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Introduction

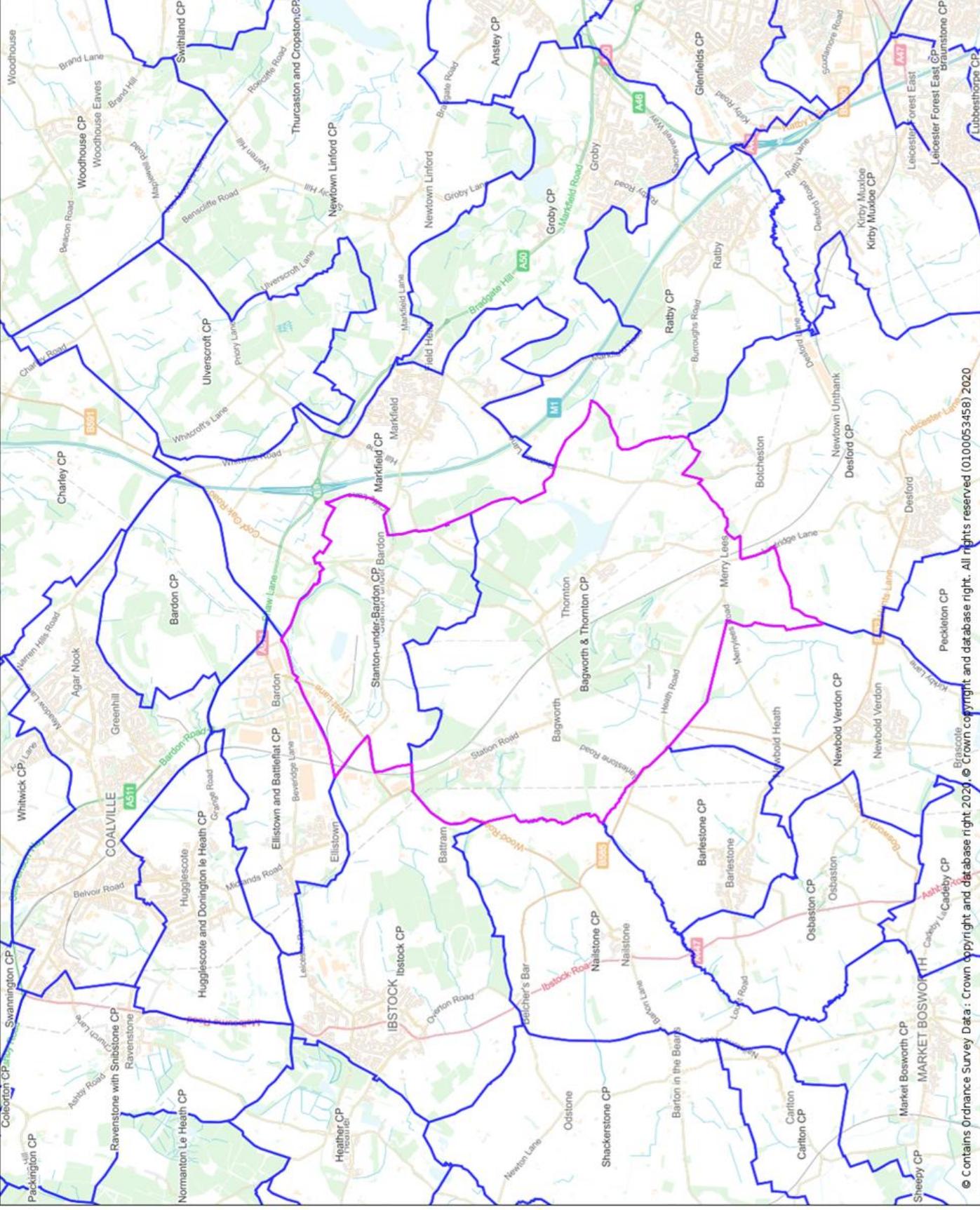
- 1.1 Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council has commissioned Planit-X Town and Country Planning Services to prepare this Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement of the Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan (Draft Pre-Submission, February 2020).
- 1.2 The purpose of the Screening Statement is to set out a screening opinion in relation to whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process is required to accompany the development of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under Bardon Neighbourhood Plan. The Screening Statement has been the subject of consultation with the statutory consultation bodies for SEA (Historic England, the Environment Agency and Natural England) for their opinion.
- 1.3 SEA is a systematic process undertaken to evaluate the likely significant environmental effects of plans. The requirement for SEA in England was introduced in 2004 through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulation 2004 ('The SEA Regulations'), which transposed the European SEA Directive (2001/42/EC).
- 1.4 One of the 'Basic Conditions' that a neighbourhood plan is tested against is whether the making of the neighbourhood plan is compatible with European Union obligations, including obligations under the SEA Directive. Neighbourhood plans only require SEA where they are likely to lead to significant environmental effects. To decide whether a proposed neighbourhood plan is likely to have significant environmental effects, it should be screened against the criteria set out in Annex 2 of the SEA Directive. Where it is determined that the neighbourhood plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects (and, accordingly, does not require SEA), a statement of reasons for this determination should be prepared and published for consultation with the statutory consultation bodies (Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England). Where a neighbourhood plan is likely to have a significant effect on the environment a SEA process must be carried out.
- 1.5 This Screening Statement therefore provides a screening opinion as to whether or not the Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is likely to lead to significant environment effects, and as such requires a SEA process.

Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood

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Neighbourhood Area

- Parish

2 Details of the Neighbourhood Plan

Title of the plan:

- 2.1 Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan.

Name of Qualifying Body and Local Planning Authority:

- 2.2 The qualifying body preparing the Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan are the parishes of Bagworth and Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon. The Local Planning Authority is Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.

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Location and spatial extent of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan:

- 2.3 The Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan covers the Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Area, comprising the two parishes of Bagworth and Thornton Parish, and Stanton-under-Bardon Parish. These 'relevant bodies' created a joint Steering Group the 'Bagworth, Thornton & Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group'. The development of the Plan has been led by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on behalf of the two parishes. The Neighbourhood Plan area is located to the west of Leicester (Page 2).
- 2.4 These two parishes are situated in the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough. At the time of the 2011 Census, the Bagworth and Thornton Parish had an estimated total of 2,605 residents and the smaller parish of Stanton-under-Bardon recorded 634 residents.

- 2.5 Stanton-under Bardon is a small rural village situated amongst farmland, a mile from Junction 22 of the M1. It has recently been expanded by three new developments of residential property. The village has a newsagent/general store, 2 churches, public house and primary school. Quarries exist in the area and have provided a source of local employment.
- 2.6 The village of Bagworth has suffered a decline in its fortunes, with a significant amount of damage to buildings due to subsidence and the closure of its mine 1991. Village facilities and services have been lost. All that remain is a general store/post office, working men's club and several small businesses. The vast majority of people have to travel outside the village to shop, attend school, surgeries, churches and for work.
- 2.7 Thornton is a linear village that lies along a scarp overlooking Thornton Reservoir, a population visitor attraction. It was originally a farming village but with the arrival of collieries in the surrounding area, many miners lived here. Current house prices show the village to be a popular place to live.

Timeframe of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan:

- 2.8 To 2036.

Main aims of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan:

- 2.9 The vision of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under Bardon Neighbourhood Plan for 2036 is as follows:

Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon will continue to be attractive and desirable places to live, meeting the housing needs of all ages with a community seeking to provide a good quality of life for all residents in a rural village environment.

It will be a thriving and sustainable community, supported by appropriate infrastructure, whilst maintaining green areas that are a haven for wildlife.

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- *Encourage the right types of development that meets local needs;*
- *Protect important community facilities that are special to the local community;*
- *Promote good design;*
- *Facilitate appropriate employment opportunities;*
- *Ensure that the community continues to have good access to the surrounding countryside and green spaces;*
- *Protect open spaces that are important to the community and/or wildlife;*

- *Improve pedestrian and cycle connections within the Plan area and into the surrounding areas.*

Relationship with the Local Plan:

- 2.10 The Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared in the context of the Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan. For the purposes of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan, the relevant parts of the Local Plan 2006-2026 (formerly LDF) are the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) and the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD.
- 2.11 The Hinckley and Bosworth Core Strategy was adopted in December 2009 and is the Strategic Part 1 Local Plan. It provides the vision and spatial strategy for the borough and identifies development requirements for its main urban area which includes the settlements of Bagworth and Thornton. The villages of Bagworth and Thornton are identified as Key Rural Centres within the National Forest. It is recognised that these villages have a population to support local services. However despite significant housing growth in Bagworth, very few services have materialised. The Core Strategy identifies a minimum housing requirement of 60 new homes for the village of Bagworth over the period of 2006-2026. No housing requirement is provided for Thornton. Stanton-under-Bardon is identified as a Rural Village and the Core Strategy identifies a minimum housing requirement of 30 new homes for this village.
- 2.12 The Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD was adopted in 2016 and identifies sites for uses such as housing, employment, retail, open space and community facilities that will deliver the aims, vision and objectives of the Core Strategy. It also contains development management policies which will be used to assess planning applications over the plan period.
- 2.13 This document identifies that the residual minimum housing requirement for Bagworth as of 1 September to be 16 dwellings. This is identified to be met through Housing Allocation BAG03 at land at Station Road (Former Dunlop Factory) to provide for a minimum of 61 dwellings. Permission was subsequently granted for the development of this site to provide 67 dwellings in total. The development of this site has since been completed. As Thornton has no housing requirement within the Core Strategy there are no residential site allocations. There are also no residential site allocations identified for Stanton-under-Bardon as its minimum housing requirement had been met by 1 September 2014.

- 2.14 A parallel process of Sustainability Appraisal (SA) was undertaken alongside the plan-making process for the Core Strategy and the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD.
- 2.15 However, given the importance of having an up-to-date local plan, the Council is currently in the process of reviewing its local plan documents, including the Core Strategy and the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD. This Local Plan review included a consultation undertaken in early 2018 and the Housing section of this consultation was supported by a Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) to assess future housing needs for the period 2011 -2036.
- 2.16 In terms of future housing need, a draft indicative figure of 133 dwellings in the Neighbourhood Plan area over the period 2016-2036, has been provided by the Borough Council. If the distribution of housing is made based on the apportioning contained in the Core Strategy, this would suggest 89 dwellings to be located in Bagworth and Thornton Parish and 44 dwellings to be located in Stanton-under-Bardon Parish, for the period 2016-2036.
- 2.17 The number of dwellings built or with a current planning consent in Bagworth and Thornton Parish granted since 1st April 2017 is 77 units, against the minimum requirement of 89 units. This leaves a shortfall of 12 units. The number of dwellings built or with a current planning consent in Stanton-under-Bardon Parish granted since 1st April 2017 is four, against the minimum requirement of 44 units. This leaves a shortfall of 40 units.
- 2.18 It is however noted that the conclusive level of housing need will only be established once the Local Plan review is at an advanced stage and a review of the Neighbourhood Plan may be necessary.

Will the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Neighbourhood Plan propose allocations? And if so, will these be over and above those likely to be included in the Local Plan?

- 2.19 The Core Strategy identifies Bagworth and Thornton as Key Rural Centre within the National Forest and set outs that the Council will allocate land in Bagworth for the development of a minimum of 60 dwellings. This housing requirement has since been met. Stanton-under-Bardon is identified as a Rural Village and the Core Strategy identifies a minimum housing requirement of 30 new homes for this village. This housing requirement has also been met.
- 2.20 The Local Plan is currently under review and the Borough Council have provided a figure of 133 as the housing requirement for the

Neighbourhood Area for the period 2016-2036. Having regard to this, as well as housing completions and local housing needs undertaken, the Neighbourhood Plan makes provision for a total of four housing site allocations (Policy H1) to provide for a about 95 dwellings for the period up to 2036. Policy H2 provides a reserve site allocation should circumstances change and there will be a need to provide additional new housing over the timeframe of the Neighbourhood Plan. Windfall development will be met through Policy H3 (Settlement Boundary) which allows for residential proposals within the settlement boundaries.

What are the key environmental assets (including 'sensitive areas') near the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Area?

'Sensitive areas'

- 2.21 A key determinant of whether effects are likely to be significant is the sensitivity of the asset affected. In this context, the more environmentally sensitive a location, the more likely it is that potential environmental effects from a plan will be significant.
- 2.22 National Planning Practice Guidance provides guidance on this topic through providing a list of sites and areas which should be deemed as 'sensitive areas' for the purposes of environmental assessment. These comprise:
- Natura 2000 sites;
 - Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI);
 - National Parks;
 - Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
 - World Heritage Sites; and
 - Scheduled Monuments.
- 2.23 In the context of the categories of 'sensitive areas' described by the Planning Practice Guidance, the following sites and areas exist within or near the Neighbourhood Area.

Natura 2000 sites

Within the Neighbourhood Area:

- 2.24 No Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or Special Protection Areas (SPAs) are present within the Neighbourhood Area.

