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## Basic Conditions Statement

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan is supported by this Basic Conditions Statement, a Consultation Statement and an Equality Impact Assessment (included in this document at Appendix 1).
- 1.2 This Basic Conditions Statement explains how the proposed Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning General Regulations 2012 (as amended) and how the basic conditions of neighbourhood planning have been met.

### The Basic Conditions

- 1.3 The "Basic Conditions" are set out in Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. To meet the Basic Conditions, the neighbourhood plan must:
  - have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
  - contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
  - not result in the development plan for the area of the authority proposing that less housing is provided by means of development taking place in that area than if the neighbourhood development plan were not to be made;
  - be compatible with, and not breach, assimilated obligations ; and
  - meet prescribed conditions and comply with prescribed matters.
- 1.4 Regulation 32 of the 2012 Regulations prescribes a further Basic Condition for a neighbourhood plan. This requires that 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.
- 1.5 This Basic Conditions Statement addresses these requirements in five sections:
  - Section 2 demonstrates the conformity of the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan with the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance;
  - Section 3 shows how the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan will contribute to sustainable development;
  - Section 4 demonstrates the conformity of the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan with the housing requirements of the adopted North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011-2031 (2016) and East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 (2023)
  - Section 5 demonstrates compliance with the assimilated obligations; and
  - Section 6 addresses other basic conditions that apply besides those set out in the primary legislation.

### Submitting Body

- 1.6 The Neighbourhood Plan is submitted by Little Addington Parish Council, which is a statutory Qualifying Body as defined by the Localism Act 2011.

### Neighbourhood Area

- 1.7 This Plan applies to the Parish of Little Addington. The Neighbourhood Area (Map 1) was designated by North Northamptonshire Council on 12 April 2024.
- 1.8 The Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan relates only to the development and use of land within the Parish of Little Addington and to no other Neighbourhood Areas.
- 1.9 The Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan is the only Neighbourhood Development Plan in the designated area. No other Neighbourhood Development Plan exists nor is being prepared for part or all of the designated area.

### Plan Period

- 1.10 The Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan covers the period 2021 to 2045 to align with the emerging North Northamptonshire Local Plan.

### Excluded Development

- 1.11 No provision for excluded development such as national infrastructure, minerals or waste development is contained within the Neighbourhood Plan.

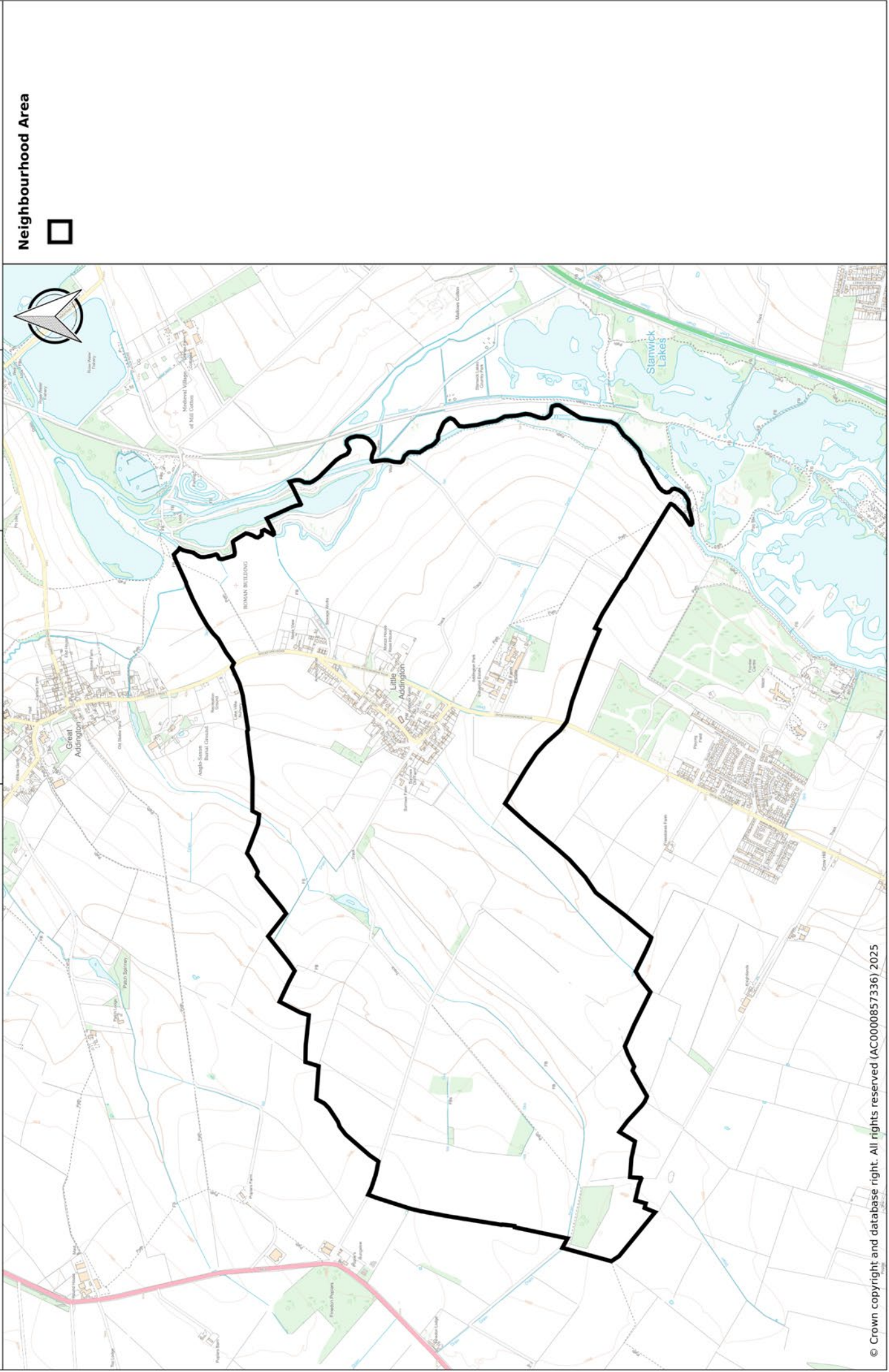
### Little Addington: Location

- 1.12 Little Addington Parish is a rural parish to the southeast of Kettering. The eastern boundary of the Area is formed by the River Nene. There were 290 usual residents in Little Addington Parish as at Census Day 2021, living in 130 households.
- 1.13 The only settlement in the Parish is Little Addington village and archaeological studies of the Nene Valley show that the area has been occupied for thousands of years. Little Addington has limited services and facilities with just a pub, church and allotments. There is also a playing field that serves the villages of Little and Great Addington. These are important for the overall viability of the community and quality of life.

### Involvement of the Local Community and Stakeholders

- 1.14 The Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Little Addington Parish Council, supported by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, comprising Parish Councillors and residents, along with input from the community and stakeholders as set out in the accompanying

Consultation Statement. The Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been consulted on as required by the Regulations and the responses have been recorded and changes have been made as per the schedule set out in the Consultation Statement.



