

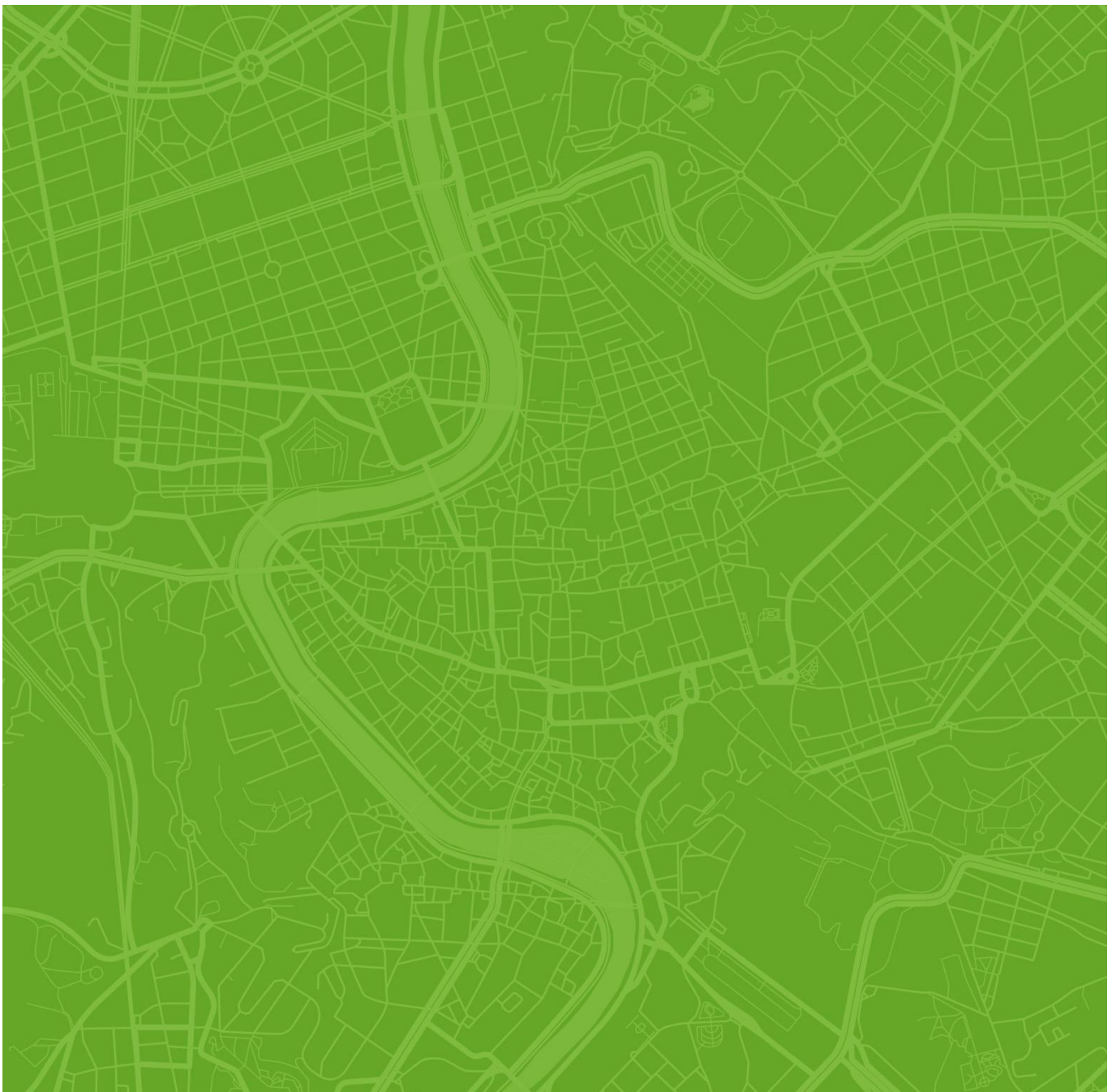
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## **SEA Screening Opinion**

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

**1.1** Hintlesham and Chattisham Parish Council is in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. Hintlesham and Chattisham are neighbouring villages located in the east of Babergh District. The A1071 runs through the neighbourhood plan area between Ipswich to the east and Hadleigh to the west. LUC has been appointed by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils to consider whether there is a need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken for the Neighbourhood Plan.

