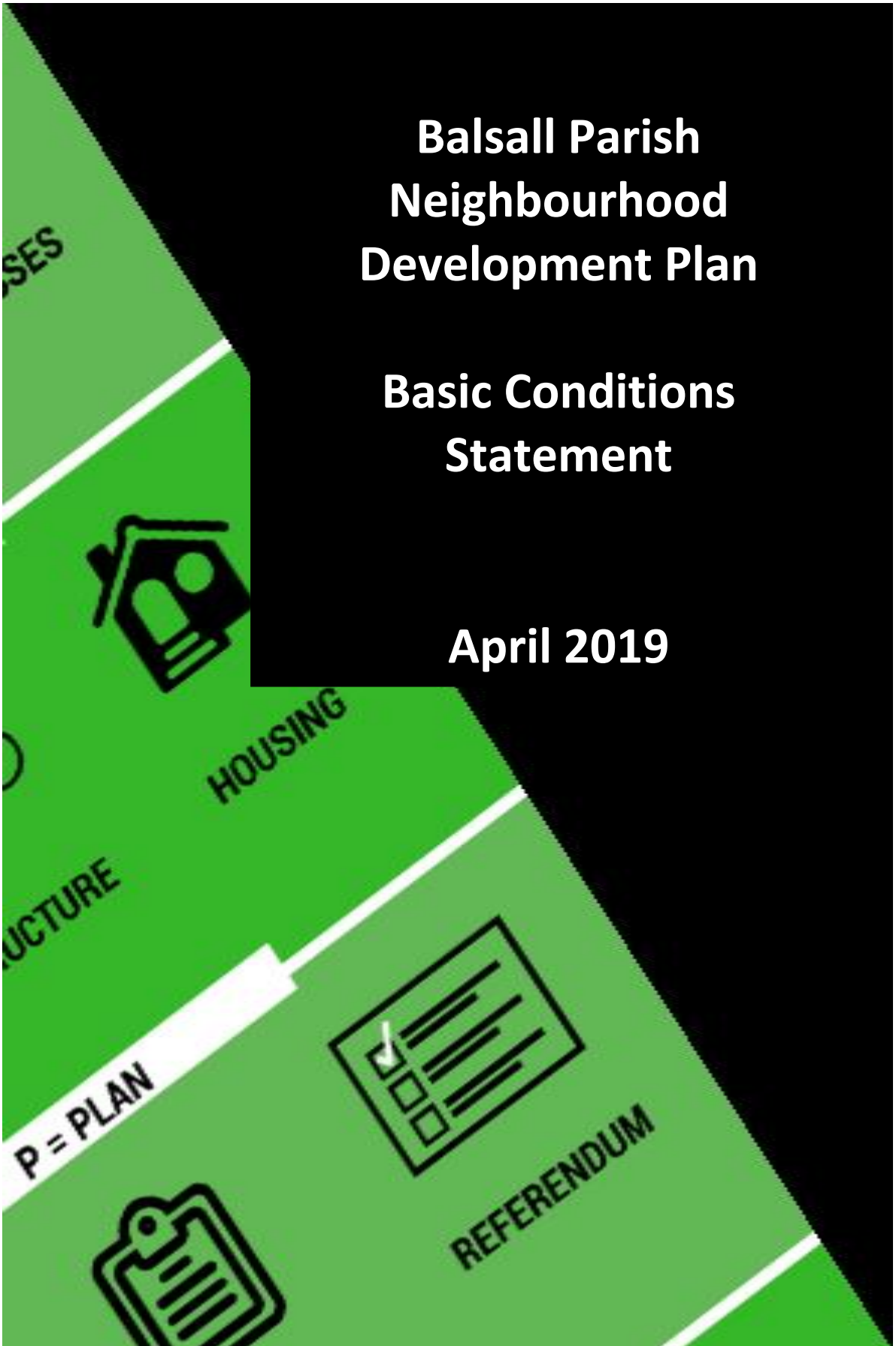


Balsall Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Basic Conditions Statement

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1. Introduction

The Basic Conditions

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared to accompany the Balsall Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (BPNDP).
- 1.2 Paragraph 8, sub-paragraph (2), of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to meet the following basic conditions:
- (a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the order;
 - (b) having special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the order;
 - (c) having special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area, it is appropriate to make the order;
 - (d) the making of the order contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
 - (e) the making of the order is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area);
 - (f) the making of the order does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations; and
 - (g) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the order and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order.

