

**Laverstock and Ford Communities  
Draft Neighbourhood Plan  
2021-2036  
Basic Conditions Statement**



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# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This basic conditions statement demonstrates how the *Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan* meets the basic conditions set out in paragraph 8 (2) of Schedule 4B to the *Town & Country Planning Act 1990* as applied to Neighbourhood Plans by section 38A of the *Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004*.
- 1.2 The qualifying body (Laverstock and Ford Parish Council) is required to produce this statement in line with Regulation 15(1)(d) of the *Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012* (as amended).
- 1.3 This basic conditions statement has been prepared with regard to the following guidance/legislation:
- The Locality *Template Basic Conditions Statement*
  - The Planning Aid Guide *Approaches to Writing a Basic Conditions Statement*
  - The Planning Advisory Service's *Legal A Guide for Councils: Meeting your legal requirements for Neighbourhood Development Plans*
  - The relevant extracts from the National Planning Practice Guidance
  - The relevant Acts and Regulations which pertain to Neighbourhood Development Plans

## 2 Legal Requirements

*This part of the basic conditions statement confirms that in the view of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, the Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan (Submission Version) meets the legal requirements for a Neighbourhood Plan.*

### 2.1 Qualifying Body

The Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, who are the qualifying body.

### 2.2 What is being proposed is a neighbourhood development plan

The Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan relates to planning matters (the use and development of land) and has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and processes set out in the *Town and Country Planning Act 1990* (as amended by the *Localism Act 2011*) and the *Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012*.

### 2.3 The proposed neighbourhood plan states the period for which it is to have effect

The Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan specifies the time period for which is to have effect as 2021-2036, on the cover.

### 2.4 The proposed neighbourhood plan does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area and there are no other neighbourhood plans in place within the neighbourhood area.

The neighbourhood plan proposal relates to the Laverstock and Ford Neighbourhood Area and to no other area. There are no other neighbourhood plans relating to this neighbourhood area. The Laverstock and Ford Neighbourhood Area was designated on 07/12/2017, the Neighbourhood Area boundary is shown in **Appendix 1 to this statement** and within the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Area follows the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council boundary.

## 3 Basic Conditions

*This part of the basic conditions statement confirms that in the view of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, the Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan (Submission Version) meets all of the basic conditions required for a Neighbourhood Plan.*

The following statement will address each of the four 'basic conditions' required of the Regulations and explains how the Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan meets these requirements. Since it does not include a Neighbourhood Development Order, paragraph 8 of schedule 4B to the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act does not apply. The Regulations state that a neighbourhood plan will have met the basic conditions if it:

1. Has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;

2. Contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
3. Is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area;
4. Is compatible with carried over European Union (EU) and European Convention on Human Right (ECHR) obligations.

### 3.1 Have appropriate regard to national policy

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Planning Policies for England, together with the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG). **Table 1** below, briefly summarises how the national policies and guidance have been taken into account for each planning policy in the Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan. This approach follows the format employed in Planning Aid Guidance as good practice. The neighbourhood plan designated area has been subject to strategic housing allocation for many years, addressing the additional housing needs of the Salisbury Housing Market Area, a process which is continuing with current development and which is planned to continue under the Wiltshire Council emerging Local Plan. Since this strategic allocation covers local housing needs many times over, none of the policies in the draft Neighbourhood Plan directly address NPPF Section 5 “Delivering a sufficient supply of homes”. The distinct communities within the Neighbourhood Plan area are at the scale of villages rather than towns, so that NPPF Section 7 “Ensuring the vitality of town centres” is not applicable. There is no Green Belt designation within the NDP area so NPPF Section 13 “Protecting Green Belt land” is not applicable. There is no current or likely extraction of minerals so NPPF Section 17 is not applicable. The relevant NPPF sections addressed by the draft Neighbourhood Plan Policies and referenced in Table 1 are therefore:

- Section 6 Building a strong, competitive economy
- Section 8 Promoting healthy and safe communities
- Section 9 Promoting sustainable transport
- Section 10 Supporting high quality communications
- Section 11 Making effective use of land
- Section 12 Achieving well designed places
- Section 14 Meeting the challenge of climate change and flooding
- Section 15 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
- Section 16 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.

