document is drafted.	All developments would need to be in conformity with the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal and policies met the SEA objectives.	n/a
Option 2- Use a criteria based policy for allocating sites - as in the informal consultation draft.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	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
Option 3- 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. 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 Welsh Newton, where proportional growth is expected. If required mitigation criteria can be added to site allocations policies to ensure all SEA objectives are achieved.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.
Option 4- Define settlement boundaries as in the current version of the plan.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	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.

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			
Baseline	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13			
Policy BBH1 – promoting new housing development in the settlements of Hoarwithy and St Owen’s cross	0	+	+	+	?	?	0	0	?	?	?	?	0	0	0	0	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. However there are a few uncertain effects on air quality, traffic impact and flood risk can be determined at planning application stage on a case by case basis.	Overall this policy meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy in supporting local business. Traffic impact and air quality is likely to be mitigated with polices within the Core Strategy.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH2 - new homes in the group’s countryside area	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	?	?	?	0	0	0	0	0	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. Impact of flooding and water quality is uncertain at this stage and could be defined later in the planning application process, on a case by case basis.	Overall this policy meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy regarding windfalls and infill housing. Policies within the Core Strategy will safeguard against environmental effects.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH3 – public transport	0	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	Overall this policy meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy in transport and highways and complies with policy MT1.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. This policy would not lead to development itself but contains criteria to mitigate traffic and transport issues within Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland group parish.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH4 – traffic and road safety	0	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	Overall this policy meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy in transport and highways and complies with policy MT1.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. This policy would not lead to development itself but contains criteria to safeguard and mitigate against traffic and transport issues within Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland group parish.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH5 – footpaths and bridleways	0	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	Overall this policy meets all the relevant SEA criteria and moves towards the baseline objectives.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. Environmental safeguard and mitigation measures are available in policies within the Core Strategy and NDP.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH6 - promoting outdoor tourism, leisure and recreation	0	+	+	0	0	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	+	+	+	0	Overall this policy meets all the relevant SEA criteria and moves towards the baseline objectives, supporting local business specifically in the leisure and tourism industries.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. Environmental safeguard and mitigation measures are available in policies within the Core Strategy SS1, LD2, and SD3 and SD4.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Policy BBH7 - employment growth and jobs	0	+	+	x	?	?	0	0	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	0	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. However there are a few uncertain effects on air quality, traffic impact and flood risk can be determined at planning application stage on a case by case basis.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. Environmental safeguard and mitigation measures are available in policies within the Core Strategy SS1, LD2, and SD3 and SD4.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH8 - new development and flooding	+	+	+	+	x	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help safeguard new development against flooding.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. No recommendations.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH9 - new development to improve communications infrastructure	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	x	x	x	0	0	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. Improvements to communications i.e; broadband and mobile reception can result in greater uptake of online transactions and home working, thereby reducing the need to travel and helping the environment.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. Environmental safeguard and mitigation measures are available in policies within the Core Strategy SS1, LD2, and SD3 and SD4	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH10 - protecting and enhancing landscape character	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. This policy would not lead to development itself but contains criteria to safeguard landscape character from inappropriate development and effects caused from development.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH11 – high quality design	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. This policy would not lead to development itself but contains criteria promoting high quality design within Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland group.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH12 – protecting local heritage assets	+	+	+	+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	0	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. This policy would not lead to development itself but contains criteria to protect local heritage assets from inappropriate development and effects caused from development.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH13 – protecting community facilities, shops and pubs	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. This policy would not lead to development itself but contains criteria to safeguard existing community facilities within Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland group.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy BBH14 – a vibrant and thriving community	0	+	+	+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	+	+	+	0	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. This policy would not lead to development itself but promotes a vibrant and thriving community.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

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++ Move significantly	+ Move towards Marginally	- - Move away significantly	- Move away marginally	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	N/A No relationship
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Policy BBH1 – promoting new housing development in the settlements of Hoarwithy and St Owen’s cross

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	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	0	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.