- 1.3 This Basic Conditions Statement addresses these requirements in four sections:

Section 2 demonstrates conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF);

Section 3 shows how the BPNDP will contribute to sustainable development and the various designated heritage assets throughout the Neighbourhood Area;

Section 4 demonstrates conformity with the strategic policies contained within the Solihull Local Plan; and

Section 5 demonstrates compliance with the appropriate EU obligations.

The Qualifying Body

- 1.4 The BPNDP is submitted by Balsall Parish Council, who is a Qualifying Body as defined by the Localism Act 2011.

The Neighbourhood Area

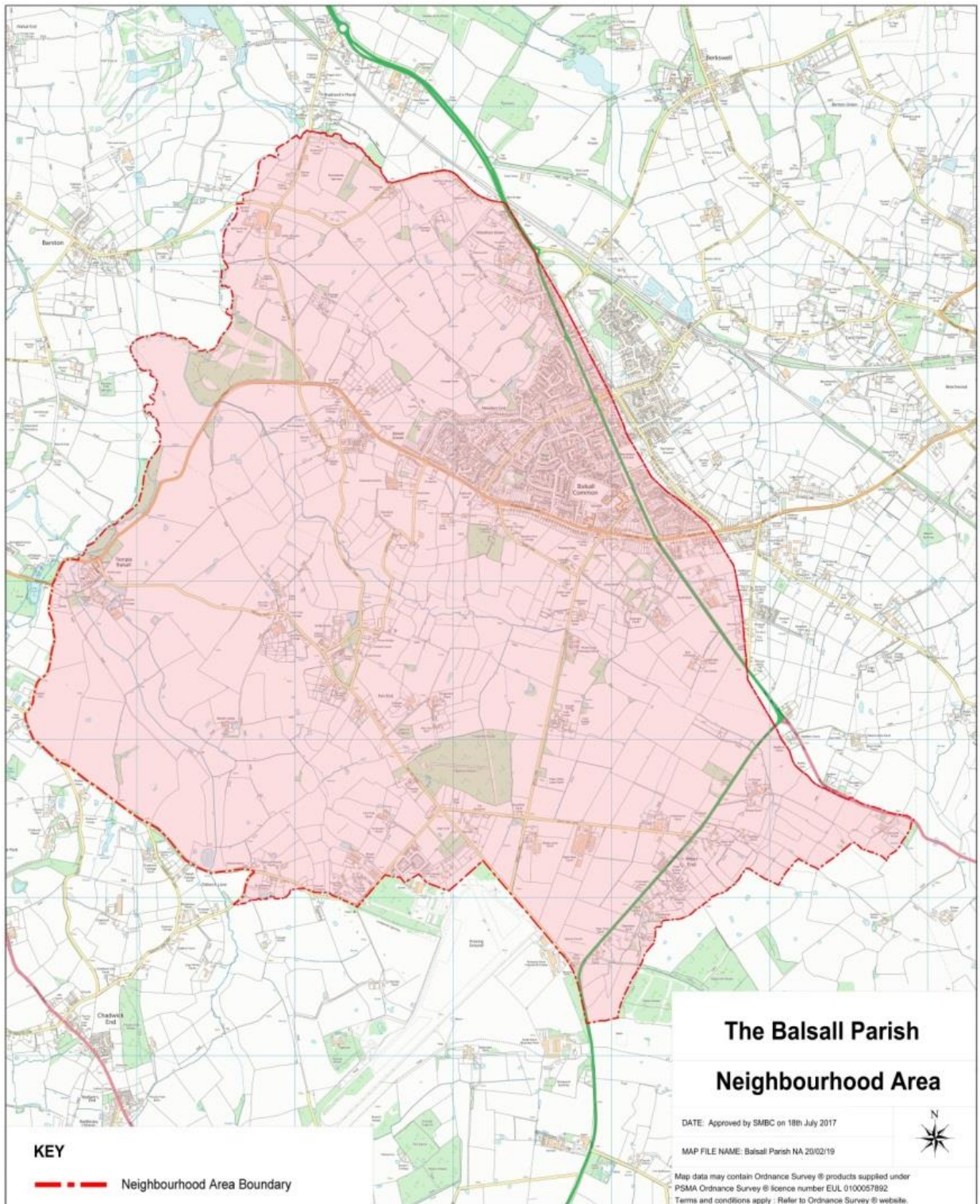
- 1.5 The BPNDP applies to the civil parish of Balsall in the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull. In accordance with Part 2 of the Regulations, Solihull MBC, as the local