Within 10km of the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.25 The River Mease Special Area of Conservation is located approximately 7.7km to the north west of the Neighbourhood Area boundary.
- 2.26 The River Mease and the lower part of Gilwiskaw Brook are designated as a SAC. They were designated because the River Mease represents one of the best examples of an unspoilt meandering lowland river which supports characteristic habitats and species and supports populations of spined loach and bullhead, two notable species of native freshwater fish that have a restricted distribution in England. The rivers also support populations of white-clawed crayfish, otter and a range of river plants such as water crow-foot.
- 2.27 All SCA's are also notified as SSSI's, being sites that are of specific biological or geological features.

Beyond 10km of the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.28 Ensor's Pool Special Area of Conservation is located approximately 17.7km to the south west of the Neighbourhood Area boundary. This lowland site in Central England represents and qualifies as a SAC as it holds a large population of white-clawed crayfish in standing water. This waterbody is isolated from river systems and is a good example of a 'refuge' site.
- 2.29 The nearest SPA is at Rutland Water and is approximately 39km east of the Neighbourhood Area.

SSSIs

Within the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.30 Cliffe Hill Quarry is located within the parish of Stanton-under-Bardon, in the north eastern corner of the Neighbourhood Area. This site provides excellent exposures of the contact between the southern-type diorite and the volcanic and sedimentary rocks of the Precambrian Charnian Maplewell Series.
- 2.31 Condition: Favourable

Within 5km of Neighbourhood Area

Bardon Hill Quarry

- 2.32 This site is identified as being of national importance by the Geological Conservation Review. The site is adjacent to Bardon Hill SSSI which is notified on biological grounds. Bardon Hill is an extensive area of active quarrying which provides important exposures of Precambrian Igneous rocks which are important for the understanding of the late Precambrian Volcanic history of the Charnwood Forest area. The quarries also provide

exposures demonstrating mineralisation related to the hydrothermal modifications of an ancient lava flow, of Precambrian age.

2.33 Condition: Favourable with no assessment of condition threat undertaken.

2.34 995m to the north of the Neighbourhood Area.

Bardon Hill

2.35 The site, comprising two units, comprises a remnant of the once extensive Charnwood Forest heaths, including both heathland and woodland, possessing an interesting invertebrate fauna.

2.36 Condition: One unit is unfavourable -recovering and the other unit is favourable with no assessment of condition threat undertaken.

2.37 1.1km to the north of the Neighbourhood Area.

Botcheston Bog

2.38 This site comprises two units and contains one of the best remaining areas of marshy grassland in Leicestershire and is representative of grazed marsh communities on peaty soils. The marsh is supported and supplemented by an adjacent area of wet grassland and by several watercourses which flow through and around the site.

2.39 Condition: One unit is favourable, and the other unit is unfavourable and recovering.

2.40 1.3km to the south of the Neighbourhood Area.

Ulverscroft Valley

2.41 The site supports a series of semi-natural habitats representative of those formerly more widespread on the siliceous clay soils of Charnwood Forest. These include permanent grassland, heath, woodland and wetlands. While each habitat is important on its own, the combination produces one of the best wildlife Sites in Leicestershire. The wet grasslands have no equivalent in the County. Over 200 plant species have been recorded, some rare in Leicestershire, and there are mammals, insects and birds of note. Comprises 19 units.

2.42 Condition: A mixture of Favourable (7), Unfavourable – recovering (8) and unfavourable -no change (4).

2.43 1.9km to the north east of the Neighbourhood Area.

Groby Pool and Woods

2.44 The site comprises a complex of habitats and includes fine examples of alder wood, dry and wet grassland, marsh, reedswamp and open water. The plant communities are representative of those developed on neutral or slightly acid soils in the North Midlands. Comprises 6 units

2.45 Condition: A mixture of favourable (4 units), unfavourable – no change (1 unit) and unfavourable – declining (1 unit).

2.46 2.4km to the east of the Neighbourhood Area.

Holly Rocks Fields

2.47 Holly Rock Fields SSSI is a nationally important site for its lowland species-rich neutral grassland. The grassland consists mainly of the nationally scarce National Vegetation Classification (NVC) type MG5 crested dog's-tail *Cynosurus cristatus* – common knapweed *Centaurea nigra* grassland. Comprises four units

2.48 Condition: Three units are unfavourable – no change and the other unit is favourable with a high risk of threat.

2.49 2.7km to the north of the Neighbourhood Area.

Charnwood Lodge

2.50 Charnwood Lodge contains the best and most extensive examples of moorland habitats in the East Midlands, formerly typical of the Charnwood Forest area. It is dominated by a series of rocky outcrops and ridges of considerable geological importance. Comprises 11 units.

2.51 Condition: Five units are favourable and six units are unfavourable – recovering.

2.52 3.1km to the north of the Neighbourhood Area.

Coalville Meadows

2.53 The site comprises one of the best examples of neutral grassland developed on somewhat leached clay soils in Leicestershire and is representative of such grassland swards in Central and Eastern England.

2.54 Condition: Unfavourable – recovering

2.55 3.5km to the north of the Neighbourhood Area.

Sheet Hedges Wood

2.56 The site comprises one of the best remaining examples of ash and alder woodland in Leicestershire and is representative of ancient woodland developed on clay soils in Central and Eastern England. Comprises five units.

2.57 Condition: Favourable (one unit), unfavourable – recovering (three units) and unfavourable -declining (one unit).

2.58 3.7km to the east of the Neighbourhood Area.

Benscliffe Wood

- 2.59 Benscliffe Wood contains outcrops of siliceous rocks which support one of the richest Saxicolous lichen floras in the East Midlands.
- 2.60 Condition: Unfavourable – recovering
- 2.61 3.8km to the east of the Neighbourhood Area

Bradgate Park and Cropston Reservoir

- 2.62 Bradgate Park is one of the finest remaining examples of ancient parkland in Leicestershire. It contains some of the last remaining fragments of wet heathland in the County. Cropston Reservoir exhibits unusual marginal plant communities. Both areas support diverse breeding bird communities. Several nationally important geological features are located in the Park. Comprises five units.
- 2.63 Condition: Unfavourable – recovering (three units) and unfavourable – declining (two units).
- 2.64 4.1km to the north east of the Neighbourhood Area

Beacon Hill, Hangingstone and Out Woods

- 2.65 Beacon Hill and Outwoods provide some of the best habitat in Leicestershire for breeding birds. The Outwoods support one of the most interesting stands of ancient semi natural alder woodland in the County.
- 2.66 The Hangingstone Hills and Outwoods area includes some important geological exposures that have yielded coelenterate impression fossils unique in the British Isles and of world-wide significance in the study of early life forms. Comprises nine units.
- 2.67 Condition: Favourable (one unit), unfavourable – recovering (five units) and unfavourable – declining (three units).
- 2.68 4.6km to the north east of the Neighbourhood Area.

