



# BRETtenham

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

2024-2037

**BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT**



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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 As part of the formal submission of the Brettenham Neighbourhood Plan (BNP) for examination, there is a requirement for the Parish Council, as the 'qualifying body' to illustrate that they have complied with a series of 'basic conditions' as set out in the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). This Statement accompanies the submission to the local planning authority, Babergh District Council, of the Brettenham Neighbourhood Plan under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations"). Regulation 15 requires a submission neighbourhood development plan to be accompanied by *"a statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act"*.
- 1.2 This statement has been prepared in order to confirm compliance with these basic conditions as follows:
  - Section 2** identifies the legislative requirements for the 'basic conditions'
  - Section 3** identifies how the Plan Objectives and Policies are in general conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Strategic Policies of the adopted Local Plan.
  - Section 4** confirms that the neighbourhood plan is compatible with European Union Obligations and Human Rights.
- 1.3 It is considered that the Neighbourhood Plan complies with the requirements of the basic conditions as set out in Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

## 2. Legal Requirements

2.1 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) identifies the "Basic Conditions" that the neighbourhood plan must comply with.

2.2 Paragraph 8 (1) states that the examiner must consider:

- (a) whether the draft neighbourhood development plan meets the basic conditions (see subparagraph (2)),
- (b) whether the draft neighbourhood development plan complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act,
- (d) whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the neighbourhood area to which the draft neighbourhood development plan relates, and
- (e) such other matters as may be prescribed.

2.3 Paragraph 8 (2) states that a draft neighbourhood development plan meets the basic conditions if:

- (a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan,
- (d) the making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
- (e) the making of the neighbourhood development plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area),
- (f) the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and
- (g) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood development plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood development plan.

The requirements of Paragraph 8(2(b), (2)(c) (3), (4) and (5) are not of relevance to the compliance with the basic conditions test.

2.4 Paragraph 8 (6) stipulates that the examiner is not to consider any matter that does not fall within subparagraph (1) apart from considering whether the draft neighbourhood plan is compatible with the Convention rights.

2.5 On 28 December 2018 the Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018 came into force. Amongst other things, these Regulations amend the basic condition prescribed in Regulation 32 and Schedule 2 (Habitats) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) which stated:

- The making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

The Regulations substitute this with a new basic condition which states:

- The making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.



## Meeting the Legal Requirements

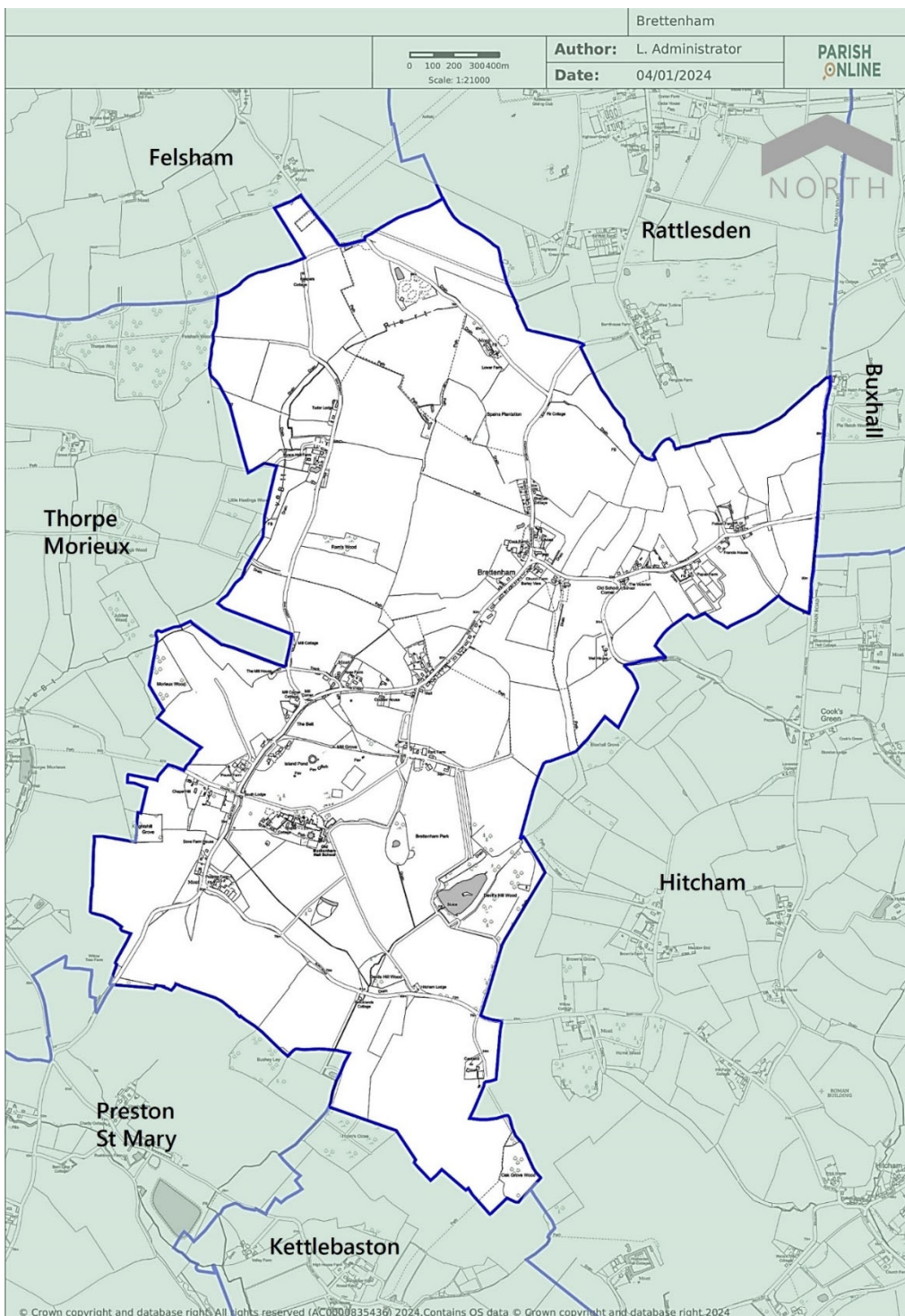
Compliance with the individual elements of the legal requirements is set out below.

