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1 Introduction

1.1 As part of the formal submission of the Sproughton 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 Sproughton 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.

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.

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 sub-paragraph (2)),
- (b) whether the draft neighbourhood development plan complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B 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, 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 Sproughton 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 Sproughton, as designated by Babergh District Council on 16 April 2020. 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 2018 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 16 April 2020.
	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

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	<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 Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan will not have significant environmental effects and that no European sites would be affected by the policies described in the NP.</p>
	<p>Section 38B, which include paragraphs 38B(4)(c), 5 & 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 Sproughton.</p>
<p>4B 8 (1)(e) Other Matters 3.28.</p>	<p>This requires the examiner to consider such other matters as may be prescribed</p>	<p>There are no other prescribed matters.</p>
<p>Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018</p>	<p>These Regulations require an Appropriate Assessment of the Plan to be carried out should the SEA and HRA Screening Opinion deem it necessary.</p>	<p>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.</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 Sproughton Neighbourhood 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 amended in July 2018, February 2019 with further amendments in July 2021. It is the 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:

- a) "an economic objective – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure;*
- b) a social objective – to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering well-designed, beautiful and safe places, with accessible 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 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	Sproughton NP Objectives (as identified in Section 4 of the Plan)	Sproughton NP Policies
Delivering a sufficient supply of homes	<p>Housing</p> <p>1 To maintain a strong community by ensuring an adequate supply and mix of housing types and the integration between different types and tenures of housing within the parish.</p> <p>2 To enable local people to stay in or return to the village throughout their lifetime and as their needs change.</p>	<p>Policy SPTN 1 – Spatial Strategy Policy SPTN 2 – Housing Mix Policy SPTN 3 – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites</p>
Building a strong, competitive economy	<p>Business and Employment</p> <p>3 To support small-scale business creation and retention and encourage the provision of services and infrastructure that enables business development.</p> <p>4 To ensure that the employment sector engages with the community with regard to business and employment developments providing opportunities for home working and local employment, particularly through having a fast, reliable fibre broadband network for all.</p>	<p>Policy SPTN 4 – Employment Sites Policy SPTN 5 – New Businesses and Employment Development Policy SPTN 6 – Farm Diversification and Equestrian Uses</p>
Ensuring the vitality of town centres	<p>Infrastructure, Services and Facilities</p> <p>12 To improve and sustain high quality local facilities for existing and future residents.</p> <p>13 To protect existing community, retail, education, and leisure facilities and support further growth where appropriate including provision for facilities in association with new development.</p>	<p>Policy SPTN 18 – Protecting Existing Services and Facilities</p>
Promoting healthy and safe communities	<p>Development Design</p> <p>10 To reduce the environmental impact of new buildings and therefore ensure development complements and enhances the diverse character of the parish.</p> <p>11 To ensure new development is of a high-quality design, eco-friendly, ‘fit for life’ and of a scale (size/height) and type that reinforces local character.</p>	<p>Policy SPTN 16 – Development Design Considerations Policy SPTN 19 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities</p>
Promoting sustainable transport	<p>Transport Objectives</p> <p>14 To promote measures to improve the safety of the roads and footways through the parish by developing, linking and enhancing road, footway and cycle routes</p>	<p>Policy SPTN 16 – Development Design Considerations Policy SPTN 21 – Public Rights of Way</p>

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	<p>and to encourage sustainable travel modes, including public transport resulting in an interconnected set of routes through and around the whole of the parish.</p> <p>15 To ensure that new development provides sufficient off-street parking.</p> <p>16 To minimise the impact of future development within the parish on the existing local highway network.</p>	
Supporting high quality communications	<p>Business and Employment</p> <p>4 To ensure that the employment sector engages with the community with regard to business and employment developments providing opportunities for home working and local employment, particularly through having a fast, reliable fibre broadband network for all.</p> <p>Development Design</p> <p>11 To ensure new development is of a high-quality design, eco-friendly, 'fit for life' and of a scale (size/height) and type that reinforces local character.</p> <p>Infrastructure, Services and Facilities</p> <p>12 To improve and sustain high quality local facilities for existing and future residents.</p> <p>13 To protect existing community, retail, education, and leisure facilities and support further growth where appropriate including provision for facilities in association with new development.</p>	Policy SPTN 16- Development Design Considerations Policy SPTN 20 – Utilities and Infrastructure
Making effective use of land	<p>Natural Environment</p> <p>5 To minimise the impact of development on the best and most versatile agricultural land.</p> <p>6 To maintain the village's rural landscape setting, the distinctive views and visual connectivity with the surrounding countryside from within the built-up area the identity of the parish and prevent coalescence with Ipswich and surrounding villages.</p> <p>7 To protect open green spaces, woodland, countryside, mature trees and ancient hedgerows to enhance biodiversity, through net gains in wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors.</p>	

