

Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan

2018 - 2043

Basic Conditions Statement
September 2026 Update



1. Introduction

This Basic Conditions Statement has been produced to accompany the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan (referred to as 'the Plan') to its submission to the local planning authority, Cotswold District Council, under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) ('the Regulations').

The provisions of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Commencement No. 11 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 (UK Statutory Instruments 2026 No. 169 (C. 16)) ('the 2023 Regulations') came into force recently on 25th March 2026.

The 2023 Regulations have brought into force Section 98 of the Levelling up and Regeneration Act (LURA) (contents of a neighbourhood development plan) and section 99 (neighbourhood development plans and orders; basic conditions). These new rules amend parts of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

This document has been updated in September 2026 to reflect those amendments.

Basic Conditions

Paragraph 11(2) of Schedule A2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, as amended by LURA 2023, states that a Neighbourhood Plan will be considered to have met the basic conditions if:

- a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan,
- b) the making of the plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
- ca) the making of the plan would not result in the development plan for the area of the authority proposing that less housing is provided by means of development taking place in that area than if the draft plan were not to be made,
- d) the making of the plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, assimilated obligations,
- da) any requirements imposed in relation to the plan by or under Part 6 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (environmental outcomes reports) have been complied with*, and,
- e) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the plan.

Other requirements

*Section 98(3) of LURA 2023 modifies Section 38B of PCPA 2004 by adding the following paragraph:

(2B) So far as the qualifying body considers appropriate, having regard to the subject matter of the neighbourhood development plan, the plan must—

(a) be designed to secure that the development and use of land in the neighbourhood area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change, and

(b) take account of any local nature recovery strategy, under section 104 of the Environment Act 2021, that relates to all or part of the neighbourhood area, including in particular—

(i) the areas identified in the strategy as areas which—

(A) are, or could become, of particular importance for biodiversity,
or

(B) are areas where the recovery or enhancement of biodiversity could make a particular contribution to other environmental benefits,

(ii) the priorities set out in the strategy for recovering or enhancing biodiversity, and

(iii) the proposals set out in the strategy as to potential measures relating to those priorities.

2. Compliance with the Basic Conditions

Basic Condition (a) - having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan;

It is required that the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan has appropriate regard to national planning policy and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State. National policy and guidance is contained within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

National Planning Policy Framework

This section demonstrates that the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan has policies that meet, or do not compromise, the sustainable development objectives of the NPPF (December 2024, para 17):

*a. **An economic objective** – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that 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;*

*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 community facilities, public service infrastructure and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being; and*

*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 to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.*

The Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan has 16 principal objectives; they are listed in Table 1 below and which NPPF goals each objective seeks to address.

Table 2 then provides a summary of how each policy in the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan conforms specifically to the NPPF.

Table 1

Ref	Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	NPPF (Dec 2024) Objectives
1	New developments to be energy efficient and climate adaptive	▪ Achieving well-designed places ▪ Meeting the challenge of climate change
2	New developments to provide a range of housing to meet the needs of local people	▪ Delivering a sufficient supply of homes ▪ Achieving well-designed places
3	New developments on brownfield sites to take priority over greenfield sites	▪ Delivering a sufficient supply of homes ▪ Achieving well-designed places
4	To ensure new homes are of high-quality design and built to Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) standards	▪ Achieving well-designed places ▪ Meeting the challenge of climate change
5	Ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place to support new development prior to completion of the project.	▪ Achieving well-designed places ▪ Meeting the challenge of climate change
6	To support the provision of principal residence housing for those wishing to live in Moreton in Marsh	▪ Delivering a sufficient supply of homes ▪ Building a strong, competitive economy
7	New developments to facilitate and support the growth of the business base within Moreton-in-Marsh, creating more jobs across a diverse range of sectors	▪ Building a strong, competitive economy ▪ Ensuring the vitality of town centres
8	Support development of small business units/shared space	▪ Building a strong, competitive economy ▪ Ensuring the vitality of town centres
9	New developments to support and sustain a vibrant attractive and successful town centre that meets the needs of the local community and visitors	▪ Building a strong, competitive economy ▪ Ensuring the vitality of town centres ▪ Achieving well-designed places

