

Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2036

Basic Conditions Statement

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared in support of the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan. It demonstrates how the Plan meets the statutory requirements set out within the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.
- 1.2. The Plan was presented for regulation 14 consultation between 6th May 2019, and 15th June 2019. The Plan has been produced by the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Steering Group on behalf of Oakham Town Council and Barleythorpe Parish Council, a qualifying body as defined by the Localism Act 2011, and refers solely to the area within the Neighbourhood designated boundary (Figure 1). The Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan covers a Plan Period of 18 years, between 2018 and 2036.
- 1.3. The Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan refers only to planning matters (use and development of land) and does not deal with county matters (mineral extraction and waste development), nationally significant infrastructure or any other matter set out in Section 61K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- 1.4. This statement addresses each of the four "basic conditions" required by the Regulations and explains how the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town & Country Planning Act. The Regulations state that a Neighbourhood Plan will be considered to have met the basic conditions if:
 - i) Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan;
 - ii) The making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
 - iii) The making of the neighbourhood development plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of

the authority (or any part of that area);

- iv) The making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations.

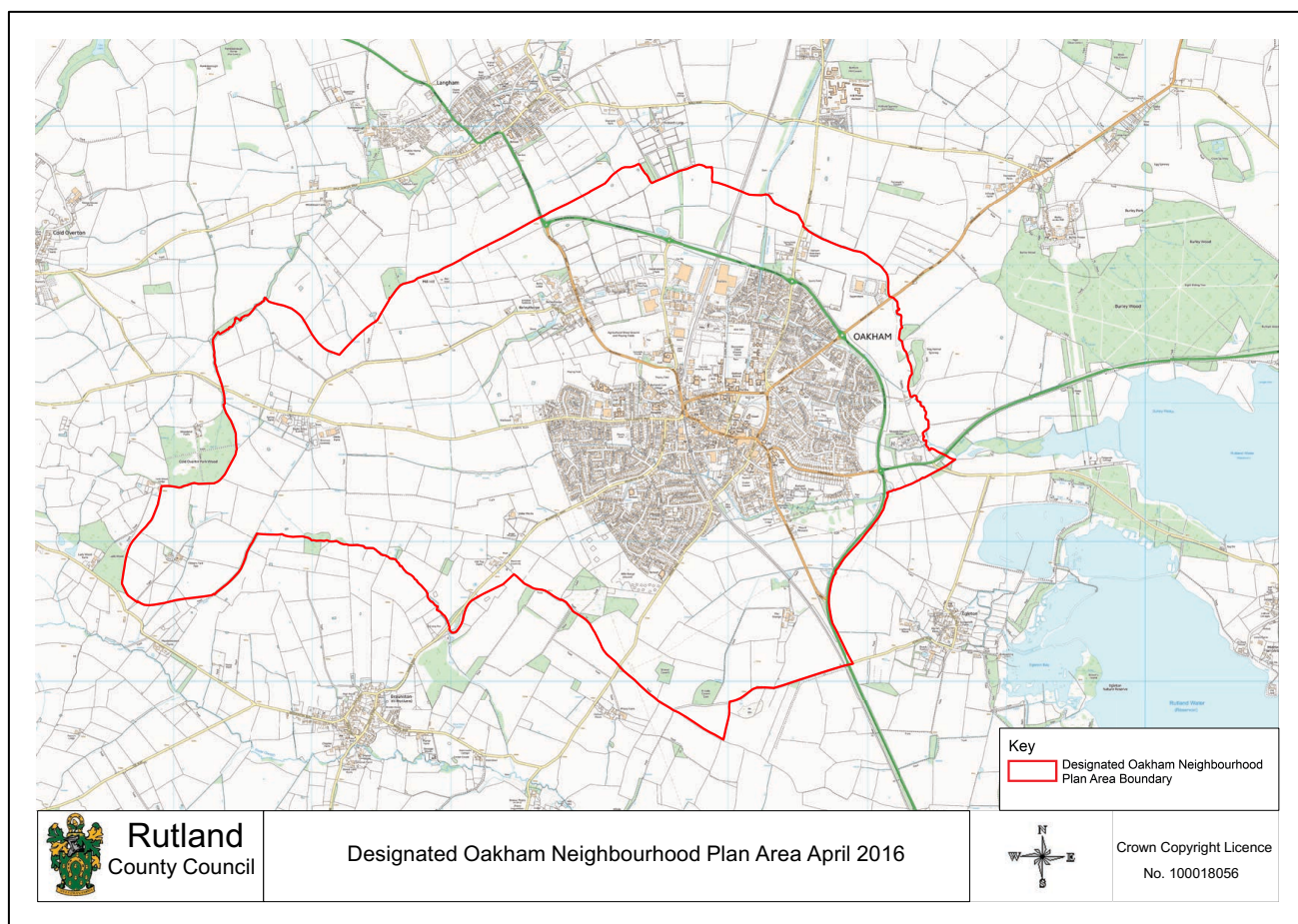


Figure 1. Designated Neighbourhood Area for the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan

2. Conformity with the Basic Conditions

- 2.1. As part of the Basic Conditions Statement, an Assessment of Compliance has been prepared, testing all policies within the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan against the principles of sustainable development, NPPF regulation, and the Local Plan policies of the Rutland Country Council (RCC) 2011 Core Strategy and the ongoing RCC Local Plan (July 2017). The result of the Assessment of Compliance has been summarised in the tables below.
- 2.2. The definition of sustainable development employed in the Assessment of Compliance has been derived from the NPPF's definition (NPPF February 2019, paragraph 8):

“Achieving sustainable development means that the planning system has 3 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 wellbeing; 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.”