## 2. Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance

- 2.1 The Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan must have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State. This is principally provided by the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance. The updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published on 12 December 2024, and it is against this version of the NPPF which the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan has been assessed. This version of the National Planning Policy Framework was amended on 7 February 2025 to correct cross-references from footnotes 7 and 8, and amend the end of the first sentence of paragraph 155 to make its intent clear. For the avoidance of doubt the amendment to paragraph 155 is not intended to constitute a change to the policy set out in the Framework as published on 12 December 2024.
- 2.2 It should be noted that not all sections of the National Planning Policy Framework will be relevant to the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan as there is no legal requirement for a Neighbourhood Plan to provide policies covering all the provisions within the National Planning Policy Framework. However, where a Neighbourhood Plan expresses a policy it must have appropriate regard to the relevant parts of the National Planning Policy Framework, as well as the Planning Practice Guidance.
- 2.3 A key theme that runs throughout the National Planning Policy Framework is the presumption in favour of sustainable development. The NPPF specifies that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. In order to achieve sustainable development, the Framework has three overarching objectives, economic, social and environmental.
- 2.4 This section considers the conformity of the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan in respect of relevant policies within the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance. Planning Practice Guidance is published on a dedicated website available at [www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance)
- 2.5 The following table identifies the sections of the National Planning Policy Framework that the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan conforms with and provides a supporting commentary. Reference is also made to the relevant Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                                | National Planning Policy Framework | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>LA1: Local Green Space Identifies a Local Green Space within the Neighbourhood Area which will be protected. Development in this designation will only be supported in very special circumstances.</b> | Paragraphs 106-108                 | <p>What is Local Green Space designation? (Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 37-005-20140306)</p> <p>How is land designated as Local Green Space? (Paragraph: 006 Reference ID: 37-006-20140306)</p> <p>How does Local Green Space designation relate to development? (Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 37-007-20140306)</p> <p>What if land has planning permission for development? (Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 37-008-20140306)</p> <p>Can all communities benefit from Local Green Space? (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 37-009-20140306)</p> | Regard is had to national policy which allows for neighbourhood plans to identify for the protection green areas of importance to them. Development in this designation will only be permitted in very special circumstances. |

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | National Planning Policy Framework | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                  | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>LA2: Residential Parking Standards</b><br>Expects new development to provide appropriate parking provision in accordance with the Highway Authority standards.                                                                                                                   | Paragraph 112                      | Why establish a transport evidence base for Local Plans<br>(Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 54-001-20141010)   | This policy seeks to provide the appropriate level of car parking infrastructure to support new development, considering the levels of public transport provision, and to avoid exacerbating the adverse impacts being experienced by on-street parking. |
| <b>LA3: The Countryside Protects the Countryside for its intrinsic character, beauty, landscape, heritage, wildlife, natural resources and to ensure it may be enjoyed by all.</b><br>States that development will be controlled in accordance with national and local plan policy. | Paragraphs 84, 88, 125 & 187.      | How can planning policies conserve and enhance landscapes?<br>(Paragraph: 036 Reference ID: 8-036-20190721) | National planning policy recognises the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. This policy mirrors this approach and allows some forms of appropriate development.                                                                           |

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | National Planning Policy Framework | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>LA4: Locally Important Views – Requires development to be located and designed in a way that is sensitive to the local landscape. Sensitivity should be shown for views that are regarded as highly characteristics. The policy identifies several important views.</b> | Paragraphs 135, 162, 165 & 187     | <p>How can planning policies conserve and enhance landscapes? (Paragraph: 036 Reference ID: 8-036-20190721)</p> <p>How are well-designed places achieved through the planning system? (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 26-001 20191001)</p> | This policy allows account to be taken of the different roles and characters of areas and recognises the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. It also seeks to identify and protect the special qualities of an area.                    |
| <b>LA5: Public Rights of Way network - Seeks development to protect the Rights of Way and create new links to the network. Encourages the creation of a specific off-road cycle/footpath links.</b>                                                                        | Paragraph 105                      | <p>How can positive planning contribute to healthier communities? (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID:53-001-20190722)</p> <p>What is a healthy place? (Paragraph: 003 Reference ID:53-003-20191101)</p>                                        | This policy takes account of the different roles and character of different areas as well as seeks to support the multiple benefits from the use of rural areas, such as recreation and wellbeing, and maximise opportunities for walking and cycling. |
| <b>Policy LA6: Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area Mitigation Strategy - Seeks financial</b>                                                                                                                                                             | Paragraphs 187, 188, 192 & 193     | Is there a statutory basis for seeking to conserve and enhance biodiversity? (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 8-009-20240214)                                                                                                               | The National Planning Policy Framework seeks the conservation, restoration and enhancement of SPAs and planning permission should be refused where                                                                                                     |

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                                        | National Planning Policy Framework | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Commentary                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <p><b>contributions, from residential development in the SPA buffer zone, to mitigate any adverse impact of development. Identifies there maybe instances when an Appropriate Assessment may be required.</b></p> |                                    | <p>How can planning authorities plan for biodiversity and geodiversity?<br/>(Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 8-010-20190721)</p> <p>How can protected and priority species be considered in planning?<br/>(Paragraph: 016 Reference ID: 8-016-20190721)</p> <p>What questions are important in applying policy to avoid, mitigate or compensate for significant harm to biodiversity?<br/>(Paragraph: 019 Reference ID: 8-019-20240214)</p> | <p>development cannot be adequately mitigated against and would result in significant harm to the SPA. Neighbourhood Plan policy supports this approach.</p> |

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | National Planning Policy Framework | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Policy LA7: Ecology and Biodiversity - Expects development not to harm the network of local ecological features and habitats. New development will be expected to maintain and enhance these features and secure measurable net gains for biodiversity.</b> | Paragraphs 187, 188, 192 & 193     | <p>Is there a statutory basis for planning to seek to minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains in biodiversity where possible?<br/>(Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 8-009-20190721)</p> <p>How can planning authorities plan for biodiversity and geodiversity?<br/>(Paragraph: 010 Reference ID: 8-010-20190721)</p> <p>What evidence needs to be taken into account in identifying and mapping local ecological networks?<br/>(Paragraph: 011 Reference ID: 8-011-20190721)</p> <p>What is biodiversity net gain?<br/>(Paragraph: 022 Reference ID: 8-022-20190721)</p> <p>How can biodiversity net gain be achieved?<br/>(Paragraph: 023 Reference ID: 8-023-20190721)</p> | <p>The National Planning Policy Framework is clear that pursuing sustainable development includes moving from a net loss of biodiversity to achieving net gains for nature, and that a core principle for planning is that it should contribute to conserving and enhancing the natural environment and reducing pollution.</p> <p>This policy seeks to minimise impacts on biodiversity and seek positives in biodiversity. It also has identified and mapped components of local ecological networks and features.</p> |
| <b>LA8: Trees and Hedges - Existing trees should be</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Paragraphs 136, 187 & 193          | What are the considerations when planning for trees within settlements?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | This policy supports the conservation and enhancement of the natural and local                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                              | National Planning Policy Framework | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Commentary                                                                                    |
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| <p><b>retained/integrated into new development. Policy seeks to resist development that damages or results in the loss of ancient trees, hedgerows or trees of good arboricultural or amenity value. Replanting is supported where appropriate.</b></p> |                                    | <p>(Paragraph: 029 Reference ID: 8-029-20190721)</p> <p>How can I find out whether an area contains ancient woodland?<br/>(Paragraph: 031 Reference ID: 8-031-20190721)</p> <p>How can I find out whether a site contains ancient or veteran trees?<br/>(Paragraph: 032 Reference ID: 8-032-20190721)</p> <p>How can local planning authorities assess the potential impact of development proposals on ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees?<br/>(Paragraph: 033 Reference ID: 8-033-20190721)</p> <p>What compensation can be provided if development resulting in loss or harm is, exceptionally, permitted?<br/>(Paragraph: 034 Reference ID: 8-034-20190721)</p> | <p>environment. Development resulting in the loss of ancient trees will not be supported.</p> |

