

# Environmental Report

Report for:

**Titley & District Group Neighbourhood Area**

**August 2022**



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## Non-technical summary

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is an important part of the evidence base that 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.

Titley and District Group Parish Council has undertaken to prepare an NDP and this process has been subject to environmental appraisal pursuant to the SEA Directive.

The Neighbourhood Area covers the constituent group parishes of Titley; Knill; Rodd, Nash and Little Brampton; and Staunton-on-Arrow, some 3,119 hectares. The four parishes lie in the north-west of Herefordshire, abutting the County border with Wales. The market town of Kington is three miles to the south-west and offers local services including primary and secondary schools, employment and shopping. Local services are also available at Pembridge to the south-east and the Welsh market town of Presteigne to the north. Higher-level services are to be found in Leominster (12 miles) and Hereford (20 miles).

The draft Titley Group NDP includes 3 main objectives and it is intended that these objectives will be supported by 16 criteria based planning policies including one housing site allocation. Alternative options have been considered prior to reaching a decision over the format of the draft plan during its first iteration in 2020.

The environmental appraisal of the Titley 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 the Draft Plan itself.

Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening has been carried out as the Parish falls within the catchment for the River Wye (including River Lugg and River Arrow). The HRA assesses the potential effects of the NDP on the River Wye (including River Lugg) SAC.

On the whole, it is considered that the Titley 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).

Taking into consideration the cumulative effects of policies, options and sites, the plan will have an overall positive impact on environmental assets. The plan is in general conformity with the Core Strategy overall and all of the policies and objectives meet the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA. Other issues with a current uncertain outcome have the opportunity to be mitigated by further detail in policies or at planning stage.

Overall the plan is positive and would have a positive impact upon the SEA baseline data. Key recommendations would be to ensure that the environmental mitigation impacts are clear and robust, this may require some enhancement of existing policies in regard to air quality and water resources. However the plan as a whole is robust and meets key targets, 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.

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

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report forms the draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Titley Group Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).
- 1.2 The Titley Group Draft NDP will provide general policies for guiding future development across the parish.

### 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 Titley 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.

### Titley Group Neighbourhood Plan Context

- 1.6 The four parishes lie in the north-west of Herefordshire, abutting the County border with Wales. The market town of Kington is three miles to the south-west and offers local services including primary and secondary schools, employment and shopping. Local services are also available at Pembridge to the south-east and the Welsh market town of Presteigne to the north. Higher-level services are to be found in Leominster (12 miles) and Hereford (20 miles).
- 1.7 The Parish includes numerous Listed Buildings and 8 Scheduled Ancient Monuments. The Parish area consists of 16 Local Wildlife Sites, 11 ancient woodlands, 1 Mineral Reserve, 1 site of Special Scientific Interest, 1 registered and 2 unregistered park and garden. There are no conservation areas in the parish. There are numerous built heritage assets including numerous listed buildings. There are 8 Scheduled Ancient Monuments.
- 1.8 The plan included a vision for 2031;
- *A home for thriving and distinct local communities, where the needs of all ages for both housing and local employment can be met;*
  - *A place where high-quality and sustainable community services, infrastructure and transport are available, with additional provision delivered by or in step with new development; and*
  - *A location which supports successful and environmentally-sustainable farming enterprises and other small businesses, home working, flexible working and self – employment; and*
  - *A sustainable rural environment where the character of the villages, the natural beauty of the landscape, wildlife and historic heritage are conserved and enhanced, providing an attractive and peaceful countryside for all to enjoy.*

The 3 NDP objectives are as follows:

#### Housing and settlements

The Neighbourhood Development Plan will ensure that new housing contributes to thriving communities by:

- Identifying land for new housing and demonstrating delivery to meet the requirements of the Local Plan Core Strategy.
- Defining the planned extent of the settlements of Tittley and Staunton-on-Arrow.
- Requiring new housing to provide a mix of size and type of properties to meet community needs.

#### Economic and social development

The Neighbourhood Development Plan will guide economic and social development by:

- Supporting rural diversification and other forms of economic development which are appropriate to their location and setting.
- Working to improve electronic communications.
- Supporting renewable energy, particularly community-led proposals.
- Supporting the retention of existing community facilities and new provision.
- Identifying Community Actions in respect of non-land use matters which are outside the formal scope of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

#### Environment

The Neighbourhood Development Plan will ensure that the local environment is protected and enhanced by:

- Providing for the protection, enhancement and conservation of the natural and historic environments in accordance with Local Plan Core Strategy policies.
- Ensuring that new development is in keeping with its surroundings and appropriately designed and accessed.
- Supporting high quality design solutions that make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness.

### Context of Neighbourhood Plans

- 1.9 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.
- 1.10 The Tittley 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).
- 1.11 The Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy) was adopted on 16 October 2015.
- 1.12 Paragraph 48 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).
- 1.13 Table 4.14 and 4.15 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) lists Tittley and Staunton on Arrow among the settlements which it considers to be sustainable locations for proportional growth in line with the provisions of Policy RA2. This policy is expected to facilitate the delivery of 5,300 homes across the areas outside Hereford and the Market Towns in accordance with Policy RA1 and it anticipates that NDPs will be the principle mechanism for delivering growth in the rural areas.

- 1.14 Once made (adopted) by Herefordshire Council, the Titley 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.

### Structure of SEA

- 1.15 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 Titley Group NDP objectives and the SEA framework
  - Section 4 - Appraises the objectives set within the NDP against the SEA framework
  - Section 5 - Appraises the options set within the NDP against the SEA framework
  - Section 6 – Appraises the policies set within the NDP against the SEA framework
  - Section 7 – Discusses the implementation and monitoring of the NDP
  - Section 8 - Concludes the SEA report by outlining next steps

## 2.0 Methodology

- 2.1 The SEA process comprised several stages and which are summarised, in some detail, below.
- 2.2 Stage A involved 4 tasks and culminated in a Scoping Report:
- *Task A1:* Identified and reviewed relevant policies, plans and programmes and environmental protection objectives from European, National and Local sources.
  - *Task A2:* Collected baseline information to provide a picture of past, present and likely future conditions within the area. This helped to establish indicators which will be used to monitor the effects and performance of the 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, Tittley Group SEA Scoping Report was available to four statutory bodies for consultation from 21 February to 28 March 2017.

#### Consultation outcomes from Statutory Consultees

- 2.8 The consultation resulted in 1 response, which is attached at Appendix 3.
- 2.9 The response were collated and incorporated within this document where relevant.

**Natural England:** Natural England welcomes the scoping report for the Tittley & District Neighbourhood Plan and considers that the methodology and baseline information used to inform the report appears to meet the requirements of the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) and associated guidance.

Since the Neighbourhood Plan area lies within the catchment of the River Wye Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and likely significant effects cannot be ruled out, we are pleased to note that this has been taken into account in the scoping report, as have the potential impacts on Flintsham & Tittley Pools Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

**Historic England:** No comments received

**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 Tittley 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"*

#### Policy context

3.3 The Tittley 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 Strategies and plans have been reviewed and where appropriate incorporated within the SA Framework Objectives. These can be seen in Appendix 1 of the Tittley Group NDP Scoping Report together with the implications for the SEA and NDP highlighted.

#### SEA Objectives and baseline characteristics

3.6 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

- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 Following the completion of Task B2 of SEA it was apparent that the largest environmental issue within the parish and has an impact on the county as a whole, is water quality. The River Lugg is current not meeting its water quality targets and the Nutrient Management Plan is being revised to address this issue. This will be addressed further in the Habitat Regulation Assessment which is produced separate to this report.
- 3.10 Baseline characteristics within the SEA detail the current environmental status of environmental characteristics in the neighbourhood 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.
- 4.0 Assessing the NDP Objectives
- 4.1 The following objectives, as set out in the NDP, aim to realise the vision for Edwyn Ralph parish in 2031;
- 1) Housing and settlements  
The Neighbourhood Development Plan will ensure that new housing contributes to thriving communities by:
- Identifying land for new housing and demonstrating delivery to meet the requirements of the Local Plan Core Strategy.
  - Defining the planned extent of the settlements of Titley and Staunton-on-Arrow.
  - Requiring new housing to provide a mix of size and type of properties to meet community needs.
- 2) Economic and social development  
The Neighbourhood Development Plan will guide economic and social development by:
- Supporting rural diversification and other forms of economic development which are appropriate to their location and setting.
  - Working to improve electronic communications.
  - Supporting renewable energy, particularly community-led proposals.
  - Supporting the retention of existing community facilities and new provision.
  - Identifying Community Actions in respect of non-land use matters which are outside the formal scope of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 3) Environment  
The Neighbourhood Development Plan will ensure that the local environment is protected and enhanced by:

- Providing for the protection, enhancement and conservation of the natural and historic environments in accordance with Local Plan Core Strategy policies.
  - Ensuring that new development is in keeping with its surroundings and appropriately designed and accessed.
  - Supporting high quality design solutions that make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness.
- 4.2 The table in Appendix 4 tests these NDP objectives against the SEA objectives, providing a summary of the results of Task B1 of SEA.
- 4.3 The NDP objectives had a mainly positive or neutral impact on some of the key SEA Objectives relating to the environment aspects of water and sustainability. This is because at this this stage given the lack of detail over the exact details of an development that may come to fruition as a result of the implementation of these objectives; however, it is accepted that further development of the planning policies that relate to these objectives would move them towards a compatible outcome..
- 4.4 Task B1 of the SEA did not identify any major potential conflicts between the NDP objectives and the SEA framework.
- 5.0 Assessing the NDP Options
- 5.1 All reasonable alternative options that were considered by the NDP steering group during the development of their initial plan have been assessed as part of the SEA and the summary matrix of the assessment can be found in Table B2 at Appendix 4.
- 5.2 The options covered were as follows;
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| Option 1 | Do nothing  |
| Option 2 | Use a criteria based NDP only                                 |
| Option 3 | Allocate sites at Titley and Staunton on Arrow                |
| Option 4 | Define settlement boundaries for Titley and Staunton on Arrow |
| Option 5 | Define settlements and allocated sites                        |
- 5.3 A 'do nothing' option was also considered, i.e. not undertaking an NDP, however this was disregarded at an early stage by the Parish Council as it was considered the majority of the community would support the work undertaken for an NDP.
- 5.4 The option that emerged as the most achievable and had support from both the LPA officers and the local community was Option 5 above; define settlement boundaries and allocate sites.
- 5.5 These options were formulated from the responses to residents' surveys and community consultation. The results of which will feed into the identification of the preferred options and ultimately the draft policies.
- 5.6 The options all had a generally positive or neutral impact upon the Baseline data and SEA objectives, each option, apart from option 1, gave certainly, as they all took note of the proposed delivery of housing within proportional requirements. The steering group chose option 5 and option 2, 3 and 4 were rejected because the consultation process demonstrated that they were not appropriate for the parish but that number 5 was in line with the requirements of the Core Strategy.
- 5.7 Following the site assessment process, site three was deemed as suitable for allocation and this can be reflected in the SEA assessment Overall all of the options had mainly a positive effect on the SEA objectives and baseline where relevant. 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.