**Table 1: Laverstock and Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan General Planning/Land Use Policies in relation to the NPPF**

NP Policy	NP Policy Title	Key NPPF Section	Comments
Policy 1	Protection of the distinctive settlement pattern of the parish	15, 16	The main aim of this policy is to preserve the semi-rural character of the area by avoiding coalescence of the distinct settlements and overdevelopment of individual settlements to the detriment of the wider landscape.
Policy 2	Old Sarum Airfield Conservation Area	15,16	The policy seeks to protect the historic setting of the Old Sarum Airfield Conservation Area and maintain the green buffer separating the village of Ford from the Old Sarum settlement.
Policy 3	Protection and enhancement of the distinctive landscape character, wildlife habitats and heritage assets	11, 14, 15, 16	This policy identifies the key areas which need protection in order to preserve the landscape character, the green corridors (key to habitat protection) and the water meadows (key to flood risk mitigation). It introduces a requirement that development proposals be supported by a Landscape and Visual Appraisal, an ecological assessment and a Heritage Statement.
Policy 4	Designated Local Green Spaces	8, 15	This policy designates Local Green Spaces in accordance with residents' views.
Policy 5	Design of future developments	8, 9, 12, 14, 15	This policy includes the Parish Design Guide 2021 which addresses each of these NPPF sections, further reinforced by specific requirements on air pollution, climate change avoidance measures and sustainable transport, including linkage to the footpath/cycleway network covered by NDP Policy 6. It also introduces a requirement for consultation with the community on any substantive development prior to planning application, in line with the National Design Guide 2019.
Policy 6	Development of a comprehensive, attractive network of	8, 9	Specific enhancements of the footpath and cycleway network are proposed (including those designed

	footpaths and cycleways within the Parish		to improve access to employment centres), together with a requirement that larger new developments provide direct access to green spaces.
Policy 7	Improvements to infrastructure and amenities appropriate to the scale of specific future housing development	6, 8, 10, 12, 14	This policy aims to ensure that new developments are guaranteed appropriate amenities to help build vibrant, healthy and safe communities while reducing air pollution and increasing road safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

### 3.2 Contributes to the achievement of sustainable development

3.2.1 The key ways that the Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan will help contribute to meeting the objectives of sustainable Development are detailed below:

- The Draft Neighbourhood Plan contains policies which relate to the environmental, social and economic aspects of the Parish. (Policies: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
- The Draft Neighbourhood Plan seeks to propose a coherent local strategy for future developments in the Neighbourhood Plan area – considering housing design and layout, community facilities, landscape and environment impacts. (Policies: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
- The Draft Neighbourhood Plan supports the protection and enhancement of the distinctive landscape character of the area. (Policies: 1, 2, 3, 4)
- The Draft Neighbourhood Plan supports the protection and enhancement of local facilities and infrastructure. (Policy: 7)
- The Draft Neighbourhood Plan supports the improvement of the local network of footpaths and cycleways to help reduce car usage (Policy 6).

3.2.2 The above approach follows the format referenced in Planning Aid Good Practice Guidance.

3.2.3 In addition, a Sustainability Appraisal matrix has been completed by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to assess the Neighbourhood Plan policies. This assessment is included as Appendix 2 of this report.

### 3.3 Be in general conformity with strategic local policy

3.3.1 The strategic Local Policy which applies to the Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan Area can be found in the following policy documents:

- Wiltshire Core Strategy adopted 2015
- Emerging Wiltshire Local Plan consultation documents, published January 2021 (including the Salisbury Strategic Site Allocations Plan), which will replace the Wiltshire Core Strategy when adopted.

3.3.2 Analysis by the qualifying body considers that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with the adopted Wiltshire Council Core Strategy 2015 and is not in conflict with the Emerging Local Plan documents published to date. In particular, this is based on a detailed comparison between the Policies in

the draft Neighbourhood Plan and each of the 69 Core Policies contained within the current Wiltshire Council Core Strategy This is set out in more detail in Table 2 and Appendix 3.