Conformity with National Policy

- 2.3. The Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared having regard to national policies as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) of February 2019. It is also taken account of the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) published by the Government in April 2014 in respect of formulating neighbourhood plans.
- 2.4. Paragraph 13 of the NPPF - The application of the presumption has implications for the way communities engage in neighbourhood planning. 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.
- 2.5. Paragraph 37 of the NPPF - general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan: during the production of the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan the Steering Group has consulted with the local planning authority in order to ensure that the Plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the RCC 2011 Core Strategy and RCC Draft Local Plan Review (July 2017).
- 2.6. Paragraph 125 of the NPPF – Develop a Shared Vision: the community of Oakham and Barleythorpe has been actively engaged in developing a shared vision for the future of the Parish.

Conformity with Strategic Local Policy

- 2.7. The Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in close collaboration with officers from Rutland County Council. This has ensured that the process of developing the policies in the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan has been informed by the Core Strategy Adopted 2011 and the Rutland Local Plan Review (February 2020).
- 2.8. The Basic Conditions set out in Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 require the Neighbourhood Plan to be in general

conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area. Since the majority of the Neighbourhood Plan was produced while the Draft Local Plan under examination, the Plan considered both the Core Strategy 2011 as well as the Local Plan Review 2020. This document will demonstrate how the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are in conformity with both documents.

- 2.9. The Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group for Oakham Town Council and Barleythorpe Parish Council in close collaboration with officers from Rutland County Council. This has ensured that the process of developing the policies in the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan has been informed by the Strategic Policies in the Core Strategy and from the Policies and evidence base which are currently in the Local Plan Review.
- 2.10. Table 'Figure 5' provides a summary of how each of the Neighbourhood Plan policies is in general conformity with the District's Strategic Policies.

Conformity with the definition of Sustainable Development

NP Policy	Economic Factors	Social Factors	Environmental Factors	How Conformity is Achieved
Policy 1: Residential Development Management	✓	✓	✓	This Policy supports residential development on windfall sites within the planned limits of development in Oakham and Barleythorpe as defined in the current Rutland Local Plan 2016-2036, Development Plan Document. Additional houses in the area will support the economic and social growth of the community, supporting additional commercial and community services in the area. At the same time, the policy ensures that rural and environmentally-valued sites in the countryside are protected from development pressure.
Policy 2: Delivering Good Design	✓	✓	✓	This policy ensures future development is designed sustainably and in a way that respects the existing character of the settlements. In doing so, it supports social and cultural wellbeing of the community through high-quality design, while ensuring housing and other needs are met. The policy protects and enhances the historic and natural environment in the Parish, protecting designated and non-designated buildings, existing mature trees and green features, and traditional features of the built environment.
Policy 3: Housing affordability and Local Connection	✓	✓	-	This Policy seeks to address local issues connected with housing affordability and to ensure local residents' housing needs are fulfilled, especially the needs of those unable to afford market accommodation. Furthermore, by providing more affordable housing, starter homes and semi-detached houses, mainly aimed towards keeping families and younger populations in the area, this

NP Policy	Economic Factors	Social Factors	Environmental Factors	How Conformity is Achieved
				Policy will have the secondary effect of supporting services and economic activities in the town and village
Policy 4: Town Centre and Visitor Economy	✓	✓	-	Policy 4: Town Centre and Visitor Economy aims to ensure the vitality of the town centre by promoting increased use of the primary shopping areas. Policy 4 also promotes tourism development not only by enhancing and supporting shopping and activity opportunities but also promoting the presence and development of hotels and guest houses. By promoting the town centre and the visitor economy, the Plan aims to promote Oakham as places to work and visit in the Town Centre, thus supporting the social and economic growth of the town for future generations.
Policy 5: Employment and Business Development	✓	✓	-	This policy supports employment and business development opportunities in the Neighbourhood Plan Area. Increasing economic activities supported by the policy will deliver key jobs, services and trade to the community. By promoting working from home, the Plan aims to promote the area as a place to live and work, thus supporting the social and economic growth of the area as a whole.
Policy 6: Historic Heritage and Character	-	✓	✓	This Policy seeks to conserve the distinctive landscape features, landscape character and assets of local significance to the Neighbourhood Plan Area. The Policy aims to ensure that new development proposals protect, conserve

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				and seek opportunities to enhance the historic environment for future generations.
Policy 7: Community Facilities	✓	✓	-	Protection of existing and promotion of new community facilities has positive effects on the social and historic environment strands of sustainability. The social benefit of community facilities derives from their capacity to meet local residents' needs and thus to promote a cohesive community. Some of the community facilities identified are also businesses, offering employment opportunities whilst providing a community service.
Policy 8: Important Views	-	✓	✓	Protection of important views contributes to maintaining and enhancing the character of the villages, and hence promotes a sense of place and community cohesion. Moreover, the protection of important views over the countryside, natural features, and historic sites helps to enhance and protect the historic and natural environment of the two parish. Protecting the character and attractiveness of the area will have the secondary effect of promoting their value as tourism destinations, supporting related economic activities.
Policy 9: Green Infrastructures and Recreational Facilities	--	✓	✓	The protection of existing green infrastructure and public green spaces will be positive in terms of protecting the natural environment, recreational facilities and improving biodiversity and will have beneficial social effects in terms of promoting healthy lifestyles and recreational opportunities.

NP Policy	Economic Factors	Social Factors	Environmental Factors	How Conformity is Achieved
Policy 10: Protection of the Natural Environment	-	✓	✓	Protection of the Natural Environment puts environmental protection at the heart of every major development, requiring that the impact on existing ecosystems being considered, avoided and, if avoidance is not possible, adequately mitigated. Therefore, improving the biodiversity in terms of promoting healthy lifestyles and greater access to the natural environment.