## 6.0 Appraisal of the policies

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

6.2 The plan has been organised with a set of general overarching policies for the whole neighbourhood area and these emerging set of draft policies have been appraised for the purposes of Stage B of the SEA:

Policy TG1: Sustainable development

Policy TG2: Housing needs and requirements

Policy TG3: Rural exception housing

Policy TG4: Land at Titley Farm (site)

Policy TG5: Titley settlement boundary

Policy TG6: Land opposite Old Court Cottage/Newton, Staunton-on-Arrow (open space and housing)

Policy TG7: Small sites at Staunton-on-Arrow (site)

Policy TG8: Staunton-on-Arrow settlement boundary

Policy TG9: Economic development in Titley Group

Policy TG10: Infrastructure

Policy TG11: Renewable energy

Policy TG12: Community facilities

Policy TG13: Landscape

Policy TG14: Natural environment

Policy TG15: Historic environment

Policy TG16: Design and access

### 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, although 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 13, 14 and 15. Full details of this appraisal are attached at Appendix 4.

6.5 The policies largely score as positive against the SEA objectives and will not 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. Main of these criteria based policies contained safeguarding requirements to ensure the SEA objectives are taken into account.

6.6 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.

6.7 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 Titley Group 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.

- 6.8 None of the draft 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.
- 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 Authority Monitoring Report (AMR).
- 7.4 The AMR runs from 1 April to 31 March each year and the topics covered therein include the following:
- Housing delivery;
  - Previously developed land
  - Housing completions
  - Affordable housing conditions
  - Employment land delivery.
- 8.0 Next steps
- 8.1 This report will be subject to a formal public consultation of 6 weeks duration alongside the draft Titley Group NDP.
- 8.2 Any changes made to the NDP because of the Regulation 14 responses will trigger a review of the SEA, and form part of the review of the NDP prior to the final submission at Regulation 16.

# Appendix 1

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

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

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

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<b>Neighbourhood Area:</b>	Titley Group Neighbourhood Area
<b>Parish Council:</b>	Titley & District Group Parish Council
<b>Neighbourhood Area Designation Date:</b>	14 July 2016

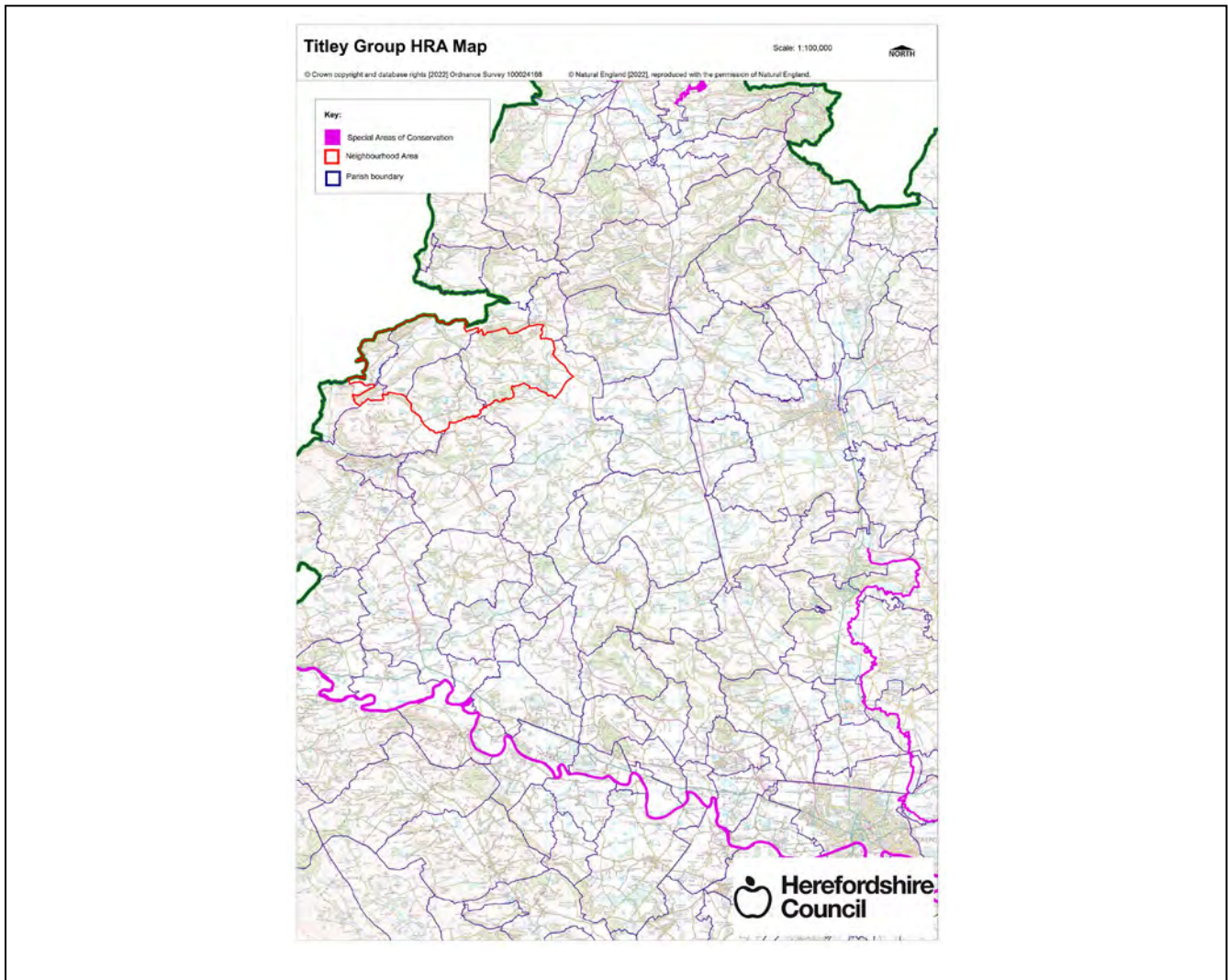
#### **Introduction**

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

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

# HRA Initial Screening

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



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

Does the Neighbourhood Area have the River Wye (including the River Lugg) in or next to its boundary?	N	The River Wye (including the Lugg) SAC is 15.6km away from the Neighbourhood Area.
Is the Neighbourhood Area in the hydrological catchment of the River Wye SAC?	N	The Neighbourhood Area is not within the River Wye Hydrological Catchment Area.
Is the Neighbourhood Area in the River Lugg hydrological catchment area?	Y	The Neighbourhood Area is within the hydrological catchments of the River Lugg and also the River Arrow (to Lugg).
If yes above, does the Neighbourhood Area have mains drainage to deal with foul sewage?	Y	There is mains drainage at Titley.

**Downton Gorge SAC:**

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of Downton Gorge SAC?	N	Downton Gorge is 11.75km away from the Neighbourhood Area.
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**River Clun SAC:**

Does the River Clun border the Neighbourhood Area	N	The River Clun SAC does not border the Neighbourhood Area.
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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 48.5km away from the Neighbourhood Area.
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**Wye Valley Woodlands SAC:**

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of any of the individual sites that make up the Wye Valley Woodlands Site?	N	Wye Valley Woodlands are 47.4km away from the Neighbourhood Area.
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**HRA Conclusion:**

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

**European Site**

*(List only those which are relevant)*

River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC



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

The following environmental features are within or in general proximity to the Titley 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	Within Neighbourhood Area		Bordering Neighbourhood Area	
	Total number	Name(s)	Total number	Name(s)
<b>Ancient Woodland</b>	22	Knill Wood; Rodd Wood; Butcher Wood; Wychmoor Wood; Stocking Wood; 2 x Unnamed; Combe and Brand Hill Woods; Lanes Wood; Bosley Field Coppice; Godens Wood; The Grove Copse; Stocklow Cross Wood; Park Wood; Napshaw Coppice; Mowley Wood 2; Birch Coppice; Smith Bank Wood; Orles; Little Coppice;	27	Park Wood; Lawn Coppice; Stocklow Heys Wood; Ravensmere Wood; Ashbed x 2 Vallet Coppice; 6 x Unnamed; Butts Wood; Lyonshall Park Wood; Piers Grove Wood; Slade Coppice, Mins Rough; Quarry Wood, Gorsty Piece; Coppice; Holywell Wood; Bradnor Wood Downsmoor Wood; Manns Wood; Stocking Wood 1; Chaff Wood;

SEA features	Within Neighbourhood Area		Bordering Neighbourhood Area	
	Total number	Name(s)	Total number	Name(s)
		Cave Wood; Kennel Wood.		Rough Grove Coppice; Rise Coppice.
<b>Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty</b>	0	-	0	-
<b>Conservation Areas</b>	0	-	0	-
<b>Flood Areas</b>	There are Flood Zones in the south and north west of the Neighbourhood Area.			
<b>Geoparks</b>	0	-	0	-
<b>Listed Buildings</b>	There are numerous listed buildings throughout the Neighbourhood Area.			
<b>Local Geological Sites</b>	2	Stansbatch, Staunton on Arrow; Flintsham Kettle.	4	Byton Meanders; Shobdon Drumlins; Barton Farm, Kington; Kinsham Gorge.
<b>Local Wildlife Sites</b>	17	Knill Wood, Hazel Point and Nash Wood; Land at Nash; Land near Nash Court; Hindwell Brook; Land near Little Brampton; Pond at Knill; Little Brampton and Scar; Land adjacent to Wychmoor Wood; Land adjacent to Bradleys Cottage; Bircher Wood; Field near Lower Tan House; Mowley and Grove Wood;	19	Land at Lower Harpton; Bradnor Hill and Holly Wood; Rushock Common; Tinkers Wood; Land at Rushock Farm; Lyonshall Park Wood; Land at Mill Farm; Land at Bullocks Mill Piers Grove Wood and adjoining field; Land at Rodds Farm; Disused railway, Kington to Leominster; Moseley Common;

SEA features	Within Neighbourhood Area		Bordering Neighbourhood Area	
	Total number	Name(s)	Total number	Name(s)
		River Arrow; Pools near Titley; Pool near Shawl Farm; Land near Hunton Bridge; Herrock Hill.		Land adjacent to Moseley Common; Shobdon Pools; Marsh Covert; Byton and Combe Moors; Land at Combe Moor; River Lugg; Woodlands along River Lugg.
<b>Mineral Reserves</b>	2	Rodd, Nash & Little Brampton x 2.	0	-
<b>National Nature Reserve</b>	0	-	0	-
<b>Nature Trails</b>	3	Offa's Dyke; Mortimers Trail; Herefordshire Trail.	0	-
<b>Registered Parks and Gardens</b>	1	Eywood.	2	Shobdon; Hergest Croft.
<b>Scheduled Ancient Monuments</b>	7	Wapley Hill large multivallate hillfort and pillow mounds 150m north of Warren House; Motte south west of the church; North Herefordshire Rowe Ditch; Offas Dyke: The section extending 165yds (150m) north from Berry Wood; Offas Dyke: The section south of Riddings Brook on Herrock Hill; Churchyard cross in St Michael's Churchyard;	7	Motte Castle 300m north east of Combe House; Bowl Barrow 550m north east of Milton Cross; Bowl Barrow 490m south east of Milton Cross; Bowl Barrow 460m south east of Milton Cross; Offas Dyke: Section extending 300yds (270m) crossing the railway west of Titley Junction;

SEA features	Within Neighbourhood Area			Bordering Neighbourhood Area		
	Total number	Name(s)	SSSI Status	Total number	Name(s)	SSSI Status
		Offas Dyke: Rushock Hill section, extending 1630yds (1490m) east to Kennel Wood.			Bowl Barrow 445m south west of Lower Court; Bowl Barrow 460m south of Lower Court.	
<b>Sites of Importance in Nature Conservation</b>	0	-		0	-	
<b>Special Areas of Conservation</b>	0	-		0	-	
<b>Unregistered parks and gardens</b>	2	Titley Court; Staunton Park.		8	Court Of Noke; Lyonshall Park; The Whittern; Castle Weir; Ridgebourne; Kinsham Court; Bryan's Ground; Moor Court, Pembridge.	
			<b>SSSI Status</b>			<b>SSSI Status</b>
<b>Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)</b>	1	Flintsham and Titley Pools.	Favourable.	4	Byton and Combe Moors;  River Lugg;  Bradnor Hill Quarry;	Unfavourable No Change, Unfavourable Recovering; Unfavourable Recovering, Unfavourable Declining; Favourable;

SEA features	Within Neighbourhood Area			Bordering Neighbourhood Area		
	Total number	Name(s)		Total number	Name(s)	
					Moseley Common Pembridge.	Favourable.

