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## Basic Conditions Statement

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## **1. Introduction**

**1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared to accompany the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan. It explains how the proposed Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning General Regulations 2012 (as amended) (The Regulations) and how the basic conditions of neighbourhood planning and other considerations as prescribed by Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 have been met.**

**1.2 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires that Neighbourhood Development Plans must meet the following basic conditions:**

- i. the Neighbourhood Development Plan must have appropriate regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;**
- ii. the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan must contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;**
- iii. the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the local planning authority, in this case the Melton Local Plan (adopted October 2018) which covers the period 2011-36;**
- iv. the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan must meet the relevant EU obligations; and**
- v. prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the Neighbourhood Development Plan.**

**1.3 This Basic Conditions Statement addresses these requirements in five sections:**

- Section 2 demonstrates the conformity of the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan with the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance;**
- Section 3 shows how the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan will contribute to sustainable development;**
- Section 4 demonstrates the conformity of the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan with the adopted Melton Local Plan (2011-36);**
- Section 5 demonstrates compliance with the appropriate EU obligations and other prescribed matters; and**
- Section 6 addresses other basic conditions that apply besides those set out in the primary legislation.**

- 1.4** The Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan is supported by a Consultation Statement, Equality Impact Assessment (included in this document at Appendix 1) and this Basic Conditions Statement.

### **Submitting Body**

- 1.5** The Neighbourhood Plan is submitted by Burton and Dalby Parish Council, which is a statutory Qualifying Body as defined by the Localism Act 2011.

### **Neighbourhood Area**

- 1.6** This Plan applies to the whole of the parish of Burton and Dalby. On 19 January 2016 Melton Borough Council received an application from Burton and Dalby Parish Council to designate the whole of the Burton and Dalby parish area as a Neighbourhood Area, for the purposes of neighbourhood planning. In accordance with Regulation 6, Melton Borough Council, on behalf of the relevant body (Burton and Dalby Parish Council), completed the necessary statutory processes to enable designation of the Burton and Dalby parish area as a Neighbourhood Area. Accordingly, on 15 March 2016 Melton Borough Council formally designated the whole of Burton and Dalby parish as a Neighbourhood Area, in accordance with Regulation 7.
- 1.7** The Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan relates only to the development and use of land within the Parish of Burton and Dalby and to no other Neighbourhood Areas.
- 1.8** It is the only Neighbourhood Development Plan in the designated area. No other Neighbourhood Development Plan exists nor is being prepared for part or all of the designated area.
- 1.9** The Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan covers the period 2011 to 2036 as does the Melton Local Plan which was adopted October 2018.
- 1.10** No provision for excluded development such as national infrastructure, minerals or waste development is contained within the Neighbourhood Plan.

### **Burton and Dalby: Location**

- 1.11** The Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Development Plan Area comprises the Parish of Burton and Dalby, a larger rural parish to the south and east of Melton Mowbray with a population of 985 (Census 2011). The parish has a quiet, remote and rural character with small settlements and scattered farms.

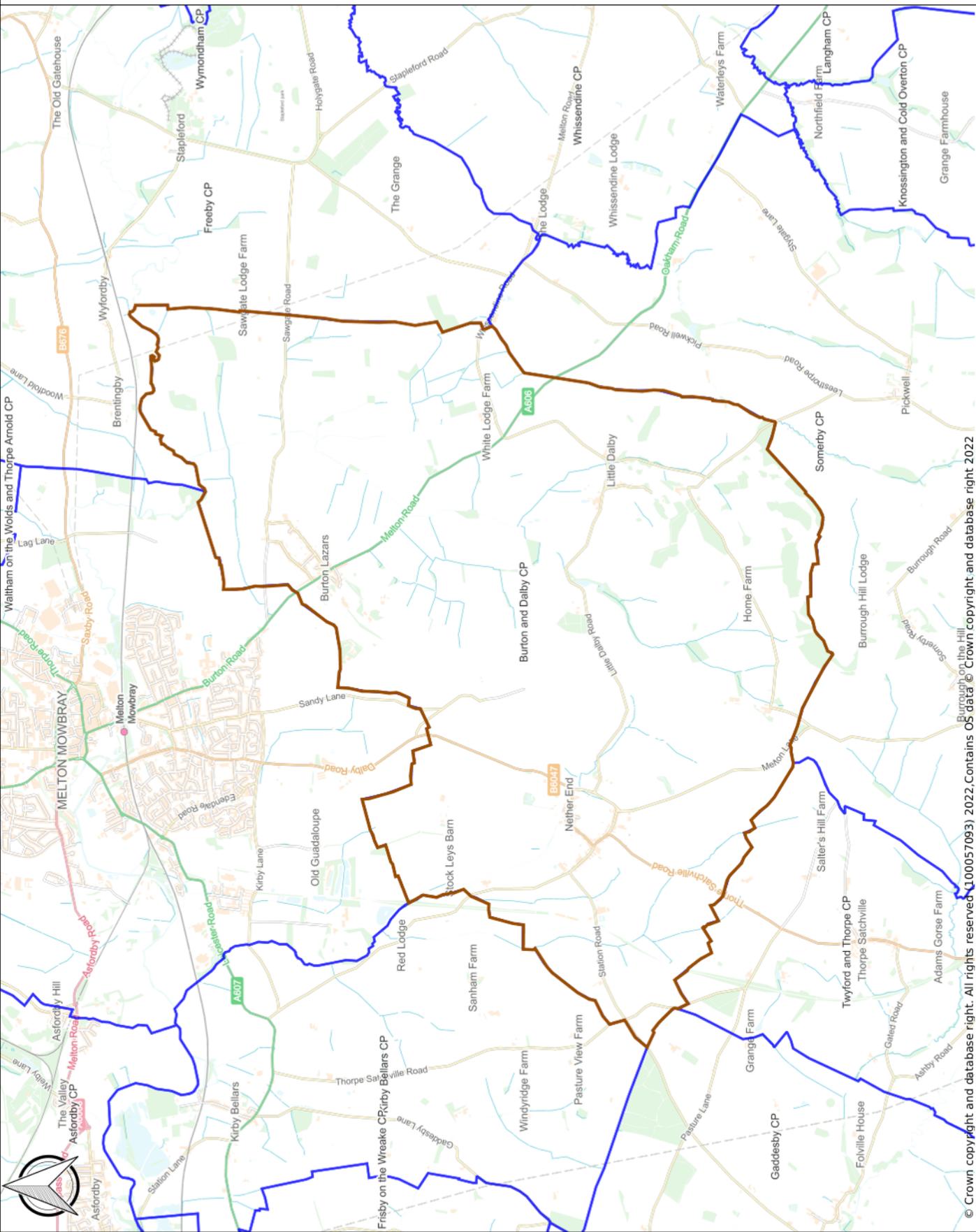
- 1.12** There are three settlements in the parish, each with its unique identity. Great Dalby is the principal settlement to the south of Melton Mowbray. The village is bisected by the B6047 and contains a church, chapel, pub, primary school and village hall. It is identified as a 'Rural Hub' in the Melton Local Plan,
- 1.13** Burton Lazars lies on the A606 between Melton Mowbray and Oakham. It is a ridge top settlement and contains a church and a village hall. It is identified as a 'Rural Settlement' in the Melton Local Plan
- 1.14** Little Dalby is a small estate village. There are just 24 dwellings and a church. It is identified as a 'Rural Settlement' in the Melton Local Plan.