**Table 2: Laverstock and Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan General Planning/Land Use Policies in relation to Strategic Local Policies**

NP Policy	NP Policy Title	Wiltshire Core Policy (CP) Cross Reference	Comments
Policy 1	Protection of the distinctive settlement pattern of the parish	<p>CP1 Settlement strategy</p> <p>CP2 Delivery strategy</p> <p>CP20 Spatial Strategy: Salisbury Community Area</p> <p>CP2, CP23 Spatial Strategy for the Southern Wiltshire Community Area</p> <p>CP44 Rural Exceptions Sites CP48 Supporting rural life</p>	<p>Policy 1 is consistent with the settlement strategy set out in CP1 and specifically as it relates to Principal Settlements and Small Villages (see below for further detail).</p> <p>For that part of the Parish within the Salisbury Settlement Boundary, Policy 1 is consistent with CP2 which states (p53) “ within the limits of development as defined on the Policies Map, there is a presumption in favour of sustainable development”.</p> <p>Policy 1 is also consistent with CP20, including that section relating to land identified for strategic housing and employment growth at Hampton Park and Longhedge (p155).</p> <p>For the settlements of Laverstock and Ford (which are designated as Small Villages) Policy 1 is consistent with CP2 which states (p54) “at the Small Villages development will be limited to infill within the built area”. Policy 1 is also consistent with CP23 which designates the settlements of Laverstock and Ford as small villages (p163).</p> <p>For the remainder of the Parish, Policy 1 is consistent with CP2 (and hence CP44 and CP48), which states (p54) “Other than in circumstances as permitted by other policies within this plan, identified in paragraph 4.25, development will not be permitted outside the limits of development as defined on the policies map” (pp47-48).</p>
Policy 2	Old Sarum Airfield Conservation Area	<p>CP25 Old Sarum Airfield</p> <p>CP58 Ensuring the conservation of the historic environment</p>	<p>Policy 2 is consistent with and supplements CP25 (and with the Planning Inspectorate’s decision in July 2019 on proposed housing development on the Airfield) and with CP58, in its emphasis on the need for an approved Management Plan.</p>

<p>Policy 3</p>	<p>Protection and enhancement of the distinctive landscape character, wildlife habitats and heritage assets</p>	<p>CP50 Biodiversity and geodiversity</p> <p>CP51 Landscape character</p> <p>CP52 Green infrastructure</p> <p>CP68 Water resources CP69 Protection of the River Avon SAC</p>	<p>Policy 3 is consistent with CP50 in its emphasis on new development providing an overall improvement to wildlife habitats.</p> <p>Policy 3 is consistent with CP51 in its emphasis that development should maintain (and wherever possible enhance) the distinctive local landscape character and setting. This policy identifies key views which should be maintained and protected and cross references new local evidence in the form of an extensive and detailed Landscape Sensitivity Assessment carried out in 2020. This covered most of the undeveloped land in the parish with the exception of Old Sarum Airfield, which is currently covered by its own Core Policy 25.</p> <p>Policy 3 is consistent with CP52 in in stating that development should avoid disruption to green corridors within the Parish and in its focus on requiring developers to provide an overall improvement to wildlife habitats.</p> <p>Policy 3 is consistent with CP68 and CP69 in in the requirement that development shall not encroach on green corridors either side of the River Bourne.</p>
<p>Policy 4</p>	<p>Designated Local Green Spaces</p>	<p>CP52 Green infrastructure</p>	<p>Policy 4 is consistent with CP 52 in seeking to extend the number of protected green spaces in the Parish, in its intention to increase the number of Local Green Spaces, and in its commitment to work with Wiltshire Council and other agencies to extend the local Green Blue Infrastructure network.</p>
<p>Policy 5</p>	<p>Design of future developments</p>	<p>CP57 Ensuring high quality design</p> <p>CP41 Sustainable construction and low carbon energy</p>	<p>Policy 5 is consistent with CP57 through its focus on the need for new development to improve the quality of the built environment of the Parish and maintain or enhance its semi-rural character. This is reinforced by the extensive Design Guide for new development in the Parish, which forms Appendix 11 of the NP.</p> <p>Policy 5, together with Appendix 11, is consistent with CP41 in its emphasis on the use of construction materials to minimise the lifetime CO2 footprint of the building and stating that any significant new development should include measures to increase household use of low carbon energy, for example the provision of clean energy generating systems.</p>