**Decision Notification:**

The initial screening highlights that the Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Titley Group Neighbourhood Area will require further environmental assessment for Habitats Regulations Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

**Assessment date: 4 March 2022**

**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. This is based on the sites individual features of integrity and their vulnerabilities, which could include distance criteria. This has been used in identifying which parishes are likely to require a full HRA Screening of their future Neighbourhood Development Plan, to establish if their plan might have Likely Significant Effects on a European Site.

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

identify from field signs.

Within a home range an otter may use many resting sites. These include above-ground shelters, such as stands of scrub or areas of rank grass, and underground 'holts' – for example, cavities under tree roots and dry drainage pipes.”

### Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat Sites

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Wye Valley Woodlands

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

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

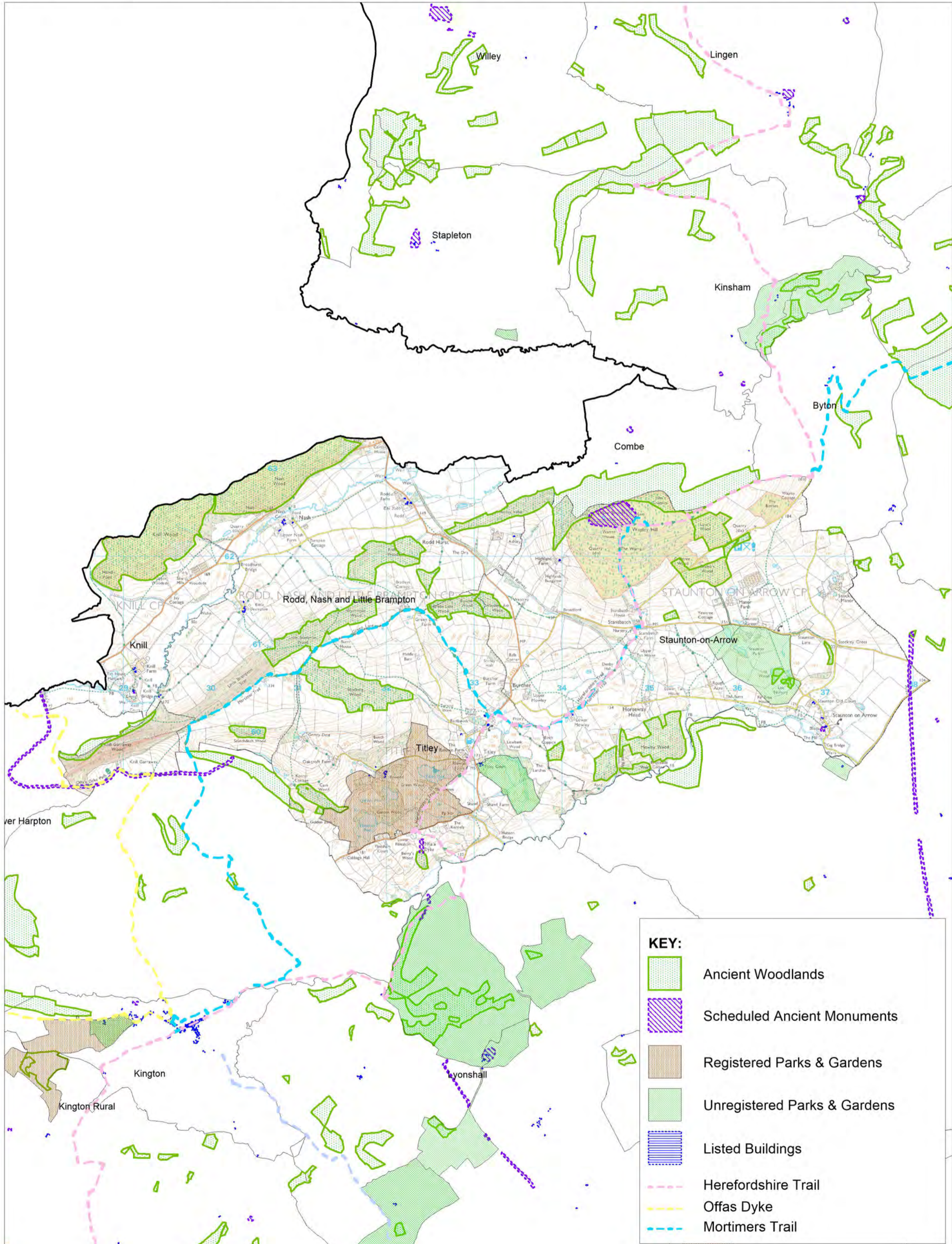


# Titleley Group SEA Map 1











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**KEY:**

-  Ancient Woodlands
-  Scheduled Ancient Monuments
-  Registered Parks & Gardens
-  Unregistered Parks & Gardens
-  Listed Buildings
-  Herefordshire Trail
-  Offas Dyke
-  Mortimers Trail





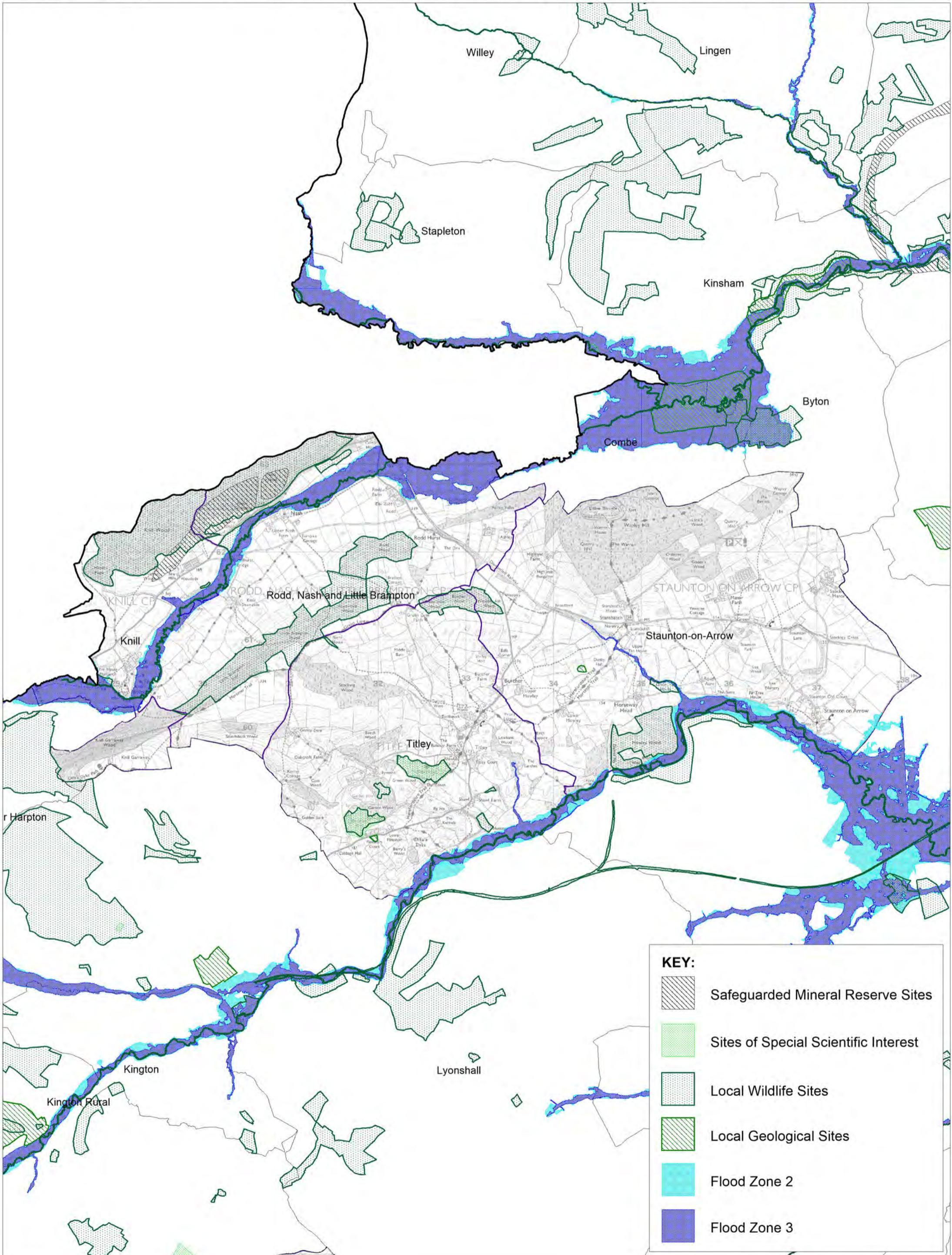
# Titleley Group SEA Map 2



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# Appendix 2

# Strategic Environmental Assessment



## Titley & District Group Neighbourhood Area

Scoping Report

February 2017



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## Consultation on the Scoping Report

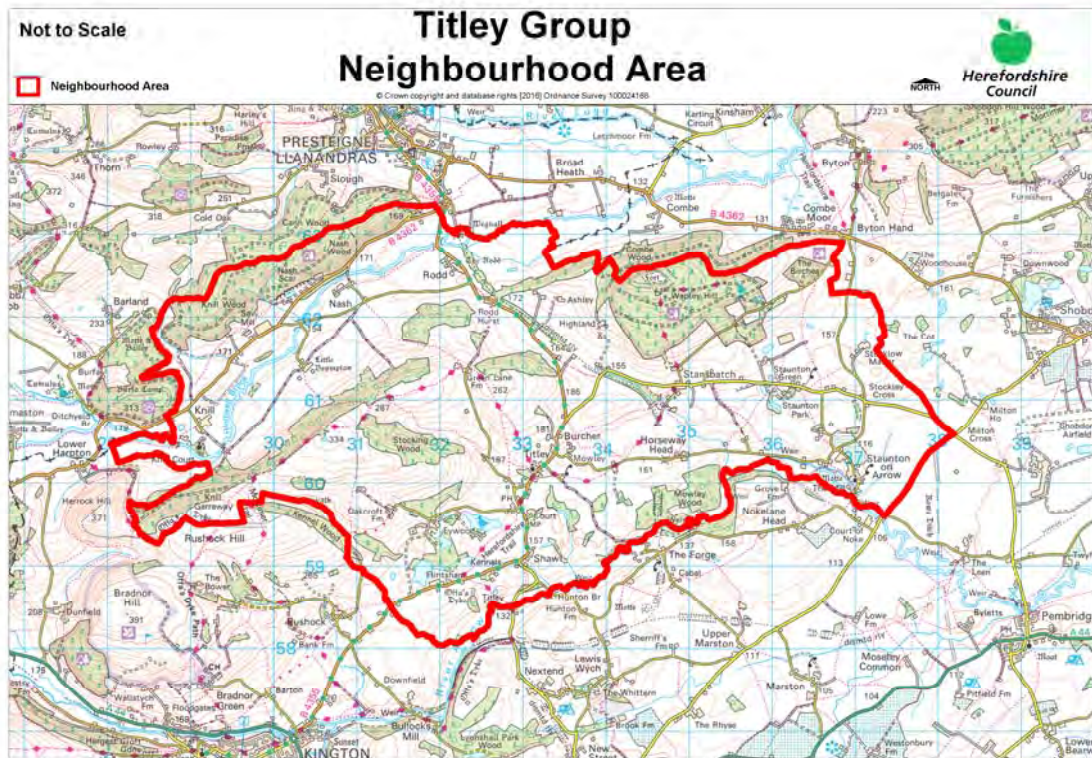
The aim of the consultation process is to involve and engage with statutory consultees and other relevant bodies on the scope of the appraisal. In particular, it seeks to:

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

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

The three consultation bodies are as follows:

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



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

**Parish Council Name:** Titley & District Group

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Titley & District Group Neighbourhood Development Plan

**Date completed:** January 2017

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
The EC Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations	European Union Legislation	2010	These regulations transpose the Habitats Directive in England, Wales and to a limited extent Scotland by ensuring that activities are carried out in accordance with the Habitats Directive, which is to protect biodiversity through the conservation of natural habitats and species of wild flora and fauna.	The Regulations make it an offence (subject to exceptions) to deliberately capture, kill, disturb, or trade in the animals listed in Schedule 2, or pick, collect, cut, uproot, destroy, or trade in the plants listed in Schedule 4. However, these actions can be made lawful through the granting of licenses by the appropriate authorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> <li>Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.
The EC Water Framework Directive	European Union	2000	Commits all EU member states to achieve good qualitative and quantitative status of all water courses by 2015	Aims for 'good status' for all ground and surface waters (rivers, lakes, transitional waters, and coastal waters) in the EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.
The Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)	Domestic Legislation	1981	The major legal instrument for wildlife protection in Britain, although other significant acts have been passed since. It	The principle mechanism for the legislative protection of wildlife in Great Britain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity</li> <li>Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>Flora and fauna</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.

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

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

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
			Government policy.			
Revised EU Sustainable Development strategy	European Union Strategy	2009	Sets out a single strategy on how the EU will more effectively meet its long-standing commitment to meet the challenges of sustainable development.	Recognises the need to gradually change current unsustainable consumption and production patterns and move towards a better integrated approach to policy making. The Strategy sets overall objectives, targets and concrete actions for seven key priority challenges, predominantly environmental: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change and clean energy;</li> <li>• Sustainable transport</li> <li>• Sustainable production and consumption;</li> <li>• Public health threats;</li> <li>• Better management of natural resources;</li> <li>• Social inclusion, demography and migration;</li> <li>• Fighting global poverty.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should take into account the objectives of the strategy. The aim of sustainable development should be implicit in its approach.

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Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services	National Strategy	2011	Forms part of the UK's Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework by setting out England's contribution towards the UK's commitments under the United Nations Convention of Biological Diversity.	Sets out to halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, with more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> </ul>	The NDP should take account of the provisions of the strategy, making the most of opportunities to enhance wildlife habitats or restore degraded ecosystems in the process.
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	National planning policy.	2012	Consolidates the suite of PPG/PPS into one succinct planning policy document.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The NDP should take into account the relevant policies set within the NPPF.
Planning Practice Guidance	Government Guidance	2014	Provides guidance to local planning authorities and others on the operation of the planning system.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> </ul>	The NDP should take into account the planning guidance provided within these documents.



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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	
Herefordshire Core Strategy, (adopted) 2011-2031	Development Plan Document (DPD)	2015	Sets out the vision, objectives and policies for the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy), which will guide development across the county up to 2031.	<p>Outlines the emerging suite of countywide planning policies relating to housing, economic development and the environment, which the NDP will need to be in conformity with where relevant.</p> <p>The Core Strategy includes a range of objectives, five of which directly relate to rural areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To meet the housing needs of all sections of the community</li> <li>• To improve access to services in rural areas</li> <li>• To strengthen the economic viability of the villages and their rural hinterlands</li> <li>• To achieve sustainable communities and protect the environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>The NDP should take account of relevant policies set within in the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Where necessary, the NDP should provide services, facilities and employment opportunities that are accessible to both local and neighbouring communities.</p> <p><b>Titley &amp; District group is listed in the Core Strategy under Figure 4.14 and Staunton on Arrow under Figure 4.15 in the Kington HMA. This means the NDP should take into consideration the criteria set within Policy RA1 and RA2.</b></p> <p><b>The neighbourhood plan should allocate a minimum of 23 dwellings within Titley</b></p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To conserve, promote, utilise and enjoy our natural, built, historic and cultural assets for the fullest benefit of the whole community.</li> </ul> <p>To achieve a thriving rural Herefordshire, the Core Strategy seeks to enhance the role the villages have traditionally played in as accessible, sustainable centres for their rural catchments.</p> <p>Titley &amp; District Group is within the Kington Housing Market Area (HMA). The target for proportionate growth is 12% across the parish.</p>		<p>&amp; District Group within the plan period of 2011 to 2031.</p> <p>Completions from 2011 – 2016 and Commitments as at April 1 2016, totalling 11, leaves a minimum figure of 12 dwellings to allocate.</p>

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Herefordshire Local Transport Plan 2016-2031	Corporate	2016	The Local Transport Plan outlines the significant role that transport will play to enable the delivery of the Core Strategy proposals. This sets out the Council's strategy for supporting economic growth, social inclusion and reducing the environmental impacts of transport, as well as the program of investment for the period 2016 to 2031.	<p>The Transport Plan aims to increase highway capacity for new development sites as improve efficiency of existing transport network.</p> <p>The document includes five key objectives, one which plans to enable economic growth connecting new roads with developments. Intrinsic to this is to provide a good quality transport network. The other objectives aim to promote healthy lifestyles with pollution reduction and active travel schemes. Improvements will be made to make journeys easier and safer, ensuring access to services for living in rural areas maximising accessibility.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The LTP does not explore current transport issues in the Titley & District Group Neighbourhood Plan area, but any new development proposed through the NDP should seek to reduce the environmental impacts of transport.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Understanding Herefordshire Report	Built and natural environment	2016	<p>Important to understand the place such as the local economy natural and built environment in which people live, learn and work as part of understanding their quality of life</p> <p>Promotion of healthy lifestyle choices.</p> <p>Enable development for economy and housing to required levels.</p> <p>Growth should be supported by sustainable transport measures.</p>	<p>An air quality management plan is in place to tackle this. Destination Hereford project is in place to give locals more sustainable transport options.</p> <p>Sustainable transport measures will also help to promote active lifestyles within Herefordshire.</p>	<p>Improve air quality.</p> <p>Have a more diverse range of transport options.</p>	None identified.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Malvern Hills AONB Management Plan 2014-2019	Corporate	2015	The Management Plan is the prime document which sets out the vision and objectives for the Malvern Hills AONB area and the priorities for its management.	Identifies the issues and challenges facing the special features of the area and contains 21 guiding principles and 14 strategic objectives and 76 policies which will help address them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The Titley & District Group Neighbourhood Plan Area is not within or adjacent to the Malvern Hills AONB.
Wye Valley AONB management Plan 2015-2020	Corporate	2015	The Management Plan is the prime document which sets out the vision for the Wye Valley AONB area and the priorities for its management.	Sets out a range of objectives which seek to reconcile the competing interests of the environment, the ecology and the social and economic well-being of the AONB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The Titley & District Group Neighbourhood Plan Area is not within the Wye Valley AONB.

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

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Herefordshire Employment Land Study	Evidence	2012	Includes employment land assessments for the plan period 2011-2031. The study includes Quantitative and Qualitative assessments of employment land, assessment of market demand and need, as well as providing forecasts and recommendations for future employment need over the plan period.	<p>This study covers existing employment sites in Hereford, the five market towns and their rural hinterlands.</p> <p>There are no direct employment land allocations within Titley &amp; District 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"> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	None of merit.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
Herefordshire Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)	Evidence	2015	<p>The HELAA aims to justify site allocations in plans by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying sites which are capable of delivering housing development</li> <li>Assessing sites for their housing potential; and</li> <li>Predicting when a site could be developed for housing.</li> </ul>	<p>In terms of Tittley &amp; District Group previous SHLAA doesn't identify direct development areas. Kington is the smallest market town and the plan proposes only modest development with no strategic housing allocations.</p> <p>The 2015 SHLAA does identify that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20 additional dwellings could be provided on one primary site allocated through the 2015 call for sites. Site ref HLLA/153/002. The site is 4.54 ha and is partially suitable for development, and it in part development is achievable.</li> </ul> <p>Of the 20 dwellings, it is proposed that development is achievable over 6-10 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air</li> <li>Biodiversity</li> <li>Climate factors</li> <li>Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>Flora and fauna</li> <li>Population and human health</li> <li>Soil</li> <li>Water</li> </ul>	<p>The SHLAA assesses the potential availability of land for housing in the wider HMA, however does not directly allocate land for development in Tittley &amp; District Group. A partially suitable site was identified by the SHLAA call for sites in 2015.</p> <p>The Tittley &amp; District Group NDP should be informed by the findings of the SHLAA.</p>