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                   | National Planning Policy Framework | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Policy LA9: The Bell Inn</b><br>This policy supports the retention of the The Bell Inn.   | Paragraphs 88 & 98                 | <p>How can positive planning contribute to healthier communities?<br/>(Paragraph: 001 Reference ID:53-001-20190722)</p> <p>What is a healthy place?<br/>(Paragraph: 003 Reference ID:53-003-20191101)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The policy supports the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages and plans positively against their unnecessary loss and seeks improvement of facilities that meet day to day needs.                                                                                              |
| <b>Policy LA10: Village Hall</b><br>This policy supports the provision of a new village hall | Paragraphs 88, 98, 135             | <p>How can positive planning contribute to healthier communities?<br/>(Paragraph: 001 Reference ID:53-001-20190722)</p> <p>What is a healthy place?<br/>(Paragraph: 003 Reference ID:53-003-20191101)</p> <p>Should a neighbourhood plan consider infrastructure?<br/>(Paragraph: 045 Reference ID: 41-045-20190509)</p> <p>What should a qualifying body do if it identifies a need for new or enhanced infrastructure?<br/>(Paragraph: 046 Reference ID: 41-046-20140306)</p> | With no village hall in Little Addington, this policy secures a new 'community hubs' that will serve as a meeting place where friendships are formed and strengthened. It will offer extensive social and cultural benefits, particularly for those living in rural areas who are at heightened risk of social isolation. |

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                       | National Planning Policy Framework  | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Policy LA11: Infrastructure Supports the provision of new or improved infrastructure together with financial off-site contributions. Policy includes a list of identified infrastructure requirements.</b>                                    | Paragraphs 7, 11, 29 & 35           | <p>Where should policy on seeking planning obligations be set out?<br/>(Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 23b-004-20190901)</p> <p>Should a neighbourhood plan consider infrastructure?<br/>(Paragraph: 045 Reference ID: 41-045-20190509)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | This policy identifies and plans positively for the provision of community facilities to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environment.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Policy LA12: Locally Valued Heritage Assets - The impact of development on a number of identified Non-Designated Heritage assets will be assessed in terms of their harm or loss of the asset and the significance of the heritage asset.</b> | Paragraphs 202, 203, 205, 206 & 216 | <p>How can heritage issues be addressed in neighbourhood plans?(Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 18a-005-20190723)</p> <p>What are non-designated heritage assets?<br/>(Paragraph: 039 Reference ID: 18a-039-20190723)</p> <p>How are non-designated heritage assets identified?<br/>(Paragraph: 040 Reference ID: 18a-040-20190723)</p> <p>What are non-designated heritage assets of archaeological interest and how important are they?<br/>(Paragraph: 041 Reference ID: 18a-041-20190723)</p> | This policy supports the conservation of non-designated heritage assets. It recognises that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource and seeks their conservation and enhancement and plans positively with respect to non-designated heritage assets. Non-Designated Heritage assets within the plan area have been identified so they can be appropriately considered. |

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                             | National Planning Policy Framework       | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Policy LA13: Design</b><br><b>To support high quality design new development should reflect the Little Addington Design Guide. Development that is not well designed will not be supported.</b>     | Paragraphs 131, 132, 133, 134, 135 & 139 | <p>How are well-designed places achieved through the planning system?<br/>(Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 26-001-20191001)</p> <p>How can plans support well-designed places?<br/>(Paragraph: 002 Reference ID: 26-002-20191001)</p> <p>What role can non-strategic policies play?<br/>(Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 26-004-20191001)</p> <p>What are local design guides?<br/>(Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 26-005-20191001)</p> | This policy seeks to secure high quality design. The subject of good design is attributed great importance in the National Planning Policy Framework and is a key aspect of sustainable development and should contribute positively to making places better for people. This policy has regard to this approach and facilitates the promotion or reinforcement of local distinctiveness. It seeks to deliver development that is of a design that reflects the local area. |
| <b>Policy LA14: Housing Requirement</b><br><b>Identifies the housing requirement for Little Addington. This is to be met by existing committed developments, allocations and windfall development.</b> | Paragraphs 69, 70 & 71                   | <p>How can planning policies support sustainable rural communities?<br/>(Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 67-009 20190722)</p> <p>How should a housing requirement figure be set for designated neighbourhood areas?<br/>(Paragraph: 101 Reference ID: 41-101 20190509)</p>                                                                                                                                                         | This policy makes provision to meet the local housing requirement for the Neighbourhood Area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | National Planning Policy Framework | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Commentary                                                                                                                     |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                    | How should local planning authorities identify indicative housing requirement figures for designated neighbourhood areas, when these are needed?<br>(Paragraph: 102 Reference ID: 41-102 20190509)                                     |                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Policy LA15: Infill</b><br/> <b>Supports housing infill development within the defined Settlement Boundary for Little Addington.</b></p> <p><b>Outside of the Settlement Boundary, housing development will be limited and determined in accordance with the Local Plan.</b></p> | Paragraphs 73, 75 & 83             | <p>What is previously developed (brownfield) land?<br/> (Paragraph: 003 Reference ID: 59-003-20170728)</p> <p>How can planning policies support sustainable rural communities?<br/> (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 67-009-20190722)</p> | Supports the development of windfall sites – giving weight to the benefits of using suitable sites within existing settlements |

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| <p><b>Policy LA16: Land east of Irthlingborough Road, Little Addington</b><br/> <b>Allocates approximately 1.1 hectares of land for the development of approximately 20 dwellings and a new village hall, subject to criteria.</b></p> | <p>Paragraphs 71, 72, 74, 83, 88, 98, 135</p> | <p>What is neighbourhood planning?<br/> (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 41-001-20190509)</p> <p>How should neighbourhood planning bodies use a housing requirement figure that has been provided to them?<br/> (Paragraph: 103 Reference ID: 41-103-20190509)</p> <p>Can a neighbourhood plan allocate sites for development?<br/> (Paragraph: 042 Reference ID: 41-042-20170728)</p> <p>Housing and economic land availability assessment.</p> <p>How can positive planning contribute to healthier communities?<br/> (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID:53-001-20190722)</p> <p>What is a healthy place?<br/> (Paragraph: 003 Reference ID:53-003-20191101)</p> <p>Should a neighbourhood plan consider infrastructure?<br/> (Paragraph: 045 Reference ID: 41-045-20190509)</p> | <p>The Qualifying Body has carried out an appraisal of options and an assessment of individual sites against clearly identified criteria. Each option was appraised for its suitability, availability and achievability. The Qualifying Body was also keen to ensure that the preferred option would provide more opportunities for young people to live in the village, improve the viability of the village and support community infrastructure improvements- most notably a small village hall.</p> |
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| Little Addington<br>Neighbourhood Plan<br>Policy | National<br>Planning<br>Policy<br>Framework | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                                                                | Commentary |
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|                                                  |                                             | <p>What should a qualifying body do if it identifies a need for new or enhanced infrastructure?</p> <p>(Paragraph: 046 Reference ID: 41-046-20140306)</p> |            |