**1.2** SEA may be required for a Neighbourhood Plan if it is likely to have significant environmental effects. Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is similar to SEA but includes assessment of the likely significant effects of a plan or programme on economic and social factors, as well as environmental factors. Planning Practice Guidance<sup>1</sup> (PPG) clarifies that there is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to be subject to SA, but that SA can be used to demonstrate how the plan will contribute to sustainable development.

**1.3** Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have commissioned LUC to carry out SEA Screening of the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Hintlesham and Chattisham Neighbourhood Plan (August 2025) (hereafter referred to as the Neighbourhood Plan) in order to determine whether an assessment is required under European Directive 2001/42/EC (the SEA Directive), transposed into UK law through the SEA Regulations<sup>2</sup>.

**1.4** In October 2023 the Levelling up and Regeneration Act received royal assent, setting out detailed reforms to the planning system. Amongst other things, the Act allows for the replacement of the current SEA regime with a new requirement for an Environmental Outcomes Report. The specific requirements will be set out in forthcoming regulations, along with information about transition arrangements; however at present the requirement for SEA remains as set out in existing legislation.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance>

<sup>2</sup> The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/1633), as amended by The Environmental Assessments and Miscellaneous Planning (Amendment) (EU Exit)

Regulations 2018 (SI 2018/1232). It should be noted that the purpose of the amendments to the SEA Regulations is to ensure that the law functions correctly after the UK has left the European Union. No substantive changes are made to the way the SEA regime operates.

## Chapter 2

### SEA Screening

#### Scope of the Hintlesham and Chattisham Neighbourhood Plan

**2.1** Hintlesham and Chattisham Parish Council has prepared a Pre-Submission Draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan for consultation.

**2.2** The Neighbourhood Plan covers the entire Parish of Hintlesham and Chattisham, which was designated as a Neighbourhood Area by Babergh District Council in January 2025. The Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Draft Plan (August 2025) includes a vision for the long-term future of Hintlesham and Chattisham along with 12 objectives, through which the vision will be achieved:

1. Retain the separation between Hintlesham and Chattisham and with other nearby settlements.
2. Maintain the linear built form of the settlements and avoid backfill development.
3. Ensure that the amount and type of new housing meets the needs of the villages.
4. Enable opportunities for the provision of affordable housing to meet the needs of those with a connection to the Plan Area.
5. Protect and enhance the landscape character of the Plan Area including green spaces, woodland and watercourses.
6. Deliver net gains to the extent and quality of natural habitats and biodiversity.
7. Conserve and enhance the villages' heritage assets.
8. Ensure that new development is designed in a way that reflects local character.
9. Reduce the environmental impact of new development through the incorporation of measures that reduce energy and water use and maintain the area's dark skies.
10. Protect and improve the level of services and facilities.
11. Support and encourage safe and sustainable transport, including walking, cycling and public transport.
12. Minimise the impact of vehicles passing through the village.

**2.3** The Neighbourhood Plan then sets out 13 policies (H&C 1-13) to realise and deliver the vision for Hintlesham and Chattisham, along with four Community Actions. These actions are matters which do not form part of the statutory Neighbourhood Plan but address matters of local concern.

**2.4** The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate any sites for new housing or other built development. Policy H&C 1 – Development Location states that the Neighbourhood Area will accommodate development commensurate with the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan – Part 1. The focus for new development will be within the defined settlement boundary where the principle of development is accepted. The policy outlines that proposals for development located outside the settlement boundary will only be permitted where they are in accordance with national, district and neighbourhood level policies and, additionally, where they would not have a detrimental impact on heritage and landscape designations.

**2.5** Policy H&C 2 – Housing Development states that within the Settlement Boundary there is a general presumption in favour of housing development comprising small infill where proposals are within an existing frontage, would not result in backland development, and would not have a detrimental impact on the built and natural character of the site and its surroundings, the amenity of residents and infrastructure, including highways. Further to this, Policy H&C 3 – Housing Mix states that proposals for new dwellings will be supported where they provide one or two bedroom dwellings designed to be suitable for first time buyers as well as an ageing population looking to downsize.

**2.6** Other policies in the Neighbourhood Plan address topics including the natural environment, important views, flooding, services and facilities and the historic environment (specifically the designated Chattisham Special Character Area).

## Baseline Information

**2.7** This section summarises baseline information for the Parish of Hintlesham and Chattisham.

### Context

**2.8** Hintlesham and Chattisham are two historic neighbouring villages (to the north and south of one another respectively) located in the east of the Babergh District, bisected by the A1071. The villages of Hintlesham and Chattisham are surrounded to the north, east and south by other villages, with the town of Hadleigh to the west and the major town of Ipswich further to the east beyond Burstall and Copdock and Washbrook, within approximately five miles of Hintlesham and Chattisham.

## Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna

**2.9** There are no internationally designated sites within the Parish. At the western edge of the Parish there is an ancient woodland; Hintlesham Woods, which is also a Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI), recognised for its diverse ecosystem. There are no other nationally or locally designated sites within the Neighbourhood Area, including County Wildlife Sites.

**2.10** There are some Priority Habitats within the Parish, primarily deciduous woodland, along with small areas of traditional orchard.

**2.11** The Neighbourhood Area falls within the 13km Zone of Influence of the Stour and Orwell Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site.

## Population

**2.12** The Mid-Year 2022 population estimate indicated that the population of the Parish was 900, comprised of 360 households with 42.7% of households consisting of two people. The majority of the Parish population falls within the 50-80 age bracket, which reflects trends found in many villages and Babergh District as a whole, which has an increasing proportion of elderly residents.

## Human Health

**2.13** In terms of health of Hintlesham and Chattisham residents, according to the 2011 Census<sup>3</sup>, in Hintlesham 84.7% of people classified themselves as in 'very good' and 'good' health while 3.8% of people classified themselves as in 'bad' and 'very bad' health. Chattisham performed slightly better with 88% of people classifying themselves as in 'very good' and 'good' health and 1.8% of people in 'bad' and 'very bad' health.

**2.14** Hintlesham and Chattisham has an ageing population which is likely to lead to more cases of residents suffering from age-related conditions such as dementia.

## Soil

**2.15** The Parish is comprised of freely draining slightly acid loamy soils, slightly acid loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage and slowly permeable seasonably wet slightly acid but base-rich loamy and clayey soils. It is primarily classified as Grade 2 and Grade 3 agricultural land. It is not known whether the Grade 3 land is the high quality Grade 3a or lower quality Grade 3b.

<sup>3</sup> Census 2021 data was not available at a Parish level.

## Water

**2.16** Narrow areas to the east and south of the Parish fall within Flood Zones 2 and 3 which are associated with a tributary of the River Orwell.

## Air Quality and Climatic Factors

**2.17** There are no Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) that have been declared within Hintlesham and Chattisham, the closest being in the nearby town of Ipswich.

**2.18** Climate data are not available at Parish level, but within Babergh District as a whole, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions of 45% were achieved between 2005 and 2023. This reduction was mostly due to progress in reducing emissions from domestic sources, closely followed by industrial and commercial sectors, with minimal progress on transport emissions. Transport makes the largest contribution to carbon emissions in Babergh District.

## Material Assets

**2.19** Hintlesham and Chattisham benefit from a number of services and facilities, several of which are focused around George Street in Hintlesham, the larger of the two villages. Facilities within Hintlesham include a primary school, the George public house, St Nicholas' Church, a Community Hall and playing field, allotments, Hintlesham Hall Hotel and Spa, a golf club and Forge garage car sales and servicing. There is also the All Saints & St Margaret Church and a playing field in Chattisham. Both Hintlesham and Chattisham also have Telephone Box libraries.

**2.20** The Parish contains an established network of Public Rights of Way which run throughout and between the villages, also connecting to neighbouring parishes such as Burstall and Copdock and Washbrook. The footpath network provides access to the countryside, with opportunities for extensive views across the landscape and into the village. The National Cycle Route 1 passes through Chattisham as it connects Ipswich and Hadleigh.

**2.21** The Neighbourhood Plan has identified eight Local Green Spaces as addressed in Policy H&C 8, which consist of:

- Hintlesham Recreation Ground and Play Area
- Hintlesham Allotments
- Hintlesham Churchyard
- Timperleys Open Space
- Chattisham Play Area
- Chattisham Churchyard
- Green at entrance to Chattisham Church
- Church Belt Community Woodland

## Cultural Heritage

**2.22** Hintlesham and Chattisham are both ancient farming settlements dating from the iron age and were once prosperous, self-supporting farming communities. The villages have developed primarily over the last 100 years in a 'ribbon' pattern along existing roads, particularly along Duke Street. 100 years ago, the Ordnance Survey of 1925 showed only a few cottages, whilst today key road frontages have housing along both sides.