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Achieving well-designed places	<p>Natural Environment</p> <p>6 To maintain the village's rural landscape setting, the distinctive views and visual connectivity with the surrounding countryside from within the built-up area the identity of the parish and prevent coalescence with Ipswich and surrounding villages.</p> <p>7 To protect open green spaces, woodland, countryside, mature trees and ancient hedgerows to enhance biodiversity, through net gains in wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors.</p> <p>Historic Environment</p> <p>9 To protect and improve the features which contribute to the historic character of the parish.</p> <p>Development Design</p> <p>10 To reduce the environmental impact of new buildings and therefore ensure development complements and enhances the diverse character of the parish.</p> <p>11 To ensure new development is of a high-quality design, eco-friendly, 'fit for life' and of a scale (size/height) and type that reinforces local character.</p> <p>Transport Objectives</p> <p>14 To promote measures to improve the safety of the roads and footways through the parish by developing, linking and enhancing road, footway and cycle routes and to encourage sustainable travel modes, including public transport resulting in an interconnected set of routes through and around the whole of the parish.</p> <p>15 To ensure that new development provides sufficient off-street parking.</p> <p>16 To minimise the impact of future development within the parish on the existing local highway network.</p>	
Protecting Green Belt land	Not applicable to Sproughton	None

NPPF Topic	Sproughton NP Objectives (as identified in Section 4 of the Plan)	Sproughton NP Policies
Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change	<p>Natural Environment</p> <p>5 To minimise the impact of development on the best and most versatile agricultural land.</p> <p>6 To maintain the village’s rural landscape setting, the distinctive views and visual connectivity with the surrounding countryside from within the built-up area the identity of the parish and prevent coalescence with Ipswich and surrounding villages.</p> <p>7 To protect open green spaces, woodland, countryside, mature trees and ancient hedgerows to enhance biodiversity, through net gains in wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors.</p> <p>Development Design</p> <p>10 To reduce the environmental impact of new buildings and therefore ensure development complements and enhances the diverse character of the parish.</p> <p>11 To ensure new development is of a high-quality design, eco-friendly, ‘fit for life’ and of a scale (size/height) and type that reinforces local character.</p> <p>Transport Objectives</p> <p>14 To promote measures to improve the safety of the roads and footways through the parish by developing, linking and enhancing road, footway and cycle routes and to encourage sustainable travel modes, including public transport resulting in an interconnected set of routes through and around the whole of the parish.</p> <p>15 To ensure that new development provides sufficient off-street parking.</p> <p>16 To minimise the impact of future development within the parish on the existing local highway network.</p>	
Conserving and enhancing the natural environment	<p>Natural Environment Objectives</p> <p>5 To minimise the impact of development on the best and most versatile agricultural land.</p> <p>6 To maintain the village’s rural landscape setting, the distinctive views and visual connectivity with the surrounding countryside from within the built-up area the identity of the parish and prevent coalescence with Ipswich and surrounding villages.</p>	

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	<p>7 To protect open green spaces, woodland, countryside, mature trees and ancient hedgerows to enhance biodiversity, through net gains in wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors.</p>	
Conserving the historic environment	<p>Historic Environment Objectives</p> <p>8 To conserve and enhance the heritage assets and their settings.</p> <p>9 To protect and improve the features which contribute to the historic character of the parish.</p>	
Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals	Not applicable to the Neighbourhood Plan	None

How the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan policies achieve sustainable development

3.6 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
SPTN 1	Provides a strategy for the location of new development within the neighbourhood plan area.	Ensures that new development meets the needs of the Parish and is located within the defined settlement boundary.
SPTN 2	Sets a requirement for the sizes of new homes on developments of 10 or more dwellings, including support for the provision of bungalows and affordable housing.	Ensures that the types of new dwellings to be built will meet the housing needs of the village.
SPTN 3	Provides a mechanism for the delivery of affordable housing to meet local needs, outside of the defined settlement boundary.	Will help people with a local connection remain in the village rather than moving away to find an affordable home.
SPTN 4	To ensure existing businesses uses are retained or where this is not possible that certain conditions are met to enable a broader range of benefits to the community.	Will help to retain existing employment uses and allow for these to diversify and offer local employment opportunities and/or wider community benefits.
SPTN 5	Provides guidance for the provision of new employment related development.	Will allow new local employment opportunities to be delivered in appropriate locations.
SPTN 6	Provides guidance on applications for farm diversification schemes, in addition to domestic and commercial equestrian development.	Ensures existing rural buildings are retained and reused for employment purposes. Also to ensure equestrian development does not have an adverse effect on the appearance and character of the locality.
SPTN 7	Designates an area of local landscape sensitivity.	To maintain and protect the landscape character of the area.
SPTN 8	Designates gaps between settlements.	Ensures that the undeveloped land between settlements is protected, to prevent coalescence between settlements.
SPTN 9	Identifies important views within the Plan Area that should be protected.	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, and to maintaining the landscape character of the settlement.
SPTN 10	Identifies 15 local green spaces to be protected.	Protects spaces that have an identifiable local importance.
SPTN 11	Provides details of how to achieve biodiversity enhancement and for the assessment of the potential impact of development on habitats.	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, with a focus on improving biodiversity .
SPTN 12	Provides a mechanism for the management and mitigation for potential impacts on European wildlife sites	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, and requires the provision of SANG for larger residential schemes to mitigate impacts of recreational disturbance to protected sites.
SPTN 13	Enables the preservation and enhancement of the village's heritage assets.	Provides a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage
SPTN 14	Designates 39 Buildings of Local Significance	Preserves and enhances the distinctiveness, character and sense of place of the village's built environment.
SPTN 15	Designates a Special Character Area.	Contributes to enhancing the special qualities of the buildings, features and their setting within the area designated.