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                                          | National Planning Policy Framework | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Commentary                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p><b>Policy LA17: Housing Mix</b><br/> <b>Expects development to provide a suitable proportion of homes with 3 bedrooms and less. Will also need to demonstrate how needs of older households will be met.</b></p> | <p>Paragraph 63</p>                | <p>How do the housing need of particular groups relate to overall housing need calculated using the standard method?<br/> (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 67-001 20190722)</p> <p>Why is it important to plan for the housing needs of older people?<br/> (Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 63-001 20190626)</p> <p>What range of needs should be addressed?<br/> (Paragraph: 003 Reference ID: 63-003 20190626)</p> <p>What evidence can plan-makers consider when identifying the housing needs of older people?<br/> (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 63-004 20190626)</p> <p>How can the housing requirements of particular groups of people be addressed in plans?<br/> (Paragraph: 006 Reference ID: 63-006 20190626).</p> | <p>The Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan seeks to facilitate a mix of housing in its neighbourhood area that reflects local need and demand.</p> |

| Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                 | National Planning Policy Framework | Planning Practice Guidance                                                                                         | Commentary                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Policy LA18: Affordable Housing.</b><br><b>All affordable housing will be subject to a condition or planning obligation securing those people with a local connection to the Neighbourhood Area.</b>                                    | Paragraphs 63, 64, 65 & 66         | How can planning policies support sustainable rural communities?<br>(Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 67-009-20190722) | This policy is responsive to local circumstances and supports housing developments that reflect local needs. It supports the provision of affordable housing.                         |
| <b>LA19: Working from Home</b><br><b>Supports development that facilitates working from home providing it is in keeping with the character of the area, does not harm residential amenity and provides for a safe and suitable access.</b> | Paragraphs 88 & 89                 | Not relevant                                                                                                       | This policy supports sustainable economic development in accordance with the NPPF. It plans to support economic growth in rural areas and takes a proactive approach in this respect. |

### 3. Contributing to sustainable development

- 3.1 Sustainable development is about positive growth- making economic, environmental, and social progress for this and future generations. The Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan must contribute to the achievement of sustainable development of which there are three dimensions: economic, social, and environmental. These dimensions give rise to the need for the planning system to perform several roles:
- a) an **economic** objective – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordination the provision of infrastructure;
  - b) a **social** objective – to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering a well-designed and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural wellbeing; and
  - c) an **environmental** objective – to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.
- 3.2 The following section summarises how the above sustainability objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework compare with the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan. This has been done by assessing the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan against each of the Planning Policy 'subjects' as contained within Sections 5 to 17 of the NPPF.

| National Planning Policy Framework                 | How the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan supports objective                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1 – Delivering a sufficient supply of homes</b> | Provides a steer as to where new housing should be focused. Supports a supply and mix of housing types, including affordable housing, to meet local needs, including the housing needs of older households as well as the provision of smaller homes. Priority will be given to people with a local connection to the Little Addington Neighbourhood Area when affordable housing is allocated. |

| National Planning Policy Framework                                               | How the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan supports objective                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>2 – Building a strong, competitive economy</b>                                | Supports home working, the provision of suitable broadband infrastructure, and the re-use of rural buildings, facilitating the sustainable growth of the rural economy. Seeks the retention and improvement of key local facilities, supporting the vitality of the community.                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>3 – Ensuring the vitality of town centres</b>                                 | The village of Little Addington has a limited services and facilities, and an ambition of the plan is to protect the vitality of the community, supporting the retention of existing services and facilities. Improvements in community infrastructure, particularly a new village hall, is also supported.                                                                                                     |
| <b>4 – Promoting healthy and safe communities</b>                                | Seeks the protection of the countryside and its improved accessibility as well as the protection of local green spaces. These are recognised as a recreational resource and have potential to improve quality of life.<br>Seeks the retention and improvement of key local facilities, providing opportunities for people to meet and support quality of life as well as the protection of residential amenity. |
| <b>5 – Promoting sustainable transport</b>                                       | Supports housing development within the Settlement Boundary of Little Addington with access to its range of services and facilities. Supports the re-use and conversion of buildings, home working and sustainable economic growth.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>6 – Supporting high quality communications</b>                                | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>7 – Making effective use of land</b>                                          | Supports infill housing development within the Settlement Boundary of Little Addington.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>8 – Achieving well-designed places</b>                                        | Includes policies requiring development to respect the scale, form and character of its surroundings, and local materials and features, including landscape as well as the built environment. Seeks the protection of residential amenity and the protection of the countryside.                                                                                                                                |
| <b>9 - Protecting Green Belt Land</b>                                            | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>10 - Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change</b> | The Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan takes a proactive approach to mitigating climate change and supporting the transition to net zero as set out in Neighbourhood Plan paragraphs 3.6-3.9. As there are well-established national and local policies that manage development and flood risk, there is no need for the Neighbourhood Plan to duplicate them.                                                 |

| National Planning Policy Framework                            | How the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan supports objective                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>11 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</b>  | Protects the character of the countryside, the network of local ecological features and habitats and Local Green Space. Protects natural landscape from the harmful impacts of development. Requires the impact of development to maintain and enhance ecological corridors and landscape features for biodiversity. |
| <b>12 - Conserving and enhancing the historic environment</b> | Prevents against the loss of the historic environment, including non-designated assets of local importance. Seeks to positively contribute to, and manage, the area's historic environment.                                                                                                                          |
| <b>13 - Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals</b>      | Not applicable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## 4. Housing

- 4.1 Neighbourhood development plans must not result in less housing development taking place than would otherwise be the case.
- 4.2 The current adopted plan for the area is the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (Adopted 2016) and the East Northamptonshire Local Plan (Part 2) (December 2023).

### North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011 - 2031

- 4.3 The distribution of the housing requirements between settlements is set out in Joint Core Strategy Policy 29 and Table 5. This reflects the settlement hierarchy (Table 1) and identified opportunities and constraints. The distribution of the housing requirements continues an urban-focussed approach, with the four Growth Towns defined as the most sustainable locations for development, followed by the Market Towns.
- 4.4 Table 5 sets out a housing requirement for the four largest villages in order to provide a strategic steer for Part 2 Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans. These villages are situated close to the Growth Towns of Wellingborough and/or Rushden, which are the most sustainable locations for residential development in the south of the plan area. In order to focus growth at these towns and to protect the character of the villages, additional housing development above the requirements identified in Table 5, other than small scale infilling in accordance with Policy 11, will be resisted unless agreed through the Part 2 Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plans.
- 4.5 Policy 11(2)(a) of the Joint Core Strategy states that development in the rural area will be limited to that which is required to support a prosperous rural economy or to meet a locally arising need, which cannot be met more sustainably at a nearby larger settlement. Development within villages that have only a limited range of services and facilities is likely to be limited to small scale infill development and 'rural exceptions' affordable housing schemes, unless Local or Neighbourhood Plans identify growth as a means of sustaining or improving the range of services in the village.