planning authority, publicised the Neighbourhood Area application from Balsall Parish Council to designate their parish for the purposes of producing a NDP and advertised it accordingly for the statutory period of 6 weeks.

- 1.6 The application was approved by the Cabinet of SMBC on 18 July 2017 and consequently the parish of Balsall was designated as a Neighbourhood Area (see map at page 5).
- 1.7 Balsall Parish Council confirms that the BPNDP:
 - a) Relates only to the parish of Balsall and to no other Neighbourhood Area/s; and
 - b) Is the only NDP within the designated area and no other NDP exists nor is in development for part or all of the designated area.
- 1.8 Balsall parish lies in the county of the West Midlands and in the Metropolitan District of Solihull. It is approximately 17 miles south west of Birmingham centre and 8 miles east of Coventry in part of the Green Belt known as the Meriden Gap. The majority of the parish is rural and contains around 75% of the large village of Balsall Common and the hamlets of Temple Balsall, Oakley, Fen End and Meer End.

Plan Period

- 1.9 The BPNDP covers the period 2018 until 2033. The period has been chosen to align with the dates of the Principal Authority's (Solihull MBC) Local Plan period.
- 1.10 It is envisaged that a review of the BPNDP will take place every 5 years to ensure that it is in accordance with any changes to national or district planning policies.



Balsall Parish Neighbourhood Area

2. National Planning Policy Framework

2.1 The BPNDP must have appropriate regard to national policy. The following section describes how the BPNDP relates to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) revised February 2019.

Sustainable Development

2.2 The central theme throughout the NPPF is the presumption in favour of sustainable development. In this context sustainable development is broadly defined internationally as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

2.3 Achieving sustainable development means that the planning system has three overarching objectives, which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways (so that opportunities can be taken to secure net gains across each of the different objectives).

- **an economic objective** – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure;
- **a social objective** – to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering 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 well-being; and
- **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.

2.4 Paragraph 9 of NPPF gives clear advice on how plans should contribute to these sustainability objectives:

“Planning policies and decisions should play an active role in guiding development towards sustainable solutions, but in doing so should take local circumstances into account, to reflect the character, needs and opportunities of each area.”

2.5 Paragraph 13 states the role of neighbourhood plans in attaining sustainable development:

“Neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained in local plans or spatial development strategies; and should shape and direct development that is outside of these strategic policies.”

2.6 Footnote 16 to paragraph 29 notes that:

“Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in any development plan that covers their area.”

2.7 In addition to contributing to the borough’s strategic development plan, Paragraph 69 adds that:

“Neighbourhood planning groups should also consider the opportunities for allocating small and medium-sized sites (of a size consistent with paragraph 68a) suitable for housing in their areas.”

2.8 Neighbourhood Plans can do more than just support or facilitate development. They also have a part to play in meeting other sustainability objectives of the NPPF. The NPPF chapters to which Balsall’s plan contributes are:

- Delivering a sufficient supply of homes;
- Building a strong, competitive economy;
- Promoting healthy and safe communities;
- Promoting sustainable transport;
- Making effective use of land;
- Achieving well-designed places;
- Protecting Green Belt Land (in Balsall’s case: Local Green Spaces);
- Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change;
- Conserving and enhancing the natural environment; and
- Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.