		CP55 Air quality	Consistent with CP55, Policy 5 states that for any significant new development, there should be a specific assessment of its impact on air quality, including (but not restricted) to the effect of local traffic generated by the development.
		CP61 Transport and new development	Policy 5 is consistent with CP61 in its emphasis on proposals to help ensure that new development reduces private vehicle usage.
		CP64 Demand management	The residential parking standards proposed for new development contained in Appendix 11 of the NP are consistent with CP64.
Policy 6	Development of a comprehensive, attractive network of footpaths and cycleways within the Parish	CP60 Sustainable transport	Policy 6 is consistent with CP60 in its emphasis on the further development of the local network of footpaths and cycleways, especially to improve connectivity to the city centre, green spaces and the Laverstock schools site, thereby helping reduce car usage.
		CP63 Transport strategies	Policy 6 complements CP63 in the priority to be given to improving connectivity by foot and cycle between the Parish and Salisbury city centre.
Policy 7	Improvements to infrastructure and amenities appropriate to the scale of specific future housing development	CP3 Infrastructure requirements	Policy 7 supplements and supports CP3 through its emphasis on the timely provision of infrastructure and amenities relating to new developments.
		CP62 Development impacts on the transport network	Policy 7 is consistent with CP62 in seeking to direct CIL monies associated with new development to local infrastructure projects, including improvements to the network of footpaths and cycle ways.
		CP49 Protection of rural services and community facilities CP60 Sustainable transport	In addition, consistent with CP49 and CP60, Policy 7 supporting text states that the Parish Council will work with Wiltshire Council and other agencies to secure improvements to local amenities, including bus services.

The qualifying Body considers that those Core Strategy policies which are not included in Table 2 are not relevant to the draft Neighbourhood Plan for a variety of reasons (see Appendix 3).

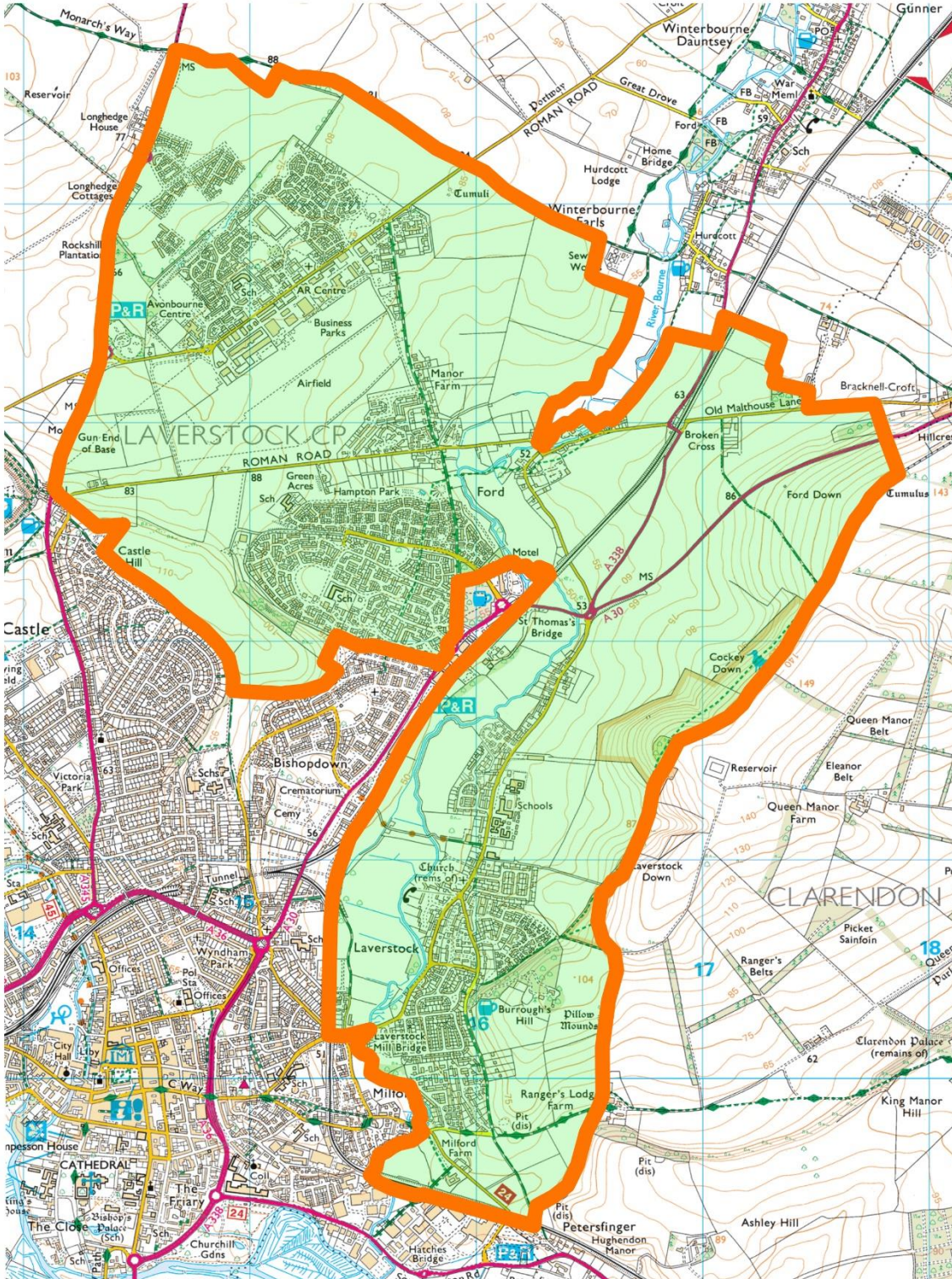
### 3.4 Be compatible with EU obligations