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To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve air quality	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on air quality, impact can be determined further when more details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess impact towards air quality. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure detrimental impacts are mitigated against.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on traffic impact, impact can be determined further when details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess traffic impact to assess impact . Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure there are measures to

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					mitigate impact of traffic.
To reduce contributions to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve water quality	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on water quality, impact can be determined further when details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess impact towards water quality. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure detrimental impacts are mitigated against.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on sustainable sources of water supply, impact can be determined further when details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess flood risk. to assess impact towards water supply. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure there

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					are measures to mitigate impact of flooding.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on flood risk, impact can be determined further when details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess flood risk. to assess impact towards water supply. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure there are measures to mitigate impact of flooding.
To conserve soil resources and quality	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on soil quality, impact can be determined further when details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess impact towards soil quality. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure detrimental impacts are mitigated against.
To minimise the production of waste	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess flood risk. to assess impact towards water

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					supply. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure there are measures to mitigate impact of flooding.
To improve health of the population	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

Policy BBH2 - New homes in the group's countryside area

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SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the	None identified.

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cultural heritage				baseline data.	
To improve air quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce contributions to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve water quality	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on water quality, impact can be determined further when details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess impact towards water quality. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure detrimental impacts are

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					mitigated against.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on water supply, impact can be determined further when details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess flood risk. to assess impact towards water supply. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure there are measures to mitigate impact of flooding.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on flood risk, impact can be determined further when details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess flood risk. to assess impact towards water supply. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure there are measures to mitigate impact of flooding.
To conserve soil resources and quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.

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To minimise the production of waste	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

Policy BBH3 – public transport

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in	Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation
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	terms of the three time periods)				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	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a

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To improve air quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a

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To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To minimise the production of waste	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

Policy BBH4 – traffic and road safety

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the	Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation
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	effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)				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	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a

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To improve air quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a

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To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To minimise the production of waste	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

Policy BBH5 – footpaths and bridleways

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the	Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation
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	effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)				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	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a

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To improve air quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a

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

To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To minimise the production of waste	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

Policy BBH6 - promoting outdoor tourism, leisure and recreation

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the	Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation
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B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

	effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)				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	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.

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

To improve air quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a

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 and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

Policy BBH7 - employment growth and jobs

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in	Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation
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B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

	terms of the three time periods)				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	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a

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

To improve air quality	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on air quality, impact can be determined further when more details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess impact towards air quality. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure detrimental impacts are mitigated against.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on traffic impact can be determined further when more details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess traffic impact to assess impact . Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure there are measures to mitigate impact of traffic.
To reduce contributions to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.

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To improve water quality	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on water quality, impact can be determined further when more details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess impact towards water quality. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure detrimental impacts are mitigated against.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on water supply, impact can be determined further when more details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess flood risk. to assess impact towards water supply. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure there are measures to mitigate impact of flooding.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	?	?	?	This has an uncertain on flood risk, impact can be determined further when more details are known at planning application stage.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess flood risk. to assess impact towards water supply. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure there

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

					are measures to mitigate impact of flooding.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.

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

Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.
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Policy BBH8 - new development and flooding

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 and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a	None identified.

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

				positive impact towards the baseline data.	
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve water quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the	None identified.

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

				baseline data.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	++	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To minimise the production of waste	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	n/a
To improve health of the population	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	n/a
To reduce crime and nuisance	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the	n/a

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

				baseline data.	
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

Policy BBH9 - new development to improve communications infrastructure

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.

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	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve air quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce contributions to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the	None identified.

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

				baseline data.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To conserve soil resources and quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To minimise the production of waste	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the	None identified.

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

				baseline data.	
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

Policy BBH10 - protecting and enhancing landscape character

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 and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve air quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the	None identified.

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

				baseline data.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve water quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the	None identified.

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

				baseline data.	
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	++	++	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

Policy BBH11 – high quality design

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider	Summary Explanation	Enhancement and
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B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

	cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)				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 and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+++	+++	+++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	++	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.

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

cultural heritage					
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve water quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To provide for sustainable sources of	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the	None identified.

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

water supply				baseline data.	
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve natural and manmade	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the	None identified.