**Table 1 – Compliance with legal requirements**

Requirement	Interpretation	BNP response
4B 8 (1)(a) Whether the Draft NP meets the Basic Conditions	This requires the NP to demonstrate compliance with paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the T&CP Act.	This is considered in detail in later sections of this Statement.
4B 8 (1)(b) Whether the Draft Order Complies with Sections 38A & 38B of the Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	This requires the draft order to comply with Sections 38A & 38B of the Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Section 38A sets out the "Meaning of Neighbourhood Development Plan".	Compliance with Sections 38A and 38B is demonstrated in the following rows.
	Section 38A(1) "any qualifying body is entitled to initiate a process for the purpose of requiring a Local Planning Authority in England to make a Neighbourhood Development Plan."	The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted by Brettenham Parish Council, a qualifying body (as defined in the Localism Act 2011).
	Section 38A(2) A "Neighbourhood Development Plan is a plan which sets out policies (however expressed) in relation to the development and use of land in the whole or any part of a particular neighbourhood area specified in the plan."	The NP sets out Policies that relate to the development and use of land for the Neighbourhood Area covering the Parish of Brettenham, as designated by Babergh District Council on 4 January 2021.  The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is shown on Map 1 below
	Section 38A, Paragraphs (3) - (12)	These paragraphs are not of relevance to the submission phase of the NP.
	Section 38B1(a) The Neighbourhood Development Plan "Must specify the period for which it is to have effect."	The plan period of the NP is from 2023 to 2037.
	Section 38B1(b) A Neighbourhood Development Plan "may not include provision about development that is excluded development."	The NP does not contain policies relating to excluded development as defined in Section 61K of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
	Section 38B1(c) A Neighbourhood Development Plan may not relate to more than one neighbourhood area	The NP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It solely relates to the Neighbourhood Plan Area as designated by Babergh District Council on 4 January 2021.