### **Involvement of the Local Community and Stakeholders**

- 1.15** The Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Burton and Dalby Parish Council, with input from the community and stakeholders as set out in the accompanying Consultation Statement. The Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been consulted on as required by the Regulations and the responses have been recorded and changes have been made as per the schedule set out in the Consultation Statement.

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**Parish**

Neighbourhood Area

Parish

## **2. Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance**

- 2.1** It is required that the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State. This is principally provided by the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance. The updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published on 20 July 2021 and it is against this version of the NPPF which the Burton and Dalby Parish Neighbourhood Plan has been assessed.
- 2.2** It should be noted that not all sections of the National Planning Policy Framework will be relevant to the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan as there is no legal requirement for a Neighbourhood Plan to provide policies covering all the provisions within the National Planning Policy Framework. However, where a Neighbourhood Plan expresses a policy it must have appropriate regard to the relevant parts of the National Planning Policy Framework, as well as the Planning Practice Guidance.
- 2.3** A key theme that runs throughout the National Planning Policy Framework is the presumption in favour of sustainable development. The NPPF specifies that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. In order to achieve sustainable development, the planning has three overarching objectives: economic, social and environmental.
- 2.4** This section considers the conformity of the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan in respect of relevant policies within the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance. Planning Practice Guidance is published on a dedicated website available at [www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance)
- 2.5** The areas of Planning Practice Guidance which have been particularly relevant to the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan, in addition to the guidance on Neighbourhood Planning are:
- Brownfield Land Registers;
  - Historic Environment;
  - Design: process and tools;
  - Healthy and Safe Communities;
  - Light Pollution
  - Natural Environment;

- Open space, sports and recreational facilities, public rights of way and local green space;
- Housing Needs of Different Groups;
- Planning Obligations;
- Viability

**2.6 The following table identifies the sections of the National Planning Policy Framework that the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan conforms with and provides a supporting commentary. Reference is also made to the relevant Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).**

Burton and Dalby Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policy	National Planning Policy Framework	Planning Practice Guidance	Commentary
<p><b>B &amp; D1: Landscape Character – Seeks the protection and enhancement of landscape character and setting, including important views and vistas.</b></p>	<p><b>Paragraph 174</b></p>	<p><b>How can planning policies conserve and enhance landscapes?</b> (Paragraph: 036 Reference ID: 8-036-20190721)</p>	<p><b>This policy seeks to conserve and enhance the natural environment including valued landscapes. In addition it allows account to be taken of the different roles and characters of areas and recognise the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside.</b></p>
<p><b>B &amp; D2: Dark Night Skies: Proposals must demonstrate opportunities have been taken to reduce light pollution and negative impacts. Any adverse impacts to be mitigated against.</b></p>	<p><b>Paragraph 185</b></p>	<p><b>What light pollution considerations does planning need to address?</b> (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 31-001-20191101)</p> <p><b>What factors can be considered when assessing whether a development proposal might have implications for light pollution?</b> (Paragraph: 002 Reference ID: 31-002-20191101)</p> <p><b>What factors are relevant when considering where light shines?</b> (Paragraph: 003 Reference ID: 31-003-20191101)</p> <p><b>What factors are relevant when considering how much the light shines?</b></p>	<p><b>This policy seeks for development to be appropriate for its location and take into account the impact of light pollution. Limits the impact on the locality and intrinsically dark landscape</b></p>

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<p><b>B &amp; D3: Great Dalby Character – Development should be located and designed in a way that is sensitive to the form and character of Great Dalby.</b></p>	<p><b>Paragraphs 126, 127, 130 and 134</b></p>	<p><b>(Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 31-005-20191101)</b></p> <p><b>How are well-designed places achieved through the planning system? (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 26-001-20191001)</b></p> <p><b>How can plans support well-designed places? (Paragraph: 002 Reference ID: 26-002-20191001)</b></p> <p><b>What role can non-strategic policies play? (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 26-004-20191001)</b></p>	<p><b>This policy seeks to secure development that is sensitive to the form and character of Great Dalby. This policy facilitates the reinforcement of local distinctiveness and seeks to deliver development of a design that reflects the surrounding area and the character of Great Dalby. It also identifies the special qualities of the area to be protected from harm.</b></p>

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<p><b>B &amp; D4: Burton Lazars Character - Development should be located and designed in a way that is sensitive to the form and character of Burton Lazars.</b></p>	<p><b>Paragraphs 126, 127, 130 and 134</b></p>	<p><b>How are well-designed places achieved through the planning system?</b> (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 26-001-20191001)</p> <p><b>How can plans support well-designed places?</b> (Paragraph: 002 Reference ID: 26-002-20191001)</p> <p><b>What role can non-strategic policies play?</b> (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 26-004-20191001)</p>	<p><b>This policy seeks to secure development that is sensitive to the form and character of Burton Lazars. This policy facilitates the reinforcement of local distinctiveness and seeks to deliver development of a design that reflects the surrounding area and the character of Burton Lazars. It also identifies the special qualities of the area to be protected from harm.</b></p>
<p><b>B &amp; D5: Area of Separation – Protects the defined Area of Separation between Burton Lazars and Melton Mowbray. Development of new buildings or inappropriate use of land which would adversely affect its open character or the character and setting of Burton Lazars will not be supported.</b></p>	<p><b>Paragraphs 127 &amp; 174</b></p>	<p><b>How can planning policies conserve and enhance landscapes?</b> (Paragraph: 036 Reference ID: 8-036-20190721)</p> <p><b>How are well-designed places achieved through the planning system?</b> (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 26-001-20191001)</p>	<p><b>This policy allows account to be taken of the different roles and characters of areas and recognise the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. It also seeks to identify and protect the special qualities of an area.</b></p>