Policy	Purpose	Outcome
SPTN 16	Provides detail design considerations to be applied to all new 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.
SPTN 17	To reduce the impact of surface water flooding in the area.	Ensures development proposals incorporate appropriate drainage mechanisms.
SPTN 18	Supports the retention and improvement of community facilities and services in the village.	Maintains existing village services and reduce the need to drive out of the village for day-to-day needs.
SPTN 19	Supports the improvement and protection of open space, sport and recreation facilities.	Ensures that adequate and suitable sports and recreation facilities are provided in the Neighbourhood Plan Area.
SPTN 20	Provides criteria for new provision of communications infrastructure	Preserves and enhances the character and sense of place of the village's built environment whilst improving mobile phone coverage in the area.
SPTN 21	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

3.7 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 Core Strategy (February 2014) and the saved policies of the Babergh Local Plan (Babergh Local Plan Alteration No.2 adopted June 2006).

Babergh District Council has submitted for examination (in April 2021) a new joint local plan with Mid Suffolk District Council to cover the two local planning authority areas. Whilst the Local Plan examination hearings commenced in June 2021, the appointed Inspectors have raised a number of issues. The latest correspondence is dated 16 September 2022, refers to the need for further public consultation on the proposed modifications and that this is likely to occur in late autumn 2022, with the possibility of the need for further hearings in 2023. At the time of submitting the Neighbourhood Plan it is unsure as to whether the Joint Local Plan examination will have concluded before the Neighbourhood Plan is examined. With this in mind, the Basic Conditions Statement has assessed the Neighbourhood Plan against the strategic policies of the Pre-Submission Joint Local Plan as well as those of the adopted Core Strategy and saved Local Plan policies.

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

3.8 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"

3.9 A significant number of policies in the Babergh Local Plan (2006) are officially "saved" by direction of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. A list of saved policies is available on the Babergh DC website at <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/BDC-current-policies-June-2016.pdf> In total these amount to over 90 policies. Babergh District Council has not identified which of the

saved local plan policies are of a strategic nature. In the absence of this, we have assessed compatibility of the Neighbourhood Plan policies against all policies that are considered relevant to the Neighbourhood Area. Those that are not considered relevant are listed in Appendix A of this statement.

- 3.10 The table below provides details of the policies in the development plan, a link to the Neighbourhood Plan policy (where relevant) and a narrative of conformity of the Neighbourhood Plan with the development plan. The final part of the table assesses how the Neighbourhood Plan performs against the strategic policies of the Pre-Submission Joint Local Plan.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
Babergh Core Strategy 2014		
CS1 Applying the Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development in Babergh	All policies apply	All policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are positively worded to encourage sustainable development to take place in the village
CS2 Settlement Pattern Policy	SPTN 1 – Spatial Strategy	The policy identifies Sproughton as a Hinterland Village ,that will “accommodate some development to help meet the needs within them”. The Neighbourhood Plan accords with this policy.
CS3 Strategy for Growth and Development	SPTN 1 – Spatial Strategy SPTN 4 – Employment Sites SPTN 5 – New Business and Employment Development	The policy identifies the amount of economic and housing growth that will be planned for in Babergh, specifically the amount of housing across all hinterland villages including Sproughton. Parts of Sproughton parish also fall within the Babergh Ipswich Fringe which identifies strategic employment sites within the parish. The Neighbourhood Plan provides a positive response to this policy.
CS8 Sproughton Strategic Employment Site Allocation	SPTN 5 – New Business and Employment Development	The policy allocates 35.5 hectares of land for employment purposes. The Neighbourhood Plan accords with this policy.
CS11 Strategy for Development for Core and Hinterland Villages	SPTN 1 – Spatial Strategy SPTN 3 – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites	The policy provides detailed guidance on the function of hinterland villages and criteria for the consideration of new development proposals. Policy SPTN 1 has had regard to this policy and SPTN 3 reflects the need for affordable housing and makes provision for this through rural exception sites.
CS12 Sustainable Design and Construction Standards	SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations	Most of the policy relates to new homes on larger scale developments identified in the Core Strategy or to be allocated in such as that allocated in the Site Allocations DPD which was never produced. The policy also requires non-residential development to achieve BREEAM