National Parks

Within the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.69 None.

Near the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.70 None- the closest National Park is the Peak District National Park (located approximately 46km from the Parish).

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Within the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.71 None.

Near the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.72 None- the closest AONB is the Cannock Chase AONB (located 37km from the Parish).

World Heritage Sites

Within the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.73 None.

Near the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.74 None- the closest site is the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (located approximately 27km to the north of the Parish).

Scheduled Monuments

Within the Neighbourhood Area

Moat with fishponds at Bagworth

- 2.75 The moat at Bagworth is an unusual example of a manorial site with exceptionally well-documented evidence of the manor and the associated fishponds. The water management complex and the moat survive in good condition and evidence for various stages of building and repair of the medieval house will be preserved in the moat's interior.

Near the Neighbourhood Area

Moated site 440m south west of Lindridge Fields Farm

- 2.76 The monument includes the earthwork and buried remains of a moated site. This double moated site survives well and is a good example of this class of monument, despite some infilling.

- 2.77 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 340m from the parish boundary

Old Hays Moated Site and associated manorial earthworks, Ratby

- 2.78 Old Hays is a well preserved example of a Leicestershire moated enclosure which is unusual for the depth of the surrounding moat. The significance of the site is greatly increased by the range of historical documentation relating to the manorial complex and its association with Leicester Abbey.

- 2.79 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 1.1km from the parish boundary.

Ratby Camp

- 2.80 A Hillfort in Leicestershire and alleged Roman Legionary fortress. Late Bronze Age and Iron Age pottery and a Roman pottery sherds found.

- 2.81 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 1.1km from the parish boundary

Moated site east of Kellam's Farm

- 2.82 The monument at Bardon survives in good condition and is a rare example in Leicestershire of an oval moat. The raised island has high potential for the survival of archaeological remains and a buried ancient land surface.
- 2.83 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 1.8km from the parish boundary

Moated site south of the Hall, Newbold Verdon

- 2.84 It survives in good condition despite the infilling of one arm of the moat and encloses a square island.
- 2.85 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 2.3km from the parish boundary

Ulverscroft Priory, moat and three fishponds

- 2.86 The priory at Ulverscroft retains extensive ruined buildings which, together with a long water-filled moat and three large fishponds comprise the finest surviving monastic site in the county.
- 2.87 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 2.7km from the parish boundary

Motte and bailey castle and manorial complex at Groby

- 2.88 The monument at Groby is situated on the north side of the village and includes a motte and the surviving part of the bailey, together with the remains, above and below ground, of a manorial complex.
- 2.89 The large motte at Groby is a good survival incorporating a rare substantial internal Norman stone building. The associated manorial complex is one of the most extensive in Leicestershire with a core considered to date to the period of the Norman castle. It also has associations with an important Leicestershire family.
- 2.90 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 3.1km from the parish boundary

Kirby Muxloe Castle

- 2.91 Kirby Muxloe Castle is a spectacular example of a late medieval quadrangular castle of the highest status and it retains extensive ruined remains which represent the two periods of construction at the site.
- 2.92 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 4.0km from the parish boundary.

Roman foundations East of Barton Road, Market Bosworth

- 2.93 Records indicate that this site was possibly that of a Romano-British villa and that Iron Age artefacts have also been identified.
- 2.94 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 4.6km from the parish boundary

Beacon Hill hillfort, enclosure and linear boundary

- 2.95 The monument at Beacon Hill is situated on the Charnwood uplands north west of Leicester and includes a slight univallate hillfort, a linear boundary,

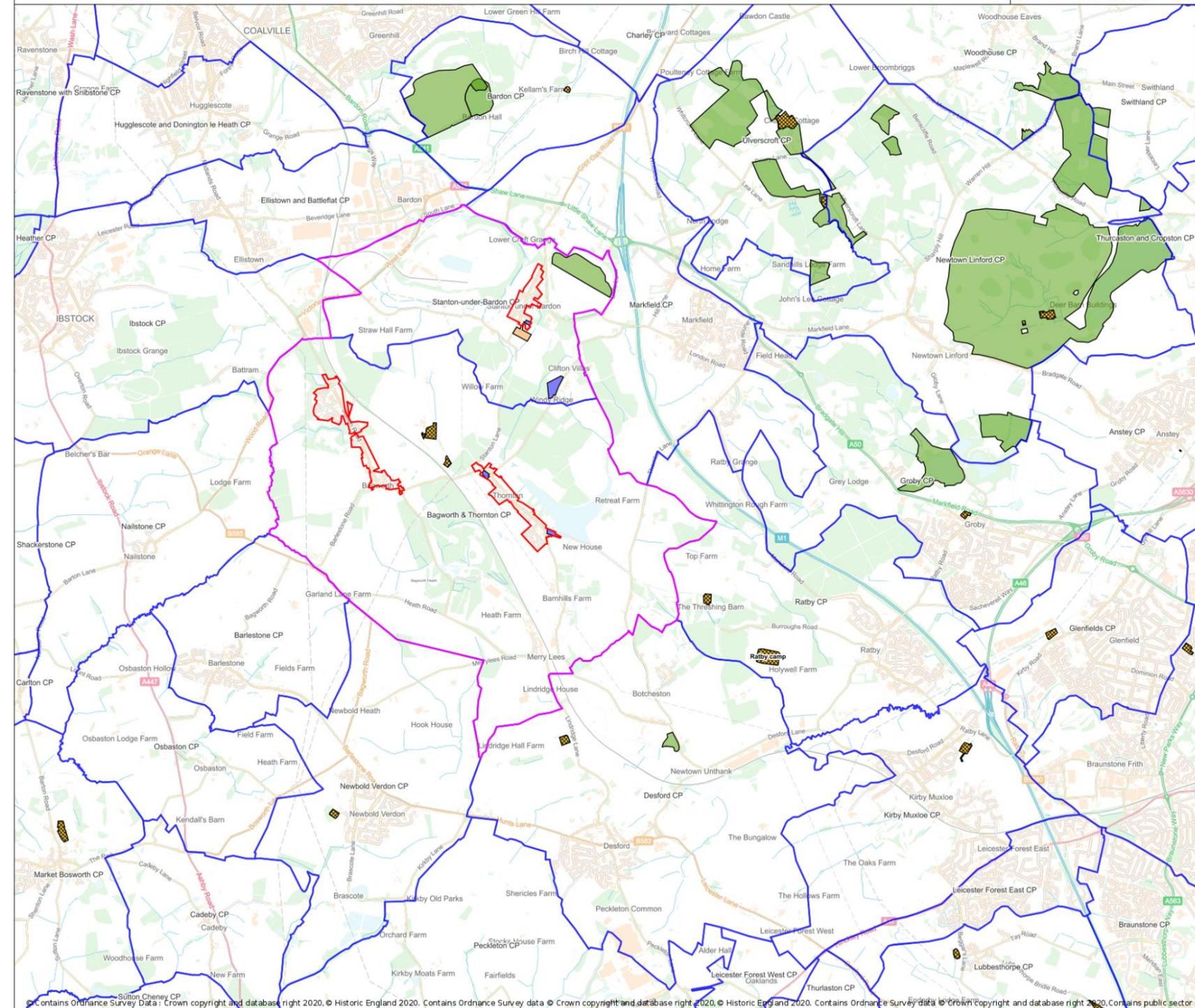
and an enclosure which is contained in a second area. The site at Beacon Hill is the only surviving example of this class of monument in the county. Finds from the site, including a founder's hoard, indicate its use as a centre for production, refuge or trade.