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<p><b>B &amp; D6: Little Dalby Character - Development should be located and designed in a way that is sensitive to the form and character of Little Dalby.</b></p>	<p><b>Paragraphs 126, 127, 130 and 134</b></p>	<p><b>How are well-designed places achieved through the planning system?</b> (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 26-001-20191001)</p> <p><b>How can plans support well-designed places?</b> (Paragraph: 002 Reference ID: 26-002-20191001)</p> <p><b>What role can non-strategic policies play?</b> (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 26-004-20191001)</p>	<p><b>This policy seeks to secure development that is sensitive to the form and character of Little Dalby. This policy facilitates the reinforcement of local distinctiveness and seeks to deliver development of a design that reflects the surrounding area and the character of Little Dalby. It also identifies the special qualities of the area to be protected from harm.</b></p>
<p><b>B &amp; D7: Green Infrastructure – Seeks a net gain in green infrastructure including through the establishment of multi-functional greenspaces, new routes and linkages. Also seeks to safeguard identified Green Infrastructure.</b></p>	<p><b>Paragraphs 92 and 98</b></p>	<p><b>How can positive planning contribute to healthier communities?</b> (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID:53-001-20190722)</p> <p><b>What is a healthy place?</b> (Paragraph: 003 Reference ID:53-003-20191101).</p>	<p><b>Policy seeks to achieve a healthy place with the provision and enhancement of green infrastructure, as a multi-functional resource including wildlife benefits.</b></p>

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<p><b>B &amp; D8: Ecology and Biodiversity - Expects development not to harm the network of local ecological features and habitats, including several identified features. New development will be expected to maintain and enhance these features. for biodiversity gain. The priority for biodiversity enhancement is identified.</b></p> <p><b>New houses should integrate features such as bat boxes, bird boxes and hedgehog highways.</b></p>	<p><b>Paragraphs 174, 179 and 180</b></p>	<p><b>Is there a statutory basis for planning to seek to minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains in biodiversity where possible?</b> (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 8-009-20190721)</p> <p><b>How can planning authorities plan for biodiversity and geodiversity?</b> (Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 8-010-20190721)</p> <p><b>What evidence needs to be taken into account in identifying and mapping local ecological networks?</b> (Paragraph: 011 Reference ID: 8-011-20190721)</p> <p><b>What is biodiversity net gain?</b> (Paragraph: 022 Reference ID: 8-022-20190721)</p> <p><b>How can biodiversity net gain be achieved?</b> (Paragraph: 023 Reference ID: 8-023-20190721)</p>	<p><b>The National Planning Policy Framework is clear that pursuing sustainable development includes moving from a net loss of biodiversity to achieving net gains for nature, and that a core principle for planning is that it should contribute to conserving and enhancing the natural environment and reducing pollution.</b></p> <p><b>This policy seeks to minimise impacts on biodiversity and seek positives in biodiversity. It also has identified and mapped components of local ecological networks and features.</b></p>
<p><b>B &amp; Dg: Local Green Spaces - Identifies Local Green Spaces within the</b></p>	<p><b>Paragraphs 101-103</b></p>	<p><b>What is Local Green Space designation?</b> (Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 37-005-20140306)</p>	<p><b>Regard is had to national policy which allows for neighbourhood plans to identify for the protection green areas of</b></p>

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<p>Parish which will be protected. New development that would harm the openness or special character of a Local Green Space will not normally be supported other than in very special circumstances</p>		<p>How is land designated as Local Green Space? (Paragraph: 006 Reference ID: 37-006-20140306)</p> <p>How does Local Green Space designation relate to development? (Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 37-007-20140306)</p> <p>What if land has planning permission for development? (Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 37-008-20140306)</p> <p>Can all communities benefit from Local Green Space? (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 37-009-20140306)</p>	<p>importance to them. The Local Green Spaces meet the criteria set out in paragraph 102 of the National Planning Policy Framework as demonstrated by Neighbourhood Plan Appendix 1: Local Green Spaces: Summary of Reasons for Designation. The full reasons for designation are included in the Neighbourhood Plan evidence base.</p>
<p>B &amp; D10: Great Dalby Conservation Area – When determining applications special consideration shall be given to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character</p>	<p>Paragraphs 189, 190 and 197</p>	<p>What is a positive strategy for conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment? (Paragraph: 003 Reference ID: 18a-003-20190723).</p> <p>How can heritage issues be addressed in neighbourhood plans?</p>	<p>This policy seeks to conserve the parish's heritage assets.</p>

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and appearance of the Conservation Area. Regard will be had to the Conservation Area Appraisal.		<p>(Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 18a-005-20190723)</p> <p>What are the different types of designated heritage assets? (Paragraph: 023 Reference ID: 18a-023-20190723)</p>	
<p><b>B &amp; D11: Non-Designated Heritage Assets - The determination of planning applications, which will affect 'identified' features of local heritage interest, will balance the need for/ public benefit of the proposed development against the significance of the asset and the extent which it will be harmed. The Neighbourhood Plan provides a list of Features of Local Heritage Assets.</b></p>	<p>Paragraphs 190, 194, 203</p>	<p>How can heritage issues be addressed in neighbourhood plans?(Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 18a-005-20190723)</p> <p>What are non-designated heritage assets? (Paragraph: 039 Reference ID: 18a-039-20190723)</p> <p>How are non-designated heritage assets identified? (Paragraph: 040 Reference ID: 18a-040-20190723)</p>	<p>This policy supports the conservation of heritage assets. It recognises that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource and seeks their conservation and enhancement and plans positively with respect to non-designated heritage assets. Heritage assets within the plan area have been identified so they can be appropriately considered.</p>
<p><b>B &amp; D12: Design - Supports development that reflects the Burton</b></p>	<p>Paragraphs 110, 126, 127,</p>	<p>How are well-designed places achieved through the planning system?</p>	<p>This policy seeks to secure high quality design. The subject of good design is attributed great importance in the</p>