### East Northamptonshire Local Plan (Part 2)

- 4.6 Table 16 of the East Northamptonshire Local Plan sets out a rural housing need for Parish Council areas of a particular scale in terms of population. The figures are intended as indicative guidance for potential/emerging Neighbourhood Plans in terms of helping meet future housing need, as opposed to a policy requirement. The

indicative housing requirement for Little Addington is 11-20 dwellings.

### Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan

- 4.7 Policy LA14 of the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan sets out the housing requirement for Neighbourhood Area for the period 2021 to 2045 as being approximately 11 to 20 dwellings. This requirement is to be met by:
- Dwellings built since 2021 (including 11 dwellings at Howards Way) and existing committed developments;
  - Infill development in accordance with Policy LA15; and
  - The allocation of land east of Irthlingborough Road, Little Addington for the development of approximately 20 dwellings in accordance with Policy LA16.

### Conclusion

- 4.8 The housing provision of the Draft Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan of around 20 dwellings exceeds the housing requirements of the existing development plan which limits development in the Neighbourhood Area to small scale infill development and 'rural exceptions' affordable housing schemes.

## 5. Assimilated obligations

- 5.1 A neighbourhood plan must be compatible with European Union obligations, as incorporated into UK law, in order to be legally compliant. There are three directives that may be of particular relevance to neighbourhood plans:
- Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (often referred to as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive). This seeks to provide a high level of protection of the environment by integrating environmental considerations into the process of preparing plans and programmes.
  - Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora and Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds (often referred to as the Habitats and Wild Birds Directives respectively). These aim to protect and improve Europe's most important habitats and species.

### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 5.2 Formal screening for the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan was not undertaken by North Northamptonshire Council. However, given the presence of a European designated site and the intention of the Neighbourhood Plan to allocate land for development, it was concluded that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) is required.
- 5.3 A Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report for the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan (January 2026) has been produced by Planit-X Town and County Planning Services on behalf of Little Addington Parish Council. The purpose of this report was to establish a suggested scope for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The Scope explored a number of environmental themes, and the policy context for the Neighbourhood Plan, established a baseline, identified problems or opportunities and developed a SEA framework comprising objectives and assessment questions. Options and proposals within the emerging neighbourhood plan were assessed using this framework.
- 5.4 The statutory consultation bodies, the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England were invited to comment on the need for SEA as well as the content of the Scoping Report.
- 5.5 Planit-X Town and County Planning Services, on behalf of Little Addington Parish Council, then produced a Strategic Environmental Assessment Report (June 2026) for the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan. It was first published alongside the 'pre-submission draft' version of the Plan, under Regulation 14 of the

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) for consultation with the statutory consultation bodies, the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England.

- 5.6 Overall, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report identified no potential significant negative effects through the policy appraisal of the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan. Significant positive effects are considered likely in relation to community wellbeing. This reflects the plan seeking to deliver small-scale housing that will meet the identified local need, as well as the focus on designating green spaces, safeguarding and improving infrastructure, and promoting active lifestyles. These contribute to enhancing physical and mental health and wellbeing within the community.
- 5.7 Minor positive effects are considered likely for the historic environment, landscape and biodiversity. This is due to the focus of the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan maintaining and enhancing green infrastructure – which will contribute to the setting of heritage features, the historic character of the neighbourhood area, and biodiversity connectivity. Additionally, there are policies linked to protecting named specific heritage features and the countryside environment, and policies focused on bringing forward ecological improvements. Minor positive effects also reflect the incorporation of the Habitat Regulations Assessment (see below) findings to mitigate effects to the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits site. These all contribute to the minor positive effects that are anticipated for these themes. Minor positive effects are also concluded likely for transportation and movement, given the focus of the plan policies on parking provision, safeguarding and extending the existing public rights of way, and providing safe access to and from the site allocation for pedestrians and vehicles.
- 5.8 Broadly neutral effects are considered likely for climate change and flood risk, and land, soil, and water resources. This reflects the unlikely deviation from baseline conditions, linked to the site allocation of approximately 20 new homes, and the policy provisions: for example, focusing development within and adjacent to the settlement boundary. Broadly neutral effects are also considered likely for landscape. This reflects the location of the site adjacent to the settlement boundary, and the mitigation measures included in the site allocation policy to reduce landscape impacts.
- 5.9 One recommendation is made – relating to the historic environment. This will help to protect the special qualities of a designated historic buildings through the development of the allocated site. However, uptake of these recommendations will not lead to changes to the likely overall effects.

## Habitats Regulations Assessment

- 5.10 Planit-X Town and County Planning Services, on behalf of Little Addington Parish Council, also undertook a Habitat Regulations Assessment (June 2026) separately to inform of the potential effect of the Neighbourhood Plan on Habitats (previously European) Sites (Special Areas of Conservation, SACs, Special Protection Areas, SPAs, and Ramsar sites designated under the Ramsar convention) and how they are being addressed in the draft NP. It was first published alongside the 'pre-submission draft' version of the Plan, under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) for consultation with the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England.
- 5.11 Each policy of the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan has been assessed to determine the effects on historic environment, Natura 2000 sites and Habitats Regulation Assessment. The assessment recognises that three policies, LA10, LA14 and LA16, had the potential to cause a likely significant effect and the assessment discussed these policies with regards to their impacts relating to Upper Nene Gravel Pits Special Protection Area/Ramsar Sites.
- 5.12 Overall, the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have a substantial effect of the Natura 2000 network of protected sites and therefore an Appropriate Assessment is not required. It concludes the policy wording will provide a sufficient policy framework to ensure that no adverse effects on the integrity of the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA/Ramsar will arise in isolation or in combination for:
- Recreational pressure;
  - Loss of functionally linked land;
  - Water quality (Surface water runoff); and
  - Water quality (treatment of sewage effluent).

## Other Assimilated Obligations

- 5.13 Other European directives, such as the Waste Framework Directive (2008/98/EC), Air Quality Directive (2008/50/EC) or the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) do not apply to the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan.

## 6. Other basic conditions

- 6.1 Regulations 32 and 33 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) prescribe an additional basic condition in addition to those set out in the primary legislation. This is:
- the making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, which set out the habitat regulation assessment process for land use plans, including consideration of the effect on habitats sites.
- 6.2 As set out in section five above, it is considered that the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan will not affect any Natura 2000 sites in line with the findings of the Habitats Regulation Assessment undertaken of the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan.

## 7. Equality Impact Assessment

- 7.1 The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) 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.
- 7.2 Under the Act a document like a Neighbourhood Plan must be assessed through an Equalities Impact Assessment before it can be adopted or implemented. The Equalities Impact Assessment of the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan (Appendix 1) has found no negative impacts on any protected characteristic by reference to data or evidence. As a result, no recommendations are made and the assessment finds the Neighbourhood Development Plan to be appropriate and that the duty prescribed by the Equalities Act 2010 is met.

## 8. Conclusions

- 8.1 The Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 32 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) are met by the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan and all the policies therein.

## Appendix 1: Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan – Equalities Impact Assessment

### Introduction

The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) places a duty of care on public bodies to eliminate unlawful discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity for specified equality groups. Under the Act a document like a Neighbourhood Plan must be assessed through an Equalities Impact Assessment before it can be adopted or implemented. The Assessment must address the 'protected characteristics' identified within the Act:

- age;
- disability;
- gender reassignment;
- marriage and civil partnership;
- pregnancy and maternity;
- race;
- religion or belief;
- sex; and
- sexual orientation.