2.9 The tables below summarises how BPNDP policies contribute to the sustainability objectives of NPPF:

Achieving sustainable development

Housing Policy H1 supports new development within the village boundary which is considered a sustainable location. **Community Aspiration CA1** seeks to avoid housing development on Local Plan sites increasing local congestion by using the same routes at the same time as HS2 construction.

Plan making

The BPNDP has been prepared by the local community for the local community and addresses important local issues identified through extensive consultations. The BPNDP provides potential developers with an up-to-date local policy framework which takes account of the latest Government policy and advice. The 32 land use policies contained within the BPNDP are designed to be used for the purposes of development management and have been written clearly and concisely to remove any ambiguity.

Delivering a sufficient supply of homes

The Local Plan does not define a development boundary for any of the settlements in Balsall parish. The BPNDP has therefore introduced new Built up Area (development) boundaries for Balsall Common and Oakley (**Policy H1**) which identifies where limited infilling can be accommodated (**Policy H2**). **Policy H3** encourages the development of and provides criteria for the redevelopment of brownfield land. **Policy H4** prescribes acceptable development of garden land and **Policy BE1** supports proposals which bring existing rural buildings into use.

Building a strong competitive economy

Policy ECON3 supports the creation of new business premises, office space and commercial development within Balsall Common village centre. **Policy ECON2** supports the provision of space and facilities in new dwellings to support home-working. **Policy ECON4** supports new and improved leisure and tourism-based services and facilities, provided they do not conflict with the Green Belt.

Ensuring the vitality of town centres

Policy ECON3 supports the creation of new business premises, office space and commercial development within Balsall Common village centre. **Community Aspiration CA2** seeks the improvement of Balsall Common centre to achieve a better community focus, improved parking and highway safety. **Community aspiration CA03** village bypass road seeks to reduce congestion on the A452 and so create a more environmentally friendly core.

Promoting safe and healthy communities

There is a direct link between health, social and cultural wellbeing and community facilities and amenities. **Policy COM1** seeks to protect and enhance formal and informal sport and recreational facilities including the use of CIL funds. **Policy COM2** requires new development to not adversely affect the availability of local educational facilities, seeks dual use and connection to walking and cycling routes. **Policy COM3** resists the loss of community facilities and encourages new community uses provided they are compatible with existing neighbouring uses. **Policy COM4** seeks to increase walking and cycling by requiring developments to prioritise walking and cycling opportunities including access to existing routes. **Policy BE3** requires all developments to demonstrate how development design should have a positive impact on health and how the reduction of crime and fear of crime has influenced proposals. **Policy COM 5** will ensure protection of existing and provision of new allotments.

Policy NE3 designates 14 green open spaces including an allotment, playing fields, a cemetery and recreational spaces. **Policy COM1** provides the mechanism for protecting and enhancing existing community facilities within the Neighbourhood Area. **Policy CA3** village bypass road seeks to reduce congestion on the A452 and so create a more environmentally friendly village core. **Community Aspiration CA5** seeks to retain Holly Lane playing fields, support leisure or gym facilities, support younger children's play areas and improve parks for children. **Community Aspiration CA7** seeks to achieve the planting of more trees and to create wildlife areas and meadows including bird and bat boxes.

Promoting sustainable transport

Policy ECON2 supports the provision of space and facilities in new dwellings to support home-working and so contribute to a reduction in the number of vehicle journeys. **Community Aspiration CA6** seeks to improve public transport through more appropriately designed services and infrastructure. **Policy CA3** village bypass road seeks to reduce congestion on the A452 and so create a more environmentally friendly village core. **Policy COM 4** seeks to increase safe walking and cycling.

Supporting high quality communications

Policy ECON1 supports the installation of superfast broadband infrastructure and **Community Aspiration CA4** seeks improved mobile reception and faster broadband.

Making effective use of land

Policy H3 encourages the development of and provides criteria for the redevelopment of brownfield land in the Green Belt. **Policy H4** prescribes acceptable development of garden land and **Policy BE1** supports proposals which bring existing rural buildings into use.