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		"excellent" standard. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CS13 Renewable / Low Carbon Energy	SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations	The policy encourages the use of on-site low and zero carbon technologies on new or existing buildings. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CS14 Green Infrastructure	SPTN 10 – Local Green Spaces SPTN 11 – Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement SPTN12 – Recreational Disturbance avoidance and Mitigation SPTN 16 – Development Design Considerations SPTN 21 – Public Rights of Way	The policy protects and enhances green infrastructure. Various Neighbourhood Plan policies include reference to associated matters including wildlife corridors, SANG and the creation of new natural habitats.
CS15 Implementing Sustainable Development in Babergh	All policies apply	The Core Strategy policy sets out criteria for the principles of sustainable development by which all proposals will be assessed. The Neighbourhood Plan contains policies that will specifically contribute to achieving this policy.
CS16 Town, Village and Local Centres	SPTN 18 – Protecting Existing Services and Facilities SPTN 20 – Utilities and Infrastructure	The Core Strategy policy provides for new retail, leisure, tourism, cultural and office development at an appropriate scale in village centres. The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to protect and enhance existing facilities, and to enhance communications services.
CS17 The Rural Economy	SPTN 5 – New Businesses and Employment Development SPTN 6 – Farm Diversification and Equestrian Uses SPTN 18 – Protecting Existing Services and Facilities SPTN 20 Utilities and Infrastructure	The policy supports a range of economic initiatives in the rural area. The Neighbourhood Plan policies seek to maintain existing employment uses and promotes opportunities for appropriate new business uses.
CS18 Mix and Types of Dwellings	SPTN 2 – Housing Mix	The Core Strategy policy states that the mix, type and size of the housing development will be expected to reflect established need. The Neighbourhood Plan has identified specific needs locally and reflects this in Policy SPTN 2.

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CS19 Affordable Homes	SPTN 2 – Housing Mix SPTN 3 – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites	The Core Strategy policy sets requirement for the provision of 35% affordable housing on development sites. The national guidance subsequently introduces a threshold of developments of 10 homes, below which affordable housing should not be sought. Policy SPTN 2 simply refers to affordable homes being tenure blind, whilst SPTN 3 focusses on exception sites for affordable housing.
CS20 Rural Exception Sites	SPTN 3 – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites	The Core Strategy policy enables the provision of affordable housing adjacent or well related to development boundaries in hinterland villages. The Neighbourhood Plan supports this policy but includes reference to a demonstrable local connection and that in exceptional circumstances a small number of market homes may be permitted to assist viability.
CS21 Infrastructure Provision	SPTN 10 - Local Green Spaces SPTN 11- Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement SPTN 12 – Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation SPTN 16 – Development Design Considerations SPTN 17 – Flooding and Sustainable Drainage SPTN 18 – Protecting Existing Services and Facilities SPTN 19 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities SPTN 20 – Utilities and Infrastructure SPTN 21 – Public Rights of Way	The policy seeks to protect, safeguard and enhance existing services, facilities and amenities that are important to the sustainability of local communities. The Neighbourhood Plan identifies specific infrastructure that should be protected or enhanced.
CS22 Monitoring	No specific policies apply	The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with the Core Strategy in respect of monitoring.
Babergh Local Plan (2006) Saved Policies		
EN22 Light Pollution - Outdoor Lighting	SPTN 16 – Development Design Considerations	The policy seeks to minimise the provision of outside lighting and any glare or spillage to a minimum. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.

