

# GLEMSFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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## BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT

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# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 As part of the formal submission of the Glemsford Neighbourhood Plan 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 Glemsford Neighbourhood Plan under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations"). Regulation 15 (1)(d) 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.
- Sections 4** confirms that the neighbourhood plan is compatible with the Convention Rights.
- 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.
- 1.3 Pre-submission consultation under Regulation 14 was undertaken from 11 November 2023 to 5 January 2024. This Basic Conditions Statement therefore, reflects the plan as amended to take into account comments received.

## 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 61E(2), 61J and 61L of this 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 retained 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.

Requirement	Interpretation	NP 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 Glemsford 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 Glemsford, as designated by Babergh District Council on 28 October 2017. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is shown in the NP.
	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)	The NP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood



Requirement	Interpretation	NP response
	A Neighbourhood Development Plan may not relate to more than one neighbourhood area	area. It solely relates to the Neighbourhood Plan Area as designated by Babergh District Council on 28 October 2017.
	Section 38B(2) Only one Neighbourhood Development Plan may be made for each neighbourhood area.	There are currently no other NP's in place in this neighbourhood area.
	Section 38B(3) 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.	There are no conflicts within the NP
	Section 38B(4)(a) 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."  These Regulations are set out in Statutory Instrument 2012 No 637, The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.	The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 have been used to inform the process of making the NP.
	Section 38B(4)(b) 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>A screening process was carried out in December 2023, to determine whether a <a href="#">Strategic Environment Assessment</a> (SEA) or <a href="#">Habitat Regulations Assessment</a> (HRA) would be required in support of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>In terms of the SEA its was concluded that <i>"the Glemsford Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to have significant environmental effects and that SEA is therefore required."</i> This was undertaken in September 2024.</p> <p>The HRA concluded <i>no likely significant effects are predicted on European sites as a result of</i></p>

Requirement	Interpretation	NP response
		<p><i>the Glemsford Neighbourhood Plan, either alone or in combination with other policies and proposals. Appropriate Assessment is therefore not required.</i></p> <p>The SEA was undertaken in September 2024 and concluded that there were no significant negative effects resulting from the policies in the Plan.</p>
	Section 38B, which include paragraphs 38B(4)(c), 5 & 6,	The remaining requirements of Section 38B are not of relevance to this Basic Conditions Statement
4B 8 (1)(d) Whether The Referendum Should Extend Beyond The NP Area	This requires the examiner to consider whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the NP Area to which it relates.	The NP relates solely to land that falls within the Parish of Glemsford.
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.	<p>See above where the SEA screening concluded the need for further assessment.</p> <p>The SEA was undertaken in September 2024 and concluded that there were no significant negative effects resulting from the policies in the Plan.</p>



### 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 Glemsford 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) which was originally published in 2012 with various amendments, the latest version published in December 2024. This latter version of the NPPF that 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:

- "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;*
- 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 communities' health, social and cultural well-being; and*
- 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."*

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 1, 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 1 - Compatibility of the Plan's objectives and policies against the NPPF Core Principles

NPPF Topic	Glemsford NP Objectives (as identified in Section 4 of the NP)	Glemsford NP Policies
Delivering a sufficient supply of homes	<b>Housing</b> 1 Ensure that the amount, size and tenure of new housing in Glemsford meets locally identified needs. 2 Enable opportunities for the provision of affordable housing that meets the needs of those with a connection to Glemsford.	Policy GLEM1 – Spatial Strategy Policy CLEM2- Housing Delivery Policy GLEM3 – Land west of Park Lane Policy GLEM4 - Affordable Housing on Rural exception sites
Building a strong, competitive economy	<b>Business and Employment</b> 3 Maintain and improve employment opportunities that do not result in detrimental impacts on local infrastructure, the environment and residents' amenity 4 Improve opportunities for home working	Policy GLEM5 - Employment Sites Policy GLEM6- New Businesses and Employment
Ensuring the vitality of town centres	Not applicable to Glemsford	None
Promoting healthy and safe communities	<b>Services and Facilities</b> 11 Protect and improve the range of community facilities and services. <b>Travel</b> 12 Support and encourage safe and sustainable transport, including walking, cycling and public transport.	Policy GLEM9 - Biodiversity Policy GLEM10 – Local Green Spaces Policy GLEM11 – Development Design Policy GLEM13 – Public Rights of Way
Promoting sustainable transport	<b>Travel</b> 12 Support and encourage safe and sustainable transport, including walking, cycling and public transport. 13 Minimise the impact of vehicles on the environment	Policy GLEM13 – Public Rights of Way
Supporting high quality communications	<b>Built and Historic Environment</b> 11 Minimise the impact of new development on infrastructure, services and existing residents.	Policy GLEM11 – Development Design Policy GLEM13 – Public Rights of Way

NPPF Topic	Glemsford NP Objectives (as identified in Section 4 of the NP)	Glemsford NP Policies
	<b>Travel</b> 12 Support and encourage safe and sustainable transport, including walking, cycling and public transport	
Making effective use of land	<b>Natural Environment</b> 5 Protect and enhance the rural setting of the Parish and minimise the impact of development on the natural environment  <b>Built and Historic Environment</b> 8 Recognise and protect the importance of Glemsford's historic assets and their settings. 9 Ensure that new development is designed in a way that reflects local character. 10 Minimise the impact of new development on infrastructure, services and existing residents.	Policy GLEM1 – Spatial Strategy Policy GLEM2- Housing Delivery Policy GLEM9- Biodiversity Policy GLEM10 - Local Green Spaces Policy GLEM11 – Development Design
Achieving well-designed places	<b>Housing</b> 1 Ensure that the amount, size and tenure of new housing in Glemsford meets locally identified needs.  <b>Built and Historic Environment</b> 8 Recognise and protect the importance of Glemsford's historic assets and their settings. 9 Ensure that new development is designed in a way that reflects local character.	Policy GLEM7 - Protection of Landscape Setting of Glemsford Policy GLEM8 - Protection of Important Views Policy GLEM9 - Biodiversity Policy GLEM10 - Local Green Spaces Policy GLEM11 – Development Design Policy GLEM12 – Artificial Lighting
Protecting Green Belt land	Not applicable to Glemsford	None
Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change	<b>Natural Environment</b> 5 Protect and enhance the rural setting of the Parish and minimise the impact of development on the natural environment.  <b>Built and Historic Environment</b>	Policy GLEM9 - Biodiversity Policy GLEM10 - Local Green Spaces Policy GLEM11 – Development Design

NPPF Topic	Glemsford NP Objectives (as identified in Section 4 of the NP)	Glemsford NP Policies
	10 Minimise the impact of new development on infrastructure, services and existing residents.	
Conserving and enhancing the natural environment	<b>Natural Environment</b> 5 Protect and enhance the rural setting of the Parish and minimise the impact of development on the natural environment. 6 Maximise opportunities to improve natural habitats and biodiversity.	Policy GLEM7 - Protection of Landscape Setting of Glemsford Policy GLEM8 - Protection of Important Views Policy GLEM9 - Biodiversity Policy GLEM10 - Local Green Spaces Policy GLEM11 – Development Design Policy GLEM12 – Artificial Lighting Policy GLEM13 – Public Rights of Way
Conserving the historic environment	<b>Built and Historic Environment</b> 8 Recognise and protect the importance of Glemsford’s historic assets and their settings. 9 Ensure that new development is designed in a way that reflects local character. 10 Minimise the impact of new development on infrastructure, services and existing residents.	Policy GLEM7 - Protection of Landscape Setting of Glemsford Policy GLEM8 - Protection of Important Views Policy GLEM11 – Development Design Policy GLEM12 – Artificial Lighting
Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals	Not applicable to the Neighbourhood Plan	None

### 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.

Policy	Purpose	Outcome
GLEM 1	To provide a strategy for the location of new development within the neighbourhood plan area.	Ensures that new development is within the settlement boundary to protect the countryside from inappropriate development.
GLEM 2	Sets out a requirement for at least 100 houses to be delivered in the neighbourhood plan	Provides for new homes as appropriate to the scale and nature of Glemsford.
GLEM 3	Allocates a site for 100 dwellings and recreational open space.	Provides homes and open space to meet the housing needs of the locality.
GLEM 4	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.
GLEM 5	Protects existing employment sites from loss to other uses	Contributes towards building a strong and competitive economy
GLEM 6	Promotes appropriate development of business and employment uses	Contributes towards building a strong and competitive economy
GLEM 7	Protects the landscape setting of Glemsford.	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment
GLEM 8	Identifies important views within the Plan Area that should be protected.	Protects and enhances the character and setting of the village.
GLEM 9	Seeks protection of existing habitats and natural features.	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, including helping to improve biodiversity.
GLEM 10	Designates a number of green spaces that meet the NPPF Local Green Space	Protects spaces that have an identifiable local importance to the village.
GLEM 11	Provides design criteria for the consideration of the impact of development proposals.	Preserves and enhances the distinctiveness, character and sense of place of the village's built environment.
GLEM 12	Seeks to limit the impact of artificial lighting on the locality.	Protects and enhances the character and natural environment of the village.
GLEM 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 adopted in November 2023, together with any saved policies from the Babergh Core Strategy (February 2014) and the Babergh Local Plan (Babergh Local Plan Alteration No.2 adopted June 2006).

## 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 With the adoption of the Joint Local Plan in November 2023, many development plan policies have been superseded, a list of live policies are set out on the Babergh DC website. The Joint Local Plan identifies which policies are strategic and others that are local, for the purposes of this statement the strategic policies have been assessed. The saved policies are specific to areas or certain types of development (houseboats, moorings) none of which are applicable to Glemsford and have therefore not been assessed, but for completeness are listed in Appendix A of this statement.

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

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
<b>Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan – Part 1 Strategic Policies November 2023</b>		
SP01 Housing Needs	GLEM1 – Spatial strategy GLEM3 – Land west of Park Lane	The JLP identifies the minimum housing requirement for each district. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement and allocates a site at land west of Park Lane.
SP02 Affordable Housing	GLEM2 – Housing Delivery GLEM3– Land west of Park Lane GLEM4- Affordable Housing on Rural exception Sites	The JLP 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	GLEM1 – Spatial strategy GLEM3 – Land west of Park Lane	The JLP does not 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	GLEM5 - Employment Sites GLEM6 – New Business and Employment	The JLP identifies strategic sites for employment uses. It supports additional employment sites being developed along strategic transport corridors. There are no strategic employment sites in the Neighbourhood Area and the Neighbourhood Plan enables the provision of suitable additional employment development.
SP06 Retail and Town Centre Uses	No specific policies apply	The JLP policy relates to defined town centres, which does not include Glemsford.



Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
SP07 Tourism	GLEM6 – New Business and Employment	The JLP supports the development of appropriate tourism enterprises. The Neighbourhood Plan supports this aspiration.
SP08 Strategic Infrastructure Provision	GLEM11- Development Design	The JLP identifies specific strategic infrastructure projects and requires developments to make community infrastructure levy contributions. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement.
SP09 Enhancement and Management of the Environment	GLEM7 – Protection of Landscape Setting of Glemsford GLEM8- Protection of Important Views GLEM9- Biodiversity GLEM10 – Local Green Spaces	The JLP 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 support the strategic policy.
SP10 Climate Change	GLEM11 – Development Design	The JLP policy sets requirements for the mitigation of the impacts of climate change. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement.

## 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, Glemsford 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 "Glemsford Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion" and the "Glemsford Neighbourhood Plan Habitats Regulations Assessment Report " both dated December 2023. In terms of the SEA its was concluded that *"the Glemsford Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to have significant environmental effects and that SEA is therefore required."*, Whereas, the HRA concluded *no likely significant effects are predicted on European sites as a result of the Glemsford Neighbourhood Plan, either alone or in combination with other policies and proposals. Appropriate Assessment is therefore not required"*. The SEA report concluded that the policies of the plan would not have any significant detrimental effects.