**2.23** There are 26 listed buildings across the Parish, which include a number of surviving 15th Century buildings including Hintlesham Hall which is Grade I listed. There is also one Scheduled Monument (Moated site at Moat Farm). None of these assets are on Historic England's 'Heritage at risk' register, and there are no Conservation Areas within the Parish.

**2.24** The Neighbourhood Plan designates a Special Character Area in Chattisham, encompassing five listed buildings. Policy H&C 12 establishes that within the Special Character Area, as well as having regard to the need to preserve or enhance the significance of the heritage assets in or adjoining the area, proposals should positively respond to the area's distinctive characteristics.

## Landscape

**2.25** There are no designated landscapes within or near to the Parish, the nearest being Suffolk Coast and Heaths National Landscape which is around 5km to the south.

**2.26** The landscape of the Parish falls within three defined areas as identified in the Suffolk Landscape Appraisal: ancient estate claylands, ancient plateau claylands and rolling valley farmlands. However, the majority of the Parish falls within the ancient estate claylands typology.

**2.27** The nature of the plateau landscape in and around the Parish means that there are a number of distinct views into, out of and within the villages. Thirteen important views have been identified in the Neighbourhood Plan, including eight clustered around Chattisham and five around Hintlesham. These views are addressed in Policy H&C 7- Important Views.

## SEA Screening

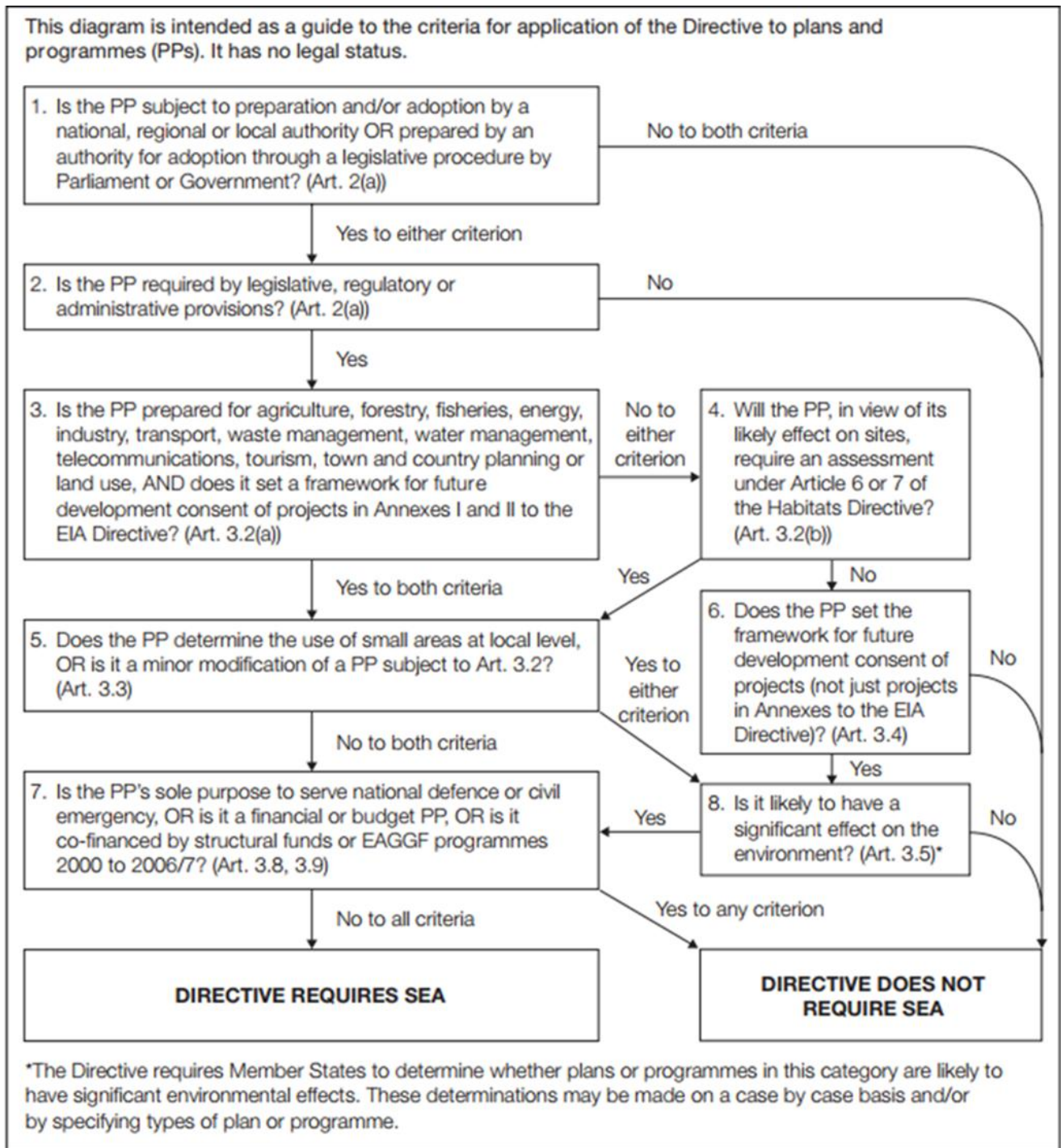
**2.1** An assessment has been undertaken to determine whether the Pre-Submission Draft Hintlesham and Chattisham Neighbourhood Plan (August 2025) requires SEA in accordance with the SEA Regulations.