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EN26 Telecommunications	SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations SPTN 20 – Utilities and Infrastructure	The policy sets out criteria for the consideration of proposals for new telecommunications equipment. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
HS05 Replacement Dwellings	SPTN 1 – Spatial Strategy	The policy provides criteria by which proposals for the replacement of dwellings in the countryside will be considered. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
HS24 Church Lane, Sproughton	No specific policies apply.	The Policy allocates land off Church Lane for 30 houses which has now been implemented.
HS28 Infilling	SPTN 1 – Spatial Strategy	The policy states in which circumstances development on infill plots will not be permitted. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
HS31 Public Open Space (Sites of 1.5 ha and above)	SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations SPTN 19 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities	The Local Plan policy requires a proportion of larger housing sites to be public open space. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
HS32 Public Open Space (New dwellings on sites up to 1.5ha)	SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations SPTN 19 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities	The policy requires proposals for all new residential development, ranging from a single dwelling up to the development of a 1.5 hectares site, to provide open space and play equipment in proportion to the number of dwellings to be built. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
HS33 Extensions to Existing Dwellings	SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations	The policy provides criteria by which proposals for house extensions will be considered. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
HS35 Residential Annexes	SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations	The policy provides criteria by which proposals for self-contained annexes will be considered. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
HS39 Special Needs Housing	No specific policies apply	The policy states that proposals for nursing, residential care, rest homes and sheltered housing and extensions to such homes should be provided in towns or defined sustainable villages. Sproughton is

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		defined as a sustainable village. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
HS40 Special Needs Housing: Conversions/Change of Use	No specific policies apply	The policy states that proposals for nursing, residential care, rest homes and sheltered housing and extensions to such homes should be provided in towns or defined sustainable villages. Sproughton is defined as a sustainable village. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
EM02 General Employment Areas – Existing and New Allocations	SPTN 4 – Employment Sites	The policy states that proposals for employment related development should be able to demonstrate a positive effect on town (or village) centre vitality and viability will be permitted. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
EM04 Former 'British Sugar' Sproughton	SPTN 5 - New Businesses and Employment Development	The policy allocates the site for employment related uses. The Neighbourhood Plan reflects this allocation.
EM19 High Technology Employment Provision	SPTN 5 - New Businesses and Employment Development	The policy makes provision for how proposals for high technology employment provision will be considered. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
EM20 Expansion/Extension of Existing Employment Uses	SPTN 4 – Employment Sites SPTN 5 - New Businesses and Employment Development	The policy provides for the expansion of existing employment uses subject to certain provisions. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
EM24 Retention of Existing Employment Sites	SPTN 4 – Employment Sites SPTN 5 - New Businesses and Employment Development	The policy sets out criteria by which the redevelopment of existing or vacant employment land will be considered. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
SP04 Shopping in Local Centres and Villages	SPTN 18 - Protecting Existing Services and Facilities	The policy seeks the retention of shopping in villages. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
SP05 Farm Shops	No specific policies apply	The policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for farm shops. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CR04 Special Landscape Areas	SPTN 7 – Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity	The policy sets out how proposals for development in the Special Landscape Area, and in the setting of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths

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		AONB, will be permitted. The Neighbourhood Plan acknowledges the loss of this designation in the emerging Joint Local Plan and reassesses this as an Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity.
CR07 Landscaping Schemes	SPTN 7 - Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity SPTN 11- Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations	The policy requires a high standard of landscaping for any development permitted in the countryside. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CR08 Hedgerows	SPTN 11- Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations	The policy seeks the protection of hedgerows in development proposals or suitable mitigation schemes. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CR09 Agricultural Reservoirs	No specific policies apply	The policy provides criteria for the consideration of such proposals. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CR10 Change of use from Agricultural Land	SPTN 1 – Spatial strategy SPTN 6 – Farm Diversification and Equestrian Uses	The policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for the change of use from agricultural land to domestic gardens. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CR13 Removal of Agricultural Occupancy Restrictions	No specific policies apply	The policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals to remove the agricultural occupancy restrictions imposed by a condition of planning permission. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CR18 Buildings in the Countryside – Non Residential	SPTN 1 – Spatial strategy SPTN 6 – Farm Diversification and Equestrian Uses SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations	The policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for converting barns, or other redundant or under-used buildings in the countryside, to industrial, business, community or recreational uses. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CR19 Buildings in the Countryside – Residential	SPTN 1 – Spatial strategy	The policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for the conversion of barns or other redundant or under-used buildings in the countryside into dwellings or holiday accommodation. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CR20 Protecting Existing Village Facilities	SPTN 18 - Protecting Existing Services and Facilities	The policy seeks to protect against the loss of village facilities. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.

