

Basic Conditions Check – Made (adopted) Neighbourhood Plan

Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan – November 2022



GREATER CAMBRIDGE
SHARED PLANNING

Basic Conditions Check

Requirements	Local Planning Authority Comments	Basic Condition met?
<p>The Neighbourhood Plan has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State and it is appropriate to make the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>The Council considers that the Neighbourhood Plan is consistent with national policies and advice in that the core land use planning principles set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) have been embodied in the Neighbourhood Plan. Specifically, the Neighbourhood Plan seeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to ensure high quality design (Policy GAM1) - see Chapter 12 of NPPF which seeks to achieve well designed places. • to conserve and enhance the historic character of the village (Policy GAM3) - see Chapter 16 of 	<p>Yes</p>

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	<p>NPPF which seeks to conserve and enhance the historic environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to support the delivery of new homes and that they meet the needs for the different groups in the community (Policies GAM1 and GAM2) - see chapter 5 of the NPPF which considers the delivery of a sufficient supply of homes. • to provide for a successful economy (Policy GAM4) - see paragraph 84 of NPPF which seeks to enable the growth and expansion of all types of business in rural areas. • to safeguard community uses (Policies GAM5 and GAM6) - see Paragraph 93 in NPPF which seeks to retain and develop accessible local services and community facilities. • to safeguard important natural habitats (Policies GAM9 and GAM10) - see paragraph 174 of NPPF which seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to protect and enhance walking and cycling routes (Policies GAM7 and GAM8) - see Chapter 9 of NPPF which seeks to promote sustainable transport. • to promote sustainable transport around the parish (Policies GAM7 and GAM8) - see chapter 9 of NPPF which considers promoting sustainable transport and chapter 8 promoting healthy and safe communities. <p>This conclusion is consistent with the examiner's conclusions that the Neighbourhood Plan has had regard to national planning policies and guidance, in that it sets out a clear vision and suite of policies and proposals for the neighbourhood area. The examiner recommended a series of modifications to provide clarity and precision to the policies to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan fully accords with national policy and guidance. SCDC and Gamlingay Parish Council agreed each of the</p>	

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	recommended modifications and the modifications were included in the 'Referendum' version of the Neighbourhood Plan, and are included in the 'Made' version of the Neighbourhood Plan.	
The making of the Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.	<p>The Council considers that the Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development, specifically by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing to the economic aspects by having policies to meet local housing needs (Policies GAM1 and GAM2) and promotes a successful economy (Policy GAM4). • Contributing to the social aspects by seeking to provide a vibrant community by promoting and safeguarding community uses and spaces (Policies GAM5 and GAM6). • Contributing to the environmental aspect by having a range of policies which include ones which seek to conserve the character of the area (Policy GAM3); safeguard natural habitats (Policy 	Yes

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	<p>GAM9); ensure high quality design (Policy GAM1); and encourage means of transport other than cars (Policies GAM7 and GAM8).</p> <p>This conclusion is consistent with the examiner's conclusion that the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions including that to achieve sustainable development in the neighbourhood area.</p>	
<p>The Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area.</p>	<p>The development plan for South Cambridgeshire consists of the adopted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2011-2031, and a list of strategic policies is included in Appendix E of the Local Plan. The Basic Conditions Statement, submitted by Gamlingay Parish Council, considers whether the Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with these strategic policies.</p> <p>The Council considers that the Neighbourhood Plan policies are in general conformity with the strategic</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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	<p>policies in the adopted South Cambridgeshire Local Plan.</p> <p>This conclusion is consistent with the examiner's conclusion that the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions including that of being in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan. He considers the extent to which the policies and proposals are in general conformity in detail in chapter 7 of his report.</p>	
<p>The making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.</p> <p>Prescribed conditions are met in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan, including that the making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European wildlife site or a</p>	<p>The Council considers that the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach and is compatible with EU Obligations.</p> <p>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA): a SEA screening was undertaken that determined that the Neighbourhood Plan was likely to require an SEA due to the potential impact of an employment policy proposed in the plan. A SEA was produced for the Plan and resulted</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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<p>European offshore marine site either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.</p>	<p>in changes to the policy. A HRA screening was also undertaken that indicates that the Neighbourhood Plan is not predicted to have significant effects on any European site, either alone or in conjunction with other plans and projects. These conclusions are supported by the responses from the statutory bodies.</p> <p>As the modifications made to the Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan following its examination do not change the essence of its planning policies, the SEA and HRA screening undertaken on a draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan, the screening determination published in September 2019, and the SEA published in July 2020 remain valid.</p> <p>This conclusion is consistent with the examiner's conclusion that a proportionate process has been undertaken in accordance with the various regulations</p>	

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	<p>and the Neighbourhood Plan is compatible with European obligations.</p> <p>Human Rights: an assessment has been undertaken to examine the impact of the Neighbourhood Plan policies on persons who have a 'protected characteristic' and the results of this assessment are included in the Basic Conditions Statement. The Council is supportive of the assessment which concludes that the Neighbourhood Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act 1998. No sectors of the community would be discriminated against, and the policies in the plan would generally have public benefits and encourage the social sustainability of the plan area.</p> <p>This conclusion is consistent with the examiner's conclusion that he is satisfied across the Plan as a</p>	

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	whole, no sectors of the community are likely to be discriminated against. The policies together would generally have public benefits and encourage the social sustainability of the neighbourhood.	

CONCLUSION: South Cambridgeshire District Council has confirmed that the 'Made' version of the Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions.