



Old Basing & Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review 2024-2042

**Basic Conditions Statement
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared by ET Planning, acting on behalf of Old Basing and Lychpit Parish Council (the qualifying body), to accompany the submission of the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review (2024–2042) to the Local Planning Authority.
- 1.2 This Basic Conditions Statement explains how the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review meets the basic conditions as set out in:
- Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by section 99 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023); and
 - Paragraph 11 of Schedule A2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 1.3 The Neighbourhood Plan Review covers the designated Neighbourhood Area for Old Basing and Lychpit, as approved by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. The Review updates the existing Neighbourhood Plan to ensure it remains relevant, up to date and aligned with current national and local planning policy, while continuing to reflect local priorities.
- 1.4 The Neighbourhood Plan Review relates to the development and use of land within the designated Neighbourhood Area and does not include policies relating to excluded development.

Background for the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review

- 1.5 The Made Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan comprises of 8 polices. The Neighbourhood Plan Review proposes to make

modifications to a number of these existing policies and seeks to subdivide some of these policies into their own policies. Therefore the submission draft proposes 10 policies in total within the Reviewed Neighbourhood Plan.

- 1.6 The Neighbourhood Plan Review has benefitted from a positive relationship between the Parish Council and Borough Council with effective communication and advice taken throughout a number of stages of the process including engagement with the Planning Policy Team at an early stage of the review process.
- 1.7 This Basic Conditions Statement focuses on explaining how the modified, new and updated policies meet the basic conditions. The policies continue to relate to the development and use of land in the designated Neighbourhood area.
- 1.8 The submission Neighbourhood Plan documents comprise of:
 - The Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review 2024-2042
 - The Basic Conditions Statement
 - The Consultation Statement
 - The Modification Proposal Statement
 - Statement from BDBC relating to the re-screening on the NPR for Strategic Environment Assessment and Habitat Regulations
 - Evidence base documents

2. The Basic Conditions (as amended by the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023)

2.1 In accordance with paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by section 99 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023, which came into force on 25 March 2026), a Neighbourhood Plan must meet the following Basic Conditions:

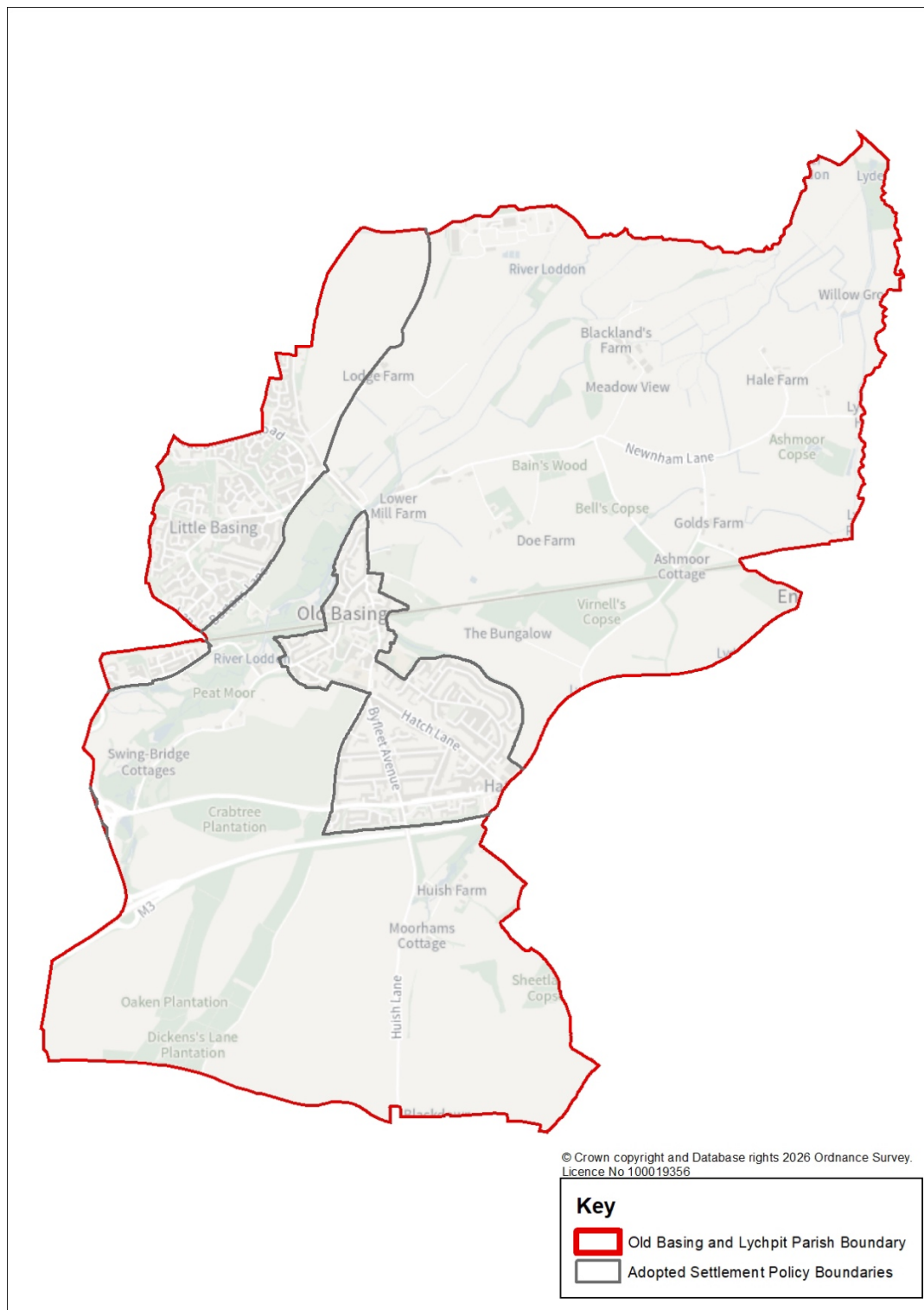
- a) Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan;
- d) The making of the Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- ea) The making of the Neighbourhood Plan would not result in the development plan for the area of the authority providing less housing through development than would be the case if the neighbourhood plan were not made;
- f) The making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, assimilated obligations;
- fa) Any requirements imposed in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan by or under Part 6 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Environmental Outcomes Reports) have been complied with; and
- g) Prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and prescribed matters have been complied with.

2.2 This Basic Conditions Statement addresses each of these basic conditions in turn.

Effect of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023

- 2.3 The Basic Conditions for neighbourhood planning were amended by section 99 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023, which came into force on 25 March 2026.
- 2.4 These amendments introduce a revised approach to the examination of neighbourhood plans. In particular:
- 2.5 The previous requirement for neighbourhood plans to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan has been removed. In its place, a new condition (basic condition ea) has been introduced to ensure that neighbourhood plans do not undermine housing delivery. Specifically, neighbourhood plans must not result in less housing being provided than would be delivered in its absence.
- 2.6 In addition, a new Basic Condition (condition fa) requires that neighbourhood plans comply with any requirements relating to Environmental Outcomes Reports introduced under Part 6 of the 2023 Act.
- 2.7 The remaining Basic Conditions are largely unchanged.
- 2.8 The Parish Council published its Modification Proposal and Modification Proposal Statement in January 2026 for the statutory minimum six-week consultation period in accordance with Regulation 14. The representations made on those documents have been analysed to inform minor amendments to the submitted documentation. A full record of the consultation process and outcome is provided in the separate Consultation Statement, as required per Regulation 15 (1)(b).