3.4.1 The Draft Neighbourhood Plan is compatible with EU obligations around human rights, habitat protection and environmental impacts. Specifically:

1. Where Local Green Space designations are proposed, consultation and notification of inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan has occurred with the landowners concerned. In addition others who are affected by the proposals have been adequately consulted and have had the opportunity to comment on the proposals. The details of the consultation on the Plan are outlined in the Draft Consultation Statement.

2. The Laverstock and Ford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has prepared an evidence base which includes well documented evidence to underpin the policy approach. The most relevant information is included in the Appendices to the Neighbourhood Plan and more detailed supplementary information can be found in the Supporting Evidence section of the Documents page of the website [www.lfcnp.co.uk](http://www.lfcnp.co.uk).
3. To meet the requirements of Section 105 of the Habitats Regulations 2017, Wiltshire Council have carried out a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) dated 6 August 2021. Natural England confirmed a “no comment” response to the Neighbourhood Plan on September 29<sup>th</sup> 2021 in reply to the submission of this HRA to them by Wiltshire Council. A copy of this HRA can be viewed on the website [www.lfcnp.co.uk](http://www.lfcnp.co.uk) on the Documents page in the Other Supporting Documents section. The emails confirming this assessment are reproduced in Appendix 4.
4. Wiltshire Council, in line with the requirements of the European Directive 2001/42/EC, has an obligation to determine whether the Plan is likely to have significant environmental effects. Wiltshire Council provided a Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion dated November 2021 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan which confirmed that an SEA is not required. The document contains correspondence from the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England agreeing with the Wiltshire Council screening opinion. A copy of that document can be viewed on the website [www.lfcnp.co.uk](http://www.lfcnp.co.uk) on the Documents page in the Other Supporting Documents section. The email confirming this screening opinion is reproduced in Appendix 5.

# APPENDIX 1 Map of the Designated Neighbourhood Area



## APPENDIX 2 Sustainability Assessment Matrix

### Introduction:

Contributing to the achievement of sustainable development is a basic condition neighbourhood development plans must meet if they are to proceed to a referendum.

In order to demonstrate that a neighbourhood plan contributes to sustainable development, sufficient and proportionate evidence should be presented on how the neighbourhood plan guides development to sustainable solutions.

There is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a sustainability appraisal. However, the key aim of the Laverstock and Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan is to preserve the character and sustainability of this semi-rural parish.

Table 3 below demonstrates how the policies in the Laverstock and Ford Communities Draft Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the sustainability objectives set out by the Sustainability Appraisal of the adopted Wiltshire Core Strategy.