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

resources				baseline data.	
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

Policy BBH12 – protecting local heritage assets

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 and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.

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

To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	++	++	++	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a

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

To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To minimise the production of waste	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

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

Policy BBH13 – protecting community facilities, shops and pubs

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	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.

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

To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve air quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce contributions to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve water quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the	None identified.

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

				baseline data.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To conserve soil resources and quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To minimise the production of waste	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the	None identified.

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

				baseline data.	
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

Policy BBH14 – a vibrant and thriving community

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	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.

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	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To improve quality of surroundings	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To improve air quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a

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

To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To conserve soil resources and quality	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data. This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.

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

To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and will have a positive impact towards the baseline data.	None identified.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall this Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.				

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SEA 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
Objective 1 - To encourage phased growth appropriate to the area's different settlements to maintain the area's vitality and community.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Objective 2 - To encourage improvements in public transport, road safety, traffic, footpaths and bridleways.	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	0	+	+	+	0
Objective 3 - To encourage outdoor tourist activity and improvements in recreation and leisure facilities.	0	+	+	X	+	?	0	0	X	X	X	X	+	+	+	0
Objective 4 - To support business growth and access to job opportunities.	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Objective 5 - To reduce the impact of flooding.	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	+	+
Objective 6 - To improve communications infrastructure.	X	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	X

Objective 7 - To protect and enhance the area's landscape.	++	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++
Objective 8 - To conserve and enhance the area's natural heritage and historic assets.	+	+	+	++	X	X	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+
Objective 9 - To protect and enhance community facilities.	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+
Objective 10 - To address the needs of the area's different age groups.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy BBH1 – promoting new housing development in the settlements of Hoarwithy and St Owen's cross	0	+	+	+	?	?	0	0	?	?	?	?	0	0	0	0
Policy BBH2 - new homes in the group's countryside area	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	?	?	?	0	0	0	0	0
Policy BBH3 – public transport	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0
Policy BBH4 – traffic and road safety	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0
Policy BBH5 – footpaths and bridleways	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0
Policy BBH6 - promoting outdoor tourism, leisure and recreation	0	+	+	0	0	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	+	+	+	0
Policy BBH7 - employment growth and jobs	0	+	+	X	?	?	0	0	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	0

Policy BBH8 - new development and flooding	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	++	+	0	0	0	+
Policy BBH9 - new development to improve communications infrastructure	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	0	0	+	+	+
Policy BBH10 - protecting and enhancing landscape character	++	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	++
Policy BBH11 – high quality design	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+
Policy BBH12 – protecting local heritage assets	+	+	+	++	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	+
Policy BBH13 – protecting community facilities, shops and pubs	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy BBH14 – a vibrant and thriving community	0	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	+	+	+	0
Summary of effects of whole plan on each SEA Objective	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0
Cumulative effects of whole plan (1 + 2 + 3...)	Overall the 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. 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.															
Commentary for significant cumulative effects	Overall the Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland policies and Objectives 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

Ballingham Bolstone and Hentland Options

Option 1- Not prepare and NDP and let HC use the Core Strategy and Allocations Plan.
Option 2- Use a criteria based policy for allocating sites - as in the informal consultation draft.
Option 3-Allocate sites
Option 4- Define settlement boundaries as in the current version of the plan.

Appendix 6

Template C2: SEA Quality Assurance Checklist

Parish Council Name: Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Group

Neighbourhood Development Plan Name: Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Group NDP