Achieving well-designed places

Policy H2 requires infilling within the BUAB to contribute to local character and conform to design and character standards defined in Policies BE4 and BE5. **Policies BE1, BE2 and BE3** require development proposals to create a strong sense of place and respond to local character and context. **Policy BE5** establishes design review panels for developments of 20+ dwellings or sensitive sites. **Policy BE4** requires development proposals to address existing local character, preserve heritage assets, regard landscape guidelines and preserve the rural feel of the area. **Appendix-Character Assessment** provides detailed support to this policy by analysing neighbourhoods according to local character.

Protecting Green Belt land

Concentrating growth to sustainable locations in the Neighbourhood Area and the prevention of unrestricted development in the countryside is an important aspect of the BPNDP. **Policy H1** defines BUABs excluding the Green Belt. **Policy H3** supports the principle of redevelopment and reuse of previously developed land and buildings within Green Belt restrictions. **Policy NE3** designates 14 Local Green Spaces to ensure that locally important and valued green spaces are protected from development.

Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change

Policy BE7 will assist in achieving a transition to a low carbon future through the support of development relating to the production of renewable and low carbon energy as well as development demonstrating how energy efficient measures have been maximised.

Policy H3 supports the principle of redevelopment and reuse of previously developed land and buildings in the Green Belt. **Policy NE4** promotes the improvement of biodiversity and **Policy NE5** requires development proposals to demonstrate how measures to minimise pollution have been considered. **Policy BE9** requires at least one electric vehicle charging point to be installed to each new dwelling and to each commercial or community development. **Policy BE10** requires development to not increase flooding risk and to demonstrate high levels of water efficiency.

Conserving and enhancing the natural environment

Policy NE1 Trees, Hedgerows and Woodland and recognises the importance of these environments for the preservation and restoration of key local habitats and wildlife biodiversity as well as their contribution to place and character. **Policy NE2** seeks to safeguard blue infrastructure and **Policy NE3** designates 14 local green spaces. **Policy NE4** promotes the improvement of biodiversity and **Policy NE5** requires development proposals to demonstrate how measures to minimise pollution have been considered. **Community Aspiration CA7** seeks to achieve the planting of more trees and to create wildlife areas and meadows including bird and bat boxes.

Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

The Neighbourhood Area contains a number of listed buildings and a Conservation Area. **Policy BE6** addresses the conservation of all designated heritage assets in the Neighbourhood Area including the parish's listed buildings and Temple Balsall Conservation Area. **Policy BE4 d)** requires development to preserve or enhance heritage assets and their setting.

2.8 The table below provides a matrix of the BPNDP policies against the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF:

Balsall Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policy Ref.	NPPF Paragraph Ref.
Housing	
Policy H.1: Built-Up Area Boundary	13,78,79
Policy H.2: Infill with the Village Boundary	13,78,79
Policy H.3: Use of Brownfield Land in the Green Belt	79,118,121
Policy H.4: Use of Garden Land	118
Policy H.5: Affordable Housing	62
Policy H.6: Housing Mix	60-62, 71
Policy H.7: General and Specialist Accommodation	61
Policy H.8: Walking and Cycling Infrastructure	91,92,98,104,110
Built Environment	
Policy BE.1: Conversion of Rural Buildings	79,118
Policy BE.2: Replacement Dwellings	118
Policy BE.3: Design	124-132
Policy BE.4: Responding to Local Character	124-132
Policy BE.5: Design Review Panels	124
Policy BE.6: Heritage Assets	184-202
Policy BE.7: Renewable Energy	151-154, 105
Policy BE.8: Highway Safety	108-111
Policy BE.9: Local Parking Standards	105
Policy BE.10: Flooding and Surface Water Drainage	155,163,165
Economy	
Policy ECON.1: Superfast Broadband	112
Policy ECON.2: Home Working	81
Policy ECON.3: Encouraging Local Business and Employment	80-84
Policy ECON.4: Rural Tourism	83
Community	
Policy COM.1: Leisure Facilities	91,92,96,97
Policy COM.2: Formal Education Facilities	94
Policy COM.3: Local Services	91,92,182
Policy COM.4: Encouraging Walking and Cycling	91,92,98
Policy COM.5: Allotments	91,92
Natural Environment	
Policy NE.1: Green Infrastructure	8,97,170,174,175
Policy NE.2: Blue Infrastructure	170,174,175
Policy NE.3: Designated Local Green Spaces	99-101
Policy NE.4: Biodiversity	170,174,175
Policy NE.5: Minimising Pollution	170 178-183
Community Aspirations	
CA.01: New Homes	72,104
CA.02: Village Centre, Road Safety and Parking Improvements	85-90
CA.03: Village Bypass Road	102-104