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CR24 Village Schools	SPTN 18 - Protecting Existing Services and Facilities	The policy provides support for the use of closed village schools for community uses in the first instance. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CN01 Design Standards	SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations SPTN 17- Flooding and Sustainable Drainage	The policy requires development proposals to be of appropriate scale, form, detail, design and construction materials. The Neighbourhood Plan reinforces this policy by providing a local context.
CN03 Open Space within Settlements	SPTN 7 – Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity SPTN 8 - Settlement Gaps SPTN 10 - Local Green Spaces SPTN 19 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities SPTN 21 – Public Rights of Way	The policy states that development leading to the loss of important open space, visually important gaps in the street scene or recreational facilities within towns and villages will not be permitted. The Neighbourhood Plan reinforces this policy by referring to locally important open spaces, settlement gaps, provision of new open space, recreational facilities and public rights of way.
CN04 Design & Crime Prevention	SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations	The policy seeks to ensure that development is designed to deter vandalism and crime. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
CN06 Listed Buildings - Alteration/Extension/Change of Use	SPTN 13 - Heritage Assets	The policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for the alteration (including part demolition), extension or change of use of listed buildings. The Neighbourhood Plan updates this policy in the light of the NPPF.
RE06 Small and Medium - Scale Recreation	SPTN 19 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities	The policy addresses proposals for small or medium-scale recreation facilities and change of use to recreation in the countryside. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
RE07 Large Scale Recreation	No specific policies apply	The policy states that large scale recreational facilities will only be permitted adjacent to Sudbury, Hadleigh and Ipswich. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
RE18 Rivers Stour and Gipping	SPTN 8 – Settlement Gaps SPTN 9 – Protection of Important Views SPTN 19 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities	The policy refers to the water and land based facilities being permitted where compatible with the landscape character, biodiversity and other constraints. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.

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TP05 New Cycle link – Sroughton	SPTN 19 - Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities	Policy seeks contributions towards a cycle/footpath link along the perimeter of the former sugar beet factory. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
TP15 Parking Standards – New Development	SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations	The policy states that development proposals should provide parking in accordance with the adopted standards. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
TP16 Green Travel Plans	No specific policies apply	The policy requires proposals for development that employ more than 25 people to prepare and implement a Travel Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this policy.
Emerging Joint Local Plan Strategic Policies (November 2020)		
SP01 Housing Needs	SPTN 1 – Spatial Strategy SPTN 2 – Housing Mix SPTN 3 – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites	The emerging Joint Local Plan identifies the minimum housing requirement for each district. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement.
SP02 Affordable Housing	SPTN 3 – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites	The emerging Joint Local Plan sets a requirement of 35% affordable housing on large sites. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement.
SP03 Settlement Hierarchy	SPTN 1 – Spatial Strategy	The emerging Joint Local Plan identifies a hierarchy of settlements across the two districts. The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to have regard to this Policy.
SP04 Housing Spatial Distribution	SPTN 1 – Spatial strategy	The emerging Joint Local Plan identifies a housing requirement of 1,514 additional dwellings in Sroughton and allocates sites accordingly. The Neighbourhood Plan does not seek to allocate any additional housing.
SP05 Employment Land	SPTN 4 – Employment Sites SPTN 5 – New Businesses and Employment Development	The emerging Joint Local Plan identifies strategic sites for employment uses and identifies Sroughton as a Strategic Employment Location and allocates sites accordingly. The

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		Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement and does not allocate any additional employment sites.
SP06 Retail and Town Centre Use	No specific policies apply	The emerging Joint Local Plan policy relates to defined town centres, which does not include Sproughton.
SP07 Tourism	SPTN 5 – New Businesses and Employment Development	The emerging Joint Local Plan policy supports the development of appropriate tourism enterprises. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this aspiration and supports small scale tourism activities.
SP08 Strategic Infrastructure Provision	SPTN 20 – Utilities and Infrastructure	The emerging Joint Local Plan policy identifies specific strategic infrastructure projects and also requires development to make community infrastructure levy contributions. The Neighbourhood Plan does not conflict with this requirement.
SP09 Enhancement and Management of the Environment	SPTN 7 – Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity SPTN 11 – Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement SPTN 12 – Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation SPTN 17 – Flooding and Sustainable Drainage	The emerging 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 and specifically sets requirements for the mitigation of impacts where applicable.
SP10 Climate Change	SPTN 16 - Development Design Considerations SPTN 17 - Flooding and Sustainable Drainage	The emerging 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, Sproughton 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 "Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan SEA Screening" dated June 2022 and the "Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan HRA Report" dated June 2022. Both reports concluded that neither a full SEA or Appropriate Assessment were required.
- 4.4 In line with Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) these documents are also submitted to Babergh District Council alongside the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Human Rights

- 4.3 The public consultation process for the Sproughton 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.
- 4.4 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, and to meet the needs expressed and address the issues identified. 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.
- 4.5 This section assesses the Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that Sproughton 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 Sproughton Neighbourhood Development Plan on Persons with Protected Characteristics