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<p>and Dalby Parish Design Code. Development must also have regards to residential amenity, and provide a safe and suitable access with appropriate on-site parking provision.</p>	<p>129, 130, 134, and 185</p>	<p>(Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 26-001-20191001)</p> <p>How can plans support well-designed places? (Paragraph: 002 Reference ID: 26-002-20191001)</p> <p>What role can non-strategic policies play? (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 26-004-20191001)</p> <p>What are local design guides? (Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 26-005-20191001)</p>	<p>National Planning Policy Framework and is a key aspect of sustainable development and should contribute positively to making places better for people. This policy has regard to this approach and facilitates the promotion or reinforcement of local distinctiveness. It seeks to deliver development that is of a design that reflects the surrounding area and the character of Burton and Dalby.</p>

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<p><b>B &amp; D 13: Retention of Services and Facilities -</b> This policy supports the retention of identified services. Their loss will only be supported if there alternative facilities in the same village which would fulfil the role of the existing use/building or the existing use is no longer viable and there is no realistic prospect of the premises being used for an alternative business or community use.</p>	<p>Paragraphs 84, 92 and 93</p>	<p>How can positive planning contribute to healthier communities? (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID:53-001-20190722)</p> <p>What is a healthy place? (Paragraph: 003 Reference ID:53-003-20191101)</p>	<p>The policy supports the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages and plans positively against the unnecessary loss of facilities that meet day to day needs.</p>
<p><b>B &amp; D14: Infrastructure –</b> Seeks new development to support the provision of new or improved infrastructure, together with financial contributions for off-site infrastructure requirements including specified education provision, village hall</p>	<p>Paragraphs 8, 28, 34, 82, 92 and 104</p>	<p>Where should policy on seeking planning obligations be set out? (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 23b-004-20190901)</p> <p>What evidence is needed to support policies for contributions from development? (Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 23b-005-20190315)</p> <p>What funding is available for education?</p>	<p>This policy identifies and plans positively for the provision of highway infrastructure, and community and education facilities to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environment. This policy also seeks to ensure that the provision of infrastructure does not undermine the deliverability of the plan.</p>

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<p>provision, Green Infrastructure improvements, traffic and parking management measures, as community infrastructure improvements. The viability of development will be taken into account.</p>		<p>(Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 23b-007-20190315)</p> <p>What contributions are required towards education? (Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 23b-008-20190315)</p> <p>Are planning obligations negotiable? (Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 23b-010-20190315)</p> <p>How should plan makers set policy requirements for contributions from development? (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 10-001-20190509)</p> <p>How should plan makers and site promoters ensure that policy requirements for contributions from development are deliverable? (Paragraph: 002 Reference ID: 10-002-20190509)</p> <p>How should viability for education provision be addressed? (Paragraph: 029 Reference ID: 10-029-20190509)</p>	

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		<p>How are well-designed places achieved through the planning system? (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 26-001-20191001)</p>	
<p><b>B &amp; D15: Housing In Great Dalby – Housing needs will be met by existing committed and windfall development within or on the edge of Great Dalby villages. Subdivision of existing residential dwellings, the re-use and/or adaptation of rural buildings, rural worker accommodation and replacement dwellings will be supported.</b></p>	<p>Paragraphs 79, 80, 119 and 120</p>	<p>What is previously developed (brownfield) land? (Paragraph: 003 Reference ID: 59-003-20170728)</p> <p>How can planning policies support sustainable rural communities? (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 67-009-20190722)</p>	<p>This policy seeks to make the effective use of land whilst safeguarding the environment and takes a positive approach to the re-use of previously developed land and the re-use of redundant or disused buildings.</p>
<p><b>B &amp; D16: Windfall Housing In Burton Lazars – Limited housing to meet local housing need will be supported in specific circumstances. General housing will be</b></p>	<p>Paragraphs 62, 63, 64, 78, 79, 80, 119 and 120</p>	<p>How can planning policies support sustainable rural communities? (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 67-009-20190722)</p> <p>Where can rural exception sites come forward?</p>	<p>This policy seeks to make the effective use of land whilst safeguarding the environment and takes a positive approach to the re-use of previously developed land and the re-use of redundant or disused buildings.</p>

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supported in the form of subdivision of existing dwellings, re-use and adaptation of rural buildings, rural worker accommodation and replacement dwellings.		(Paragraph: 011 Reference ID: 67-011-20210524)	The NPPF requires the delivery of homes to be informed by a local housing needs assessment and for planning policies to plan for the identified housing need. The Neighbourhood Plan supports this approach and seeks to deliver a mix of housing in its neighbourhood area that reflects local need.
B & D17: Rural Housing – Housing development will be supported where it involves the subdivision of an existing dwelling, the re-use and/or adaptation of rural buildings, rural worker accommodation and replacement dwellings.	Paragraphs 79, 80 and 119	How can planning policies support sustainable rural communities?	This policy seeks to provide appropriate rural housing, make effective use of land and seeks to safeguard the environment.

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<p><b>B &amp; D18: Residential Conversion of Rural Buildings - This policy identifies the circumstances the re-use and adaptation of redundant or disused buildings will be supported.</b></p>	<p>Paragraphs 77, 78, 79, 80, 117, 120, 130, 179</p>	<p>How can planning policies support sustainable rural communities? (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 67-009-20190722)</p> <p>How are well-designed places achieved through the planning system? (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 26-001-20191001)</p> <p>How can plans support well-designed places? (Paragraph: 002 Reference ID: 26-002-20191001)</p> <p>What role can non-strategic policies play? (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 26-004-20191001)</p>	<p>This policy supports the re-use of redundant or disused buildings, encourages the use of high-quality design and the protection of protected species.</p>
<p><b>B &amp; D19: Rural Worker Accommodation – Identifies the criteria that will be applied in order to support rural worker accommodation.</b></p>	<p>Paragraphs 80 and 84</p>	<p>How can planning policies support sustainable rural communities? (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 67-009-20190722)</p> <p>How can the need for isolated homes in the countryside for essential rural workers be assessed? (Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 67-010-20190722)</p>	<p>This policy supports rural worker accommodation where there is an essential need. This approach also shows support for the rural economy.</p>

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B & D20: Replacement Dwellings – Specifies the circumstances a proposal for demolition and rebuild of an existing dwelling outside the settlement boundary will be supported.	Paragraphs 78 and 80	How can planning policies support sustainable rural communities? (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 67-009-20190722)	Supports the development of replacement dwellings, which would enhance the locality and have a positive impact on heritage assets, whilst supporting local housing needs.
B & D21: Business Conversion of Rural Buildings – Specifies the circumstances the re-use, adaptation or extension of rural buildings for business use will be supported.	Paragraph 84	Not applicable	This policy supports sustainable economic development and supports a prosperous rural economy and mirrors the approach contained within the NPPF.