2.96 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 4.7km from the parish boundary.

Moated site and garden enclosure at Glenfield

2.97 The moated site at Glenfield survives essentially undisturbed and will retain environmental information in the waterlogged conditions. There is evidence that the moat island contains the building foundations of a substantial house and associated buildings. The adjoining enclosure is a rare feature in Leicestershire and it is thought to have contained a formal garden.

2.98 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 4.8km from the parish boundary.



Neighbourhood Area

Settlement Boundary

Residential Site Allocation

Reserve Site Allocation

Parish

Scheduled Monuments

World Heritage Sites

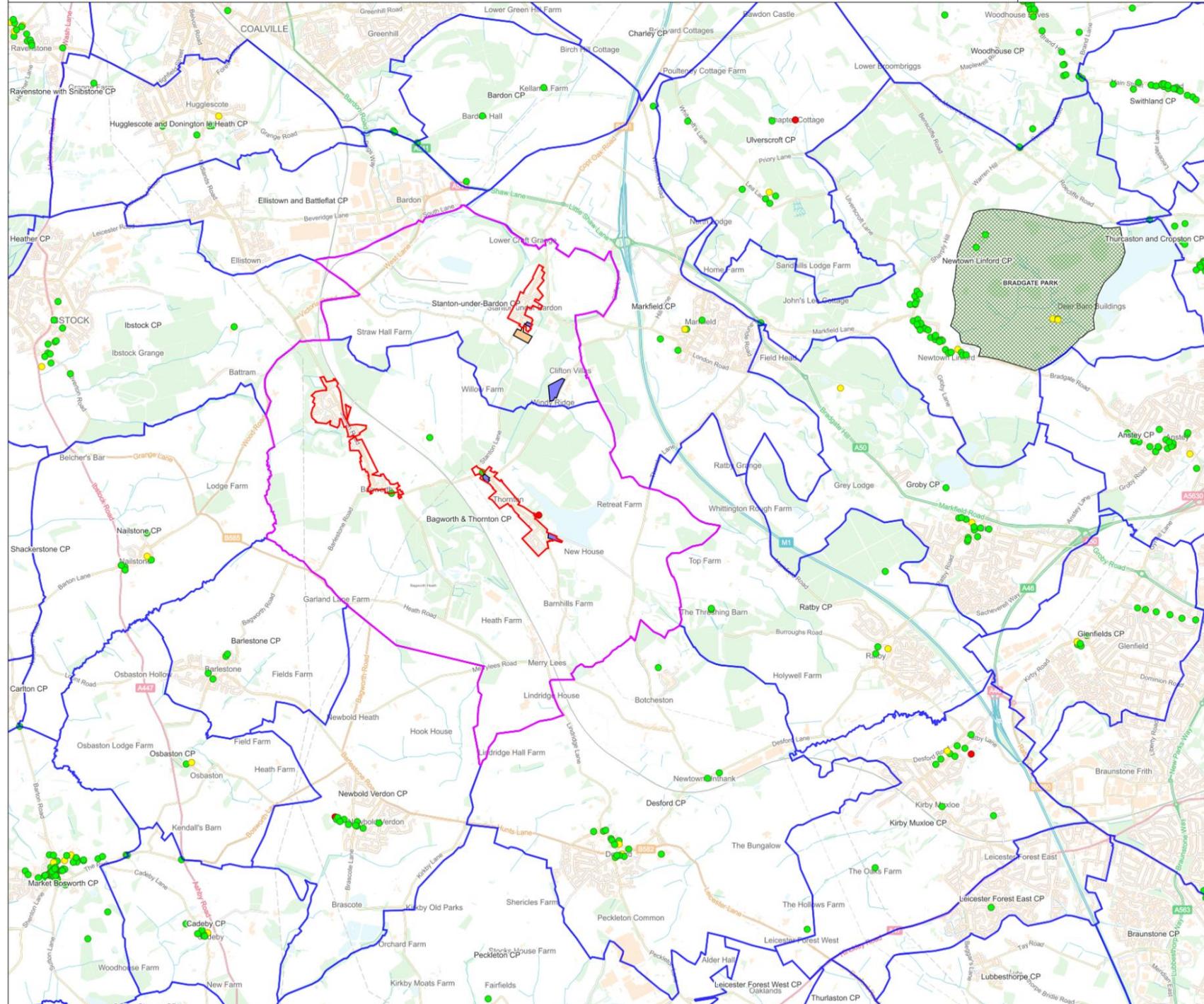
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

National Parks

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

Special Protection Areas



Neighbourhood Area

Settlement Boundary

Residential Site Allocation

Reserve Site Allocation

Parish

Battlefields

Listed Buildings

- I
- II
- II*

Parks and Gardens



Other key environmental assets

- 2.99 Other designated environmental assets located within the Neighbourhood Area (i.e. those which are not defined as 'sensitive areas' as defined by the Planning Practice Guidance) include as follows:

Historic Park and Gardens

- 2.100 There are no Historic Parks or Gardens in the Neighbourhood Area. The closest is Bradgate Park, a Grade II Historic Park and Garden, 4.3km east of the Neighbourhood Area.