Date completed: March 2018

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"> • The Neighbourhood Development Plan's purpose and objectives are made clear. • The Neighbourhood Area's environmental issues and constraints, including acknowledgement of those in the Local Plan (Core Strategy) SA, where relevant, and local environmental protection objectives, are considered in developing objectives and targets. • SEA objectives are clearly set out and linked to indicators and targets where appropriate. • Links with other locally related plans, programmes and policies are identified, explained and acknowledgement for those set out in the SA of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) is given, where relevant. • Conflicts that exist between SEA objectives; between SEA and Neighbourhood Development Plan objectives; and between SEA objectives and other local plan objectives are identified and described. 	<p>Chapter 1. 1-1.4,1.11.</p> <p>Chapter 2 Methodology, Chapter 3 and tables A2 and A3</p> <p>Chapter 3 paragraph 3.5-3.12</p> <p>Chapter 3, paragraph 3.1</p> <p>Chapter 3</p>
<p>Scoping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Consultees are consulted in appropriate ways and at appropriate times on the content and scope of the Environmental Report. • The assessment focuses on significant issues. • Technical, procedural and other difficulties encountered are discussed; assumptions and uncertainties are made 	<p>Chapter 2, paragraphs 2.8-2.9</p> <p>Chapter 2 and chapter 4</p> <p>Chapter 2</p> <p>Chapter 2 and Chapter 4</p>

<p>explicit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons are given for eliminating issues from further consideration. 	
<p>Alternatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realistic alternatives are considered for key issues, and the reasons for choosing them are documented. • Alternatives include 'do minimum' and/or 'business as usual' scenarios wherever relevant. • The environmental effects (both adverse and beneficial) of each alternative are identified and compared. • Inconsistencies between the alternatives and other relevant local plans, programmes or policies are identified and explained. • Reasons are given for selection or elimination of alternatives. 	<p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Paragraph 5.3</p> <p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Chapter 5</p>
<p>Baseline information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant aspects of the current state of the local, neighbourhood area environment and their likely evolution without the Neighbourhood Development Plan are described. Acknowledgement to the information in the SA of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) is given, where relevant. • Environmental characteristics of the local, neighbourhood area, likely to be significantly affected are described, including areas wider than the physical boundary of the designated neighbourhood area, where it is likely to be affected by the Neighbourhood Development Plan. • Difficulties such as deficiencies in information or methods are explained. 	<p>Chapter 1, Chapter 5</p> <p>Initial screening report and Chapter 1</p> <p>Chapter 2</p>
<p>Prediction and evaluation of likely significant environmental effects</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects identified include the types listed in the Directive (biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climate factors, material assets, cultural heritage and landscape), as relevant; and other local likely environmental effects are also covered, as appropriate. • Both positive and negative effects are considered, and the duration of effects (short, medium or long-term) is addressed. • Likely secondary, cumulative (growing in quantity and strength) and synergistic (acting together) effects are identified, where practicable. • Inter-relationships between effects are considered, where practicable. • The prediction and evaluation of effects makes use of relevant accepted standards, regulations, and thresholds (i.e. data gathered for the evidence base). • Methods used to evaluate the effects are described. 	<p>Tables A2, A3 and A4</p> <p>Tables B2 and B3</p> <p>Tables B4</p> <p>Chapter 6</p> <p>Chapter 6</p> <p>Chapter 2</p>
<p>Mitigation measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and offset any significant adverse effects of implementing the Neighbourhood Development Plan are indicated. • Issues to be taken into account when determining planning applications or other projects, for example funding bids, are identified. 	<p>Chapter 6, paragraph 6.5</p> <p>Chapter 6</p>
<p>The Environmental Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is clear and concise in its layout and presentation. • Uses simple, clear language and avoids or explains technical terms. • Uses maps and other illustrations, where appropriate. 	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explains the methodology used. • Explains who was consulted and what methods of consultation were used. • Identifies sources of information, including expert judgement and matters of opinion. • Contains a non-technical summary covering the overall approach to the SEA, the objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, the main options considered, and any changes to the Neighbourhood Development Plan resulting from the SEA. 	<p>Chapter 2</p> <p>Paragraph 2.8-2.9</p> <p>Paragraph 2.8-2.9</p> <p>Page 2 / Appendix 5 / Chapter 4/ Chapter 5 / Chapter 6</p>
<p>Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SEA is consulted on as an integral part of the plan-making process of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. • Consultation Bodies and the public likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the Neighbourhood Development Plan are consulted in ways and at times, which give them an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinions on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and Environmental Report. 	<p>Paragraph 2.8-2.9</p> <p>Chapter 8</p>
<p>Decision-making and information on the decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The environmental report and the opinions of those consulted are taken into account in finalising and adopting the Neighbourhood Development Plan. • An explanation is given of how they have been taken into account. • Reasons are given for choosing the Neighbourhood Development Plan as adopted, in the light of other reasonable alternatives considered. 	<p>Chapter 8</p> <p>Following draft consultation</p> <p>Following draft consultation</p>