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<p><b>B &amp; D22: Working from Home – Specifies the circumstances that development that enables home working will be supported.</b></p>	<p><b>Paragraphs 84, 110 and 130</b></p>	<p><b>How can planning policies support sustainable rural communities?</b> (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 67-009-20190722)</p> <p><b>How are well-designed places achieved through the planning system?</b> (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 26-001-20191001)</p> <p><b>How can plans support well-designed places?</b> (Paragraph: 002 Reference ID: 26-002-20191001)</p>	<p><b>This policy supports sustainable economic development, whilst protecting the character of the area, residential amenity and providing a safe and suitable access.</b></p>

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<p><b>B &amp; D23: Former Melton Airfield – The small industrial estate at this site will be retained for employment uses. Any non-B class uses development will need to meet specified criteria. The expansion of existing business will be supported provided heritage issues are addressed and with consideration given to impact on setting and views.</b></p>	<p><b>Paragraphs 84 &amp; 85</b></p>	<p><b>Not applicable</b></p>	<p><b>This policy supports sustainable economic development and supports a prosperous rural economy and mirrors the approach contained within the NPPF.</b></p>

### 3. Contributing to sustainable development

- 3.1 Sustainable development is about positive growth- making economic, environmental, and social progress for this and future generations. The Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan must contribute to the achievement of sustainable development of which there are three dimensions: economic, social, and environmental. These dimensions give rise to the need for the planning system to perform several roles:
- a) an **economic** objective – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordination the provision of infrastructure;
  - b) a **social** objective – to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering a well-designed and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural wellbeing; and
  - c) an **environmental** objective – to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.
- 3.2 The following section summarises how the above sustainability objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework compare with the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan. This has been done by assessing the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan against each of the Planning Policy 'subjects' as contained within Sections 5 to 17 of the NPPF.

National Planning Policy Framework	How the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan supports objective
1 – Delivering a sufficient supply of homes	Providing a steer as to where new housing should be focused and the form development should take. Supporting a supply and mix of housing types to meet local needs, including smaller homes and First Homes.

<b>National Planning Policy Framework</b>	<b>How the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan supports objective</b>
<b>2 – Building a strong, competitive economy</b>	Support local businesses and employment, including the safeguarding and expansion of existing business establishments. Supports sustainable economic growth including through the business conversion of rural buildings and facilitates home working. Seeks the protection, improvement, enhancement and provision of community services and facilities, supporting the viability of the community,
<b>3 – Ensuring the vitality of town centres</b>	The parish has a limited range of basic services and facilities and an ambition of the plan is to protect the vitality of the community, supporting the retention of existing services and facilities and to seek their improvement.
<b>4 – Promoting healthy and safe communities</b>	Seeks the protection of the countryside and local green space and the protection and enhancement of Green Infrastructure. Protection and enhancement of community services and facilities, providing opportunities for people to meet and improve quality of life. Also seeks to protect residential amenity and tranquillity.
<b>5 – Promoting sustainable development</b>	Supports brownfield development and infill development within or on edge of the villages within the Parish. Seeks efficient use of land and also supports the re-use and conversion of buildings, as well as sustainable economic growth, including home working, and the provision of rural worker accommodation.
<b>6 – Supporting high quality communications</b>	Not applicable
<b>7 – Making effective use of land</b>	Supports infill housing development within the villages, facilitates the redevelopment of brownfield land and the re-use and conversion of buildings including redundant and disused buildings
<b>8 – Achieving well-designed places</b>	Includes policies to require development to respect the scale, form and character of its surroundings, and local materials and features, including landscape as well as the built environment. Seeks the protection of residential amenity and the protection of the countryside and landscape.
<b>9 - Protecting Green Belt Land</b>	Not applicable

<b>National Planning Policy Framework</b>	<b>How the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan supports objective</b>
<b>10 - Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change</b>	Seeks a net gain in green infrastructure and the sustainable design of new development. Supports the conversion and re-use and adaptation of existing buildings.
<b>11 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</b>	Protects the character of the countryside and landscape character, a defined Area of Separation, green infrastructure, Local Green Space and important views. Protects natural landscape from the harmful impacts of development, including from light pollution. Requires the impact of development to maintain and enhance ecological corridors and landscape features for biodiversity.
<b>12 - Conserving and enhancing the historic environment</b>	Seeks to preserve and enhance the historic environment and prevents against the loss of the historic environment, including non-designated assets of local importance.
<b>13 - Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals</b>	Not applicable.

## **4. Conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan**

- 4.1** Neighbourhood Development Plans must demonstrate that they are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted development plan for the local area. The current adopted plan for the area is the Melton Local Plan (Adopted October 2018) which covers the period 2011-2036.
- 4.2** The following sections identifies how the Policies of the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan are in general conformity with the relevant strategic policies of the Melton Local Plan.

### **Melton Local Plan 2011 - 2036**

- 4.3** The Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan is considered to conform to the following policies of the Melton Local Plan. The table below provides a further explanation of the conformity.

<b>Policy SS1:</b>	<b>Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development</b>
<b>Policy SS2:</b>	<b>Development Strategy</b>
<b>Policy SS3:</b>	<b>Sustainable Communities (Unallocated Sites)</b>
<b>Policy C2:</b>	<b>Housing Mix</b>
<b>Policy C5:</b>	<b>Affordable Housing through Rural Exception Sites</b>
<b>Policy C7:</b>	<b>Rural Services</b>
<b>Policy EN1:</b>	<b>Landscape</b>
<b>Policy EN2:</b>	<b>Biodiversity and Geodiversity</b>
<b>Policy EN3:</b>	<b>The Melton Green Infrastructure Network</b>
<b>Policy EN4:</b>	<b>Areas of Separation</b>
<b>Policy EN5:</b>	<b>Local Green Space</b>
<b>Policy EN6:</b>	<b>Settlement Character</b>
<b>Policy EN13:</b>	<b>Heritage Assets</b>
<b>Policy EC2:</b>	<b>Employment Growth in the Rural Area (outside Melton Mowbray)</b>
<b>Policy EC3:</b>	<b>Existing Employment Sites</b>
<b>Policy IN2:</b>	<b>Transport, Accessibility and Parking</b>
<b>Policy IN3:</b>	<b>Infrastructure Contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy</b>
<b>Policy D1:</b>	<b>Raising the Standard of Design</b>
<b>Policy D3:</b>	<b>Agricultural Workers' Dwelling</b>

- 4.4** Policy SS1 is an overarching policy that takes a positive approach to delivering sustainable development within the context of the Melton Local Plan, This is a theme that runs throughout the Melton Local Plan and reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework. It is considered that this theme runs throughout the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan and this is demonstrated in

the Basic Condition Statement. It is therefore considered to be in conformity with Policy SS1 of the Melton Local Plan.