10	Improve the public realm and traffic management within and through the town to provide easier, safer and more pleasant access for residents and visitors, using developer contributions	▪ Building a strong, competitive economy ▪ Ensuring the vitality of town centres Support strong, vibrant and healthy communities ▪ Promoting healthy communities ▪ Achieving well-designed places ▪ Promoting sustainable transport
11	Protect and maintain open green spaces	▪ Conserving and enhancing our natural environment ▪ Promoting healthy communities
12	Protect and maintain archaeological and built heritage assets deemed to be of value to the community	▪ Conserving and enhancing our natural environment
13	Preserve and increase opportunities for biodiversity net-gain	▪ Conserving and enhancing our natural environment ▪ Promoting healthy communities
14	Preserve important views within the parish	▪ Conserving and enhancing our natural environment ▪ Promoting healthy communities
15	Protect the sensitive natural environment and exceptional rural assets surrounding Moreton-in-Marsh	▪ Conserving and enhancing our natural environment ▪ Promoting healthy communities
16	Create a more connected parish for residents and visitors alike, limiting the need for vehicular travel within the town and offering a genuine choice of transport options to help reduce congestion and emissions, to improve air quality and public health	▪ Promoting healthy communities ▪ Promoting sustainable transport

Table 2

No.	Policy title and reference	NPPF (Dec 2024) para ref.	Commentary
1	Climate Adaption and Energy Efficiency in Developments	161, 162, 164, 167	Seeks to encourage the use of renewable energy in homes and transportation.
2	Managing Flood Risk	161, 162, 170-8, 181	Seeks to mitigate issues caused by surface water flooding and minimise impacts of development on water quality
3	Housing Mix	63	The policy contributes to the NPPF objective of delivering a sufficient supply of homes by requiring the mix of housing development to reflect local need.
4	Affordable Housing	63, 64, 66	The policy contributes to the NPPF objective of delivering a sufficient supply of homes by requiring the mix of housing development to reflect local need.
5	Well-designed housing and Places	29, 125, 131, 132, 134, 135	The policy contributes to the NPPF objectives of achieving well designed places, promoting sustainable transport and meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change. It does this by requiring development to reflect townscape character, provide good walking and cycling connections and cycle storage and be water efficient and meet the highest possible standards of construction.
6	Parking in Residential Developments	109, 112	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of promoting sustainable transport by seeking to ensure new residential developments provide appropriate levels of parking facilities.
7	Brownfield first	124, 125, 126	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of making effective use of land by directing development towards the built-up area of Moreton-in-Marsh. This allows for further growth in the town on infill or brownfield sites.
8	Hard Infrastructure	11, 29, 35 40, 109	Seeks to ensure the necessary infrastructure and utility provision is considered and provided in full to support new developments.
9	Soft Infrastructure	11, 16, 29, 35, 40, 98	Seeks to ensure the necessary infrastructure and utility provision is considered and provided in full to support new developments.
10	Principal residence housing	66, 82	The policy contributes to the NPPF objective of delivering a sufficient supply of homes to reflect local need.