Requirement	Interpretation	BNP response
	<p>Section 38B(2)</p> <p>Only one Neighbourhood Development Plan may be made for each neighbourhood area.</p>	<p>There are currently no other NP's in place in this neighbourhood area.</p>
	<p>Section 38B(3)</p> <p>If to any extent a policy set out in a Neighbourhood Development Plan conflicts with any other statement or information in the plan, the conflict must be resolved in favour of the policy.</p>	<p>There are no conflicts within the NP</p>
	<p>Section 38B(4)(a)</p> <p>Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions for "restricting the provision that may be included in Neighbourhood Development Plans about the use of land."</p> <p>These Regulations are set out in Statutory Instrument 2012 No 637, The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 have been used to inform the process of making the NP.</p>
	<p>Section 38B(4)(b)</p> <p>Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions "requiring Neighbourhood Development Plans to include such matters as are prescribed in the Regulations."</p>	<p>A screening process was carried out by the local planning authority, to determine whether a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) or Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) would be required in support of the Neighbourhood Plan. In both cases it was considered that the Brettenham Neighbourhood Plan will not have significant environmental effects and that no European sites would be affected by the policies described in the NP, therefore the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment or Appropriate Assessment (Habitats Regulations) is not required.</p>
	<p>Section 38B, which include paragraphs 38B(4)(c), 5 &amp; 6,</p>	<p>The remaining requirements of Section 38B are not of relevance to this Basic Conditions Statement</p>
<p>4B 8 (1)(d) Whether The Referendum Should Extend Beyond The NP Area</p>	<p>This requires the examiner to consider whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the NP Area to which it relates.</p>	<p>The NP relates solely to land that falls within the Parish of Brettenham.</p>

Requirement	Interpretation	BNP response
4B 8 (1)(e) Other Matters 3.28.	This requires the examiner to consider such other matters as may be prescribed	There are no other prescribed matters.
Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018	These Regulations require an Appropriate Assessment of the Plan to be carried out should the SEA and HRA Screening Opinion deem it necessary.	The SEA Screening Opinion concluded that a full SEA was not required. The HRA screening concluded that no potential impacts were identified and therefore it was not necessary to proceed to the Appropriate Assessment stage.



Map 1 – The Designated Neighbourhood Area



### 3. Compliance with Basic Conditions

3.1 Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act sets out the basic conditions that must be met by a draft Neighbourhood Plan. Subsections (a), (d), (e), (f), and (g) are of relevance to this statement. The Regulations state that the neighbourhood plan will have met the basic conditions if it:

- Has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- Contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- Is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area; and
- Is compatible with European Union (EU) and European Convention on Human Right (ECHR) obligations.

#### National Policy

3.2 The Brettenham Neighbourhood Development Plan must have appropriate regard to national policy. The following section describes how the Plan relates to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The most recent version was published by the Government in December 2023 and has been used as the basis to assess the Neighbourhood Plan in terms of its regard to national policies. The NPPF is framed around a basic premise of achieving sustainable development, comprising three main dimensions: economic, social and environmental. It requires the planning system to have regard to three overarching objectives:

- 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 a well-designed, beautiful and safe places, with accessible services 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 enhancing 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."*

3.3 The NPPF contains thirteen topic-based chapters in which more detailed policy guidance is set out for plan making and decision taking. Table 2, below, identifies how the Plan meets the basic condition of having regard to the NPPF by assessing the Plan against the principles for each of the NPPF topic-based chapters.

**Table 2 - Compatibility of the Plan's objectives and policies against the NPPF Core Principles**

NPPF Theme Section	BNP Objectives	BNP Policies
5. Delivering a sufficient supply of homes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that new housing development is of a scale and location to minimise impact on the character of the village</li> <li>2. Support the delivery of housing that meets identified local needs of the village</li> </ol>	Policy BRET 1 - Spatial Strategy Policy BRET 2 - Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites Policy C&W 3 - Housing Mix
6. Building a strong, competitive economy	The Plan does not cover this matter	
7. Ensuring the vitality of town centres	The Plan does not cover this matter	
8. Promoting healthy and safe communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Ensure new development is appropriate to the character of the Village, is well designed and incorporates measures that reduces environmental impact.</li> <li>8. Improve road safety, protect and enhance Brettenham's public rights of way and reduce the impact of traffic passing through the Parish.</li> </ol>	Policy BRET 9 – Design Considerations Policy BRET 10 - Flooding and Sustainable Drainage Policy BRET 11 – Dark Skies and Street Lighting Policy BRET 13 – Public Rights of Way
9. Promoting sustainable transport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Ensure new development is appropriate to the character of the Village, is well designed and incorporates measures that reduces environmental impact.</li> <li>8. Improve road safety, protect and enhance Brettenham's public rights of way and reduce the impact of traffic passing through the Parish.</li> </ol>	Policy BRET 1 - Spatial Strategy Policy BRET 13 - Public Rights of Way
10. Supporting high quality communications infrastructure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Ensure new development is appropriate to the character of the Village, is well designed and incorporates measures that reduces environmental impact.</li> </ol>	Policy BRET 9 – Design Considerations
11. Making effective use of land	All objectives apply	Policy BRET 1 - Spatial Strategy
12. Achieving well-designed and beautiful places	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Ensure new development is appropriate to the character of the Village, is well designed and incorporates measures</li> </ol>	Policy BRET 4 - Protecting Brettenham's Landscape Character Policy BRET 5 – Protection of Important Views