<b>Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Policy</b>	<b>Melton Local Plan</b>	<b>Explanation of Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Conformity with the Melton Local Plan</b>
<b>B &amp; D1: Landscape Character</b>	<b>Policy EN1</b>	Seeks to conserve and enhance the local landscape and countryside, and ensuring new development is sensitive to its setting. Protection of important views and distinctive features.
<b>B &amp; D2: Dark Night Skies</b>	<b>Policy EN1</b>	Seeks the protection of the parish's dark skies and to minimise the impact of light pollution in the Neighbourhood Area.
<b>B &amp; D3: Great Dalby Character</b>	<b>Policies EN6 &amp; D1</b>	Supports development that is designed sensitively to the sympathetic to the form and character of Great Dalby, and respects the wider context of the local area and its distinctiveness. Seeks the protection of existing trees and hedges and settlement character.
<b>B &amp; D4: Burton Lazars Character</b>	<b>Policies EN6 &amp; D1</b>	Supports development that is designed sensitively to the sympathetic to the form and character of Burton Lazars, and respects the wider context of the local area and its distinctiveness. Seeks the protection of existing trees and hedges and settlement character.
<b>B &amp; D5: Area of Separation</b>	<b>Policies EN1 &amp; EN4</b>	Seeks to prevent the coalescence of Burton Lazars with Melton Mowbray, protecting the landscape between the settlements. Safeguards the individual character of Burton Lazars. The Neighbourhood Plan identifies an Area of Separation for this purpose.
<b>B &amp; D6: Little Dalby Character</b>	<b>Policies EN6 &amp; D1</b>	Supports development that is designed sensitively to be sympathetic to the form and

<b>Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Policy</b>	<b>Melton Local Plan</b>	<b>Explanation of Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Conformity with the Melton Local Plan</b>
		character of Little Dalby, and respects the wider context of the local area and its distinctiveness. Seeks the protection of settlement character.
<b>B &amp; D7: Green Infrastructure</b>	<b>Policies Cg &amp; EN3</b>	Seeks to deliver new Green Infrastructure assets and safeguard existing Green Infrastructure, Supports the multi-functional use of Green Infrastructure.
<b>B &amp; D8: Ecology and Biodiversity</b>	<b>Policy EN2</b>	<p>Seeks to protect the network of local ecological features and habitats.</p> <p>Seeks to protect these features and ensure new development does not harm these features.</p> <p>New development should conserve and enhance these features.</p> <p>Seeks a net gain in biodiversity and identifies priorities.</p>
<b>B &amp; D9: Local Green Spaces</b>	<b>Policies Cg &amp; EN5</b>	The Neighbourhood Plan has identified these areas for their recreation and amenity value, based on local evidence Protects the parish's unique and distinctive character
<b>B &amp; D10: Great Dalby Conservation Area</b>	<b>Policy EN13</b>	Seeks the protection of the parish's heritage assets through the preservation and enhancement of the special character of its Conservation Areas.
<b>B &amp; D11: Non-Designated Heritage Assets</b>	<b>Policy EN13</b>	Seeks the protection of the parish's non-designated heritage assets including archaeological sites. The Neighbourhood Plan identifies local heritage assets.
<b>B &amp; D12: Design</b>	<b>Policies Cg and D1</b>	Seeks a high quality of design and development that is sympathetic to the character of the area and that is sensitive to local qualities and features.

<b>Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Policy</b>	<b>Melton Local Plan</b>	<b>Explanation of Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Conformity with the Melton Local Plan</b>
		Protects residential amenity and makes adequate provision for parking.
<b>B and D13: Retention of Services and Facilities</b>	Policy C7 and C9	<p>Supports the safeguarding of services and facilities in the parish,</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan identifies the facilities to be safeguarded</p>
<b>B &amp; D14: Infrastructure</b>	Policies C7, C9 & IN3	<p>Supports the provision of identified additional community services to support community cohesion, well-being and sustainability of the villages within the parish.</p> <p>Other infrastructure identified includes traffic and parking management measures and Green Infrastructure facilities.</p> <p>Supports the delivery of sustainable communities through the provision of appropriate infrastructure, in proportion to the scale of the impact of development and taking into account issues of viability.</p>
<b>B &amp; D15: Housing in Great Dalby</b>	Policies SS2, SS3, C2 & D3	<p>Allows development within or on the edge of Great Dalby to meet local development needs and supports sustainable communities. Seeks to provide housing that meets local housing needs.</p> <p>The Melton Local Plan supports the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans that contain policies and proposals consistent with its strategic policies.</p>
<b>B &amp; D16: Windfall Housing in Burton Lazars</b>	Policies SS2, SS3, C2, C5, EN4, EN5 & D3	Allows development within or on the edge of Burton Lazars to meet local development needs and support sustainable communities. Seeks to provide

<b>Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Policy</b>	<b>Melton Local Plan</b>	<b>Explanation of Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Conformity with the Melton Local Plan</b>
		<p>housing that meets local housing needs.</p> <p>Protects the village's unique and distinctive character and prevent its coalescence with Melton Mowbray.</p> <p>Allows for the development of 'affordable homes' that will meet a local housing need.</p>
<b>B &amp; D17: Rural Housing</b>	<b>Policy SS2</b>	Supports development that is appropriate in the countryside supporting rural communities.
<b>B &amp; D18: Residential Conversion of Rural Buildings</b>	<b>Policy SS2</b>	Supports development that is appropriate in the countryside supporting rural communities.
<b>B &amp; D19: Rural Worker Accommodation</b>	<b>Policy D3</b>	Supports the provision of essential rural worker accommodation and therefore takes a proactive approach towards supporting a sustainable rural economy. Consideration will be given to the impact on the locality and proposals will be subject to an occupancy condition.
<b>B &amp; D20: Replacement Dwellings</b>	<b>Policy SS2, SS3, C2 &amp; EN3</b>	<p>Support development that is appropriate in the countryside supporting rural communities and satisfying local housing need.</p> <p>Ensures development is of a suitable scale and the protection of heritage assets.</p>
<b>B &amp; D21: Business Conversion of Rural Buildings</b>	<b>Policy EC2</b>	Takes a positive approach in supporting the local rural economy and rural diversification, which contributes to sustainable communities. Development is to be sympathetic to the rural character, including local rural road network, and attractiveness of the area. Allows for environmental improvements and