**Table 3: Sustainability Assessment**

Topic	Wilts Sustainability Objective	Neighbourhood Plan Response	Impact: Positive/ Neutral/Negative
Biodiversity	Protect & enhance all bio-diversity & geological features & avoid irreversible losses.	Policy 3 identifies the most sensitive biodiversity areas in the parish and actions to be taken in any new development to protect wild life habitats.	Positive
Air Quality & Environmental Pollution	Improve air quality throughout Wiltshire and minimise all sources of environmental pollution.	Policy 5 requires an assessment of the impact of any significant new development on air quality including the effect on local traffic. Policies 5 and 6 encourage walking and cycling in preference to car use through the development of a better footpath and cycleway network and access to it.	Positive
Climatic factors	Minimise our negative impacts on climate and reduce our vulnerability to future climate change effects.	The Parish Design Guide 2021 referenced in Policy 5 sets out requirements beyond current building regulations to minimise the lifetime CO2 footprint of new buildings and deliver A rated EPC performance.	Positive

Healthy Communities	Provide a safe and healthy environment in which to live.	The Parish Design Guide 2021 referenced in Policy 5 sets out requirements for new developments to provide at least an equal area of community green space to the developed area, and provides guidance for safe paths and recreation areas. Policy 4 designates Local Green Spaces to provide enhanced protection for the most used and valued areas.	Positive
Economy & Enterprise	Encourage a vibrant and diversified economy and provide for long term sustainable growth	Policy 7 aims to improve the general infrastructure on which the economy and future growth depend in both new developments and across the parish.	Positive
Population & Housing	Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing, and ensure an appropriate mix of dwelling sizes, types and tenures.	The parish has a track record of supporting strategic development initiated by Wiltshire Council to deliver an appropriate mix of homes. The NP does not address this further.	Neutral
Landscapes	Protect and enhance the character and quality of Wiltshire's rural and urban landscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	Policies 1 & 2 address the risk of coalescence due to excessive and/or badly located development threatening the semi-rural settlement pattern of the parish. Policies 3 & 4 address wider issues regarding protection and enhancement of the local landscape character, based on a thorough landscape sensitivity assessment.	Positive
Land & Soil Resources	Ensure efficient and effective use of land and the use of suitably located previously developed land and buildings. Promote sustainable waste management solutions that encourage the reduction, re-use and recycling of waste	Although not covered by specific policies, the Neighbourhood Plan team has sought to influence the WC Local Plan to make better use of brownfield development opportunities within Salisbury city and to assess opportunities for redesignating commercial development land which is	Positive

		lying idle rather than building housing on agricultural land.	
Transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote more sustainable transport choices.	Policies 5 and 6 encourage walking and cycling in preference to car use through the development of a better footpath and cycleway network and access to it, and improved access to public transport.	Positive
Historic Environment	Protect, maintain and enhance the historic environment and archaeological assets	Policy 3 requires a Heritage Statement to be produced for all development proposals and Section 7 of the Parish Design Guide 2021 referenced in Policy 5 gives further guidance.	Positive
Water Resources & Flood Risk	Use and manage water resources in a sustainable manner Protect people and property from the risk of flooding	Policy 3 specifically aims to protect the water meadows along the River Bourne from development, including the encouragement of extending their community/charitable ownership when possible.	Positive
Education & Skills	Raise educational attainment levels across the authority and provide opportunities for people to improve their workplace skills.	No policies address this, but the objectives statement clearly states the NDP policies must not unduly restrict local schools from continuing to provide excellent education.	Neutral
Inclusive Communities	Reduce poverty and deprivation and promote more inclusive and self-contained communities.	Policy 7 addresses the previous failings of developers to provide the promised infrastructure and amenities to enable new communities to be self-contained.	Positive