Battle of Bosworth (Field) 1485

- 2.101 There is no Battlefield within the Neighbourhood Area. However the Battle of Bosworth (Field) 1485 registered battlefield site is located 5.7km to the south west of the neighbourhood area. It is registered due to its historical importance, topographic integrity, archaeological potential and technological significance.

Conservation Areas

- 2.102 There are no Conservation Areas present within the Neighbourhood Area.

Listed buildings

- 2.103 There are 4 buildings and structures in Bagworth and Thornton Parish listed by Historic England for their special architectural or historic interest. They include the Grade I Listed Building of the Church of St Peter and the Grade II Listed Buildings of Bagworth Farm Parkhouse (Thornton Lane), Corner Cottage and attached wall and railings (Station Lane), and Bagworth War Memorial (Old School Lane).

3 Legislative Background

- 3.1 The basis for Strategic Environmental Assessments and Sustainability Appraisal legislation is European Directive 2001/42/EC which was transposed into English law by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, or SEA Regulations. Detailed Guidance of these regulations can be found in the Government publication 'A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive' (ODPM 2005).
- 3.2 Schedule 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 makes provision in relation to the Habitats Directive. The Directive requires that any plan or project, likely to have a significant effect on a European site, must be subject to an appropriate assessment. To achieve this, paragraph 1 prescribes a basic condition that the making of a neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site. Paragraphs 2 to 5 of the Schedule amend the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 so as to apply its provisions to neighbourhood development orders and neighbourhood plans. In particular, paragraph 4 inserts new regulation 78A which provides that a neighbourhood development order may not grant planning permission for development which is likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site.
- 3.3 Schedule 3 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 makes provision in relation to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive. The Directive requires that EIA development must be subject to a development consent process. To enable this, Schedule 3 prescribes a basic condition that applies where development which is the subject of a proposal for a neighbourhood development order is of a type caught by the EIA Directive, and applies the relevant provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011(3) ("the EIA Regulations") with appropriate modifications (regulation 33 and paragraphs 1 to 4 and 6 of Schedule 3). Paragraphs 5 and 7 to 13 of Schedule 3 correct errors in the EIA Regulations.
- 3.4 It may be appropriate, and in some cases a requirement, that the statutory environmental bodies of Historic England, the Environment Agency and Natural England be consulted, for example, a draft neighbourhood plan proposal must be assessed to determine whether it is likely to have significant environmental effects.
- 3.5 There is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a sustainability appraisal as set out in section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. However, a qualifying body must

demonstrate how its plan or order will contribute to achieving sustainable development.

- 3.6 This report focuses on screening for SEA and the criteria for establishing whether a full assessment is needed considering the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment undertaken for the Hinckley and Bosworth Core Strategy 2006-2026 in 2010 and the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies 2006-2026 in 2014 and 2016.

4 Criteria for Assessing the Effects of Neighbourhood Plans (the 'plan')

4.1 Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects referred to in Article 3(5) of Directive 2001/42/EC are set out below:

1. The characteristics of neighbourhood plans ("plan"), having regard, in particular, to - the degree to which the plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources, - the degree to which the plan influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy, - the relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development, - environmental problems relevant to the plan, - the relevance of the plan for the implementation of community legislation on the environment (e.g. plans and programmes linked to waste-management or water protection).

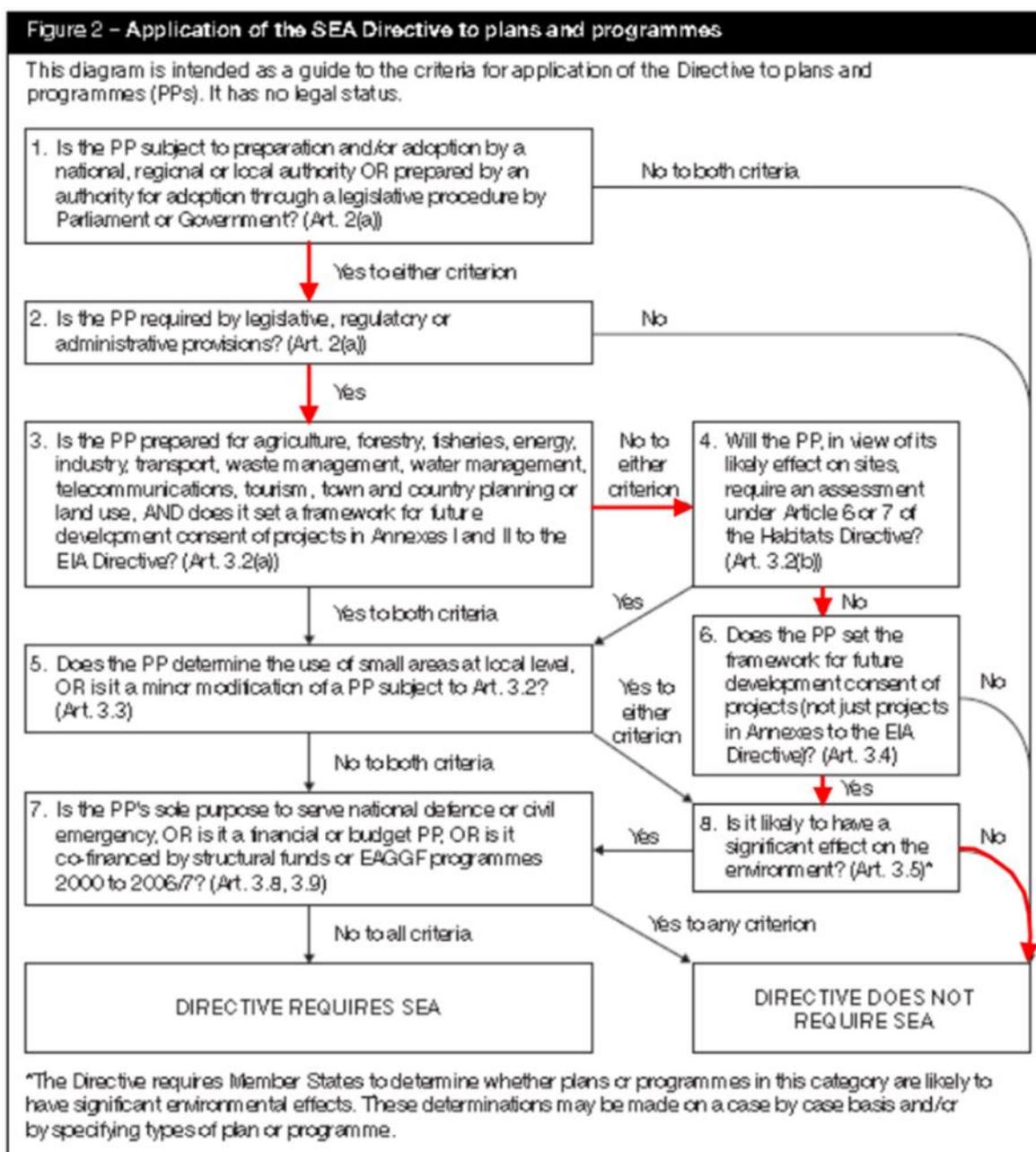
2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to - the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects, - the cumulative nature of the effects, - the trans boundary nature of the effects, - the risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents), - the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected), - the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: - special natural characteristics or cultural heritage, - exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values, - intensive land-use, - the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.