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives	Outcome for persons with Protected Characteristics
<p>Housing</p> <p>1 To maintain a strong community by ensuring an adequate supply and mix of housing types and the integration between different types and tenures of housing within the parish.</p> <p>2 To enable local people to stay in or return to the village throughout their lifetime and as their needs change.</p>	<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>Business and Employment Objectives</p> <p>3 To support small-scale business creation and retention and encourage the provision of services and infrastructure that enables business development.</p> <p>4 To ensure that the employment sector engages with the community with regard to business and employment developments providing opportunities for home working and local employment, particularly through having a fast, reliable fibre broadband network for all.</p>	<p>Provides for new employment opportunities to be provided in the village and that they respond to local needs. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>
<p>Natural Environment</p> <p>5 To minimise the impact of development on the best and most versatile agricultural land.</p> <p>6 To maintain the village's rural landscape setting, the distinctive views and visual connectivity with the surrounding countryside from within the built-up area the identity of the parish and prevent coalescence with Ipswich and surrounding villages.</p> <p>7 To protect open green spaces, woodland, countryside, mature trees and ancient hedgerows to enhance biodiversity, through net gains in wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors.</p>	<p>Protects and enhances the natural environment for the benefit of residents. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>
<p>Historic Environment</p> <p>8 To conserve and enhance the heritage assets and their settings.</p> <p>9 To protect and improve the features which contribute to the historic character of the parish.</p>	<p>Promotes the preservation of the character and historic assets of the village. Neutral impact for persons with protected characteristics.</p>
<p>Development Design</p> <p>10 To reduce the environmental impact of new buildings and therefore ensure development complements and enhances the diverse character of the parish.</p>	<p>Promotes development that is designed in a way to minimise impact on the environment and meets the needs of the community. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>

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<p>11 To ensure new development is of a high-quality design, eco-friendly, 'fit for life' and of a scale (size/height) and type that reinforces local character.</p>	
<p>Infrastructure, Services and Facilities</p> <p>12 To improve and sustain high quality local facilities for existing and future residents.</p> <p>13 To protect existing community, retail, education, and leisure facilities and support further growth where appropriate including provision for facilities in association with new development.</p>	<p>Ensures that the provision of local infrastructure and services are retained, maintained and enhanced. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>
<p>Transport</p> <p>14 To promote measures to improve the safety of the roads and footways through the parish by developing, linking and enhancing road, footway and cycle routes and to encourage sustainable travel modes, including public transport resulting in an interconnected set of routes through and around the whole of the parish.</p> <p>15 To ensure that new development provides sufficient off-street parking.</p> <p>16 To minimise the impact of future development within the parish on the existing local highway network.</p>	<p>Promotes the management and improvement of the highway network, including improved safety and the provision of routes to enable more sustainable travel modes. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>

Impact of Sproughton Neighbourhood Development Plan Policies on Persons with Protected Characteristics

Policy	Purpose	Outcome
SPTN 1	Provides a strategy for the location of new development within the neighbourhood plan area.	Ensures that the Neighbourhood Plan is positively allows for new development in the village during the plan period. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 2	Sets a requirement for the sizes of new homes on developments of 10 or more dwellings, including support for the provision of bungalows and affordable housing.	Ensures that the Neighbourhood Area meets its identified housing need. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 3	Provides a mechanism for the delivery of affordable housing to meet local needs, outside of the defined settlement boundary.	Contributes to meeting affordable housing needs in suitable locations in close proximity to the village centre. Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 4	To ensure existing businesses uses are retained or where this is not possible that certain conditions are met to enable a broader range of benefits to the community.	Will help to retain existing employment uses and allow for these to diversify and offer local employment opportunities and/or wider community benefits. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 5	Provides guidance for the provision of new employment related development.	Will allow new local employment opportunities to be delivered in appropriate locations. Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 6	Provides guidance on applications for farm diversification schemes, in addition to domestic and commercial equestrian development.	Ensures existing rural buildings are retained and reused for employment purposes. Also to ensure equestrian development does not have an adverse effect on the appearance and character of the locality. Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 7	Designates an area of local landscape sensitivity.	To maintain and protect the landscape character of the area. Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 8	Designates gaps between settlements.	Ensures that the undeveloped land between settlements is protected, to prevent coalescence between settlements. Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 9	Identifies important views within the Plan Area that should be protected.	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.
SPTN 10	Identifies 15 local green spaces to be protected.	Protects spaces that have an identifiable local importance. Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.