No.	Policy title and reference	NPPF ref. (para.)	Commentary
11	Employment Land	85, 111, 128	Seeks to sustain a vibrant attractive and successful town that meets the needs of the local community and visitors
12	Small Business Units	88, 111, 128	Seeks to support the creation of new businesses serving local needs where these are otherwise not available and where they are easily accessible to the whole community
13	Retail Provision	85, 88, 89, 90	The policy contributes to the NPPF objectives of building a strong, competitive economy and securing the vitality of town centres by seeking to protect existing retail units from being lost to alternative uses.
14	Infrastructure Investment Priorities	35, 96	Seeks to improve access to key facilities within Moreton-in-Marsh and ensure the necessary infrastructure is delivered to ensure that users have alternatives to car use.
15	Local Green Spaces	106, 107, 108	Designates a series of spaces that are special to the community and fulfil the NPPF criteria.
16	Conserving non-designated heritage assets	29, 207, 208, 216	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of conserving and enhancing the historic environment by identifying and seeking to protect treasured historic assets within Moreton-in-Marsh.
17	Enhancing Biodiversity	28, 187, 192	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of conserving and enhancing the natural environment by seeking to preserve the natural features of Moreton-in-Marsh.
18	Important views	187, 189, 190	The policy identifies Important Local Views that are special in recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside form, but is not prescriptive about design solutions. The policy therefore requires development proposals to avoid unnecessary harm by way of their height, massing or obtrusive location.
19	Development Boundary	129, 132	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of conserving and enhancing the natural environment by seeking to prevent settlement spread and maintain the identity of Moreton-in-Marsh.
20	Transport & Active Travel	109, 110, 117, 118	This policy seeks to enhance opportunities for active travel and reduce reliance on private car use.

Basic Condition (b) the making of the plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development

The NPPF states that a presumption in favour of sustainable development should apply.

Table 3(a-c) below summarises how the objectives and policies in the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan contribute towards sustainable development, as defined in the NPPF.

Table 3(a)

Deliver Economic Sustainability	
▪ NPPF Definition – “Build a strong, responsive and competitive economy”	
Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	○ New developments to facilitate and support the growth of the business base within Moreton-in-Marsh, creating more jobs across a diverse range of sectors ○ Support development of small business units/shared space ○ New developments to support and sustain a vibrant attractive and successful town centre that meets the needs of the local community and visitors ○ Improve the public realm and traffic management within and through the town to provide easier, safer and more pleasant access for residents and visitors, using developer contributions ○ Create a more connected parish for residents and visitors alike, limiting the need for vehicular travel within the town and offering a genuine choice of transport options to help reduce congestion and emissions, to improve air quality and public health
Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Policies	Policy 7: Brownfield land Policy 11: Employment Land Policy 12: Small Business Units Policy 13: Retail Provision Policy 14: Infrastructure Investment Priorities Policy 20: Transport & Active Travel

Table 3(b)

Deliver Social Sustainability	
▪ NPPF Definition – “Support strong, vibrant and healthy communities”	
Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	○ New developments to provide a range of housing to meet the needs of local people ○ To support the provision of principal residence housing for those wishing to live in Moreton-in-Marsh ○ To allocate a site for future development in Moreton-in-Marsh to meet the identified needs of the community. ○ Facilitate and support the growth of the business base within Moreton-in-Marsh, creating more jobs across a diverse range of sectors ○ Support development of small business units/shared space ○ New developments to support and sustain a vibrant attractive and successful town centre that meets the needs of the local community and visitors ○ Improve the public realm and traffic management within and through the town to provide easier, safer and more pleasant access for residents and visitors, using developer contributions

	○ Create a more connected parish for residents and visitors alike, limiting the need for vehicular travel within the town and offering a genuine choice of transport options to help reduce congestion and emissions, to improve air quality and public health
Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Policies	Policy 3: Housing mix Policy 4: Affordable Housing Policy 5: well-designed housing and Places Policy 6: Parking in Residential Developments Policy 10: Principal Residence Housing Policy 14: Infrastructure Investment Priorities Policy 15: Local Green Space Policy 20: Transport & Active Travel

Table 3(c)

Deliver Environmental Sustainability	
▪ NPPF Definition – “Protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment” and “Support efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change”	
Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	○ New developments to be energy efficient and adaptive to climate change ○ New developments on brownfield sites to take priority over greenfield sites ○ To ensure new homes are of high-quality design and built to Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) standards ○ Ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place to support new development prior to completion of the project. ○ Protect and maintain open green spaces ○ Protect and maintain archaeological and built heritage assets deemed to be of value to the community ○ Preserve and increase opportunities for biodiversity net-gain ○ Preserve important views within the parish ○ Protect the sensitive natural environment and exceptional rural assets surrounding Moreton-in-Marsh ○ Create a more connected parish for residents and visitors alike, limiting the need for vehicular travel within the town and offering a genuine choice of transport options to help reduce congestion and emissions, to improve air quality and public health
Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan Policies	Policy 1: Climate Adaption and Energy Efficiency in Developments Policy 2: Managing Flood Risk Policy 7: Brownfield First Policy 8: Hard Infrastructure Policy 9: Soft Infrastructure Policy 15: Local Green Space Policy 16: Conserving non-designated heritage assets Policy 17: Enhancing Biodiversity Policy 18: Important views Policy 19: Development Boundary Policy 20: Transport & Active Travel