The purpose of an Equality Impact Assessment is to help understand and ultimately protect the groups identified above from any adverse impact. This Assessment considers the needs of these particular groups and how they might be affected by the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan.

### Methodology

The assessment considers whether the Plan has a positive, negative or neutral impact on each of the protected characteristics (in so far as data is available) by reference to the Key Issues and Policies of the Plan. Where an adverse impact is identified the Assessment considers whether that impact is high, medium or low.

**High impact:** a significant potential impact, risk of exposure, history of complaints, no mitigating measures in place etc.

**Medium impact:** some potential impact exists, some mitigating measures are in place, poor evidence.

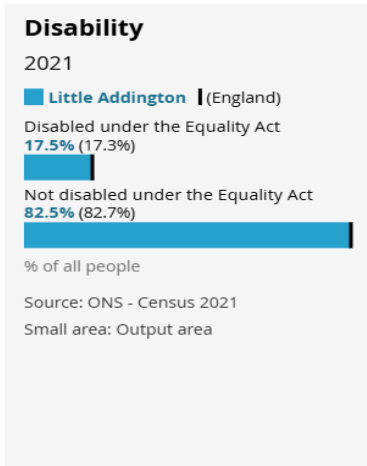
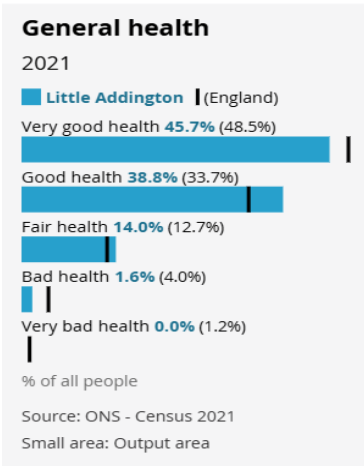
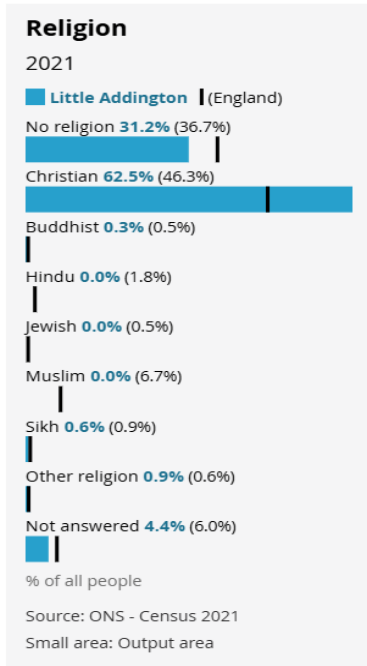
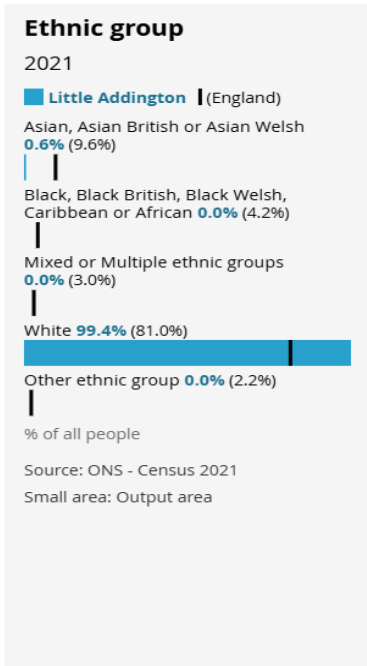
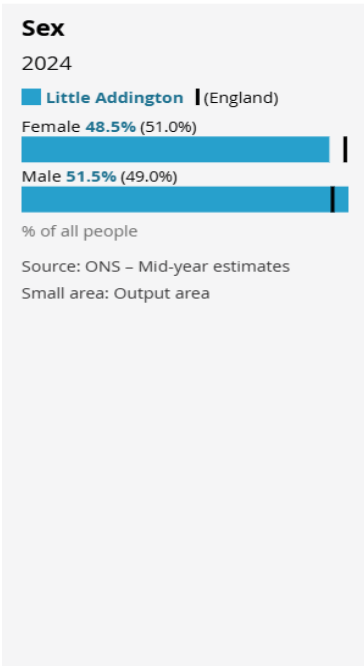
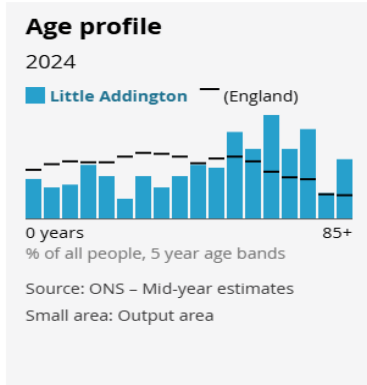
**Low impact:** almost no relevancy to the process, e.g. an area that is very much legislation-led.