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Herefordshire Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA)	Evidence	2013	Builds on an earlier Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) developed for Herefordshire and Shropshire. Its purpose is to inform the Local Plan's policies regarding housing need and demand (for market and affordable housing) within each of the 7 Housing Market Areas (HMAs) in Herefordshire between 2011 and 2031	<p>The LHMA uses 7 HMAs as the geography for presenting data.</p> <p><b>Titley &amp; District Group and falls within the Kington HMA.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 57% of households are unable to afford market housing.</li> <li>• There is an annual requirement for 17 affordable dwellings between 2012 and 2017.</li> </ul> <p>The study identifies that, in rural parts of Kington LHMA, between 2011-2031 there is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 336 market houses</li> <li>• 181 affordable houses.</li> </ul> <p>The study highlights that within the Kington HMA the overall estimated housing need by size 2012-2017 is as follows: 1 Bed – 64.7% 2 bed – 23.1%, 3 bed – 12.2%, 4 bed- 0%.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climatic factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Population</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p><b>The LHMA provides an indication of housing needs and affordability within the Kington HMA.</b></p> <p><b>It provides evidence that could be used to inform policies or market and affordable housing requirements in the NDP.</b></p>

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Herefordshire Local Housing Requirements Study 2012 (updated in 2014)	Evidence	2014	Technical assessment of the housing market and potential future local housing requirements which supports planning policy regarding the amount of growth, housing tenure and housing type needed within Herefordshire up to 2031.	<p>The delivery of 5,300 homes in the rural areas would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support growth in the rural population by 6%</li> <li>• Increase the number of households by 14.5%</li> </ul> <p>Forecasts also predict that growth in the population of the rural areas is likely to be primarily through an increase in those aged over 75.</p> <p>Moderate growth is expected in the 30-44 and 60-74 age brackets.</p> <p>The Local Housing Requirements Study therefore anticipates continuing improvements in life expectancy; significant growth is expected of those in their 80s, with the existing population in their 40s and 50s moving into retirement.</p> <p>As a consequence, the rural areas will face an increasing urgency to provide more 3 bedroom homes, with more 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>This study provides an indication of housing requirements in the rural areas and the Kington HMA.</p> <p>This evidence can be used to inform the content of the Tittley &amp; District 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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				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 Titley & District Group is classified as a 4.14 settlement and Staunton on Arrow as a 4.15 settlement, which means the area is considered a sustainable location for proportional growth of up to 12% across the parish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The Titley & District Group NDP will need to be in conformity with the provisions of Core Strategy Policy RA1 and RA2.

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Herefordshire Draft Gypsies and Travellers Assessment	Evidence	2016	Assesses the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers across Herefordshire.	<p>Key findings from the survey of Gypsy and Traveller households in 2012 found that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31% of households surveyed have some sort of accommodation need</li> <li>• Of the 17 households with an accommodation need, 7 had a requirement for at least one additional pitch</li> <li>• 10 households had a requirement for bricks and mortar housing</li> <li>• There is an additional requirement for 7 pitches and 9 units of Registered Social Landlord accommodation within Herefordshire.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<b>The Tittley &amp; District Group NDP must establish whether any of the need identified in this assessment falls within the neighbourhood area and make appropriate provisions for it.</b>
Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan	Evidence	2007	Focuses conservation efforts on the areas within Herefordshire that will result in the greatest benefit for ecological networks, habitats and species.	Integrating biodiversity objectives with other environmental, social and economic needs can provide a sustainable living and working environment that benefits both people and nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> </ul>	The NDP can help to achieve the LBAP priorities.

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Building Biodiversity into the LDF	Evidence	2009	Provides the Council's Local Plan (Core Strategy) with evidence in respect of biodiversity and geodiversity, identifying both opportunities and constraints across Herefordshire.	This document provides useful information in respect of Hereford and the market towns only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	There is a lack of information about rural areas which means it will be necessary to gather and assess existing biodiversity and geodiversity data, in order to ensure that the <b>Titley &amp; District Group NDP</b> can overcome any existing constraints and capitalise on opportunities to enhance habitats and their networks.
Herefordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy	Evidence	2010	Develops a framework of natural and culturally important features and functions so that planning for a sustainable future is at the heart of planning within Herefordshire.	Establishes policies and principles for the protection and enhancement of those features and functions that contributes to the environment of Herefordshire across a range of scales.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the <b>Titley &amp; District Group NDP</b> .

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

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Herefordshire Playing Pitch Assessment	Evidence	2012	<p>Produces a strategic framework, audit and assessment and needs analysis of outdoor sports pitches and facilities for Herefordshire. The document arises as a result of a recommendation in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sports Facilities Framework to develop local standards for playing fields and sports pitches throughout Herefordshire.</p>	<p>The study updates components of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sports Facilities Framework 2010 such as updating population forecasts, setting local standards for synthetic turf pitches and grass playing fields within Herefordshire. It identifies any current gaps in provision, and looks forward to 2031 to assess what facilities are likely to be required by that date.</p> <p><b>Titley &amp; District Group falls under Kington Rural and the majority of rural parishes don't have access to pitches, with the main centres of population providing the most facilities.</b></p> <p><b>There are no playing pitches within Titley &amp; District Group.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	<p><b>The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Titley &amp; District Group NDP.</b></p> <p><b>Additional local evidence may be required to identify if there is a need for any secured playing pitch facilities within the Group Parish.</b></p>
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Open Spaces Study	Evidence	2006	The 2006 space audit and assessment of need is a snap shot of the quality, quantity and distribution of open space across Herefordshire.	<p>The study reveals that within the Kington area, to which Titley &amp; District Group is a part, there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive under provision of parks and gardens and outdoor Sport. Kington has the lowest levels of amenity greenspace provision across Herefordshire.</li> <li>• Extensive over provision of natural and semi natural greenspace. (583.32 ha)</li> <li>• Under provision of amenity greenspace and outdoor sport</li> <li>• Average provision for children and young people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The open space audit and assessment of does not give a specific indication of open space shortfalls and surpluses in Titley & District Group



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Play Facilities Study	Evidence	2006	The Play Facilities Study 2012 updates the previous play facilities analysis under the Open Spaces Study 2006 and provides guidance and a framework for the development, delivery and continued sustainability of providing new and improved play facilities for children and young people in Herefordshire to 2031.	Titley & District Group have a population of under 500 with no formal play provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Titley & District Group NDP.

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Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Water Cycle Study 2009	Evidence	2009	<p>The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) provides a summary of flood risk in Herefordshire to inform the location of future development.</p> <p>The Water Cycle Study examines how water resources and water supply infrastructure, wastewater treatment, water quality, sewerage and flood risk could constrain growth across Herefordshire.</p>	<p><b>Titley &amp; District Group is in the Middle Arrow sub catchment.</b></p> <p><b>The SFRA study states that:</b></p> <p><b>It has a 30-35% standard run percentage run off by sub catchment. This is potentially highly unsuitable for infiltration source control.</b></p> <p><b>A moderate flood response (Tp-time to peak) time at around 6 - 7 hours.</b></p> <p><b>The WCS identifies that the River Arrow has one of the highest general flood catchment in the county.</b></p> <p><b>The River Arrow is identified as one of the highest potential risks for surface water flooding and susceptibility to climate change.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>New development proposed through the <b>Titley &amp; District Group NDP</b> should be assessed against the capacity of local infrastructure.</p> <p>Up-to-date flood risk information should be gathered from the Environment Agency, in order to ensure that any flood risks are considered when preparing the <b>Titley &amp; District Group NDP</b>.</p>

**Appendix A2** – Baseline information for **Tittley & District Group**

*N.B. This is based on countywide baseline information with some additions relevant to **Tittley & District 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 <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Biodiversity, flora and fauna</i>							
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Net change in condition of SSSIs across Herefordshire.	<p>The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.</p> <p>2010/11: 27% of Herefordshire's SSSI land was in favourable condition</p> <p><b>Local SSSI: 1 Flintsham and Tittley Pools x 2 (Favourable)</b></p> <p><b>Bordering SSSI- 4 Bradnor Hill Quarry; (Favourable) Moseley Common, Pembridge; (Unfavourable Recovering) Byton and Combe Moors; (Unfavourable Recovering, No Change) River Lugg (Unfavourable Recovering)</b></p>	<p>2006: 22% 2007: 22% 2008: 22% 2010: 24 %</p> <p>Proportion of SSSI land that was in unfavourable condition but recovering increased between 2010 and 2012 going from 41% to 65%.</p> <p>Proportion in unfavourable and declining condition had also decreased from 4% to 1%.</p>	<p>% of SSSI land in favourable condition (Increase)</p> <p>% of SSSI land in unfavourable condition but recovering (Increase)</p> <p>% of SSSI land in unfavourable condition and declining (Decrease)</p>	<p>Herefordshire's SSSIs are in extremely poor condition relative to England as whole, where 96.1% of all SSSI land was in favourable condition in April 2014.</p> <p>The proportion of SSSI in unfavourable condition but recovering is greater than England as a whole, where the figure currently stands at 58.6%.</p>	<p>Understanding Herefordshire: An integrated needs assessment</p> <p>NE &amp; DEFRA Website</p>

<sup>1</sup> Derived from the Pre Submission Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal Assessment (May 2014)

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	After use of mineral sites especially wildlife habitat creation	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	Percentage of opportunities taken	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Phosphate levels within the River Wye SAC and adjoining tributaries that receive increased phosphates from proportional growth.	Countywide data is available, <b>but this indicator would apply to this Neighbourhood Area, as the parish falls inside the hydrological catchment area for the River Wye SAC.</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nutrient Management Plan

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Changes to protected habitats and impacts of species within the Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan.	The 2013 - 2014 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.  <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	2010/11: 17 Habitat Action Plans and 14 Species Action Plans are currently in operation across Herefordshire.  There are no formal records of any unacceptable adverse impacts on habitats or protected species.  Originally 156 Priority Species were identified for inclusion in Herefordshire's LBAP.  Similarly Herefordshire's LBAP covered 23 habitats with Action Plans.	To protect and where possible enhance the habitats of protected species identified.  No net losses.	Herefordshire Biological Records Centre (HBRC) holds limited data on some individual sites.	Herefordshire Council AMR (2013/14)

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SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Changes in the areas of designated nature conservation sites as a consequence of planning permission.	<p><b>Tittley &amp; District Group has:</b></p> <p><b>SSSI: 1</b> (Flintsham and Tittley Pools)</p> <p>(Bordering SSSI's: 4 Bradnor Hill Quarry; Moseley Common, Pembridge; Byton and Combe Moors; River Lugg)</p> <p><b>LWS: 16</b> Pond at Knill; Hindwell Brook; Land at Little Brampton; Knill Wood, Hazel Point and Nash Wood; Land near Nash Court; Land at Nash; Land adjacent to Wychmoor Wood; Little Brampton and Scar; Bircher Wood; Field near Lower Tan House; Mowley and Grove Woods; Pools near Tittley; Pool near Shawl Farm; Land near Hunton Bridge; River Arrow; Herrock Hill.</p> <p>(Bordering LWS:21)</p> <p>There are no SACs, NNRs, SINCs and LNRs within the parish.</p>	As of 2012, there had been no change in the areas of designated nature conservation sites as a consequence of the planning permissions granted.	To capitalise on opportunities to enhance the areas of value to nature conservation 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  <b>Tittley &amp; District Group 14 July 2016</b>

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Proportion of local sites where positive conservation management has or is being implemented.	<p>The neighbourhood area comprises the following types of landscapes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal settled farmlands</li> <li>• Principal wooded hills</li> <li>• Enclosed Moors and Commons lie to the West</li> <li>• To the South are Riverside Meadows</li> <li>• The majority or Staunton on Arrow is Principle Settles Farmland</li> </ul>	-	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 <sup>1</sup>	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.	<p>Countywide data would be too large to incorporate into this template.</p> <p>Whilst there is no qualitative, locally specific data available at present, there are numerous scheduled monuments in Tittley &amp; District Group according to the latest version of the register. There are 101 shown on HER database.</p>	-	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 ( <a href="#">search January 2017</a> ).



SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently.	Resource consumption and climate change	Monitoring changes to historic landscapes.	<p>Historic Landscape Character assessments have only been undertaken for Hereford City.</p> <p>Rapid townscape Assessments (2010) were only undertaken for Hereford, Ledbury and Ross.</p> <p><i>Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis (2010) only considers sites on the urban fringe of Hereford and the five market towns.</i></p>	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	<p>Historic Landscape Character Assessment for Hereford.</p> <p>Rapid townscape Assessments (2010)</p> <p><i>Urban Fringe Sensitivity Analysis (2010)</i></p>
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Population, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna</i>							

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	Natural environment	Number of developments meeting and surpassing national design standards.	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	AMR 2013-14
15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	Natural environment	The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning aspects of local loss of heritage assets and locally important buildings particularly within a conservation area.	Countywide data would be too large to incorporate into this template.  There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning local loss of heritage assets and locally important buildings within Tittley & District Group.	No historic records of any planning enforcement action or appeals concerning locally important buildings.	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 January 2017)
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Climatic Factors</i>							

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

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

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.	Resource consumption and climate	Total CO2 emissions per capita	<p>Latest figure dates back to 2010: 1.61 million tonnes (mtCO<sup>2</sup>)</p> <p>Domestic emissions accounted for 35 per cent (438,237 tonnes) of Herefordshire's carbon footprint.</p> <p>There is no locally specific data available at present.</p>	<p>Between 2005 and 2010 Herefordshire's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 7% and 8% respectively; while UK's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 8% and 12% respectively within the same period. This trend hides an increase in emissions between 2009 and 2010 when total emissions in the county increased by 5% the same as across the UK (+5%).</p>	To reduce the overall carbon emissions.	CO <sup>2</sup> emissions produced are decreasing.	<p>Understanding Herefordshire: An integrated needs assessment (June 2013).</p> <p>Understanding Herefordshire: Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (July 2015).</p>

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Water</i>							
17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public wellbeing, the economy and the environment.	Natural environment	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds.	2010/11: None 2011/13: Not specified 2013/14: None <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	There have been no approvals contrary to EA advice since reporting began in 2004.	To have no applications permitted contrary to EA advice.	None identified.	Herefordshire Council AMR (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 (grades 3a and higher) lost to development.	<b>2011: Majority of land within the neighbourhood area was listed Grades 3 (Good to Moderate) and 4 (Poor) with a small area noted Grade 1 (Excellent) along the Eastern edge.</b>	-	Measure the number of hectares of best and most versatile soil lost through development.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	<b>West Midland ALC Map (Natural England 2011).</b>

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.	Natural environment	Percentage of river length assessed as good or very good chemical quality and ecological quality as required by the Water Framework Directive	Latest figures for the county as a whole dates back to 2005 when there was considered to be 84% assessed as good or very good. This represents a decrease in the % since 2002  <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	Figure steadily improved before going into decline:  Herefordshire 1999 85.9%, 2000 89.5%, 2001 92.2%, 2002 91.8%	To ensure that rivers meet their conservation objectives and do not fall below the required standard of quality.	None identified.	The State of Herefordshire (2007)  Water Framework Directive (2000)
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Soil</i>							
19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.	Built environment	Percentage of all new development completed on previously developed land.	2010/11: 67% 2011-13: 57% 2013-14: 65%  <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	Completions on PDL had risen to 71% by 2005.	To increase the number of homes built on PDL in line with the provisions of national planning policy.	The number of brownfield completions has fallen slightly in recent years, though this is probably the offshoot of tough market conditions.	Herefordshire Council AMR (2010/11),(2011-2013) and (2013-2014)

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.	Built environment	Housing densities in urban and rural areas	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-
19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.	Built environment	Level of development in urban areas compared to rural.	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>  This indicator would not be applicable to rural NDPs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Cultural heritage</i>							



SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, including conservation areas, historic environment and cultural heritage.	Built environment	Number and percentage of listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments on Buildings at Risk Register (Historic England).	<p>Up-to-date countywide information will be presented in the next AMR and which is due to be published in 2014. However, this data would be too large to incorporate into this template.</p> <p>There are numerous listed buildings within the parish group.</p> <p><b>SAM's - 8</b>  Offas Dyke: Section south of Riddings Brook on Herrock Hill;  Offas Dyke: Rushock Hill section extending 1680 yds (1490m) east of Kennel Wood;  Churchyard cross in St Michael's Church;  Wapley Hill, large multivallate hillfort and pillow mounds 150m north of Warren House;  Offas Dyke: The section extending 165yds (150m) north of Berry Wood;  Offas Dyke: The section extending 300yds (270m) crossing the railway west of Tittley  North Herefordshire junction;  North Herefordshire Rowe Ditch;  Motte south west of the church.</p> <p>Rowe Ditch – Staunton on Arrow listed as Archaeology on Risk Register</p>	There were 71 heritage assets in Herefordshire that were considered to be at high risk and included in the Heritage at Risk Register January 2017.	<p>To wherever possible improve upon or otherwise maintain current status.</p> <p>Promote opportunities to improve condition</p> <p>Promote opportunities to achieve the removal of heritage assets from the at risk register.</p>	<p>North Herefordshire Rowe Ditch – Staunton on Arrow listed as Archaeology on Risk Register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed as in decline</li> <li>Generally satisfactory but with significant localised problems,</li> <li>Private/multiple owners.</li> </ul>	Buildings at Risk Register (Historic England); (search January 2017)

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SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, including conservation areas, historic environment and cultural heritage.	Built environment	The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning aspects of local loss of heritage assets, locally important buildings within the parish and particularly within a conservation area.	<p>Countywide data would be too large to incorporate into this template.</p> <p>There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning local loss of heritage assets locally important buildings particularly within conservation areas within Tittley &amp; District Group</p> <p>Main area of Kington listed as Conservation area (At Risk)</p>	No historic records of any planning enforcement action or appeals concerning locally important buildings, not directly within 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 January 2017)

**Appendix A3** – Environmental issues identified from Tittley & District Group baseline

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

SEA Topic		Environmental issue	SA objectives
1	Air	High reliance upon the private car causing high levels of air pollution and in Hereford in particular	Objective 16
		Need to reduce carbon emissions by encouraging alternative modes of travel.	
2	Biodiversity	Habitats and species of national, regional and local importance are under pressure from the adaptation and diversification of farming and forestry employment.	Objectives 13 & 15
		Habitats and species of national, regional and local importance are under pressure from development	
		Minimise loss of biodiversity and expand opportunities for wildlife everywhere.	
3	Climatic factors	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through planning, design and build.	Objective 16
4	Cultural heritage	In Tittley & District Group there are numerous listed buildings and scheduled monuments. There are 8 Scheduled Ancient Monuments listed 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

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

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9	Water	Issues relating to availability of resources, foul drainage, pollution, and abstraction in a county which supports water dependent biodiversity of international and national importance, given the predicted climate change consequences for water availability and demanding projections for new housing.	Objectives 17 & 18
		Steady decline in the chemical quality of rivers over the last 10 years.	

## Appendix A4: SEA Framework

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

Parish Council Name: Titley & District Group

Neighbourhood Development Plan Name: Titley & District Group Neighbourhood Plan

Date completed: January 2017

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
Nature Conservation (Biodiversity, flora and fauna)	Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity.  Value, protect, enhance or restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</li> <li>Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</li> <li>Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</li> <li>Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</li> <li>Create new appropriate habitats.</li> <li>Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic</li> </ul>	<p>Net change in condition of SSSIs across Herefordshire.</p> <p>After use of mineral sites especially wildlife habitat creation</p> <p>Changes to protected habitats and impacts of species within the Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan.</p>	<p>% of SSSI land in favourable condition (Increase)</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>landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management</li> <li>• Ensure that environmental impacts caused by mineral operations and the transport of minerals are minimised.</li> <li>• Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</li> </ul>		
Landscape	Not covered in SA	<p>To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes</p> <p>To improve quality of surroundings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect and enhance the landscape everywhere and particularly in designated areas</li> <li>• Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness</li> <li>• Improve landscape and ecological quality and character of the countryside</li> <li>• Improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space</li> </ul>	<p>Changes in the areas of designated nature conservation sites as a consequence of planning permission.</p> <p>Proportion of local sites where positive conservation management has or is being implemented.</p> <p>Monitoring changes to historic landscapes.</p> <p>Area resulting in a loss of open space as a result of planning</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"> <li>Improve satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods as places to live</li> <li>Decrease litter and graffiti in towns and countryside</li> <li>Result in the loss of open space</li> </ul>	permission	
Heritage	Value, protect or enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, historic environment and cultural heritage.	To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and culture heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preserve, protect and enhance heritage assets including conservation areas, listed buildings, archaeological sites and other culturally important features in both urban and rural settings.</li> <li>Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</li> <li>Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place.</li> </ul>	<p>The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning the aspects of local loss of locally important buildings within a conservation area.</p> <p>Number and percentage of listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments on Buildings at Risk Register (Historic England).</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
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</li></ul>		



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

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

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

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

# Appendix 3

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Dear James

**Planning consultation:** Titley & District Group Neighbourhood Plan – Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 21/02/2017

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

### **Strategic Environmental Assessment**

Natural England welcomes the scoping report for the Titley & District Neighbourhood Plan and considers that the methodology and baseline information used to inform the report appears to meet the requirements of the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) and associated guidance.

Since the Neighbourhood Plan area lies within the catchment of the River Wye Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and likely significant effects cannot be ruled out, we are pleased to note that this has been taken into account in the scoping report, as have the potential impacts on Flintsham & Titley Pools Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

### **Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening**

Natural England notes the screening process applied to this Neighbourhood plan. We agree with the Council's conclusion that likely significant effects upon the named European designated site below cannot be ruled out and therefore a full HRA will be required:

- River Wye Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

In accordance with Schedule 2 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, a neighbourhood plan cannot be made if the likelihood of significant effects on any European Site, either alone (or in combination with other plans and projects) cannot be ruled out.

Further guidance on deciding whether the proposals are likely to have significant environmental effects and the requirements for consulting Natural England on SEA are set out in the [National Planning Practice Guidance](#).

We refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities relevant to neighbourhood plans which may be helpful to you.

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 Caolan Gaffney on 02080 266680. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

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

Yours sincerely

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

### Natural environment information sources:

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

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

**National Character Areas** (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each character area is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. NCA profiles contain descriptions of the area and statements of environmental opportunity, which may be useful to inform proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found [here](#)<sup>[4]</sup>. There may also be a local **landscape character assessment** covering your area. This is a tool to help understand the character and local distinctiveness of the landscape and identify the features that give it a sense of place. It can help to inform, plan and manage change in the area. Your local planning authority should be able to help you access these if you can't find them online.