CA.04: Improved Mobile Reception and Faster Broadband	112,113
CA.05: Public Leisure Amenities	91,92,96,97
CA.06: Improved Public Transport	91,92,103,104,110
CA.07: Enhancement of Green Infrastructure	91,98

3. Delivering Sustainable Development

3.1 The table below provides a summary of the policies contained within the Balsall Parish NDP and how they support the NPPF objectives of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental):

Economic Objective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expects all new residential and commercial development to include necessary connectivity for high speed broadband/internet. • Seeks to provide and protect employment land where there is no conflict with Green Belt policy. • Provide an improved Balsall Common village centre to ensure there are sufficient facilities and services for employees and businesses. • Encourages home-working through the use of flexible design and broadband cabling. • Supports rural tourism where there is no conflict with Green Belt policy
Social Objective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports housing development within the village boundary on brownfield sites and garden land. It also supports the use of brownfield land in the Green Belt. • Seeks to ensure future housing developments successfully incorporate different open market and affordable housing types for all stages of life. It also supports the provision of accommodation for the elderly subject to other policies within the plan. • Requires new development to respond to local character. • Establishes design review panels for housing developments of a significant or sensitive nature. • Expects all new residential development use flexible design to allow connectivity to high speed broadband/internet and seeks to improve mobile reception and gain faster broadband. • Seeks to achieve well-designed and high-quality sustainable homes, improved highway safety and local parking. • Protects, enhances and expands leisure facilities, public amenities and services. • Encourages the provision of walking and cycling infrastructure in new developments and seeks to increase walking and cycling through the provision of safe and convenient access to routes. • Supports the improvement of public transport.
Environmental Objective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controls the conversion of rural buildings and replacement dwellings to protect green belt land. • Seeks to control development adjacent to heritage assets or within the conservation area. • Supports development proposals relating to the production of renewable and low carbon energy provided they do not have an adverse impact on the character of the area. • Address the protection of the countryside through the retention of existing trees and planting of new, hedgerows, rivers, streams and ponds, valued landscapes and designated green spaces. • Encourages biodiversity and minimises pollution. • Requires development to have regard of flood risk and water efficiency.

4. General Conformity with Adopted Solihull Local Plan

- 4.1 The BPNDP has been prepared with regard to national policies set out in the NPPF as outlined above. It must also be in general conformity with strategic policies of the local Development Plan.
- 4.2 The Development Plan for the Neighbourhood Area consists of the Solihull Local Plan adopted 3rd December 2013 and the Local Plan Review, the Draft Local Plan Review was agreed on 10th November 2016.
- 4.3 Paragraph 13 of the NPPF states that Neighbourhood Plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained in local plans or spatial development strategies; and should shape and direct development that is outside of these strategic policies.
- 4.4 The BPNDP supports the delivery of the strategic policies of the Solihull Local Plan and contains no conflict with these policies. The BPNDP build on, adapts or otherwise makes use of selected policies to suit the local environment and economy of Balsall.
- 4.5 The table below provides a matrix of the BPNDP policies against their equivalent Local Plan polices.

BPNDP Policy Area: Housing	Relevant Policies in adopted Solihull Local Plan (SLP)	Relevant Policies in approved Draft Local Plan Review (LPR)
Policy H1: Built-up Area Boundary	Policy P4 – Meeting Housing Needs Policy P5 – Provision of Land for Housing Policy P17 – Countryside and Green Belt	Policy P4 Meeting Housing Needs Policy P5 Provision of Land for Housing Policy P7 Accessibility and Ease of Access Policy P17 Countryside and Green Belt
Policy H2: Infill within the Village Boundary	Policy P5 – Provision of Land for Housing Policy P14 – Amenity Policy P17 – Countryside and Green Belt	Policy P5 Provision of Land for Housing Policy P7 Accessibility and Ease of Access Policy P14 Amenity Policy P17 Countryside and Green Belt
Policy H3: Use of Brownfield Land in the Green Belt	Policy P5 – Provision of Land for Housing Policy P17 – Countryside and Green Belt	Policy P5 Provision of Land for Housing Policy P7 Accessibility and Ease of Access Policy P17 Countryside and Green Belt