Figure 2. Neighbourhood Plan conformity with the definition of Sustainable Development

Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework

NP Objective		Relevant NPPF Goal
1	To make Oakham & Barleythorpe thriving, sustainable communities in an environment where people can live, work, and flourish.	Promoting healthy and safe communities Building a strong, competitive economy Achieving sustainable development
2	Retaining and protecting the essential rural and historic buildings and features.	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
3	Imaginative mix of new housing design in keeping with the historic character of Rutland, and appropriate for future demands.	Promoting healthy and safe communities Building a strong, competitive economy Delivering a sufficient supply of homes
4	Ensure developers keep to the adequate levels of affordable housing in any development.	Promoting healthy and safe communities Building a strong, competitive economy Delivering a sufficient supply of homes
5	Promote the development of family houses with two or more bedrooms, two-bedroom starter homes, bungalows and supported housing/retirement houses.	Promoting healthy and safe communities Delivering a sufficient supply of homes
6	Support small sites for housing development, spread across a variety of sites within Oakham and Barleythorpe, to accommodate any new houses.	Promoting healthy and safe communities Building a strong, competitive economy Achieving sustainable development
7	Prioritise the development of brownfield sites for housing	Achieving well-designed places Delivering a sufficient supply of homes

NP Objective		Relevant NPPF Goal
8	Ensure new development proposals provide adequate off-street parking	Achieving well-designed places
9	Ensure new development proposals provide adequate infrastructure (e.g. schools, healthcare, indoor community spaces, play areas, public transport).	Achieving well-designed places Supporting high-quality communications infrastructure
10	Improve Oakham town centre as a welcoming place for pedestrians, through a greener street scene, more public seating, pedestrian and wheelchair friendly pavements.	Achieving well-designed places Promoting healthy and safe communities Ensuring the vitality of town centres
11	Reduce the impact of traffic and pollution in the town centre. Provide additional new long-term parking.	Promoting sustainable transport Achieving well-designed places
12	Encourage imaginative and appropriate business opportunities which encourage positive economic growth.	Building a strong, competitive economy Ensuring the vitality of town centres
13	Actively encourage local shops and businesses that support tourism, leisure and crafts.	Building a strong, competitive economy Ensuring the vitality of town centres y
14	Promote the availability of fibre optic broadband to encourage new businesses to locate to Oakham and Barleythorpe, along with better mobile telecommunications.	Supporting high-quality communications infrastructure
15	Ensure everyone in Oakham and Barleythorpe has access to quality services, in line with housing development, which allows them to lead fulfilled lives in a safe and caring community of which they are proud.	Building a strong, competitive economy Ensuring the vitality of town centres

NP Objective		Relevant NPPF Goal
16	Development of a network of footpaths and cycleways from the outskirts of Oakham and Barleythorpe that provide signed access to the town centre shops and historic buildings.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
17	Maintain and protect green spaces and sports and leisure facilities for recreation.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
18	Provide ease of access to and from nearby Rutland Water for residents and visitors.	Promoting sustainable transport Achieving well-designed places
19	Take advantage of rural and historical features, together with nearby Rutland Water, to increase the number of visitors for the benefit of local businesses.	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
20	Protect and enhance all current public green spaces.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
21	Ensure new building development needs are matched by the creation of new public green spaces and allotments.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
22	Protect the open countryside between Oakham, Barleythorpe and neighbouring communities.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment

Figure 3. Neighbourhood Plan's Objectives' conformity with NPPF Goal

NP Policy	NPPF Paragraph	How Conformity is Achieved
Policy 1: Residential Development Management	77, 78, 79 and Chapter 12	The NPPF is clear that the planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment, including valued landscapes and heritage assets, whilst delivering a sufficient supply of housing to meet the local need through windfall development. Policy 1 sets out the scale and location of development that will ensure that growth makes a positive contribution to the achievement of sustainable development. Policy 1 promotes the use of brownfield sites and vacant properties in the town centre, in line with paragraphs of 72 and 118 of the NPPF.
Policy 2: Delivering Good Design	83, 85, 110, 122, 185, 192.	Policy 2: Delivering Good Design protects the specific character and design of local areas not simply at town-level, but also by adding details for each local area using the evidence collected by local residents directly. In doing so, the Policy is in line with Chapter 12 of the NPPF and relevant paragraphs protecting local heritage, important landscape, promoting high-quality design etc., such as 83, 85, 110, 122, 185, 192.
Policy 3: Housing affordability and Local Connection	34, 61, 62, 63, 71	Policy 3: Housing affordability and Local Connection ensures that major development provides an adequate number of affordable houses that meet the local need both for rent and purchase, in particular in terms of Starter Homes for newly formed households, in line with paragraphs 34, 61, 62, 63, 71.
Policy 4: Town Centre and Visitor Economy	85-88	Policy 4: Town Centre and Visitor Economy aim to ensure the vitality of the town centre by promoting the presence of town centre use in the primary shopping areas, in particular, Use Class A (shops and retail outlets), in line with paragraphs 85 and 86. Furthermore, Policy 4 seeks, as a priority, to protect existing retail premises/sites and supports the reuse of sites with a compatible use, as a priority.
Policy 5: Employment and	72, 81, 104, and 121	Policy 5: Employment and Business Development identifies appropriate land and locations for development opportunities in the Planned Limits of Development. The delivery of sufficient land and opportunities for

NP Policy	NPPF Paragraph	How Conformity is Achieved
Business Development		employment are the principles underlined by paragraphs 72, 104, and 121 of the NPPF. Also, the Policy promotes accommodation that combines both living and working space. The Policy is also in line with paragraph 81 of the Framework.
Policy 6: Historic Heritage and Character	79, 189-192 and 197	Policy 6: Historic Heritage and Character is in line with Chapter 16 of the NPPF, in particular, paragraphs 189 to 192. The identification and protection of non-designated heritage assets and locally important assets, which this policy pursues, is in line with paragraph 197 of the Framework. Policy 6 aims to bring back into use and restore derelict heritage assets of national or local importance, in line with paragraph 79 of the Framework.
Policy 7: Community Facilities	92 and 182	Policy 7: Community Facilities, by describing the type of locally important community facilities, and guarding against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities, is in line with paragraphs 92 and 182 of the Framework. The Policy also promotes the provision of additional community facilities as part of the development of large-scale residential sites, in line with paragraph 92.
Policy 8: Important Views	109, 116, 156	Policy 8: Important Views protects a number of views and vistas over natural and historic assets, or otherwise important landscapes, that are key in defining the character of a settlement: these views involve the countryside surrounding a settlement as much as views toward a village or within the built environment. The NPPF promotes the protection of valued landscapes and the visual amenity of the historic environment, as well as recognising "the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside and supporting thriving rural communities within it".
Policy 9: Green Infrastructures and	20, 34, 92, 171	Policy 9: Green Infrastructure and Recreational Facilities aims to protect existing open air and green facilities, spaces and networks that are used by the residents of Oakham for recreational and social purposes. The

NP Policy	NPPF Paragraph	How Conformity is Achieved
Recreational Facilities		NPPF defines Green Infrastructure as "a network of multi-functional green space, urban and rural, which is capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities". The protection, as well as the enhancement and improvement of such infrastructure, is a key priority of the NPPF, in line with paragraphs 20, 34 and 171.
Policy 10: Protection of the Natural Environment	Chapter 15	Policy 10: Protection of Natural Environment puts environmental protection at the heart of every major development, requiring that the impact on existing ecosystems as well as on individual natural features and assets are considered and, if avoidance is not possible, adequately mitigated. In doing so, Policy 10 is in keeping with Chapter 15 of the NPPF.

Figure 4. Neighbourhood Plan conformity with NPPF provisions.