Source: Annex II of SEA Directive 2001/42/EC

5 Assessment

5.1 This diagram shows the Directive's field of application in the form of a diagram. The original diagram is from 'A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Objective'. The red arrows indicate the process route for the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan SEA Screening Assessment.

5.2 The table below shows the assessment of whether the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan will require a full SEA. The questions below are drawn from the diagram above which sets out how the SEA Directive should be applied.



Stage	Yes/No	Reason
<p>1. Is the Neighbourhood Plan subject to preparation and/or adoption by a national, regional or local authority OR prepared by an authority for adoption through a legislative procedure by Parliament or Government? (Art. 2(a))</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The preparation of and adoption of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is allowed under The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan will be prepared by the parishes of Bagworth and Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon (as the 'relevant body') and will be 'made' by Hinckley and Bosworth Council as the local authority. The preparation of neighbourhood plans is subject to the following regulations: The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and The Neighbourhood Planning (referendums) Regulations 2012.</p>
<p>2. Is the Neighbourhood Plan required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Art. 2(a))</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Whilst the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is not a requirement and is optional under the provisions of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011, it will if 'made', form part of the Development Plan for the Parishes. It is therefore important that the screening process considers whether it is likely to have significant environmental effects and hence whether SEA is required under the Directive.</p>
<p>3. Is the Neighbourhood Plan prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Whilst the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan covers a range of land use issues and allocations, it does not set the framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II to the EIA Directive (see Appendix 2 for list). Instead, the</p>

Stage	Yes/No	Reason
<p>planning or land use, AND does it set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II (see Appendix 2) to the EIA Directive? (Art 3.2(a))</p>		<p>Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is a non-strategic scale document, focused solely upon the Parishes of Bagworth & Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon.</p>
<p>4. Will the Neighbourhood Plan, in view of its likely effect on sites, require an assessment for future development under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive? (Art. 3.2 (b))</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have a substantial effect on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites.</p> <p>The two nearest SACs are the River Mease Catchment to the north west of the Parish and Ensors Pools to the south west of the Parish. The River Mease catchment is located 7.7 kilometres away from within the Neighbourhood Area and the Ensor Pools are 17.7 kilometres from the Neighbourhood Area. There are no SPAs within 10km of the Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>The Hinckley and Bosworth Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report 2017 confirms there is no physical connection between the Borough and The Ensor's Pool SAC. From this we consider that activities within the Borough – and indeed the Neighbourhood Area - would not have implications for this site.</p> <p>Part of the River Mease (not the part defined as a European site (SAC)) passes through the Borough coming in from Snarestone over the border of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, flowing shortly after towards Swebstone. In addition, three tributaries of the river flow down towards and through Norton juxta Twycross, ending to the east, west and north of Norton juxta Twycross. As a result, given the physical connection to the River Mease SAC, provided by its flow through the</p>

Stage	Yes/No	Reason
		<p>Borough and via these tributaries, it might be conceivable that some areas of the Borough could have an impact on this site despite the actual designation being outside the Borough.</p> <p>However, no part of the River Mease or its tributaries as described above flow through the Neighbourhood Area. The tributaries as described above are located roughly 10 kilometres away from the closest part of the Neighbourhood Area boundary. In view of this as well as considering the scope of proposals within the draft Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan, the Borough Council considers that further stages in the HRA process are not required (including further screening, or Appropriate Assessment) and that the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is not considered to have any impact on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites.</p>
<p>5. Does the Neighbourhood Plan determine the use of small areas at local level, OR is it a minor modification of a PP subject to Art. 3.2? (Art. 3.3)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Determination of small sites at local level only.</p>
<p>6. Does the Neighbourhood Plan set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just projects in annexes to the EIA Directive)? (Art 3.4)</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is to be used for determining future planning applications.</p>
<p>7. Is the Neighbourhood Plan's sole purpose to serve the national defence or civil emergency, OR is it a financial or budget PP, OR is</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No further comments</p>

Stage	Yes/No	Reason
it co-financed by structural funds or EAFF programmes 2000 to 2006/7? (Art 3.8, 3.9)		
8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? (Art. 3.5)	No	Appendix 1 presents the environmental effects which have the potential to arise as a result of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan.

6 Summary of screening determination

- 6.1 This determination has considered whether the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is likely to lead to significant environmental effects as defined by Directive 2001/42/EC, the 'SEA Directive' and the transposing regulations. In particular, the review has considered a number of sensitive areas located in the vicinity of the Neighbourhood Area and the potential environmental effects on these areas that may arise as a result of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan
- 6.2 Environmental effects have the potential to take place as a result of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan, including in relation to the majority of the SEA 'topics'. This SEA screening opinion provides the necessary analysis relating to the potential for negative effects on the nearby SAC, SSSIs, Scheduled Monuments and Listed Buildings. With respect to these designations it is considered that these are unlikely to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive. The significance of potential effects will be limited by key aims of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan and these are in turn reflected by the policy approaches proposed by the latest version of the plan.
- 6.3 It is therefore recommended that the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan should not be subject to a full SEA. However, it is recommended that the Neighbourhood Plan should be subject to a Heritage Impact Assessment.

Habitats Regulation Assessment

- 6.4 It is the opinion of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council that a full Habitats Regulations Appropriate Assessment of the current Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is not required, as it is unlikely to have a significant effect on any designated sites.