Policy H4: Use of Garden Land	Policy P5 – Provision of Land for Housing Policy P14 – Amenity	Policy P5 Provision of Land for Housing Policy P7 Accessibility and Ease of Access Policy P14 Amenity
Policy H5: Affordable Housing	Policy P4 – Meeting Housing Needs Policy P17 – Countryside and Green Belt	Policy P4 Meeting Housing Needs Policy P17 Countryside and Green Belt
Policy H6: Housing Mix Policy H7: General and Specialist Accommodation	Policy P4 – Meeting Housing Needs Policy P5 – Provision of Land for Housing	Policy P4 Meeting Housing Needs Policy P5 Provision of Land for Housing Policy P7 Accessibility and Ease of Access Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing
Policy H8: Walking and Cycling Infrastructure	Policy P7 – Accessibility and Ease of Access Policy P8 – Managing Demand for Travel and Reducing Congestion	Policy P7 Accessibility and Ease of Access Policy P8 Managing Travel Demand and Reducing Congestion
Balsall Parish NDP Policy Area: Built Environment	Relevant Policies in adopted Solihull Local Plan (SLP)	Relevant Policies in approved Draft Local Plan Review (LPR)
Policy BE1: Conversion of Rural Buildings	Policy P17 – Countryside and Green Belt	Policy P17 Countryside and Green Belt
Policy BE2: Replacement Dwellings	Policy P17 – Countryside and Green Belt	Policy P17 Countryside and Green Belt
Policy BE3: Design	Policy P14 – Amenity Policy P15 Securing Design Quality Policy P18 – Health and Well Being	Policy P14 Amenity Policy P15 Securing Design Quality Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing
Policy BE4: Responding to Local Character	Environment Policy P11 – Water Management Policy P14 – Amenity Policy P16 – Conservation of Heritage Assets and Local Distinctiveness	Policy P11 Water Management Policy P14 Amenity Policy P15 Securing Design Quality Policy P16 Conservation of Heritage Assets and Local Distinctiveness
Policy BE5: Design Review Panels	Policy P15 Securing Design Quality	Policy P14 Amenity Policy P15 Securing Design Quality
Policy BE6: Heritage Assets	Policy P16 – Conservation of Heritage Assets and Local Distinctiveness	Policy P15 Securing Design Quality Policy P16 Conservation of Heritage Assets and Local Distinctiveness

Policy BE7: Renewable Energy	Policy P9 – Climate Change	Policy P9 Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change
Policy BE8: Highway Safety	Policy P7 – Accessibility and Ease of Access Policy P8 – Managing Demand for Travel and Reducing Congestion	Policy P7 Accessibility and Ease of Access Policy P8 Managing Travel Demand and Reducing Congestion
Policy BE9: Local Parking Standards	Policy P8 – Managing Demand for Travel and Reducing Congestion	Policy P8 Managing Travel Demand and Reducing Congestion Policy P9 Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change
Policy BE10: Flooding and Surface Water Drainage	Policy P11 – Water Management	Policy P9 Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change Policy P11 Water Management
Balsall Parish NDP Policy Area: Economy	Relevant Policies in adopted Solihull Local Plan (SLP)	Relevant Policies in approved Draft Local Plan Review (LPR)
Policy ECON1: Superfast Broadband	Policy P3 Provision of Land for General Business and Premises Policy P14 – Amenity Policy P21 – Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Provision	Policy P3 Provision of Land for General Business and Premises Policy P14 Amenity Policy P21 – Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Provision
Policy ECON2: Home Working	Policy P3 Provision of Land for General Business and Premises	Policy P3 Provision of Land for General Business and Premises
Policy ECON3: Encouraging Local Business and Employment	Policy P3 Provision of Land for General Business and Premises	Policy P3 Provision of Land for General Business and Premises Policy P19 – Range and Quality of Local Services
Policy ECON4: Rural Tourism	Policy P17 – Countryside and Green Belt	Policy P17 Countryside and Green Belt
Balsall Parish NDP Policy Area: Community	Relevant Policies in adopted Solihull Local Plan (SLP)	Relevant Policies in approved Draft Local Plan Review (LPR)
Policy COM1: Leisure Facilities	Policy P20 – Provision for Open Space, Children’s Play, Sport, Recreation and Leisure	Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing Policy P20 Provision for Open Space, Childrens Play, Sport, Recreation and Leisure Policy P21 – Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Provision
Policy COM2: Formal Educational Facilities	Policy P5 – Provision of Land for Housing Policy P21 – Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Provision	Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing Policy P21 – Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Provision