**Figure 1: Old Basing and Lychpit Designated Neighbourhood Plan
Area**



3. Conformity with National Planning Policy: (Basic Condition a)

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Plan is required to take into account national policy and follow guidance provided by the Secretary of State. It must also align with the overall strategic policies of the development plan that applies to the specific area. The conformity assessment below provides a summary of how the Neighbourhood Plan relates to the applicable national planning guidance and strategic development plan policies.
- 3.2 In relation to condition a) having regard to national planning policy, the following section outlines how the Review of the Neighbourhood Plan achieves this. This requirement is a policy expectation within the NPPF rather than a Basic Condition following the amendments introduced by the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023.

National Planning Policy Framework

- 3.3 The Neighbourhood Plan is required to take into account national policy and guidance provided by the Secretary of State. The Plan must also align with the overall strategic policies of the development plan that applies to the specific area. The below assessment provides a summary of how the Neighbourhood Plan relates to the applicable national planning guidance and strategic development plan policies.
- 3.4 With regard to basic condition a). the Neighbourhood Plan Review has been prepared with full regard to national policy, in particular the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

- 3.5 The National Planning Policy Framework (2024) sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.
- 3.6 The NPPF at paragraph 13 confirms that Neighbourhood Plans should support the delivery of sustainable development, shape and direct development in their area, and contain non-strategic policies that reflect local priorities, while being in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan.
- 3.7 In line with paragraph 29 of the NPPF the Neighbourhood Plan contains non-strategic policies, which can include 'allocating sites, the provision of infrastructure and community facilities at a local level, establishing design principles, conserving and enhancing the natural and historic environment and setting out other development management policies.'
- 3.8 The Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review includes locally distinctive, non-strategic policies relating to matters such as:
- Settlement character and identity
 - Housing mix
 - Design quality
 - Local Green Spaces
 - Landscape, biodiversity and heritage
- 3.9 These matters are consistent with the scope and role of neighbourhood planning as set out in the NPPF.

3.10 The Plan has also been prepared in accordance with paragraph 16 of the NPPF, ensuring that policies are clearly written, unambiguous and capable of being applied consistently in decision-making.

3.11 The below table sets out how the modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan have regard to the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF:

Policy Number	Policy Title	NPPF paragraph reference	Commentary
OB&L 1	Settlement Boundaries and Countryside	7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 29, 32, 80, 81, 101, 105, 127, 130, 132	The Old Basing and Lychpit Settlement Policy Boundary takes into account the NPPF. It is not proposed to amend the SPB through the Review of the Neighbourhood Plan. The spatial strategy for the Neighbourhood Plan seeks to focus development to the most sustainable and appropriate locations within the Parish.
OB&L 2	Biodiversity, Landscape and the River Loddon	29, 32, 183, 184, 188, 189	The policy seeks for applications to have regard to the River Loddon and its floodplain as well as biodiversity net gain in planning, as required by the NPPF. It also seeks to protect landscape character.

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Policy Number	Policy Title	NPPF paragraph reference	Commentary
OB&L 3	Local Gap	8, 29, 32, 80, 104, 105, 154, 183, 184, 188, 189	The policy seeks to promote sustainable development in rural areas, whilst ensuring that the distinct identity and village character of Old Basing and Lychpit Parish are maintained. It also has three main functions, which include safeguarding the settlement identity, protection and conservation of landscape setting of the village and a role in providing opportunities for green and blue infrastructure provision.
OB&L 4	Protection of Iconic views	29, 31, 132, 183, 185, 199	The policy seeks to protect the landscape and identifies key views. This is in line with the NPPF which requires applications to contribute to and enhance the local landscape setting.
OB&L 5	Protection and enhancement of Local Green Spaces	29, 32, 103, 104, 105, 106	The proposed Local Green Spaces within the plan (of which 7 have been identified and proposed to be designated) have been assessed against the criterion within the NPPF. This has also been evidenced within the Local Green Spaces

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Policy Number	Policy Title	NPPF paragraph reference	Commentary
			Assessment (January 2026), which has also been submitted and forms the evidence base of the Modified Neighbourhood Plan. The policy aligns with the requirements outlined in paragraph 103 by making designation proposals that are supported by evidence to meet the criteria in paragraph 104. The language used in the policy also reflects the Green Belt equivalency stated in paragraph 106.
OB&L 6	Protection of Historic Environment	29, 32, 130, 199, 193, 194, 202, 214, 216, 217	This policy has been drafted in accordance with section 16 of the NPPF which seeks to conserve and enhance the historic environment and paragraph 203 which requires that plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment. It supports a positive strategy for the historic environment, ensuring that proposals are informed by an understanding

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Policy Number	Policy Title	NPPF paragraph reference	Commentary
			of significance and that harm is avoided or minimised.
OB&L 7	Appearance of Development	12, 29, 32, 130, 131, 132, 134. 135, 136	This policy encourages development which is of high quality design and contributes positively to the character and local distinctiveness of the Parish. The NPPF seeks for new development to be of a high quality design and emphasises the use of Design Codes, particularly at a parish level. The policy and design code is therefore considered to be in accordance with the requirements and aspirations of the NPPF.
OB&L 8	Housing Mix	7, 8, 9, 30, 32, 73, 74, 79, 80, 132	The policy seeks to provide a mix of housing in the Parish. This is in line with the NPPF which seeks balanced communities and requires plans to cater for current and future needs, and to identify size, type and tenure to provide affordable needs where suitable.

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Policy Number	Policy Title	NPPF paragraph reference	Commentary
OB&L 9	Sustainable Transport and Movement Routes	7, 8, 9, 112, 118	This policy seeks to promote sustainable development, ensure accessibility, and enhance connectivity. The policy aligns with section 9 of the NPPF which seeks to promote sustainable transport, and seeks to prioritise walking, cycling and public transport. In particular, the policy aligns with paragraph 109 of the NPPF which seeks to identify transport solutions that deliver well designed, sustainable and popular places.
OB&L 10	Developer Contributions	35, 36, 57, 58	The policy sets out the contributions must be delivered in accordance with the Community Aspirations/CIL list. The policy aligns with paragraph 35 of the NPPF. The policy ensures that development contributes appropriately to infrastructure required to mitigate its impacts. It reflects national policy on planning obligations

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Policy Number	Policy Title	NPPF paragraph reference	Commentary
			and infrastructure delivery, ensuring that contributions are necessary, directly related to development, and fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind.

- 1.1 It is therefore considered that the Neighbourhood Plan Review has appropriate regard to national planning policy and meets **Basic Condition (a)**.

4. Contributing to Achieving Sustainable Development: (Basic Condition d)

- 4.1 In relation to condition d) contributing to achieving sustainable development, this section outlines how the modified Neighbourhood Plan meets this basic condition.
- 4.2 The NPPF (2024) states that the planning system's purpose is to contribute to sustainable development, which means meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. This is in line with the United Nations' Global Goals for Sustainable Development.
- 4.3 The planning system has three main objectives: economic, social, and environmental.
- The economic objective involves ensuring sufficient land is available for growth and coordinating infrastructure provision.
 - The social objective aims to provide enough homes and well-designed, accessible places that support community well-being.
 - The environmental objective focuses on protecting and enhancing the natural, built, and historic environment.
- 4.4 These three objectives should be pursued through the preparation and implementation of plans and policies, taking local circumstances into account. The Framework has a presumption in favour of sustainable development.
- 4.5 The Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review contributes positively to all three objectives as follows:

Economic Role

- Supports appropriate development within the Parish that contributes to the local economy
- Provides clear and proportionate planning policies to guide decision-making

Social Role

- Supports the delivery of a mix of housing sizes to meet local needs
- Protects community assets and local green spaces
- Promotes high-quality design that supports healthy and inclusive communities

Environmental Role

- Protects the landscape setting and character of Old Basing and Lychpit
- Enhances biodiversity and ecological networks
- Conserves heritage assets and important views
- Minimises environmental impacts such as light pollution

4.6 The table below sets out how the Modified Neighbourhood Plan and its policies contributes to sustainable development:

NPPF sustainable development criterion (Paragraph 8):	How the SSJ NP Review contributes to this element of sustainable development:
<i>a) an economic objective – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that</i>	Policy OB&L 1 (Settlement Policy Boundary and Countryside) supports

NPPF sustainable development criterion (Paragraph 8):	How the SSJ NP Review contributes to this element of sustainable development:
<i>sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure;</i>	sustainable development and the development of new housing within the settlement boundaries by directing growth to the most appropriate and sustainable locations where access to services and infrastructure is strongest, this supports the efficient use of land and helps maintain a sustainable pattern of development consistent with the strategic framework. This is also echoed in Policy SSJ3 (The rural character of the parish).
<i>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 well-designed, beautiful and safe places, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support</i>	Policy OB&L 1 (Settlement Policy Boundary and the Countryside) supports sustainable development including development within the SPB and where criterion are met outside of the SPB and where access to local services and facilities is more appropriate.

NPPF sustainable development criterion (Paragraph 8):	How the SSJ NP Review contributes to this element of sustainable development:
<i>communities' health, social and cultural well-being;</i>	Policy OB&L 7 (Appearance of Development) character and local distinctiveness of the Parish ensures that new development is of a high quality design that reflects local character and contributes positively to the built environment. Policy OB&L 8 (Housing Mix) supports the provision of a range of dwelling types and sizes, including smaller homes, to meet the needs of different groups within the community and support a balanced and inclusive population.
<i>c) an environmental objective – to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, improving biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting</i>	Policy OB&L 2 (Biodiversity, Landscape and the River Loddon) supports development that conserves and enhances the local environment and gains in biodiversity.

NPPF sustainable development criterion (Paragraph 8):	How the SSJ NP Review contributes to this element of sustainable development:
<i>to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.</i>	Policy OB&L 3 (Local Gap) supports the inclusion of a local gap which seeks to protect the natural environment and character of the land whilst preventing coalescence. Policy OB&L 4 (Iconic Views) seeks to protect the natural environment and retain a number of identified key views. Policy OB&L 5 (Protection and enhancement of Local Green Spaces) supports the natural environment by maintaining areas of Local Green Space of particular local environmental and recreational value. Policy OB&L 6 (Protection of Historic Environment) seeks to protect the historic environment. Policy OB&L 9 (Sustainable Transport and Movement

NPPF sustainable development criterion (Paragraph 8):	How the SSJ NP Review contributes to this element of sustainable development:
	Routes) promote sustainable development and travel choices, improved connectivity, ensure accessibility, and enhance connectivity.

4.7 In addition, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council along with the three statutory consultees have determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is not required as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Review.

4.8 In summary, the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review contributes to the achievement of sustainable development by:

- Planning positively for windfall housing development, to help meet the needs of present and future generations.
- Provide opportunities for a range of housing sizes to be delivered through the inclusion of a housing mix policy.
- Protecting and enhancing the natural, built and historic environment of Old Basing and Lychpit and surrounding countryside through a design, key views, biodiversity, ecology and local gap policies.

- Securing social, physical and green infrastructure needed to support the Parish.

4.9 It is therefore considered that the modified Neighbourhood Plan complies with basic condition d) as demonstrated within this section.