NPPF Theme Section	BNP Objectives	BNP Policies
	<p>that reduces environmental impact.</p> <p>6. Recognise and protect the historic importance of buildings and features.</p> <p>7. Maintain and enhance a strong rural identity and sense of place for the parish.</p>	Policy BRET 9 – Design Considerations
13. Protecting Green Belt land	There is no Green Belt in the Neighbourhood Area	
14. Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change	5. Ensure new development is appropriate to the character of the Village, is well designed and incorporates measures that reduces environmental impact.	Policy BRET 9 – Design Considerations Policy BRET 10 - Flooding and Sustainable Drainage
15. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment	<p>3. Minimise the impact of development on the natural environment and improve biodiversity.</p> <p>4. Protect and enhance the local landscape and significant views.</p>	Policy BRET 1 - Spatial Strategy Policy BRET 4 - Protecting Brettenham’s Landscape Character Policy BRET 5 – Protection of Important Views Policy BRET 6 – Biodiversity and Wildlife Corridors
16. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment	6. Recognise and protect the historic importance of buildings and features.	Policy BRET 8 - Buildings of Local Heritage Significance
17. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals	Minerals planning is excluded from what neighbourhood plans can cover	

## How the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan policies achieve sustainable development

3.4 The table below identifies the purpose of each policy in the Plan and its intended outcome in relation to achieving sustainable development as defined by the NPPF.

**Table 3 - How the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan policies achieve sustainable development**

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
BRET 1	To provide a strategy for the location of new development within the neighbourhood plan area.	Ensures that new development is located close to existing village facilities and minimises the loss of agricultural land in remote locations.
BRET 2	Provides a mechanism for the delivery of affordable housing to meet local needs.	Will help people with a local connection remain in the village rather than move away to find affordable homes.
BRET 3	Sets criteria for how proposals for replacement dwellings or the conversion of buildings in the countryside will be considered	Reduces the impact of development on the landscape of the Parish
BRET 4	Protects the landscape character of the Parish	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment
BRET 5	Protects the key features of important views in the Parish	Protects and enhances the character and setting of the village.
BRET 6	Provides criteria for the assessment of the potential impact of development on habitats and natural features.	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, including helping to improve biodiversity.
BRET 7	Designates spaces that meet the NPPF Local Green Space criteria.	Protects spaces that have an identifiable local importance to the village.
BRET 8	Enables the preservation and enhancement of the village's local heritage assets.	Provides a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage.
BRET 9	Provides design criteria for the consideration of the impact of development proposals.	Preserves and enhances the distinctiveness, character and sense of place of the built environment.
BRET 10	Sets out measures to prevent development from contributing to flooding	Ensures development proposals incorporate appropriate sustainable drainage mechanisms.
BRET 11	Restricts the use of external lighting systems that cause light pollution.	To ensure only essential external lighting is provided in new developments to retain the rural character of the village.
BRET 12	Sets locally derived parking standards for new homes	Reduce the incidence of cars parking on highway resulting from high levels of car ownership.
BRET 13	Promotes improvement to the public rights of way network	Contributes to health and wellbeing.



### General conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan

- 3.5 The Neighbourhood Plan must demonstrate that it is in general conformity with the development plan for the local authority area concerned. The development plan currently in force is the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1, adopted November 2023. In addition there are some saved policies in the Babergh Core Strategy (February 2014) and the Babergh Local Plan (Babergh Local Plan Alteration No.2 adopted June 2006). However, these do not apply to the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been assessed against the strategic policies of Part 1 of the Joint Local Plan.