Basic Condition (ca) - the making of the plan would not result in the development plan for the area of the authority proposing that less housing is provided by means of development taking place in that area than if the draft plan were not to be made

The development plan covering the Neighbourhood Plan Area currently consists of the following:

- Cotswold District Council Local Plan 2011-2031, adopted Aug 2013
- Gloucestershire County Council Local Development Guide July 2025
- Gloucestershire Minerals Local Plan adopted 2021

The Objectively Assessed Need of the adopted Local Plan is 8,400 dwellings for the period 2011 to 2031. Moreton-in-Marsh is included on Policy DS1 as a settlement which will contribute to the delivery of those dwellings.

Moreton-in-Marsh has allocated housing development sites at:

- Land at Evenlode Road (63)
- Land south east of Fosseway Avenue (91)
- Former Hospital site (21)

The Objectively Assessed Need for Housing in the Cotswold District up to 2043 has been updated, as identified in the updated Local Housing Need Assessment, for 17,918 homes. The emerging Local Plan makes provision for at least 18,877 new homes to be delivered during the Plan period (2026 to 2043).

Neighbourhood Plan Policies are shown in Table 4 below, along with a consideration that their adoption into the development plan would not propose less housing or prevent the delivery of these sites, for either the adopted Local Plan, or the emerging Local Plan (which takes into account the updated OAN).

Various policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have implications for housing. The main focus of policies is on supporting housing development, to meet local needs. Policies would shape, but not reduce, the amount of housing delivery (including any emerging strategic site allocations):

Table 4

Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Commentary
Policy 1: Climate Adaption and Energy Efficiency in Developments	This policy ensure new development is of a sustainable design and maximises energy efficiency and with the broader climate change ambitions of the District Council.
Policy 2: Managing Flood Risk	This policy draws attention to the importance of this issue and its complexities in Moreton-in-Marsh.
Policy 3: Housing mix	The policy encourages proposals to give an emphasis to the delivery of small and medium-sized homes with fewer rooms but of reasonable size, as both starter homes and that are especially suited (or adaptable) to meeting the needs of older households downsizing. The evidence base indicates that these are of particular relevance to Moreton-in-Marsh as it continues to grow and its population ages.
Policy 4: Affordable Housing	This policy sets out how affordable homes should be integrated into new developments.

Policy 5: well-designed housing and Places	The policy contributes to achieving well designed places, promoting sustainable transport and meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change. It does this by requiring development to reflect townscape character, provide good walking and cycling connections and cycle storage and be water efficient and meet the highest possible standards of construction. In addition, the policy requires EV charging infrastructure in new car parking arrangements, again to reflect the town's relatively remote location from larger centres of population where such charging infrastructure is more commonplace.
Policy 6: Parking in Residential Developments	This policy seeks to ensure new residential developments provide appropriate levels of parking facilities and encourage sustainable travel routes to the Town Centre.
Policy 7: Brownfield First	This policy contributes to the NPPF objective of making effective use of land by directing development towards the built-up area of Moreton-in-Marsh. This allows for further growth in the town on infill or brownfield sites.
Policy 8: Hard Infrastructure	The policy addresses past weaknesses in the timeliness and quality of supporting infrastructure as the town continues to grow. It is vital that developers work with the utilities companies at the earliest stages of designing their proposals to ensure that those proposals include details to address these matters in relation to their nature, scale and location.
Policy 9: Soft Infrastructure	The policy supports soft infrastructure as the town and community continues to grow.
Policy 10: Principal Residence Housing	The evidence base clearly identifies a need to address the adverse effect that the high proportion of second homes in the neighbourhood area has on access to market and affordable homes. As such, the policy seeks to tackle the issue in ensuring that the occupancy of new open market housing is as Principal Residency.
Policy 11: Employment Land	Seeks to sustain a vibrant successful town by supporting and encouraging local employment.
Policy 12: Small Business Units	Seeks to support the creation of new businesses serving local needs where these are otherwise not available and where they are easily accessible to the whole community.
Policy 13: Retail Provision	This policy encourages a mix of uses that encourage vitality in the town centre. Within the context of the NPPF definition of 'main town centre uses', this could include employment-generating use.
Policy 14: Infrastructure Investment Priorities	Seeks to improve key facilities within Moreton-in-Marsh and ensure the necessary infrastructure is delivered to build a vibrant and successful town.