<b>Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Policy</b>	<b>Melton Local Plan</b>	<b>Explanation of Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan Conformity with the Melton Local Plan</b>
		enhancement to the area and seeks
<b>B &amp; D22: Working from Home</b>	<b>Policy EC2</b>	Takes a positive approach in supporting the local rural economy and rural diversification, which contributes to sustainable communities.
<b>B &amp; D23: Former Melton Airfield</b>	<b>Policy EC3</b>	Supports a sustainable rural economy and seeks the retention of B2 and B8 employment uses. Allows the development of non-B class uses on part of the site, provided it would not undermine the B class use of the industrial estate. Environmental benefits are also sought.

## **5. Compliance with European Union obligations**

**5.1 A neighbourhood plan or Order must be compatible with European Union obligations, as incorporated into UK law, in order to be legally compliant. There are three directives that may be of particular relevance to neighbourhood plans:**

- **Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (often referred to as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive). This seeks to provide a high level of protection of the environment by integrating environmental considerations into the process of preparing plans and programmes.**
- **Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora and Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds (often referred to as the Habitats and Wild Birds Directives respectively). These aim to protect and improve Europe's most important habitats and species.**

### **Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement**

**5.2 A Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Report (December 2021) for the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan was prepared by Melton Borough Council. This has been used to determine whether or not the contents of the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plan and Programmes Regulations 2004. Neighbourhood Plans only require a SEA where they are likely to lead to significant effects.**

**5.3 The Screening Report provides a screening opinion as to whether the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan is likely to lead to significant environmental effects. This exercise tests whether there are likely to be significant environment effects arising from the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.**

**5.4 The environmental assessment consultation bodies (Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency) have been consulted on this Screening Report and their responses are summarised below:**

- **Historic England – On the basis of the information supplied and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations {Annex II of 'SEA' Directive}, Historic England is of the view that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not likely to be required.**

- Natural England – We can confirm that it is considered unlikely that any significant environmental effects will result from the implementation of the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan.
- Environment Agency – We have reviewed the submitted information and do not disagree with the conclusion that an SEA would not be required.

**5.5** The outcome of this assessment concludes that while the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan will have some effect on the environment, the scale, location and nature of that proposed will not have significant environmental effects and will contribute to promoting sustainable development in the Parish, Therefore, it is considered that the Burton and Dalby should not be subject to a full SEA.

### **Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Statement**

**5.6** The Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Report (December 2021) was also used to inform of the potential effect of the Neighbourhood Plan on European Sites.

**5.7** The environmental assessment consultation bodies (Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency) have been consulted on this Screening Report and their responses are summarised below:

- Historic England – No specific comments received.
- Natural England – Natural England also agrees with the report's conclusions that Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan would not be likely to result in a significant effect on any European Site either alone or in combination and therefore no further assessment work under the Habitats Regulations would be required.
- Environment Agency – No specific comments received.

**5.8** This report concludes that there is likely to be no demonstrable impact on Rutland Water at all, nor on any other Natura 2000 site. Consequently, a full HRA assessment will not be required.

**5.9** Other European directives, such as the Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC), Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC) or the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) do not apply to the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan.

## **6. Other basic conditions**

**6.1 Regulations 32 and 33 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) prescribe 2 basic conditions in addition to those set out in the primary legislation. These are:**

- **the making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, which set out the habitat regulation assessment process for land use plans, including consideration of the effect on habitats sites;**
- **having regard to all material considerations, it is appropriate that the Neighbourhood Development Order is made (see Schedule 3 to the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), where the development described in an order proposal is Environmental Impact Assessment development.**

**6.2 As set out in above, it is considered that the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan will not affect any Natura 2000 sites in line with the findings of the Habitats Regulation Assessment undertaken of the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan.**

## **7. Equality Impact Assessment**

- 7.1** The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) places a duty on all public authorities in the exercise of their functions to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity, and to foster good relations between persons who have a “protected characteristic” and those who do not.
- 7.2** Under the Act a document like a Neighbourhood Plan must be assessed through an Equalities Impact Assessment before it can be adopted or implemented. The Equalities Impact Assessment of the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan (Appendix 1) has found no negative impacts on any protected characteristic by reference to data or evidence. As a result, no recommendations are made and the assessment finds the Neighbourhood Development Plan to be appropriate and that the duty prescribed by the Equalities Act 2010 is met.

## **8. Conclusions**

- 8.1** The Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 32 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) are met by the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan and all the policies therein. It is therefore respectfully suggested to the Examiner that the Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan complies with paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

# Appendix 1: Burton and Dalby Neighbourhood Plan – Equalities Impact Assessment

## Introduction

The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) places a duty of care on public bodies to eliminate unlawful discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity for specified equality groups. Under the Act a document like a Neighbourhood Plan must be assessed through an Equalities Impact Assessment before it can be adopted or implemented. The Assessment must address the 'protected characteristics' identified within the Act:

- age;
- disability;
- gender reassignment;
- marriage and civil partnership;
- pregnancy and maternity;
- race;
- religion or belief;
- sex; and
- sexual orientation.

The purpose of an Equality Impact Assessment is to help understand and ultimately protect the groups identified above from any adverse impact. This Assessment considers the needs of these particular groups and how they might be affected by the Burton and Dalby Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

## Methodology

The assessment considers whether the Plan has a positive, negative or neutral impact on each of the protected characteristics (in so far as data is available) by reference to the Key Issues and Policies of the Plan. Where an adverse impact is identified the Assessment considers whether that impact is high, medium or low.

**High impact:** a significant potential impact, risk of exposure, history of complaints, no mitigating measures in place etc.

**Medium impact:** some potential impact exists, some mitigating measures are in place, poor evidence.

**Low impact:** almost no relevancy to the process, e.g. an area that is very much legislation-led.

## Baseline Data

This Assessment has relied on Census data for 2011 published by the Office for National Statistics. Data is available for Burton and Dalby Parish for age, disability, race, religious belief and sex. There is no known data for gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity or sexual orientation.