**2.2** **Figure 2.1** overleaf presents the flow diagram entitled 'Application of the SEA Directive to plans and programmes' which is taken from the Practical Guide to the Strategic

Environmental Assessment Directive<sup>4</sup>, published in September 2005. This is a useful guide when considering whether a plan should be subject to SEA (The Practical Guide

has been superseded by the Planning Practice Guidance; however it still provides a useful and relevant guide to the process to use in making SEA screening decisions).

Figure 2.1 Application of the SEA Directive to plans and programmes



<sup>4</sup> Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (2005) A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive

**2.3 Table 2.1** below presents the assessment of whether the Hintlesham and Chattisham Neighbourhood Plan will require a full SEA. The questions in the first column are drawn from the diagram above which sets out how the SEA Directive should be applied.

**Table 2.1 Application of SEA Directive to the Hintlesham and Chattisham Neighbourhood Plan**

| Stage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Yes/No   | Reason                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 1. Is the PP (plan or programme) subject to preparation and/or adoption by a national, regional or local authority OR prepared by an authority for adoption through a legislative procedure by Parliament or Government? (Article 2(a))                                                                                            | Yes      | The Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared under the Localism Act 2011 and will be adopted ('made') by the Local Authority (Babergh District Council) as part of the statutory development plan.<br><br><b>Move to Q2.</b>                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2. Is the PP required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Article 2(a))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No       | The Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared under the Localism Act 2011 and in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. However, there is no requirement to produce a Neighbourhood Plan; it is an optional plan. Once made it will become part of the statutory development plan. Therefore, it should continue to be screened.<br><br><b>Move to Q3.</b> |
| 3. Is the PP prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use, AND does it set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II to the EIA Directive? (Article 3.2(a)) | Yes & No | The Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared for town and country planning and land use, but it does not set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II to the EIA Directive.<br><br><b>Move to Q4.</b>                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4. Will the PP, in view of its likely effect on sites, require an assessment for future development under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive? (Article 3.2 (b))                                                                                                                                                              | No       | Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening of the Neighbourhood Plan has been undertaken separately on behalf of Babergh District Council and has concluded that the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.<br><br><b>Move to Q6.</b>                                  |
| 6. Does the PP set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just projects in Annexes to the EIA Directive)? (Article 3.4)                                                                                                                                                                                     | Yes      | Although the Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate sites for development, it includes policies which proposals for development within the Parish will be assessed against.<br><br><b>Move to Q8.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? (Article 3.5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | No       | See <b>Table 2.2.</b><br><br><b>SEA IS NOT REQUIRED.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**2.4** Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations sets out the criteria for determining the likely significance of effects. These are listed in **Table 2.2** below along with comments on the extent to which the Hintlesham and Chattisham Neighbourhood Plan meets these criteria.