### Compatibility of the Neighbourhood Plan with the Strategic Policies of the Development Plan

- 3.6 The Government's Planning Practice Guidance states:

"Strategic policies will be different in each local planning authority area. When reaching a view on whether a policy is a strategic policy the following are useful considerations:

- whether the policy sets out an overarching direction or objective
- whether the policy seeks to shape the broad characteristics of development
- the scale at which the policy is intended to operate
- whether the policy sets a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced
- whether the policy sets a standard or other requirement that is essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan
- in the case of site allocations, whether bringing the site forward is central to achieving the vision and aspirations of the Local Plan
- whether the Local Plan identifies the policy as being strategic"

- 3.7 The table below provides details of the strategic policies in the Joint Local Plan Part 1, a link to the Neighbourhood Plan policy (where relevant) and a narrative of conformity of the Neighbourhood Plan with the development plan.

**Table 4 – Conformity of neighbourhood plan policies with the strategic policies of the adopted local plan**

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
SP01 Housing Needs	BRET 1 – Spatial strategy	The Joint Local Plan identifies the minimum housing requirement for Babergh district. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement.
SP02 Affordable Housing	BRET 2 – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites	The Joint Local Plan sets a requirement of 35% affordable housing on large sites or 25% on brownfield sites. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement.
SP03 The sustainable location of new development	BRET 1 – Spatial strategy	The Joint Local Plan does not currently identify a hierarchy of settlements across the two districts, this will be covered by the Part 2 Plan to be prepared. This policy also relies on new housing development coming forward through neighbourhood plans, extant planning permissions and windfall sites. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement.
SP04 Provision for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople	No specific policies apply	The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement.
SP05 Employment Land	No specific policies apply	The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement.
SP06 Retail and Town Centre Uses	No specific policies apply	The emerging Joint Local Plan policy relates to defined town centres, which does not include Brettenham.
SP07 Tourism	No specific policies apply	The emerging Joint Local Plan policy supports the development of appropriate tourism enterprises. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this aspiration.
SP08 Strategic Infrastructure Provision	BRET 9 - Design Considerations	The Joint Local Plan policy identifies specific strategic infrastructure projects and also requires development to make community infrastructure levy contributions. The Neighbourhood Plan policy provides appropriate measures to support the strategic policy.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
SP09 Enhancement and Management of the Environment	BRET 4 – Protecting Brettenham’s Landscape Character BRET 5 – Protection of Important Views BRET 6 – Biodiversity and Wildlife Characters BRET 7 – Local Green Spaces BRET 9 – Design Considerations	The Joint Local Plan policy supports the enhancement and management of natural and local environment and provides for the mitigation of effects on protected habitat sites. The Neighbourhood Plan policies generally support the strategic policy through a number of measures.
SP10 Climate Change	BRET 9 - Design Considerations BRET 10 – Flooding and Sustainable Drainage	The Joint Local Plan policy sets requirements for the mitigation of the impacts of climate change. The policies of the Neighbourhood Plan support the intent of the Joint Local Plan.

## 4. Compatibility with European Union Obligations and Human Rights

### Environmental Impact and Habitat Regulations

- 4.1 Section 4B 8 (2)(f) states that a draft Neighbourhood Plan will meet the basic conditions if, the making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations and the making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.
- 4.2 European Union Directive 2001/42/EC requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken for certain types of plan or programmes that would have a significant environmental effect. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the Regulations) that this is to be determined by a screening process which should use a specified set of criteria (set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations). The results of this process must be set out in an SEA Screening Statement, which must be publicly available.
- 4.3 In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Regulations, as amended by the Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018, Brettenham Parish Council requested Babergh District Council, as the responsible body, to consider whether an environmental assessment of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan is required. The District Council subsequently made this determination following consultation with the statutory consultees. The determination is set out in reports "Brettenham Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination" and the "Brettenham Neighbourhood Plan Habitats Regulations Screening Determination" both dated April 2024. The outcome of this exercise was that the need for both were 'screened-out'.

### Human Rights

- 4.4 The public consultation process for the Brettenham Neighbourhood Plan has been wide and inclusive and has included direct engagement with the local community. The policies contained within the plan do not disadvantage any minority group or group with protected characteristics.
- 4.5 The overall purpose of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is to improve the quality of life for people living and working now and in the future in the parish from an environmental, social and economic point of view. The aims and policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have been formulated in response to local people's views and in the light of evidence gathered for the parish, in order to meet the needs expressed and address the issues identified. In order to confirm that the Neighbourhood Plan does not have any unintended consequences for particular groups, the strategic aims and the policies in the Plan have been systematically scrutinised to ensure that they do not disadvantage any potentially vulnerable groups. 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. "Protected characteristics" are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
- 4.6 This section assesses the Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that Brettenham Parish Council is satisfying its statutory duties in this regard. An assessment has been made on whether the objectives and the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have a positive, negative or neutral impact on each of the protected characteristics. The purpose of each of the objective and the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are provided, and their likely impact on persons with protected characteristics is assessed.