5. Housing Delivery: (Basic Condition ea)

- 5.1 Basic Condition ea requires that: “The making of the Neighbourhood Plan would not result in the development plan for the area of the authority providing less housing than would be provided if the neighbourhood plan were not made.”
- 5.2 This replaces the previous requirement for neighbourhood plans to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan.
- 5.3 The purpose of this condition is to ensure that neighbourhood plans do not constrain or undermine the delivery of housing identified through the development plan process.
- 5.4 The Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review has been prepared having regard to this requirement and has been positively framed to support the delivery of housing within the Borough.
- 5.5 The Neighbourhood Plan Review does not allocate sites for housing development. However, this approach reflects the specific local context and does not result in a reduction in housing delivery for the following reasons:
- The Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan (2011–2029) and emerging Local Plan Update identify significant levels of strategic housing growth within and adjacent to the Parish, including:
 - Site SS3.1 (Swing Swang Lane), which has been completed; and

- Site SS3.9 / SPS5.4 (Land East of Basingstoke), which is expected to deliver a substantial number of dwellings.

5.6 These strategic allocations form the primary mechanism for housing delivery in the area and will continue to come forward irrespective of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan Review does not seek to prevent, delay or reduce the delivery of these strategic sites.

5.7 The policies within the Neighbourhood Plan Review support housing delivery by:

- Supporting development within the defined Settlement Policy Boundaries (Policy OB&L 1), where access to services and infrastructure is strongest;
- Supporting appropriate windfall development, subject to compliance with relevant policies;
- Supporting a mix of housing sizes and types (Policy OB&L 8), including smaller dwellings to meet identified local needs;
- Providing clear, locally specific design and environmental policies to guide development, thereby increasing certainty for applicants and decision-makers.

5.8 The Plan does not introduce policies that would restrict housing delivery beyond the application of national policy or existing development plan policies.

5.9 The Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review:

- Does not allocate less housing than would otherwise be delivered;
- Does not undermine the delivery of strategic housing sites; and

- Supports the delivery of windfall and small-scale housing development in appropriate locations.

5.10 Notwithstanding the progression of the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan Update, including the completion of a second Regulation 18 consultation in January 2026, This set out a proposed strategy for meeting needs (including housing and employment floorspace) over the plan period up to at least 2042, this remains an early stage in the plan-making process. In accordance with national policy, including paragraph 48 of the National Planning Policy Framework, limited weight can be attributed to emerging policies at this stage.

5.11 A Regulation 18 plan represents an early stage in plan making and as such is afforded limited weight in decision-making in line with Paragraph 48 of the NPPF which states that the weight to be given to emerging policies depends on factors including the stage of preparation.

5.12 In this regard, the Neighbourhood Plan has had regard to the emerging Regulation 18 plan where relevant. However, the Plan has primarily been prepared to be in general conformity with the adopted development plan, which continues to carry full weight.

5.13 The relevant Development Plan for the purposes of this assessment is therefore the adopted Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan (2011-2029), which continues to carry full weight in decision-making. The Neighbourhood Plan Review has, however, had regard to the emerging Local Plan where relevant, particularly in understanding the scale and location of proposed future growth.

5.14 Accordingly, it is considered that the making of the Neighbourhood Plan Review would not result in less housing being provided than would be the case if the Plan were not made. The Plan is therefore positively prepared in respect of housing delivery and is consistent with the intent of Section 99 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023.

5.15 The Plan therefore complies with Basic Condition (ea).

6. Compatibility with EU Obligations and Human Rights: (Basic Conditions f and g)

- 6.1 In relation to condition f and g) compatibility with EU-derived legislations, the following section outlines the compliance of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 6.2 The Neighbourhood Plan Review has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act. The Plan has been subject to extensive engagement with those people local to the area who could be affected by its policies and their views have been taken into account in finalising the Plan.
- 6.3 The Neighbourhood Plan Review is compatible with retained EU obligations and does not breach the European Convention on Human Rights.
- 6.4 The Plan has been subject to proportionate and inclusive consultation, as documented in the accompanying Consultation Statement. The consultation process ensured that individuals and groups had the opportunity to participate in the plan-making process and that their views were considered.
- 6.5 Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, together with statutory consultees, determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was not required for the Neighbourhood Plan Review. A screening opinion was issued by BDBC in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan Review, which notes that the NP has no potential significant environmental effects.
- 6.6 No concerns have been raised regarding the potential violation of human rights during previous consultations. Given the

compatibility of the plan with the strategic policies of the Local Plan and its adherence to National Planning Policy, it can reasonably be concluded that the implementation of the plan will not infringe upon human rights.