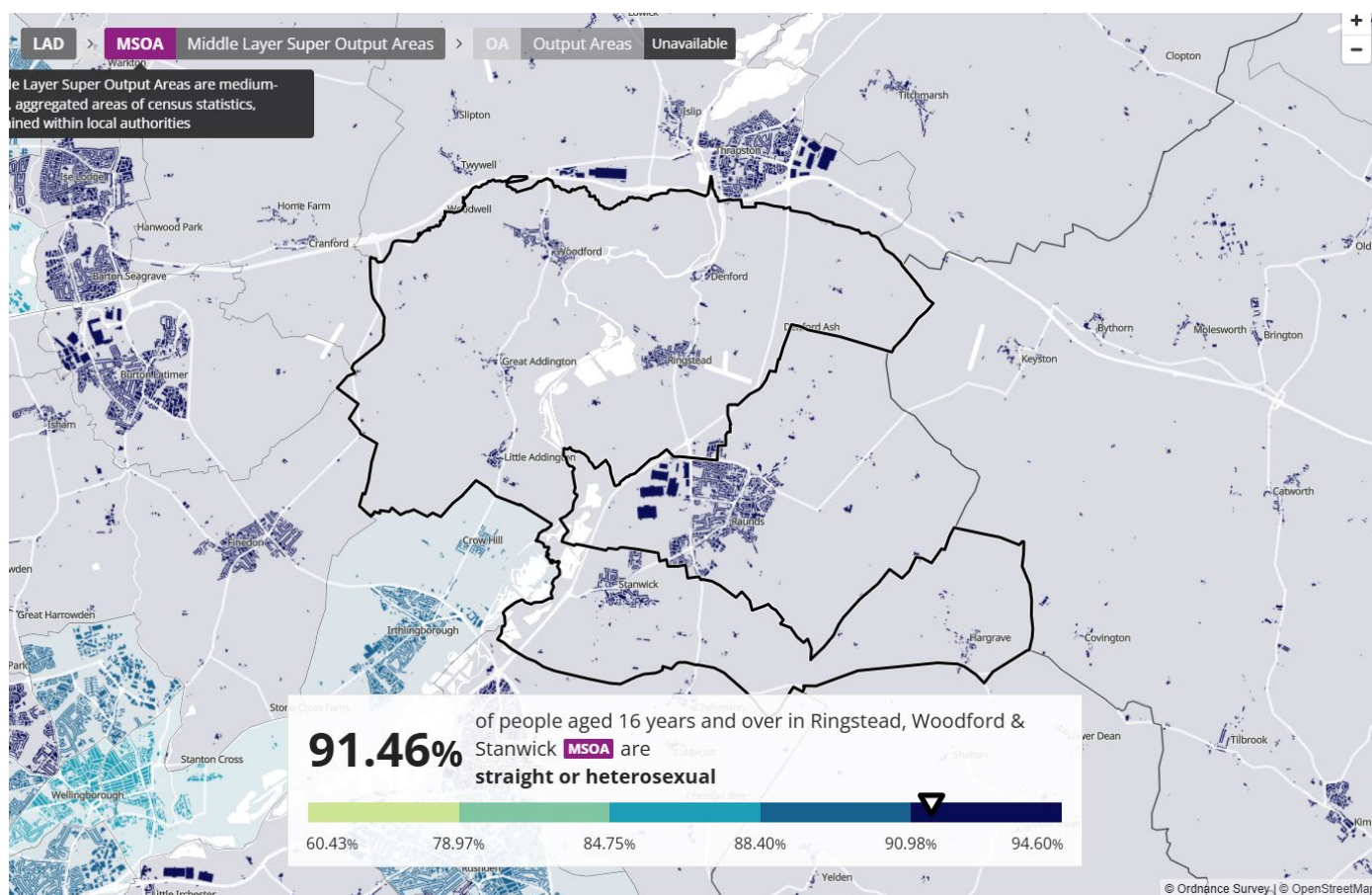
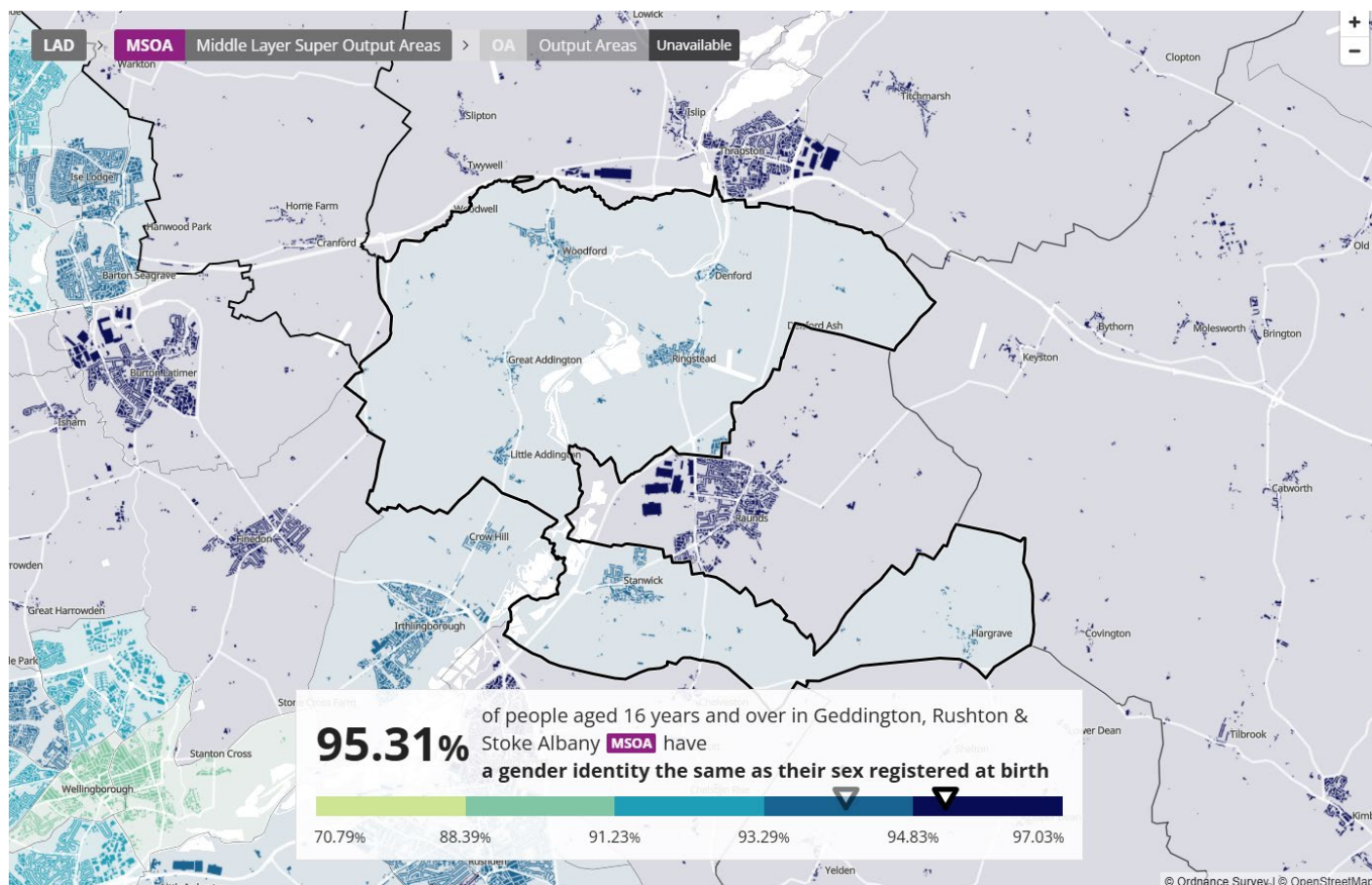
### Baseline Data

This Assessment has relied on Census data for 2021 published by the Office for National Statistics. For certain geographies, data is available for age, disability, gender identity, race, religious belief, sex and sexual orientation. There is no know data for pregnancy and maternity. Not all Census 2021 topics are available for all geographies. (Note: The data and

boundaries displayed in the profile below are aggregated from small areas on a best to fit basis, and therefore may differ slightly from other sources).

## Little Addington





## Summary

The proportion of Male/Females is comparable to the national picture although there are more males than females.

The proportion of older people in the Neighbourhood Area is significantly higher than the national picture, and the proportion of 0-15 year olds is lower.

The proportion of people in the Neighbourhood Area who are Disabled under the Equality Act is similar to the average for England. Those who consider themselves to be in very good health (45.7%) is lower the national picture (48.5%)

The Neighbourhood Area lies in a Middle Layer Super Output Area (MSOA) along with Ringstead, Woodford and Stanwick. In the MSOA 95.31% of people aged 16 years and over have a gender identity the same as their sex registered at birth.

The proportion of ethnic minorities is noticeably lower than the national picture.

The proportion of Christians in the Neighbourhood Area (62.5%) is higher than England and Wales (46.3%) whilst the proportion of other religions is markedly lower.