Conformity with the Rutland County Council Core Strategy and Draft Local Plan (2011 & 2017)

NP Policy	2011 Core Strategy	Local Plan Review (Feb 2020)	How Conformity is Achieved
Policy 1: Residential Development Management	CS1, CA2, C3, C9, C10	SD2, SD3, SD4, E4, E5 H5, H7	<p>Policy 1: Residential Development Management is in line with the Rutland County Council's Core Strategy CS1 (Sustainable Development Principles), CS2 (The Spatial Strategy), and CS3 (The Settlement Hierarchy) and CS9 (Provision and distribution of new housing).</p> <p>Policy is also in line with the Local Plan Review Policy SD2, SD3 and SD4; it recognises that Barleythorpe has been merged with Oakham as a Main Town in the Settlement Hierarchy for Rutland. Policy 1 in this Plan will apply to the whole Neighbourhood Plan Area, promoting sustainable and limited development within to the Planned Limit of Development in Barleythorpe as well as Oakham, to meet the future needs of this community and the provision of a higher number of facilities.</p> <p>The Policy is also in line with the Local Plan Review Policy SD4 in controlling development in the countryside and adds depth to part 1.C. of Policy SD4 by setting a period for adequate marketing of agricultural buildings proposed for residential conversion (thus helping to promote the rural economy, in line with Policies CS16 of the Core Strategy and E4 and E5 of the Local Plan Review. Policy 1: promotes a housing mix that aims to meet the local needs of an ageing population, at the same time supporting newly-formed households in finding accommodation appropriate for their needs. In particular, emphasises the requirement for accessibility standards, in line with Policy H7 of the Local Plan Review. The proposes (in Policy 1.4.a.) a mix for large development that is in line with the evidence collected for Policy H5 and meets the general and specialist needs of the local community, as set out in Policy CS10 of the Core Strategy.</p>

NP Policy	2011 Core Strategy	Local Plan Review (Feb 2020)	How Conformity is Achieved
Policy 2: Delivering Good Design	CS19	EN3	Policy 2: Delivering Good Design aims not simply to deliver high-quality design, but also design of new residential and non-residential developments that is in line with the character of the local area in which it is located. The Policy relies on the Neighbourhood Profile, which forms a supplement to this Plan, to define what should be acceptable in each area, a character assessment produced by residents through walkabouts in their local areas where they collected evidence of the most typical features of the neighbourhood. Policy 2 is consistent with CS19 and EN3, and the Neighbourhood Profile replicates and details the criteria listed in EN3 for each Neighbourhood Character Area.
Policy 3: Housing affordability and Local Connection	CS11	E5, E9, E10, EN17	Policy 3: Housing Affordability and Local Connection ensures that larger developments will deliver the affordable houses needed to meet the local needs of residents in Oakham and Barleythorpe. While the 30% minimum proportion of affordable houses on larger sites is taken directly from Policy H9 of the Local Plan Review, the mix between ownership and rental and the mix of houses (favouring affordable housing for newly formed households) meets the specific local needs and adds depth and local context to the Local Plan Policy. Policy 3 took the revised figures from the Local Plan Review but complies with the more general principles presented in Policy CS11 of the Core Strategy, including meeting the local need (achieved through the provision of local connection criteria).
Policy 4: Town Centre and Visitor Economy	CS15, CS17	E5, E9	The main objective of Policy 4: Town Centre and Visitor Economy is to promote vitality and prosperous future development of the Town Centre as a key retail and social hub for visitors and residents. In its key provisions and hierarchy of preferred uses, the policy is in line with policy CS17 and E9, going even further in identifying a number of locally important criteria any scheme or plan for the redevelopment of Oakham Town Centre should meet, hence adding local context to the Local Plan policies. Policy 4 supports and promotes tourism and the visitor economy both in provision of accommodation and activities in and around the Town Centre, in line with policy CS15, as well as E5.