Policy 15: Local Green Space	The policy designates twenty-one local green spaces to protect for their special characteristics.
Policy 16: Conserving non-designated heritage assets	The policy seeks to conserve non-designated heritage assets in the Parishes, which are identified in Appendix D.
Policy 17: Enhancing Biodiversity	The policy seeks to preserve and improve the natural biodiversity features of Moreton-in-Marsh.
Policy 18: Important views	The policy identifies Important Local Views that are special in recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside form but is not prescriptive about design solutions. The policy defines important views as an essential means of protecting and conserving the historic and natural open character of the setting to the town. Important views link the community together with historic and cultural buildings such as St. David's Church and the Curfew Tower as well as the link to its agricultural heritage and prosperity.
Policy 19: Development Boundary	The policy redefines the Development Boundaries and that development outside the settlement boundary should reflect these policy requirements.
Policy 20: Transport & Active Travel	The policy encourages proposals to better connect the town to its nearby attractions through sustainable means, e.g. walking and cycling and reduce reliance on vehicular travel.

Basic Condition (d) - the making of the plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, assimilated obligations

The Neighbourhood Development Plan 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 and the process under which it was made conforms to the SEA Directive (EU 2001/42/EC) and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). In May and June 2023, a draft screening report was prepared by Cotswold City Council. This was consulted on with the statutory bodies (the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England) to assist in the determination of whether or not the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan would have significant environmental effects in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

- In February 2025, Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council approached Cotswold District Council to request a screening report on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- In March 2025 LUC carried out an SEA Screening Opinion and in May 2025 Cotswold District Council confirmed they do not consider that an 'appropriate assessment' under Regulation 105 is required.

The various SEA screening documents, including the responses from the statutory bodies, has been submitted at Regulation 15 stage as part of the evidence base for the Plan.

Under Directive 92/43/EEC, also known as the Habitats Directive², it must be ascertained whether the draft Plan is likely to have significant effects on a European site designated for its nature conservation interest. The Directive is implemented by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. Assessments under the regulations are known as Habitats Regulation Assessments ("HRA"). An Appropriate Assessment is required only if the Plan is likely to have significant effects on a European protected species or site. To ascertain whether or not it is necessary to undertake an assessment, a screening process is followed.

- In February 2025, Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council approached Cotswold District Council to request a screening report on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- In March 2025 Cotswold District Council considered there are no likely significant effects on Habitats Sites associated with the Plan, and no further HRA assessment is required.

The various screening documents, including the responses from the statutory bodies, has been submitted at Regulation 15 stage as part of the evidence base for the Plan.

Basic Condition (da) - any requirements imposed in relation to the plan by or under Part 6 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (environmental outcomes reports) have been complied with, and,

Gloucestershire County Council is the responsible authority for the Gloucestershire Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which covers Moreton-in-Marsh. The strategy is to:

- Safeguard, manage and enhance existing biodiversity-rich sites
- Create a healthy ecological network
- Mitigate and adapt to climate change
- Improve water management
- Value mixed and wild habitats
- Biodiversity in developments and settlements

Table 5 below indicates how the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan policies contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change; and how they take account of any local nature recovery strategy that relates to the Neighbourhood Area.