**Table 2.2 Likely Significant Effects of the Hintlesham and Chattisham Neighbourhood Plan**

| SEA Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                        | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| The characteristics of plans and programmes, having regard, in particular, to:                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1. The degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources. | <p>Once made, the Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the statutory development plan and will guide the delivery of development in Hintlesham and Chattisham, including in terms of design. The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate sites for residential or other forms of development.</p> <p>The previously adopted Babergh Core Strategy (2014) identified Hintlesham as a 'Hinterland Village' under Policy CS2: Settlement Pattern, but does not define Chattisham under any specified category. The Policy stipulates that Hinterland Villages will accommodate some development to help meet the needs within them, although development will largely be directed to towns/urban areas (which includes the Ipswich Fringe) and then to the Core Villages. Policy CS3 made provision for 1,050 homes to be delivered at Core and Hinterland Villages over the Plan period to 2031.</p> <p>The adopted Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 (Nov 2023) does not set out a settlement hierarchy. Following the examination of the Joint Local Plan it was decided that an up-to-date settlement hierarchy will now come forward in Part 2 of the Plan. However, in March 2025 a revised Local Development Scheme introduced the Councils' decision to not continue with a Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 2 Development Plan Document, but to produce a full Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Review. This is at an early stage in its development and is unlikely to be adopted for some time.</p> |
| 2. The degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy.                                                                                     | <p>The Neighbourhood Plan has to be in general conformity with the local strategic framework (i.e. the adopted Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 and saved policies from the previous local plans). The Neighbourhood Plan must also have regard to the National Planning Policy Framework. The Neighbourhood Plan does not have influence over other plans. Once made, the Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for Hintlesham and Chattisham Parish and will be used in conjunction with the adopted Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 and the emerging Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Review (once adopted) to determine planning applications.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3. The relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.                                          | <p>One of the Basic Conditions which the Neighbourhood Plan must meet is to contribute to sustainable development.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 4. Environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme.                                                                                                                                           | <p>Baseline information relating to Hintlesham and Chattisham Parish was described earlier in this report. Key issues of relevance to the Neighbourhood Plan are the presence of high-quality agricultural land in the Parish, land within flood zones 2 and 3, biodiversity assets including a Site of Special Scientific</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| SEA Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interest and Priority Habitats, and designated heritage assets including a Scheduled Monument and Grade I listed building.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 5. The relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (e.g. plans and programmes linked to waste-management or water protection).                                                                                                    | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6. The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate sites for housing or other forms of development. The Neighbourhood Plan covers the period up to 2037. Any effects of the Neighbourhood Plan are expected to be indirect (due to not allocating sites) but would be long-term and permanent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7. The cumulative nature of the effects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Cumulative effects could result from the Neighbourhood Plan in combination with development that takes place in the surrounding towns and villages, although the Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate sites for housing or other forms of development.</p> <p>The previously adopted Babergh Core Strategy (2014) identified Hintlesham as a 'Hinterland Village' in the settlement hierarchy, anticipating that it will accommodate some development to help meet the needs within them. The adopted Part 1 Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan does not identify a minimum housing requirement for Hintlesham and Chattisham.</p> |
| 8. The transboundary nature of the effects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | The Neighbourhood Plan focuses on Hintlesham and Chattisham Parish only. Transboundary effects under the SEA Regulations refers to transboundary effects on other EU Member States; therefore they are not relevant to this Neighbourhood Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9. The risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents).                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | There are no anticipated risks to human health or the environment from the Neighbourhood Plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10. The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected).                                                                                                                                                                   | The Neighbourhood Plan covers the entirety of Hintlesham and Chattisham Parish. The 2022 Mid-Year population estimate for the Parish was 900 people.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11. The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Special natural characteristics or cultural heritage;</li> <li>■ Exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; and</li> <li>■ Intensive land-use.</li> </ul> | Hintlesham and Chattisham Parish is home to Priority Habitats including deciduous woodland and small areas of traditional orchard, as well as ancient woodland (Hintlesham Woods). Additionally, there are 26 listed buildings and one Scheduled Monument. The Parish contains Grade 2 and Grade 3 agricultural land. Whilst there are no internationally designated nature conservation sites within the Parish, there is one Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12. The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.                                                                                                                                                                      | There are no National Landscapes within or immediately surrounding Hintlesham and Chattisham Parish, the closest being Suffolk Coast and Heaths National Landscape which is around 5km to the south.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## SEA Screening Conclusion

**2.5** A screening assessment has been undertaken by applying the criteria from the SEA Directive and Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations to determine whether or not the Hintlesham and Chattisham Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects when assessed against the topics listed in the SEA Regulations.

**2.6** The Neighbourhood Plan sets out a vision and detailed planning policies to shape development in the Parish up to 2037 and decision makers will need to consider the criteria of these policies when determining future applications in the village. The Neighbourhood Plan does not directly impact on land use through the allocation of sites for housing or other forms of development.

**2.7** On this basis, it is considered that the Hintlesham and Chattisham Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects, and full SEA is therefore not required.

## Next Steps

**2.8** This SEA screening opinion will be sent to the three statutory consultees (Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency) and will be reviewed as appropriate in light of any comments received.

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