## Impact of Objectives of Brettenham Neighbourhood Development Plan on Persons with Protected Characteristics

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	Outcome for persons with Protected Characteristics
<p><b>Housing</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that new housing development is of a scale and location to minimise impact on the character of the village</li> <li>2. Support the delivery of housing that meets identified local needs of the village</li> </ol>	<p>Provides for new homes to be provided in the village and that they respond to local needs. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>
<p><b>Landscape and Natural Environment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Minimise the impact of development on the natural environment and improve biodiversity.</li> <li>4. Protect and enhance the local landscape and significant views.</li> </ol>	<p>Protects and enhances the natural environment for the benefit of residents. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>
<p><b>Built Environment and Design</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Ensure new development is appropriate to the character of the Village, is well designed and incorporates measures that reduces environmental impact.</li> <li>6. Recognise and protect the historic importance of buildings and features.</li> <li>7. Maintain and enhance a strong rural identity and sense of place for the parish.</li> </ol>	<p>Promotes development that is designed in a way to minimise impact on the character of the village and meets the needs of the community. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p> <p>Promotes the preservation of the character and historic assets of the village. Neutral impact for persons with protected characteristics.</p> <p>Promotes development that protects the rural character of the parish. Neutral impact for persons with protected characteristics.</p>
<p><b>Infrastructure and Highways</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Improve road safety, protect and enhance Brettenham’s public rights of way and reduce the impact of traffic passing through the Parish.</li> </ol>	<p>Promotes the management and improvement of then highways network, including improved safety. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>

## Impact of Brettenham Neighbourhood Development Plan Policies on Persons with Protected Characteristics

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
BRET 1	To provide a strategy for the location of new development within the neighbourhood plan area.	Ensures that the Neighbourhood Plan is positively prepared for the amount and location of new development required in the village during the plan period.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
BRET 2	Provides a mechanism for the delivery of affordable housing to meet local needs.	Contributes to meeting affordable housing needs in suitable locations in close proximity to the village centre.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
BRET 3	Sets criteria for how proposals for replacement dwellings or the conversion of buildings in the countryside will be considered	Seeks to reduce the impact of replacement dwellings or conversion of buildings outside the settlement boundaries minimises impact on the landscape.  Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
BRET 4	Protects the landscape character of the Parish	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, and to maintaining the landscape character of the settlement.  Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
BRET 5	Protects the key features of important views in the Parish	Contributes to maintaining the landscape character of the settlement.  Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
BRET 6	Provides criteria for the assessment of the potential impact of development on habitats and natural features.	Maintains and improves levels of biodiversity.  Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
BRET 7	Designates spaces that meet the NPPF Local Green Space criteria.	Ensures that important open spaces are retained.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
BRET 8	Enables the preservation and enhancement of the village's local heritage assets.	Provides a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage.  Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
BRET 9	Provides design criteria for the consideration of the impact of development proposals.	Ensures new development regardless of its scale and location is designed in an appropriate way to positively contribute to the character of the area, in terms of creating a high quality, safe and sustainable environment.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
BRET 10	Sets out measures to prevent development from contributing to flooding	Ensures development proposals incorporate appropriate sustainable drainage mechanisms.  Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
BRET 11	Restricts the use of external lighting systems that cause light pollution.	To ensure only essential external lighting is provided in new developments to retain the rural character of the village.  Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
BRET 12	Sets locally derived parking standards for new homes	Reduces impact of cars in new housing development  Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
BRET 13	Promotes improvement to the public rights of way network	Reduces detrimental impact of development on the village and its environment and infrastructure.  Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.

Certain protected characteristics are not affected by the Neighbourhood Plan, namely gender reassignment, race, religion, or sexual orientation. For persons with these characteristics, the Plan has a neutral effect. Where policies in the Plan would adversely affect persons with these protected characteristics, they would not be differently affected than persons without these characteristics. For example, if a person with these protected characteristics were disadvantaged by a policy, it would have the same consequence for a person without the protected characteristic who wished to do the same thing. Similarly, if a person with one of these protected characteristics were to benefit from a policy, it would have the same benefit for a person without the protected characteristic in the same circumstances.