Policy	Purpose	Outcome
SPTN 11	Provides details of how to achieve biodiversity enhancement and for the assessment of the potential impact of development on habitats.	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, with a focus on improving biodiversity . Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 12	Provides a mechanism for the management and mitigation for potential impacts on European wildlife sites	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, and requires the provision of SANG for larger residential schemes to mitigate impacts of recreational disturbance to protected sites. Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 13	Enables the preservation and enhancement of the village's 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.
SPTN 14	Designates 39 Buildings of Local Significance	Preserves and enhances the distinctiveness, character and sense of place of the village's built environment. Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 15	Designates a Special Character Area.	Contributes to enhancing the special qualities of the buildings, features and their setting within the area designated. Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 16	Provides detail design considerations to be applied to all new 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 for the community. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 17	To reduce the impact of surface water flooding in the area.	Ensures development proposals incorporate appropriate drainage mechanisms. Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 18	Supports the retention and improvement of community facilities and services in the village.	Maintains existing village services and reduce the need to drive out of the village for day-to-day needs. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 19	Supports the improvement and protection of open space, sport and recreation facilities.	Ensures that adequate and suitable sports and recreation facilities are provided in the Neighbourhood Plan Area. Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
SPTN 20	Provides criteria for new provision of communications infrastructure	Preserves and enhances the character and sense of place of the village's built environment whilst improving mobile phone coverage in the area. Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.

Policy	Purpose	Outcome
SPTN 21	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 - Adopted and saved development plan policies that do not apply to Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan

The following policies in the Babergh Development Plan (Core Strategy and Local Plan) are not appropriate to Sproughton, either because they are not of a strategic nature or do not apply to the village and have therefore not been assessed in this Basic Conditions Statement.

Babergh Core Strategy 2014
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
CS9 Wherstead Strategic Employment Site Allocation
CS10 Brantham Regeneration Area Allocation

Babergh Local Plan (2006) Saved Policies
HS11 Head Lane, Great Cornard
HS12 William Armes Factory, Cornard Road, Sudbury
HS13 High Bank, Melford Road, Sudbury
HS14 Peoples Park, Sudbury
HS15 Grays Close, Hadleigh
HS16 Gallows Hill, Hadleigh
HS17 Carsons Drive, Great Cornard
HS18 Bures Road, Great Cornard
HS19 Rotherham Road, Bildeston
HS20 Friends Field/Tawney Rise, Bures
HS21 Goodlands Farm, Daking Avenue, Boxford
HS22 Folly Road, Great Waldingfield
HS23 Church Farm, Whatfield
HS25 Land at Crownfield Road, Glemsford
EM03 Land to south-east of Lady Lane Hadleigh
EM04 Former 'British Sugar' Sproughton
EM05 Wherstead Office Park, Wherstead
EM06 Land at Brantham Industrial Area
EM07 Land at Bures Road, Great Cornard
EM08 Warehousing & Distribution
EM09 Leisure & Sport at Employment Areas
EM11 Notley Enterprise Park, Raydon/Great Wenham
EM12 Bull Lane/Acton Place
EM13 Pond Hall Industrial Estate, Hadleigh
EM14 Tentree Road, Great Waldingfield
EM15 Off Brook Street, (E W Downs) Glemsford
EM16 London Road, Capel St Mary
EM17 Sprites Lane, Ipswich Western Fringe
EM18 Land on the east bank of the River Orwell
EM21 Redundant Airfields
EM23 Workshop Scale Employment Sites

SP03 Retail Development Outside Town Centres
CR14 Houseboats - Estuarial/or Inland Waters
CR15 Houseboats at Pin Mill
CR16 Jetties at Pin Mill
CR22 Proposed LNR Belstead
CN08 Development in or near conservation Areas
CN14 Historic Parks & Gardens – National
CN15 Historic Parks & Gardens – Local
RE04 Quay Lane, Sudbury Open Space
RE05 Shawlands Avenue Great Cornard
RE11 Land between A137, A14 and The Strand, Wherstead
RE13 Gt Cornard Country Park
RE14 Stour & Orwell Estuaries
RE15 Moorings and Marinas
RE16 Land-based Sailing Facilities on Estuaries
RE17 Land-based Facilities at Alton Water
TP04 New Cycle Links
TP07 Expansion of Copdock Park & Ride Facility
TP08 Proposed Park and Ride – Wherstead
TP10 Sudbury Western Bypass route protection
TP13 Lorry Parking in Hadleigh
TP18 Airports
TP19 Boxford Community Car Park
SD01 Principal Shopping Area
SD02 Mixed Use Areas - Business & Service
SD03 Mixed Use Areas - Shopping and Commerce
SD04 Mixed Use Areas – Residential Development
SD05 Bus/Rail Interchange
SD06 Land around Bus Station & Borehamgate Precinct
SD07 Land to rear of Market Hill
SD08 North St/Gainsborough Rd Junction
SD10 Bus Station
SD11 Industrial Areas
SD13 Walnut Tree Hospital
SD14 Market Hill, New Service Road
SD15 Alternative Hospital Site
HD01 Shopping - Foodstore between Pound Lane and Bridge Street
HD03 Prime Shopping Area
HD05 Hadleigh Health Centre
CP01 Chilton Mixed Use Development Package
CP02 Chilton Cemetery