### Human Rights

- 4.4 The public consultation process for the Glemsford 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 meets 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 Glemsford 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 Glemsford Neighbourhood Development Plan on Persons with Protected Characteristics

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	Outcome for persons with Protected Characteristics
<b>Housing</b> 1 Ensure that the amount, size and tenure of new housing in Glemsford meets locally identified needs. 2 Enable opportunities for the provision of affordable housing that meets the needs of those with a connection to Glemsford.	Provides for new homes to be provided in the village that respond to local needs. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
<b>Employment</b> 3 Maintain and improve employment opportunities that do not result in detrimental impacts on local infrastructure, the environment and residents' amenity. 4 Improve opportunities for home working.	Promotes the retention and improvement of job opportunities in the Plan Area. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
<b>Natural Environment</b> 5 Protect and enhance the rural setting of the Parish and minimise the impact of development on the natural environment. 6 Maximise opportunities to improve natural habitats and biodiversity	Protects and enhances the setting of the village and natural environment for the benefit of residents. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
<b>Built and Historic Environment</b> 8 Recognise and protect the importance of Glemsford's historic assets and their settings. 9 Ensure that new development is designed in a way that reflects local character. 10 Minimise the impact of new development on infrastructure, services and existing residents.	Promotes the preservation of the character and historic assets of the village and seeks to minimise impact of new development on the overall character of the village. Neutral impact for persons with protected characteristics.
<b>Services and Facilities</b> 11 Protect and improve the range of community facilities and services.	Ensures that local services are not detrimentally impacted by new development and are retained. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
<b>Travel</b> 12 Support and encourage safe and sustainable transport, including walking, cycling and public transport. 13 Minimise the impact of vehicles on the environment	Promotes means of safe and sustainable transport and to reduce vehicle impact on the environment. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.

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

Policy	Purpose	Outcome
GLEM 1	To provide a strategy for the location of new development within the neighbourhood plan area.	Ensures that new development is within the settlement boundary to protect the countryside from inappropriate development.  Neutral impact on persons with protected characteristics.
GLEM 2	Sets out a requirement for at least 100 houses to be delivered in the neighbourhood plan.	Provides for new homes as appropriate to the scale and nature of Glemsford.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
GLEM 3	Allocates a site for 100 dwellings and recreational open space.	Provides homes and open space to meet the housing needs of the locality.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
GLEM 4	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.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
GLEM 5	Protects existing employment sites from loss to other uses	Contributes towards building a strong and competitive economy  Neutral impact on persons with protected characteristics.
GLEM 6	Promotes appropriate development of business and employment uses	Contributes towards building a strong and competitive economy  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
GLEM 7	Protects the landscape setting of Glemsford.	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment  Neutral impact on persons with protected characteristics.
GLEM 8	Identifies important views within the Plan Area that should be protected.	Protects and enhances the character and setting of the village.  Neutral impact on persons with protected characteristics.
GLEM 9	Seeks protection of existing habitats and natural features.	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, including helping to improve biodiversity.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
GLEM 10	Designates a number of green spaces that meet the NPPF Local Green Space criteria.	Protects spaces that have an identifiable local importance to the village.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.

Policy	Purpose	Outcome
GLEM 11	Provides design criteria for the consideration of the impact of development proposals.	Preserves and enhances the distinctiveness, character and sense of place of the village's built environment.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
GLEM 12	Seeks to limit the impact of artificial lighting on the locality.	Protects and enhances the character and natural environment of the village.  Neutral impact on persons with protected characteristics.
GLEM 13	Promotes improvement to the public rights of way network	Contributes to health and wellbeing.  Broadly positive 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.

## APPENDIX A

### Saved development plan policies that do not apply to Glemsford Neighbourhood Plan

The following saved policies in the Babergh Development Plan (Core Strategy and Local Plan) do not apply to Glemsford, either because they apply to a specific area or cover certain uses which are not applicable to the village and have therefore not been assessed in this Basic Conditions Statement.

<b>Babergh Core Strategy 2014</b>	
CS4 Chilton Woods Strategic Land Allocation and Strategy for Sudbury / Great Cornard	
CS5 Strategic Broad Location – East of Sudbury / Great Cornard	
CS6 Hadleigh	
CS7 Strategic Site Allocation - Babergh Ipswich Fringe	
CS10 Brantham Regeneration Area Allocation	
<b>Babergh Local Plan 2006</b>	
CR14 Houseboats - Estuarial/or Inland Waters	
CR15 Houseboats at Pin Mill	
CR16 Jetties at Pin Mill	
RE15 Moorings and Marinas	