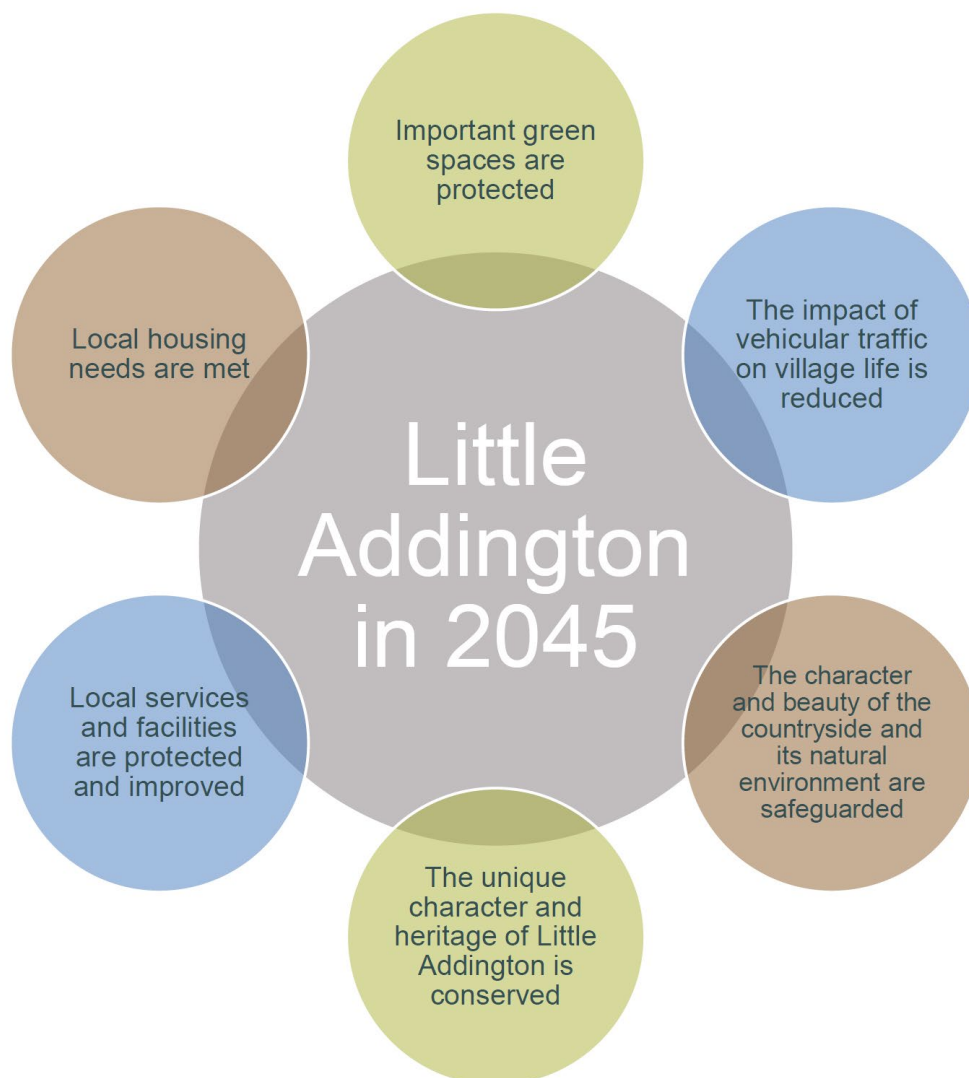
In the MOSA, 91.46% of people aged 16 years and over, are straight or heterosexual. This is a less than England and Wales as a whole (94.6%).

## Key Issues and Policies of the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan identifies the following key priorities for the Little Addington Neighbourhood Area that the Neighbourhood Plan needs to address.

- Protecting green areas in the village
- The impact of vehicular traffic on village life
- Protecting the character of the countryside and access to it
- Improving or retaining local services and facilities
- Conserving local heritage and village identity
- Noise and disturbance
- Footpaths and access to The Greenway
- Nature conservation
- Meeting local housing needs
- Flood risk
- Climate Change

These issues are reflected in the following Vision for the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan, comprising six broad objectives.



The Neighbourhood Plan contains a suite of 19 policies to deliver against that vision and respond to the issues and objectives.

### Impact of Policies on Groups with Protected Characteristics

#### Age

Policy LA17 requires new developments to deliver a mix of housing, including smaller dwellings, and demonstrate how their proposals will meet the housing needs of older households.

Policy LA18 supports the provision of affordable housing with priority given to people with a local connection.

Policy LA9 seeks the retention of the village pub and Policy LA10 proposes a new village hall. LA11 requires new development to be supported by appropriate infrastructure. These policies are seen as important for the long-term sustainability of the area. In addition, with an increasing

proportion of older people in the population, access to locally based services will become increasingly important, reflecting lower mobility levels. Their retention is considered to have a strong benefit for young and old alike and is considered to have a positive impact.

### Disability

In requiring new developments to provide for a mix of homes to reflect local need (LA17) there is a possibility that homes could be sought to the benefit of people with disabilities. However, the lack of evidence to include a specific requirement by reference to type of disability prevents a recommendation by this assessment for modification to the policy and leads to a conclusion that Policy LA17 perhaps has only the potential for a neutral impact. There is no evidence, however, that would suggest a negative impact.

Policy LA9 seeks the retention of community services and facilities while Policy LA10 supports the provision of a new village hall. Policy LA11 requires new development to be supported by appropriate infrastructure. These policies are seen as important for the long-term sustainability of the Neighbourhood Area and provide access to locally based services for those with lower mobility levels.

Policy LA19 facilitates home working which could potentially have a positive impact on those with less mobility.

### Gender reassignment

The potential to secure high quality design under Policy LA13, that creates places that work well for both occupants and users, may benefit the public realm and the opportunity for all the community to enjoy their built environment. Any improvement in sense of place and civic pride is generally believed to lead to positive places where people are better able to express themselves without fear of recrimination or hate crime. As a result, there is potential for a positive impact on this protected characteristic. However, due to the limited data related to this characteristic and the potential for tangible impacts being unknown this assessment concludes the impact to be neutral.

### Marriage and civil partnership

This assessment found no impacts on this protected characteristic.

### Pregnancy and maternity

There are potential benefits for this protected characteristic from the retention and improvement of key services (Policies LA9 and LA10). These impacts might be positive but the lack of data for this characteristic and any tangible evidence suggests that the impact should be considered neutral.

## Race

This assessment found no impacts on this protected characteristic.

## Religion or belief

There is a potential benefit for this protected characteristic from the protection of key services and facilities, including a new village hall (LA10) with potential for multi-use facilities. However, the uncertain prospects for demand and delivery draw the same conclusion that there is only a neutral impact although the potential for positive impacts should again be noted.

## Sex

This assessment found no impacts on this protected characteristic.

## Sexual orientation

The potential to secure high quality design under Policy LA13, that creates places that work well for both occupants and users, may benefit the public realm and the opportunity for all the community to enjoy their built environment. Any improvement in sense of place and civic pride is generally believed to lead to positive places where people are better able to express themselves without fear of recrimination or hate crime. As a result, there is potential for a positive impact on this protected characteristic. However, due to the limited data related to this characteristic and the potential for tangible impacts being unknown this assessment concludes the impact to be neutral.

## Conclusion

The Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan provides a suite of policies to respond to the vision for the benefit of the local community including protected characteristics but perhaps most particularly older people, young people, mothers to be and those with young children, disabled people and those with limited mobility.

The Neighbourhood Plan does not explicitly address the needs of religious groups, or transgender, gay or lesbian groups, or inequalities of sex. However, the Neighbourhood Plan seeks a range of housing types and seeks retention of and improvements in facilities and services which will benefit these groups equally. There is also the potential to provide a higher quality public realm where people with protected characteristics will be less liable to be subject to hate crime.

In conclusion, this assessment has found no negative impacts on any protected characteristic by reference to data or evidence. As a result, no recommendations are made, and the assessment finds the Little Addington Neighbourhood Plan to be appropriate and that the duty of care prescribed by the Equalities Act 2010 is met.