Policy COM3: Local Services	Policy P5 – Provision of Land for Housing Policy P19 – Range and Quality of Local Services Policy P21 – Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Provision	Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing Policy P19 – Range and Quality of Local Services Policy P20 Provision for Open Space, Childrens Play, Sport, Recreation and Leisure Policy P21 – Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Provision
Policy COM4: Encouraging Walking and Cycling	Policy P7 – Accessibility and Ease of Access Policy P8 – Managing Demand for Travel and Reducing Congestion	Policy P7 Accessibility and Ease of Access Policy P8 Managing Travel Demand and Reducing Congestion Policy P15 Securing Design Quality Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing Policy P20 Provision for Open Space, Childrens Play, Sport, Recreation and Leisure Policy P21 – Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Provision
Policy COM5: Allotments	Policy P20 – Provision for Open Space, Children’s Play, Sport, Recreation and Leisure	Policy P10 Natural Environment Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing Policy P20 Provision for Open Space, Childrens Play, Sport, Recreation and Leisure
Balsall Parish NDP Policy Area: Natural Environment	Relevant Policies in adopted Solihull Local Plan (SLP)	Relevant Policies in approved Draft Local Plan Review (LPR)
Policy NE1: Green Infrastructure	Policy P10 – Natural Environment Policy P14 – Amenity	Policy P9 Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change Policy P10 Natural Environment Policy P14 Amenity Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing
Policy NE2: Blue Infrastructure	Policy P11 – Water Management	Policy P9 Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change Policy P11 Water Management Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing

Policy NE3: Designated Local Green Spaces	Policy P20 – Provision for Open Space, Children’s Play, Sport, Recreation and Leisure	Policy P10 Natural Environment Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing Policy P20 Provision for Open Space, Childrens Play, Sport, Recreation and Leisure
Policy NE4: Biodiversity	Policy P10 – Natural Environment	Policy P10 Natural Environment Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing
Policy NE5: Minimising Pollution	Policy P11 – Water Management Policy P14 – Amenity	Policy P10 Natural Environment Policy P11 Water Management Policy P14 Amenity Policy P18 Health and Wellbeing

5. European Union Obligations

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 5.1 A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening exercise was undertaken by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council on behalf of Balsall Parish NDP in December 2018. The SEA screening assessment concluded that the policies in the Balsall Parish NDP are likely to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted Development Plan. It is therefore unlikely that there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the BPNDP that were not covered in the Sustainability Appraisal / SEA of the Solihull Local Plan and the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Plan.
- 5.2 It is therefore concluded that the BPNDP does not require a full SEA to be undertaken.
- 5.3 A Scoping Report was undertaken by Solihull MB Council in January 2019 which involved consultation with the statutory environmental bodies (Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency).
- 5.4 The SEA was finalised and confirmed by email on the 8th March 2019 by SMBC that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is not required in respect of the Balsall Parish NDP.

Habitat Regulations Assessment

- 5.5 The policies of the Solihull Local Plan have been subject to HRA. The screening assessment concluded that there would be no likely significant effect on the Natura 2000 network, either alone or in combination with other local plans.
- 5.6 For the reasons outlined above, it is also concluded that the BPNDP does not require a full HRA to be undertaken.

Human Rights

- 5.7 The Balsall Parish NDP has had regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act 1998.