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

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

### Natural environment issues to consider

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#)<sup>[7]</sup> sets out national planning policy on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. [Planning Practice Guidance](#)<sup>[8]</sup> sets out supporting guidance. Your local planning authority should be able to provide you with further advice on the potential impacts of your plan or order on the natural environment and the need for any environmental assessments.

#### Landscape

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

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

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[1] <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

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

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

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

[5] <http://magic.defra.gov.uk/>

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

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

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



## Wildlife habitats

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

## Priority and protected species

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

## Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

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

## **Improving your natural environment**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Appendix 4

**Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Stage B1:- Objectives assessed against SEA Objectives (SMART and Compatibility Test)**

The following matrix appraises the emerging Titley 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.

**SMART criteria:**

**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

**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.

**A – Attainable/achievable:**

NDP objectives should be achievable and deliverable, related to the scale of growth proposed

**R – Realistic:**

NDP objectives should relate to the overall vision of the plan. Likewise, chosen indicators should relate to objectives and their outcomes.

**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.

<b>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Stage B1-Assessment outcome</b>
<b>Very positive- Compatible with sea objective.</b>
<b>Positive- Compatible with sea objective.</b>
<b>Conflict- Negative effect/ conflict with sea objective.</b>
<b>Neutral-Neutral effect on sea objective.</b>
<b>No relationship between objectives- No link with sea objective.</b>
<b>Uncertain- Uncertain impact on sea objective, more information needed.</b>

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

**Objective 1; Housing and Settlements**

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	No relationship	Positive	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship				Positive

**Conclusions-** This objective has a positive effect on the baseline both directly or indirectly. It is seeking to identify land for housing and developing settlement boundaries.

**Recommendations-** None

**SMART Test of NDP Objective-** This objective is specific and measurable via the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). It will be attainable, achievable and realistic.

**After Smart Objective-** No change.

**Objective 2: Economic and Social Development**

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	No relationship	Positive	Positive	Very Positive	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	Positive				Positive

**Conclusions-** Overall the objective has a positive effect on the baseline. It is aiming to support a variety of local economic and social developments.

**Recommendations-** None

**SMART Test of NDP Objective-** This objective meets all of the SMART Objectives.

**After Smart Objective-** No change.

**Objective 3; Environment**

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	No relationship	Neutral	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship				Positive

**Conclusions-** Overall this objective has a positive outcome over the SEA objectives where relevant. Good design and protection and enhancement of the environment will help to conserve the parish area.

**Recommendations-** None

**SMART Test of NDP Objective-** This objective meets all of the SMART Objectives.

**After Smart Objective-** No change.

<p>The following matrix appraises the potential options 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.</p>
<p><b>SMART criteria:</b></p>
<p><b>S – Specific:</b> NDP objectives should specify what is intended to be done in detail and should not be open to a wide range of misinterpretations</p> <p><b>M – Measurable:</b> It should be possible to monitor NDP objectives in a quantifiable way, by the use of indicators. Indicators should be measurable with limited resource implications.</p> <p><b>A – Attainable/achievable:</b> NDP objectives should be achievable and deliverable, related to the scale of growth proposed</p> <p><b>R – Realistic:</b> NDP objectives should relate to the overall vision of the plan. Likewise, chosen indicators should relate to objectives and their outcomes.</p> <p><b>T – Time-Bound:</b> Objectives should be specific to the NDP period or another specified timeframe. Objectives should be associated with a target and indicators should specify when the target should be achieved.</p>

<p><b>SEA Stage B1: Assessment outcome</b></p>
<p><b>Very positive: Compatible with sea objective.</b></p>
<p><b>Positive: Compatible with sea objective.</b></p>
<p><b>Conflict: Negative effect/ conflict with sea objective.</b></p>
<p><b>Neutral: Neutral effect on sea objective.</b></p>
<p><b>No relationship between objectives: No link with sea objective.</b></p>
<p><b>Uncertain: Uncertain impact on sea objective, more information needed.</b></p>

<p><b>SEA Objectives:</b></p> <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>
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**Neighbourhood Plan Option 1: Do nothing approach**

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				No link

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 review of the Core Strategy was undertaken. 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.

**Neighbourhood Plan Option 2: Criteria Based Policy NDP**

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
positive	positive	No link	positive	positive	positive	positive	positive	positive	positive	positive	positive				positive

Criteria based policy does not give the same level of certainty as site allocations as it will be more reactionary than proactive in terms of growth proposals. However, provided criteria is added to the policy to safeguard or mitigate against any harm, the option will have a positive effect on the baseline. Criteria would need to be included within the policy to safeguard against effects on any SEA objectives. This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.

**Neighbourhood Plan Option 3: Site Allocations in Titley and Staunton on Arrow**

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

The allocation of sites would give certainty to the location of future growth. Additional criteria can be added to the policy criteria to ensure that the proposal has a positive effect on the baseline. Any site would need to be assessed prior to allocation to ensure that it had a positive effect overall on the baseline. This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA

**Neighbourhood Plan Option 4: Define settlement boundaries only**

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

The designation of settlement boundaries give certainty to the location of future development . Additional criteria can be added to the policy criteria to ensure that the proposal has a positive effect on the baseline. Any site would need to be assessed prior to allocation to ensure that it had a positive effect overall on the baseline. This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA

**Neighbourhood Plan Option 5: Define settlement boundaries and allocate sites**

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

This option allows the local community to provide local tailored policies to cover all aspects of planning. Policy could be included to ensure a positive safeguard to the baseline. This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.



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<b>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Stage B1: Assessment outcome</b>
<b>Very positive: Compatible with sea objective.</b>
<b>Positive: Compatible with sea objective.</b>
<b>Conflict: Negative effect/ conflict with sea objective.</b>
<b>Neutral: Neutral effect on sea objective.</b>
<b>No relationship between objectives: No link with sea objective.</b>
<b>Uncertain: Uncertain impact on sea objective, more information needed.</b>

<p><b>SEA Objectives:</b></p> <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>
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**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG 1 - Sustainable Development**

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Summary in relation to baseline**

Any site would need to be assessed prior to allocation to ensure that it had a positive effect overall on the baseline. This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Policy safeguarding exists to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account.

**Conformity with Core Strategy**

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG2 – Housing needs and requirements**

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Summary in relation to baseline**

The policy is seeking overall to meet the requirements of Core Strategy Policy RA2 and direct proportional growth to the settlement of Titley and Staunton on Arrow. This has a positive effect on the baseline. Criteria 6 is contrary to Core Strategy Policy H1

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Policy safeguarding exists to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account. Policy will need to be reviewed in line with Core Strategy and national policy.

**Conformity with Core Strategy**

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA but criteria 6 is contrary to the Core Strategy and national policy.

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG3 - Rural exception housing**

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Positive	Very positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Summary in relation to baseline**

Policy is seeking to provide provisions for exception sites within the parish and have a positive effect on the baseline.

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

The policy compliments a number of policies within the Core Strategy and together with other specific policies within the Titley Group NDP provides a number of policy safeguards.

**Conformity with Core Strategy**

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG4 – Land at Titley Farm**

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

**Summary in relation to baseline**

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall the policy is compatible with the SEA baseline and has a positive impact on the baseline data where relevant and in line with supporting policies. The site looks to deliver 6 dwellings and this will increase traffic but this will be mitigated by accompanying policies.

**Conformity with Core Strategy**

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG5 – Titley settlement boundary**

SEA Objectives															
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Summary in relation to baseline**

This policy is compatible and will have a positive effect on the baseline data where relevant. The settlement boundary will mean there is certainty, where development could take place in the future

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Policy has a positive effect on the baseline

**Conformity with Core Strategy**

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG6 – Land opposite Old Court Cottage /Newtown, Staunton on Arrow**

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

**Summary in relation to baseline**

Overall the policy is compatible with the SEA baseline and has a positive impact on the baseline data where relevant and in line with supporting policies. The site, which came forward in call for sites is allocated for housing and open space. As with all development there could be an increase in traffic but this will be mitigated by accompanying policies.

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the baseline data,

**Conformity with Core Strategy**

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG7 – Small sites at Staunton on Arrow**

SEA Objectives







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Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive
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### Summary in relation to baseline

This policy meets the SEA baseline objectives and strongly looks to protect the landscape

### Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. There are sufficient policy safeguards within the Core Strategy and the NDP itself to ensure environmental aspects of the baseline are maintained

### Conformity with Core Strategy

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

## Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG14 - Natural Environment

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	Positive	No link	No link				Positive

### Summary in relation to baseline

This policy meets the SEA baseline objectives and strongly looks to protect the natural environment.

### Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline.

### Conformity with Core Strategy

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

## Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG15 – Historic Environment

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very	Very	Very	Very	Positive	Very	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive



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Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive		Positive										
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**Summary in relation to baseline**

This policy meets the SEA baseline objectives and protects the historic environment.

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline.

**Conformity with Core Strategy**

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG16 – Design and Access**

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	No link	Positive	No link	No Link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Summary in relation to baseline**

This policy meets the SEA baseline objectives and guides design of new development within the parish.

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline.

**Conformity with Core Strategy**

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

**Key:**

<b>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Stage B1- Assessment outcome</b>
<b>Very compatible-Very positive effect</b>
<b>Compatible –Positive effect</b>
<b>Conflict- Negative effect</b>
<b>Neutral-Neutral effect</b>
<b>No relationship between objectives- No link</b>
<b>Uncertain- more information needed</b>

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG 1 - Sustainable Development**

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6ncertain – 10 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															

Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive
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**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall this policy is compatible with the Core Strategy and has mainly a very positive impact on the baseline data. The policy is seeking to promote positive measures to maintaining sustainable communities

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG2 – Housing needs and requirements**

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

The policy is seeking to meet the requirements of the Core Strategy Policy RA2 and direct proportional growth to the settlement of Titley and Staunton on Arrow. This has a positive effect on the baseline. It has however contrary to Policy H1 of the Core Strategy.

## Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG3 - Rural exception housing

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Positive	Very positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Positive	Very positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Positive	Very positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

### Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

Overall, this policy has a very positive impact on all of the baseline objectives, its aim is to promote rural exception sites within the parish.

## Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG4 – Land at Titley Farm

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Site has a positive effect on the baseline together with other policy safeguards

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG5 – Titley settlement boundary**

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall, this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. It is in conformity with the proportional growth requirements of the Core Strategy.

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG6 – Land opposite Old Court Cottage /Newtown, Staunton on Arrow**

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Site has a positive effect on the baseline together with other policy safeguards

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG7 – Small sites at Staunton on Arrow**

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Sites have a positive effect on the baseline together with other policy safeguards

### Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG8 – Staunton on Arrow settlement boundary

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

#### Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

Overall, this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. It is in conformity with the proportional growth requirements of the Core Strategy.

### Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG9 – Economic development in Titley Group

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Uncertain	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)</b>															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Uncertain	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)</b>															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Uncertain	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall the policy meets all the relevant SEA criteria, and is positive against the baseline, the policy will support economic growth within the parish with other policy safeguards

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG10 – Infrastructure**

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)</b>															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	Very Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	Very Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	Very Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall this policy is compatible with the Core Strategy and has positive impact on the baseline data where relevant. The policy will not lead to development but is seeking to ensure sufficient infrastructure to accompany growth

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG11 – Renewable Energy**

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall this policy is compatible with the Core Strategy and has a positive impact on the baseline data where relevant.

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG12 – Community facilities**

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall this policy is compatible with the Core Strategy and has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data

## Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG13 - Landscape

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

### Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

Overall this policy is compatible with the Core Strategy and has a positive impact on the baseline data.

## Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG14 - Natural Environment

SEA Objectives Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															

Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	Positive	No link	No link				Positive
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<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	Positive	No link	No link				Positive

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	Positive	No link	No link				Positive

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall this policy is compatible with the Core Strategy and has a positive impact on the baseline data.

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG15 – Historic Environment**

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															

Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive
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<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall this policy is compatible with the Core Strategy and has a positive impact on the baseline data.

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG16 – Design and Access**

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Short term (1 – 5 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	No link	Positive	No link	No Link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Medium term (6 – 10 years)</b>															
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	No link	Positive	No link	No Link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

<b>SEA Objectives Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Long term (11 years +)</b>															

Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	No link	Positive	No link	No Link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive
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**Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations**

Overall this policy is compatible with the Core Strategy and has a positive impact on the baseline data

**Key:**

++ Move towards significantly	+ Move towards marginally	-- Move away Significantly	- Move away marginally	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	X No relationship
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The following matrix appraises the emerging Titley Group NDP Objectives and policies 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.

**SMART criteria:**

**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

**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.

**A – Attainable/achievable:**  
NDP objectives should be achievable and deliverable, related to the scale of growth proposed

**R – Realistic:**  
NDP objectives should relate to the overall vision of the plan. Likewise, chosen indicators should relate to objectives and their outcomes.

**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.

<b>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Stage B1-Assessment outcome</b>
<b>Very positive- Compatible with sea objective.</b>
<b>Positive- Compatible with sea objective.</b>
<b>Conflict- Negative effect/ conflict with sea objective.</b>
<b>Neutral-Neutral effect on sea objective.</b>
<b>No relationship between objectives- No link with sea objective.</b>
<b>Uncertain- Uncertain impact on sea objective, more information needed.</b>



<p><b>SEA Objectives:</b></p> <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</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 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>
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### Neighbourhood Plan Objectives and Policies

#### Neighbourhood Plan Objective: 1 Housing and Settlement

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	No relationship	Positive	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship				Positive

#### Neighbourhood Plan Objective: 2 Economic and Social

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	No relationship	Positive	Positive	Very Positive	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	Positive				Positive

#### Neighbourhood Plan Objective: 3 Environment

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	No relationship	Positive	Positive	Very Positive	No relationship	No relationship	No relationship	Positive				Positive

## Policies

### Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG 1 - Sustainable Development

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

### Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG2 – Housing needs and requirements

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

### Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG3 - Rural exception housing

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Very positive	Positive	Very positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

### Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG4 – Land at Titley Farm

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

### Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG5 – Titley settlement boundary

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG6 – Land opposite Old Court Cottage /Newtown, Staunton on Arrow**

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

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG7 – Small sites at Staunton on Arrow**

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

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG8 – Staunton on Arrow settlement boundary**

Neighbourhood Plan Policy: SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG9 – Economic development in Titley Group**

SEA Objectives															

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Uncertain	Very Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG10 – Infrastructure**

SEA Objectives															
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	No link	Very Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG11 – Renewable Energy**

SEA Objectives															
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG12 – Community facilities**

SEA Objectives															
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

**Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG13 - Landscape**

SEA Objectives															
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive
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### Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG14 - Natural Environment

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	Positive	No link	No link				Positive

### Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG15 – Historic Environment

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

### Neighbourhood Plan Policy: TG16 – Design and Access

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	No link	Positive	No link	No Link	No link	No link	No link	No link				Positive

## Summary

### Summary of effects of whole plan on each SEA Objective

Titley Group Neighbourhood Plan policies and objectives have a positive towards the SEA baseline data. They are overall in general conformity with the Core Strategy although Policy TG2 requires a review. All of the policies and objectives meet the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

**Cumulative effects of whole plan (1 + 2 + 3...)** Overall, the Neighbourhood Plan policies and objectives have a positive impact towards the SEA baseline data. 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.

**Commentary for significant cumulative effects** Overall this has had a positive effect on the SEA baseline data. Overall the unknown areas require further detail such as location, scale and size of development, therefore are likely to be determined at planning application/ proposal stage. No significant cumulative effects have been identified.

# Appendix 5

Titley Group (Reg 14)  
Options Considered  
November 2018

- Option 1: not to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan, relying instead on the Core Strategy and the Rural Areas Sites Allocations DPD
- Option 2: use a criteria-based Plan only
- Option 3: allocate sites at Titley and Staunton-on-Arrow
- Option 4: define settlement boundaries for Titley and Staunton-on-Arrow
- Option 5: define settlement boundaries and allocate sites



# Appendix 6

## SEA Quality Assurance Checklist

**Parish Council Name:** Titley Group Parish

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Titley Group Neighbourhood Plan

**Date completed:** August 2022

Objectives and context	Where are the points covered in Neighbourhood Development Plan SEA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Neighbourhood Development Plan's purpose and objectives are made clear.</li> <li>• The Neighbourhood Area's environmental issues and constraints, including acknowledgement of those in the Local Plan (Core Strategy) SA, where relevant, and local environmental protection objectives, are considered in developing objectives and targets.</li> <li>• SEA objectives are clearly set out and linked to indicators and targets where appropriate.</li> <li>• Links with other locally related plans, programmes and policies are identified, explained and acknowledgement for those set out in the SA of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) is given, where relevant.</li> <li>• Conflicts that exist between SEA objectives; between SEA and Neighbourhood Development Plan objectives; and between SEA objectives and other local plan objectives are identified and described.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 1.6 – 1.10</p> <p>Chapter 2 methodology, chapter 3 and tables A2 and A3</p> <p>Chapter 3 paragraph 3.5 and 3.7</p> <p>Chapter 3, paragraph 3.1</p> <p>Chapter 3</p>
<p><b>Scoping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory Consultees are consulted in appropriate ways and at appropriate times on the content and scope of the Environmental Report.</li> <li>• The assessment focuses on significant issues.</li> <li>• Technical, procedural and other difficulties encountered are discussed; assumptions and uncertainties are made explicit.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 2, paragraphs 2.6-2.9</p> <p>Chapter 2 and chapter 4</p> <p>Chapter 2</p>

<b>Objectives and context</b>	<b>Where are the points covered in Neighbourhood Development Plan SEA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons are given for eliminating issues from further consideration.</li> </ul>	Chapter 2, chapter 4 and chapter 5
<p><b>Alternatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realistic alternatives are considered for key issues, and the reasons for choosing them are documented.</li> <li>• Alternatives include ‘do minimum’ and/or ‘business as usual’ scenarios wherever relevant.</li> <li>• The environmental effects (both adverse and beneficial) of each alternative are identified and compared.</li> <li>• Inconsistencies between the alternatives and other relevant local plans, programmes or policies are identified and explained.</li> <li>• Reasons are given for selection or elimination of alternatives.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 4 and chapter 5</p> <p>Paragraph 5.4</p> <p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Chapter 5</p>
<p><b>Baseline information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant aspects of the current state of the local, neighbourhood area environment and their likely evolution without the Neighbourhood Development Plan are described. Acknowledgement to the information in the SA of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) is given, where relevant.</li> <li>• Environmental characteristics of the local, neighbourhood area, likely to be significantly affected are described, including areas wider than the physical boundary of the designated neighbourhood area, where it is likely to be affected by the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</li> <li>• Difficulties such as deficiencies in information or methods are explained.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 1, Chapter 3</p> <p>Initial screening report and Chapter 1</p> <p>Chapter 2</p>
<p><b>Prediction and evaluation of likely significant environmental effects</b></p>	

<b>Objectives and context</b>	<b>Where are the points covered in Neighbourhood Development Plan SEA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effects identified include the types listed in the Directive (biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climate factors, material assets, cultural heritage and landscape), as relevant; and other local likely environmental effects are also covered, as appropriate.</li> <li>• Both positive and negative effects are considered, and the duration of effects (short, medium or long-term) is addressed.</li> <li>• Likely secondary, cumulative (growing in quantity and strength) and synergistic (acting together) effects are identified, where practicable.</li> <li>• Inter-relationships between effects are considered, where practicable.</li> <li>• The prediction and evaluation of effects makes use of relevant accepted standards, regulations, and thresholds (i.e. data gathered for the evidence base).</li> <li>• Methods used to evaluate the effects are described.</li> </ul>	<p>Tables A2, A3 and A4</p> <p>Tables B2 and B3</p> <p>Table B4</p> <p>Chapter 5, chapter 6</p> <p>Chapter 5, chapter 6</p> <p>Chapter 2</p>
<p><b>Mitigation measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and offset any significant adverse effects of implementing the Neighbourhood Development Plan are indicated.</li> <li>• Issues to be taken into account when determining planning applications or other projects, for example funding bids, are identified.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 6, paragraph 6.6 – 6.9</p> <p>Chapter 6</p>
<p><b>The Environmental Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is clear and concise in its layout and presentation.</li> <li>• Uses simple, clear language and avoids or explains technical terms.</li> <li>• Uses maps and other illustrations, where appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Chapter 2</p>

<b>Objectives and context</b>	<b>Where are the points covered in Neighbourhood Development Plan SEA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explains the methodology used.</li> <li>• Explains who was consulted and what methods of consultation were used.</li> <li>• Identifies sources of information, including expert judgement and matters of opinion.</li> <li>• Contains a non-technical summary covering the overall approach to the SEA, the objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, the main options considered, and any changes to the Neighbourhood Development Plan resulting from the SEA.</li> </ul>	<p>Paragraph 2.6-2.9</p> <p>Paragraph 2.8-2.9</p> <p>Page 1 / Paragraph 1.8 / Chapter 6</p>
<p><b>Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEA is consulted on as an integral part of the plan-making process of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</li> <li>• Consultation Bodies and the public likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the Neighbourhood Development Plan are consulted in ways and at times, which give them an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinions on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and Environmental Report.</li> </ul>	<p>Paragraph 2.6-2.9</p> <p>Chapter 8</p>
<p><b>Decision-making and information on the decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The environmental report and the opinions of those consulted are taken into account in finalising and adopting the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</li> <li>• An explanation is given of how they have been taken into account.</li> <li>• Reasons are given for choosing the Neighbourhood Development Plan as adopted, in the light of other reasonable alternatives considered.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 8</p> <p>Following draft consultation</p> <p>Following draft consultation</p>
<p><b>Monitoring measures</b></p>	

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