NP Policy	2011 Core Strategy	Local Plan Review (Feb 2020)	How Conformity is Achieved
Policy 5: Employment and Business Development	CS13, CS14	SD5, E1, E2	<p>Policy 5: Employment and Business Development promotes the efficient operation of agriculture, horticulture and forestry in the countryside, prioritising food production and protecting the rural economy, in line with SD5 of the Local Plan Review. The Policy also promotes tourism development, when connected with the surrounding rural character and activities.</p> <p>Policy 5 is also in line with CS13, CS14, E1 and E2 which identify the most appropriate new and existing locations for employment uses B1 (business), B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution), while adding locally important requirements and provision.</p> <p>Policy 5 promotes local employment by encouraging working from home in line with the rationale for Policy SC3.</p>
Policy 6: Historic Heritage and Character	CS22	EN15, EN16	<p>Policy 6: Historic Heritage and Character aims to protect the historical heritage of Oakham and Barleythorpe, not simply in the form of the Conservation Area, Listed Buildings and Scheduled Monuments (already protected by national and local policies), but also by identifying locally important heritage assets within and outside the Conservation Area, as elements that contribute to the history and character of Oakham and Barleythorpe. In doing so, the Policy is in line with Policy CS22 as well as EN15 and EN16.</p>
Policy 7: Community Facilities	CS7, CS8	SC1, SC4	<p>Policy 7: Community Facilities is exactly in line with Policy CS7 of the Rutland Core Strategy and SC1 of the Local Plan Review, in terms of protecting socially inclusive community facilities such as schools, nurseries, places of worship, health centres etc., and resisting the loss of such infrastructure. Policy 7 is in line with Core Strategy Policy CS8 and Local Plan Review SC4 in terms of developer contributions, adding details to the policy in terms of types of contributions requested from large development proposals and use of CIL resources.</p>

NP Policy	2011 Core Strategy	Local Plan Review (Feb 2020)	How Conformity is Achieved
Policy 8: Important Views	CS22, CS23	EN12	Policy 8: Important Views expands upon Policy EN12 of the Local Plan Review and adds local context by listing important views as identified by the local residents.
Policy 9: Green Infrastructures and Recreational Facilities	CS7, CS23	SC1, EN10	<p>Policy 9: Green Infrastructure and Recreational Facilities is perfectly in line with Policy CS7 and CS23 of the Rutland Core Strategy and SC1 and EN10 of the Local Plan Review, in terms of protecting the socially inclusive community and leisure facilities and resisting the loss of such infrastructure. The Neighbourhood Plan Policy adds depth and local context to the Local Plan policy by specifically listing and mapping locally important green infrastructure and indoor sporting centres.</p> <p>Policy 9 also adds depth to the definition of "all options for continued use have been fully explored, and none remain that would be financially viable" contained in Policy CS7 and SC1 by setting a period for adequate marketing and advertisement of the facility.</p> <p>Policy 9: Green Infrastructure and Recreational Facilities is in line with Core Strategy Policy CS8 and Local Plan Review SC4 in terms of Developer Contributions, adding further and more in-depth detail to Policy 9 in terms of types of the contribution made by developers.</p>
Policy 10: Protection of the Natural Environment	CP8	EN9, EN11, SC4	<p>Policy 10: Protection of the Natural Environment expands and adds local context to the requirement contained in Policy EN9 and EN11 of the Local Plan Review.</p> <p>Policy 10 is in line with Core Strategy Policy CS8 and Local Plan Review SC4 in terms of Developer Contributions, adding detail in terms of what is expected from development proposals about improvement and enhancement of the natural environment.</p>

Figure 5. Neighbourhood Plan conformity with the Rutland County Council Core Strategy and Local Plan Review (2011 & 2020)

Compatibility with EU Obligations and Legislation

- 2.11. The Oakham and Barleythorpe 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.
- 2.12. The Neighbourhood Area does not contain any European designated nature sites, and although it is in close proximity to a RAMSAR site and Site of Special Scientific Interest, ELDC concluded that the Plan does not require a Habitat Regulation Assessment under the EU Habitats Regulations.

3. Conclusion

The Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the Town and County Planning Act 1990 are considered to be met by the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan and all the policies contained within it.