6.7 The Neighbourhood Plan Review is not subject to any specific requirements under Part 6 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 relating to Environmental Outcomes Reports. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, in consultation with the relevant statutory bodies, has confirmed through the Strategic Environmental Assessment screening process that the Plan is not likely to have significant environmental effects and does not require SEA. Accordingly, no Environmental Outcomes Report is required, and Basic Condition (fa) is met.

6.8 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan Review which is in Appendix A. The EqIA concludes that the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan Review are expected to have a neutral or positive impact and do not discriminate against individuals or groups with protected characteristics.

6.9 It is therefore considered that the modified Neighbourhood Plan complies with basic conditions f) and g) as demonstrated within this section.

7. Conclusion

7.1 The Basic Conditions set out in Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 are considered to be met by the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review. It is therefore respectfully suggested to the Examiner that the Neighbourhood Plan Review complies with Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Act and Paragraph 11 of Schedule A2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

7.2 This Basic Conditions Statement has demonstrated how each of the relevant basic conditions has been met. In summary, the Neighbourhood Plan Review:

- has appropriate regard to national planning policy;
- contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- does not result in less housing being provided than would be the case in the absence of the Plan;
- does not breach and is otherwise compatible with retained EU obligations;
- is compatible with human rights requirements; and
- has been prepared in accordance with the prescribed statutory procedures.

7.3 An Equalities Impact Assessment is included at Appendix A. This concludes that the Neighbourhood Plan Review sets out a development strategy for the village and includes policies and proposals that are expected to have neutral or positive impacts for people with protected characteristics.

7.4 The Parish Council therefore respectfully submits the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan Review (2024–2042) to the Local Planning Authority for examination.

Appendix A – Equalities Impact Assessment

1. The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on all public authorities in the exercise of their functions to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between persons who have a “protected characteristic” and those who do not.
2. “Protected characteristics” are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage & civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
3. Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is the systematic analysis of a policy or policies, in order to identify the potential for an adverse impact on a particular group or community, in particularly those with a protected characteristic. It is a method of assessing and recording the likely differential and/or adverse impact of a policy on people from different groups so that if a policy results in unfairness or discrimination then changes to eliminate or lessen the impact be considered.
4. This report assesses the Submission Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Development Plan Review to ensure that Old Basing and Lychpit Parish Council (as the qualifying body responsible for preparing the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Development Plan) is satisfying its statutory duties in this regard. Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is a systematic analysis of a policy or policies, in order to explore the potential for an adverse impact on a particular group or community. It is a method of assessing and recording the likely differential and/or adverse impact of a policy on people from different groups. If a policy results in unfairness or discrimination, then changes to eliminate or lessen the impact should be considered.

5. The purpose of the analysis is to increase participation and inclusion, to change the culture of public decision-making and to place a more proactive approach to the promotion of equality and fairness at the heart of public policy. The processes involved in conducting the analysis should not be looked on as an end in themselves. Instead, it should be borne in mind that the aim is the promotion of fairness and equality of opportunity and thus it is the outcomes that are of primary concern. In undertaking the EqIA, it is important to keep in mind why the SSJNP is needed, what the intended outcomes are, and how it will be ensured that the policies will work as intended.
6. An assessment has been made on whether the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Development Plan has a positive, negative or neutral impact on each of the protected characteristics (in so far as data is available). The vision and objectives of the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Development Plan have been assessed, and individual policies are highlighted where they are considered likely to have a negative impact.
7. All written communication was provided in English and it was not considered necessary to translate them into any other language, based on data available from Nomis.
8. Throughout the preparation of the Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Development Plan the Parish Council has encouraged engagement with the local community in planning for the future development of the parish.
9. A specific consultation website was set up via: <https://oldbasingnp.co.uk/>.
10. Consultation has taken place after widespread advertisement. Public notices were also published on noticeboards in the local community. Updates have been published monthly in the Parish

magazine and online on the Parish website and on the Parish Council's Facebook page.

11. Two public drop in consultation sessions were held at Lychpit Community Hall on Monday 9 February 2026 between 11:30 and 15:30 and Saturday 28 February 2026 between 10:00 and 15:00. These sessions were informal and allowed residents to attend at any time during the advertised hours
12. Printed copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan Review and supporting documents were made available for public inspection throughout the consultation period to ensure accessibility for those without internet access. These were provided at a number of locations across the parish, including the Royal British Legion in Old Basing, St Mary's Church, Chineham Library and the Parish Office. These venues were selected to provide a range of access points, including daytime, evening and weekend availability. In addition, a full set of documents and paper response forms were available at Lychpit Community Hall during consultation events.

	Objective/policy	Likely impact (Positive/Neutral /Negative?)	Commentary
OB&L 1	Settlement Policy Boundary and Countryside	Neutral	Policy is intended to preserve the rural character of the area and directs development to the built up area. No mitigation required.
OB&L 2	Biodiversity, Landscape and the River Loddon	Positive	Policy is intended to improve the local environment and would be

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	Objective/policy	Likely impact (Positive/Neutral /Negative?)	Commentary
			neutrally beneficially for a number of groups in the parish. No mitigation required.
OB&L 3	Local Gap	Neutral	Policy is intended to preserve the rural character of the area and ensure green infrastructure is provided to benefit all ages and categories. No mitigation required.
OB&L 4	Protection of Iconic views	Positive	Beneficial for all categories as the policy is intended to preserve the rural character of the area. No mitigation required.
OB&L 5	Protection and enhancement of Local Green Spaces	Positive	Policy is intended to preserve and enhance the built environment. No mitigation required.
OB&L 6	Protection of Historic Environment	Neutral	Policy is intended to preserve the historic character of the area. No mitigation required.
OB&L 7	Appearance of Development	Positive	Policy is intended to improve the design locally and should benefit all the categories to improve the

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	Objective/policy	Likely impact (Positive/Neutral /Negative?)	Commentary
			overall design of development in the Parish. No mitigation required.
OB&L 8	Housing Mix	Positive	Positive for all ages and a number of categories as the policy seeks to retain smaller dwellings suitable for young families and older population. It also seeks appropriate housing mix for all groups. No mitigation required.
OB&L 9	Sustainable Transport and Movement Routes	Positive	Positive for all ages as it seeks for safe and direct access to pedestrian and cycle routes as well as enhancements to connectivity to promote access for all.
OB&L 10	Developer Contributions	Positive	Developer contributions ensure that the parish can safeguard accessibility, enhance connectivity and promote sustainable travel choices for all new and existing residents.

Conclusion on Equalities impact Assessment

13. The Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan outlines a development strategy for the village and includes policies and proposals that will benefit various parts of the local community with protected characteristics. These include older people, young people, mothers-to-be and those with young children, disabled individuals, and people with limited mobility.
14. However, it does not specifically address the needs of racial or religious groups, transgender individuals, gay or lesbian groups, or women. Nevertheless, the Neighbourhood Plan does ensure the provision of affordable housing and a diverse range of housing options. Additionally, it aims to enhance social, community, and leisure facilities that will benefit these groups equally. The Plan also prioritises creating a safer public environment where individuals with protected characteristics are less likely to experience discrimination.
15. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken to assess the potential impacts of the Neighbourhood Plan Review on groups with protected characteristics, as defined by the Equality Act 2010. The assessment concludes that the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan Review are expected to have a **neutral or positive impact** across protected groups and that no mitigation measures are required.