In 2011 there were 985 people living in Burton and Dalby Parish, 50.9% were Male and 49.1% were Female. By Comparison, the figures for the United Kingdom were 49.3% (Male) and 50.7% (Female).

16.6% of the population was 0-15 years old and 20.4% were 65 or over. The UK proportion of over 65's was 16.3% and 18.9% for 0-15's.

1.8% of the population was from a black or minority ethnic (BME) background. The proportion of the UK population classed as 'non-white' was 14.3%.

70.9% of the population was Christian and 1.0% other religions including Buddhist and Muslim. By comparison 59.4% of the UK population consider themselves to be Christian.

5.4% of residents considered that their day-to-day activities were limited a lot through health and disability and a further 9.8% considered that their activities were limited a little. The comparable proportions for the UK were 8.9% (limited a lot) and 9.3% (limited a little).

62.0% of people who were 16 or over were married or in a registered civil partnership compared to 48.7% of people in the UK.

Gender reassignment and sexual orientation are generally invisible characteristics for which little reliable data exists at local level. There was also no data available for pregnancy or maternity.

### Summary

Generally, the proportion of Male/Females is comparable to the national picture.

The proportion of older people is noticeably higher than the national picture, and the proportion of 0-15 year olds lower.

The proportion of BMEs is noticeably lower than the national picture, common with rural areas.

The proportion of Christians is markedly higher to the national average, whilst the proportion of other religions is markedly lower.

### Key Issues and Policies of the Burton and Dalby Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan identifies the following key issues for Burton and Dalby Parish that the Neighbourhood Plan needs to address;

- The impact of traffic
- Maintaining an area of separation between Burton Lazars and Melton Mowbray
- Protecting green areas in the village
- Protecting the countryside
- Conserving local heritage

- Improving or retaining local services and facilities
- Protecting important views
- Protecting and improving nature conservation
- Meeting local housing needs
- Supporting an accessible countryside
- The design of new buildings
- Renewable Energy
- More employment opportunities for local people

These issues are reflected in the Vision Statement for the Burton and Dalby Parish Neighbourhood Plan;



The Neighbourhood Plan contains a suite of 23 policies to deliver against that vision and respond to the issues.

### Impact of Policies on Groups with Protected Characteristics

#### Age

Policy B&D16 requires new developments to deliver two bedroom properties and First Homes. This will assist in meet the housing needs of older and younger households.

Policy B&D7 seeks a net gain in green infrastructure and their multi-functional use. Policy B&D9 requires designated local green spaces to be protected and development will not normally be supported on these spaces if harm would occur. As green spaces include spaces which have recreational value this is likely to benefit the young who are engaged in play and this is considered to have potential for a positive impact.

Policy B&D13 makes provision for the retention of community services and facilities. This is seen as important for the long-term sustainability of Burton and Dalby parish. In addition, with an increasing proportion of older people in the population, access to locally based services will become increasingly important, reflecting lower mobility levels. Some of the parish services include a primary school, public house, cricket ground, village hall and places of worship. Their retention is considered to have a strong benefit for young and old alike and is considered to have a positive impact.

Furthermore, Policy B&D14 seeks infrastructure improvement including the provision of children's play area equipment and improvements to the primary school. This is likely to benefit the young, It also seeks improvement to the village halls and other community infrastructure facilities and this is considered to have a strong benefit for young and old alike.

### **Disability**

In requiring new developments to provide for a mix of homes to reflect evidence of need (Policy B&D16) there is a possibility that homes could be sought to the benefit of people with disabilities. However, the lack of evidence to include a specific requirement by reference to type of disability prevents a recommendation by this assessment for modification to the policy and leads to a conclusion that Policy B&D16 perhaps has only the potential for a neutral impact. There is no evidence, however, that would suggest a negative impact.

### **Gender reassignment**

The potential to secure high quality design under Policy B&D12, that creates places that work well for both occupants and users, may benefit the public realm and the opportunity for all the community to enjoy their built environment. Any improvement in sense of place and civic pride is generally believed to lead to positive places where people are better able to express themselves without fear of recrimination or hate crime. As a result, there is potential for a positive impact on this protected characteristic. However, due to the limited data related to this characteristic and the potential for tangible impacts being unknown this assessment concludes the impact to be neutral.

### **Marriage and civil partnership**

This assessment found no impacts on this protected characteristic.

### **Pregnancy and maternity**

There are potential benefits for this protected characteristic from the retention and improvement of key services and potential, such as the village halls (Policies B&D13 and B&D14). These impacts might be positive but the lack of data for this characteristic and any tangible evidence suggests that the impact should be considered neutral.

### **Race**

This assessment found no impacts on this protected characteristic.

### **Religion or belief**

There is a potential benefit for this protected characteristic from the protection and improvement of key services and facilities (Policies B&D13 and B&D14), including the village halls with potential for multi-use facilities, and places of worship. However, the uncertain prospects for demand and delivery draw the same conclusion that there is only a neutral impact although the potential for positive impacts should again be noted.

### **Sex**

This assessment found no impacts on this protected characteristic.

### **Sexual orientation**

The potential to secure high quality design under Policy B&D12, that creates places that work well for both occupants and users, may benefit the public realm and the opportunity for all the community to enjoy their built environment. Any improvement in sense of place and civic pride is generally believed to lead to positive places where people are better able to express themselves without fear of recrimination or hate crime. As a result, there is potential for a positive impact on this protected characteristic. However, due to the limited data related to this characteristic and the potential for tangible impacts being unknown this assessment concludes the impact to be neutral.

### **Conclusion**

The Burton and Dalby Parish Neighbourhood Plan provides a suite of policies to respond to the vision for the benefit of the local community including protected characteristics but perhaps most particularly older people, young people, mothers to be and those with young children.

The Neighbourhood Plan does not explicitly address the needs of those with disabilities, religious groups, or transgender, gay or lesbian groups, or inequalities of sex. However, the Neighbourhood Plan seeks a range of housing types, and seeks retention of and improvements in facilities and services which will benefit these groups equally. There is also the potential to provide a higher quality public realm where people with protected characteristics will be less liable to be subject to hate crime.

**In conclusion, this assessment has found no negative impacts on any protected characteristic by reference to data or evidence. As a result, no recommendations are made, and the assessment finds the Burton and Dalby Parish Neighbourhood Plan to be appropriate and that the duty of care prescribed by the Equalities Act 2010 is met.**