<p>Monitoring measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures proposed for monitoring the Neighbourhood Development Plan are clear, practicable and linked to the indicators and objectives used in the SEA. • Monitoring is used, where appropriate, during implementation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to make good deficiencies in baseline information in the SEA. • Acknowledgement that monitoring enables unforeseen adverse effects to be identified at an early stage. (These effects may include predictions which prove to be incorrect.) And that • Proposals are made for action in response to significant adverse effects arising from the monitoring of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. 	<p>Chapter 7</p> <p>Chapter 7</p> <p>Chapter 7</p> <p>Chapter 7</p>
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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: Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Group Parish

Neighbourhood Development Plan Name: Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Neighbourhood Plan

Details of consultation: Regulation 14

Consultation date: 6 March to 18 April 2017

Consultation title: Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Neighbourhood Plan

Response Date	Consultee	Summary of Comments	Response to Comments
27/03/17	Natural England	We welcome the production of this SEA Screening report. Natural England notes and concurs with the screening outcome.	Duly noted.

Appendix 8

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

Parish Council Name: Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Group Parish

Neighbourhood Development Plan Name: Ballingham, Bolstone and Hentland Neighbourhood Plan

Date completed: March 2018

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Policy BBH1-Promoting New Housing Development in the settlements of Hoarwithy and St Owen's Cross

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	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	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 maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	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 improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	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 and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	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 improve air quality	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess impact towards air quality. Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure detrimental impacts are mitigated against.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	Further information is required of proposed development to assess traffic impact to assess impact . Policy safeguards are present in the NDP and Core Strategy to ensure there are measures to mitigate impact of traffic.

To reduce contributions to climate change	0	0	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	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 reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	0	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	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 improve water quality	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Criteria regarding water supply and waste treatment has been added to ensure there is enough capacity to accommodate new development.	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 help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Criteria regarding water supply and waste treatment has been added to ensure there is enough capacity to accommodate new development.	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.	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	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea 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 minimise the production of waste	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	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 improve health of the population	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	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 reduce crime and nuisance	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	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 natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	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.

Summary in relation to baseline	0	0	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the natural environment.	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.
Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Post regulation 14 more criteria was added to the policy to ensure there is sufficient capacity in sewage and water supply before development begins. Changes to this policy help move the policy closer to the SEA baseline and help the policy conform to the policies set out in the Local Plan. Overall this policy has a neutral and 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.				

Policy BBH5-Promoting outdoor tourism, leisure and recreation (previously named BBH6)

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. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the outdoor tourism and recreation to ensure they are accessible.	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 maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the outdoor tourism and recreation to ensure they are accessible.	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 improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the outdoor tourism and recreation to ensure they are accessible.	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 and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the outdoor tourism and recreation to ensure they are accessible.	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 improve air quality	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the outdoor tourism and recreation to ensure they are accessible.	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 reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	0	0	0	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the outdoor tourism and recreation to ensure they are accessible.	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 reduce contributions to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To improve water quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To conserve soil resources and quality	X	X	X	No relationship	n/a
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the outdoor tourism and	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1,

				recreation to ensure they are accessible.	LD2, SD3 and SD4.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the outdoor tourism and recreation to ensure they are accessible.	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 reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the outdoor tourism and recreation to ensure they are accessible.	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 natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Changes to this policy help move this policy closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the outdoor tourism and recreation to ensure they are accessible.	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.
Summary in relation to baseline	+	+	+	Overall this policy has moved closer to the sea baseline data. Added criteria to this policy add further safeguards to protect the facilities for outdoor tourism and recreation and ensure they are accessible.	None identified

Overall commentary and any cumulative effects	Overall changes to this Policy added further protection and safeguarding outdoor leisure sites and tourism sites, overall this is not over and above the Core Strategy and the policy moves towards the relevant SEA objectives.
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