## APPENDIX 3 Wiltshire Council Core Policies not considered relevant to Laverstock and Ford Draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Wiltshire Council Core Policies	Description	Reason why not relevant to NP
CP 4-19, 21, 22, 24,26-33, CP53 CP54 CP59	Area Strategies Wiltshire's canals Cotswold Water Park The Stonehenge, Avebury and associated sites World Heritage Site	Laverstock and Ford Parish does not include or adjoin any of the geographical areas covered by these core policies.
CP 4	Additional employment land	NP does not contain any proposals for additional employment land in the Parish.
CP 6	Brownfield sites	NP is not proposing any sites for housing, industry or commerce. However, the NP supports the principle of giving priority to developing brownfield sites wherever practicable as an alternative to the use of greenfield sites.
CP37	Military establishments	The only military establishment in the parish is the Army Reserve Centre on the Portway. There is no development proposed for this that we are aware of and the NP does not propose any.
CP38-40	Retail and leisure, tourist development and leisure accommodation	NP does not contain any proposals relating to retail, leisure or tourist development or leisure accommodation.
CP 42	Standalone renewable energy installations	NP does not contain any proposals relating to standalone renewable energy installations.
CP43-44	Providing affordable Homes	NP is not proposing any sites to be developed for housing to meet local need.
CP45	Meeting Wiltshire's Housing Needs	Parish has not been given any allocation of housing to meet Wiltshire's housing needs and no local need has been identified which cannot be met by recent and committed housing developments within the Parish.

CP46	Meeting the needs of Wiltshire's vulnerable and older people	No specific local need for accommodation has been identified which could not be met by recent and committed developments in that part of the Parish which forms part of the Salisbury Principal Settlement Area.
CP47	Meeting the needs of gypsies and travellers	NP does not contain any proposals for sites for gypsies and travellers.
CP56	Contaminated land	There are no NP policies specifically related to contaminated land.
CP65 CP66	Movement of goods Strategic transport network	Outside scope of NP.
CP 67	Flood risk	NP is not proposing any sites for housing development in Flood Risk Zones 2 and 3.

## **APPENDIX 4 Emails relating to the Wiltshire Council Habitats Regulation Assessment of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan**

**From:** ■■■

**Sent:** 10 August 2021 12:29

**To:** ■■■

**Subject:** Appropriate Assessment of Pre-Submission Consultation Draft of Laverstock and Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan: Regulation 14 Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Appropriate Assessment of Pre-Submission Consultation Draft of Laverstock and Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan**

Wiltshire Council has conducted an appropriate assessment (attached) of the Pre-Submission Consultation Draft of the Laverstock and Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan (also attached) to inform the Regulation 14 Consultation response from the council and hereby requests the views of Natural England.

Please do let me know if you have any queries.

Kindest regards,

■■■

Senior Ecologist

#### **Economic Development & Planning**

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**Web:** [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Wiltshire Council**



Submission Version

**Natural England Response to Wiltshire council, forwarded to the Laverstock and Ford Neighbourhood Planning team:**

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 12 October 2021 16:40  
**To:** parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** LF NP: HRA - screening

Hello

Natural England concur with the WC conclusion of no likely negative effects from the L-F NP (current stage) on the River Avon SA

Regards

[redacted]

Spatial Planning team

Wiltshire Council

**From:** [redacted] <[redacted]@naturalengland.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 29 September 2021 13:26  
**To:** [redacted]

**Subject:** 2021-10-06 369316: Appropriate Assessment of Pre-Submission Consultation Draft of Laverstock and Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan: Regulation 14 Consultation

Hello,

Please see Appropriate Assessment of the Laverstock and Ford Communities NP.

We issued a no comment response to the Reg 14 consultation as there are no allocations within the plan. However, I don't have a standard letter I can use for either HRAs or Appropriate Assessments so I haven't been able to draft a response in this instance.

Thanks,

[redacted]

369316	Laverstock & Ford Communities Neighbourhood Plan - HRA and Appropriate Assessment	Land Use - DPN	Planning Area 1105 Wessex	1105 Wessex	1105 Wessex Sub-Team	Land Use Plan	Wiltshire Council	6/10/2021
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## APPENDIX 5 Email relating to the Wiltshire Council Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Opinion of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan

From: ■■■

Subject: Draft Laverstock and Ford NP - SEA screening

Date: 4 November 2021 at 10:37:26 GMT

To: "[parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk](mailto:parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk)" <[parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk](mailto:parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk)>

Cc: ■■■

Hello

Two documents attached concerning SEA (screening):

1. From Wiltshire Council, as competent authority, which states at para 5.3 that the screening exercise has raised no issues at this stage regarding potential for significant environmental effects;
2. From Environment Agency, confirming (1) above from their standpoint. Note that their letter also includes reference to a climate change document that may be useful in NP preparation.

Kind regards

■■■

Spatial Planning team

Wiltshire Council