Table 5

Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Contribution to mitigation and adaptation of climate change	Take account of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy
Policy 1: Climate Adaption and Energy Efficiency in Developments	Positive - this policy ensures new development is of a sustainable design and maximises energy efficiency and with the broader climate change ambitions of the District Council.	Positive - Mitigate and adapt to climate change
Policy 2: Managing Flood Risk	Positive - this policy draws attention to the importance of this issue and its complexities in Moreton-in-Marsh.	Positive - Improve water management
Policy 3: Housing mix	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 4: Affordable Housing	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 5: well-designed housing	Positive - the policy contributes to achieving well designed places, promoting sustainable transport and	Positive - Mitigate and adapt to climate change

and Places	meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change. It does this by requiring development to reflect townscape character, provide good walking and cycling connections and cycle storage and be water efficient and meet the highest possible standards of construction. In addition, the policy requires EV charging infrastructure in new car parking arrangements, again to reflect the town's relatively remote location from larger centres of population where such charging infrastructure is more commonplace.	Biodiversity in developments and settlements
Policy 6: Parking in Residential Developments	Neutral - this policy seeks to ensure new residential developments provide appropriate levels of parking facilities, but is balanced by encouraging sustainable travel routes to the Town Centre.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 7: Brownfield First	Neutral - this policy contributes to the NPPF objective of making effective use of land by directing development towards the built-up area of Moreton-in-Marsh.	Positive - Safeguard, manage and enhance existing biodiversity-rich sites
Policy 8: Hard Infrastructure	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 9: Soft Infrastructure	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 10: Principal Residence Housing	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 11: Employment Land	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 12: Small Business Units	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 13: Retail Provision	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 14: Infrastructure Investment Priorities	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 15: Local Green Space	Positive - the policy designates twenty-one local green spaces to protect for their special characteristics.	Positive - Safeguard, manage and enhance existing biodiversity-rich sites Create a healthy ecological network Value mixed and wild habitats Biodiversity in developments and

		settlements
Policy 16: Conserving non-designated heritage assets	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 17: Enhancing Biodiversity	Positive - the policy seeks to preserve and improve the natural biodiversity features of Moreton-in-Marsh.	Positive - Safeguard, manage and enhance existing biodiversity-rich sites Create a healthy ecological network Value mixed and wild habitats Biodiversity in developments and settlements
Policy 18: Important views	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 19: Development Boundary	Neutral – it does not contain matters relating to climate change.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy
Policy 20: Transport & Active Travel	Positive - the policy encourages proposals to better connect the town to its nearby attractions through sustainable means, e.g. walking and cycling and reduce reliance on vehicular travel.	Neutral – the LNRS will not be impacted by this policy

Basic Condition (e) - prescribed conditions are met in relation to the plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the plan.

Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council is a qualifying body and entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for its own parish.

The Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan expresses policies that relate to the development and use of land only within the Neighbourhood Area.

The Neighbourhood Area is contiguous with the parish boundary, as show on the Policies Map accompanying the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan covers the period from 2018 to 2043.

The Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It is solely related to the area of Moreton-in-Marsh as designated by Cotswold District Council in September 2018 which is contiguous with the Parish Boundary.

There are no other Neighbourhood Development Plans in place for the Moreton-in-Marsh neighbourhood area.

Whilst there is no provision for excluded development such as national infrastructure contained within the Neighbourhood Plan, a constraint is proposed in Policy 8. The sole intention is that the community can be made aware of works that are disruptive to residents, businesses and cause

traffic issues. The Examiner's consideration of whether this contradicts the basic condition is welcomed.

There is one main prescribed condition that has been set by the government under this specific clause. The making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (such as Special Areas of Conservation [SAC] or Special Protection Areas [SPAs]) as concluded under Basic Condition (d) above.

3. Conclusion

The Basic Conditions as set out in Paragraph 11(2) of Schedule A2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, as amended by LURA 2023, are considered to be met by the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan and all the policies therein. It is therefore respectfully suggested to the Examiner that the Moreton-in-Marsh Neighbourhood Plan complies with the basic conditions.