Conclusion

- 6.5 This screening opinion has been prepared to fulfil the statutory SEA requirements, as set out in the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.**
- 6.6 The environmental consultation bodies Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency have been consulted during the preparation of this Screening Assessment. Their responses are summarised below:**

- **Historic England – Advice is confined to the question, “Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?” in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage. Comments are based on the information supplied with the screening request. Historic England is of the view that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not likely to be required. The views of the other statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for a SEA is made. Following further dialogue with Historic England, they have suggested that a Heritage Impact Assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan is required.**
- **Natural England – Welcome the production of the SEA Screening Report. Natural England considers there are no issues concerning the natural environment that would require a full SEA. With respect to the Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening, Natural England notes the screening process applied to this Neighbourhood Plan. We agree with the Council’s conclusion of no likely significant effect upon the named European designated site, namely the River Mease Special Area of Conservation.**
- **Environment Agency – In terms of the SEA screening report, we have no comments to add. Considering only those matters within our very particular remit, we consider it unlikely that the neighbourhood plan would lead to ‘significant’ environmental impacts.**

In addition, we are supportive of the approach to site all housing allocations away from areas of flood risk as per the sequential test. In terms of Policy Env 3, it would be preferential to see a stronger given the forthcoming introduction of ‘biodiversity net gain’ to major developments.

- **For the above reasons, it is considered that the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is not subject to the requirements of Directive 2001/42/EC, the ‘SEA Directive’ and accompanying regulations.**



Appendix 1: Assessment of potential environmental effects

The following table presents the environmental effects which have the potential to arise because of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan. This is accompanied by a commentary on whether these effects are likely to be significant. The environmental effects have been grouped by the SEA 'topics' suggested by Annex I(f) of the SEA Directive.

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
Biodiversity, flora and fauna (Including biodiversity habitats and species, biodiversity sites, areas of geological interest)	Y	Without mitigation and enhancement measures, the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to lead to effects on biodiversity, including through loss of habitat, disturbance, effects on ecological connections and indirect effects such as from impacts on water quality and quantity..	<p>There are no Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or Special Protection Areas (SPA) present within the Neighbourhood Area. As concluded in Section 5 of the above assessment, the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan would not have implications for The River Mease SAC or Ensors Pool SAC. As such the contents of the Neighbourhood Plan is not considered to have an impact on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites.</p> <p>The Cliffe Hill Quarry SSSI is located within the parish of Stanton-under-Bardon, in the north eastern corner of the Neighbourhood Area. Section 2 also details a total of 12 x SSSIs that are within 5km of the Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan area lies within a number of the SSSI Impact Risk Zones. Certain types of development within these zones require consultation with Natural England, depending on the specific zone that the proposal is located. For example, Natural England must be consulted on any development proposal within the most inner zone of a SSSI.</p> <p>For the purposes of this screening statement, consideration has been given initially to the zones that</p>



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
			<p>encompass the settlement boundaries, the residential site allocations and the reserve housing site. There is no requirement to consult Natural England on residential proposals within these locations.</p> <p>Having also looked at all the zones that encompass the Neighbourhood Plan Area, the following development types, depending on the zones, will require consultation with Natural England:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airports, helipads and aviation proposals; • Quarry and mineral proposals; • Livestock and poultry units of a certain size; • Industrial and agricultural development that would cause air pollution; • Combustion processes; • Landfill development; • Composting proposals; • Proposals that would lead to certain levels of discharge to ground or surface water. <p>The Neighbourhood Plan does not propose development of this nature within these zones and therefore consultation with Natural England is not required with respect to these matters.</p> <p>It is recognised that the Neighbourhood Plan includes an overarching biodiversity policy that seeks to safeguard all significant habitats and species. If significant harm cannot be avoided a development proposal will be</p>



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
			<p>refused. This policy seeks to reduce the likelihood of significant effects on these 'sensitive areas'.</p> <p>Due to the distance of the above identified SSSIs from the proposed housing allocations, the settlement boundaries and the Neighbourhood Area, it is considered that effects on biodiversity are not deemed to be significant if the current policy approach proposed in the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan is taken forward.</p>
<p>Population (Including residents' quality of life, accessibility to services and facilities, deprivation and similar)</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>As indicated by the current policy approaches proposed for the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan, the Plan has the potential to have a range of benefits for the quality of life of residents and for accessibility to services, facilities and opportunities.</p> <p>It seeks to prevent the loss of community facilities and amenities,</p>	<p>Whilst the benefits for residents of Bagworth and Thornton Parish and Stanton-under-Bardon Parish from a well-designed neighbourhood plan have the potential to be wide-ranging, these are not deemed to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive.</p>



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		<p>improvements to the quality and/or range of community facilities and encourages the provision of new and improved facilities. The Plan also supports footpath improvements and improved access to communications infrastructure.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan will also support the delivery of affordable housing and help deliver a range of housing to meet local need, including the provision of smaller unit dwellings, especially for young people and families and older people wishing to downsize.</p>	
<p>Human Health (Incorporating residents' health and wellbeing)</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>As indicated by the current policy approaches proposed</p>	<p>Whilst the health and wellbeing benefits for residents of the Neighbourhood Area from a well-designed neighbourhood plan have the potential to be wide-</p>



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		<p>for the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan, the Plan has the potential to have a range of benefits for residents' health and wellbeing through promoting healthier lifestyles and supporting accessibility to services and facilities.</p> <p>Policies include those that support footpath improvements, the protection of local green spaces and other important open spaces, the protection of important views, opportunities for homeworking, and the protection, enhancement and the provision of new community facilities.</p>	<p>ranging, these are not deemed to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive.</p>



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
<p>Soil (Including agricultural land, soil erosion, soil quality)</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>It is uncertain whether proposed development areas will be sited on land classified as the Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land, as recent detailed agricultural land classification has not taken place.</p> <p>The Plan proposes to update the settlement boundary to take into account recent housing consents and the housing allocations proposed through the Neighbourhood Plan. Policy also seeks to limit development outside of the proposed Settlement Boundary.</p>	<p>Due to the relatively limited area of land likely to be developed through the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan, effects on the soils resource are unlikely to be significant.</p>
<p>Water (Including water quality and availability)</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>The Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to lead to a very small-scale increase in water demand in the</p>	<p>Potential effects on water availability will be limited by the relatively small-scale of proposals likely to be facilitated by the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan. Effects unlikely to be significant.</p>



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		<p>Neighbourhood Area through supporting the delivery of a new housing provision.</p> <p>Policy supports the implementation of sustainable drainage systems to minimise vulnerability to flooding. Development should also incorporate sustainable design and construction to meet high standards for water efficiency.</p>	
<p>Air (Including air quality)</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Whilst new development in the Neighbourhood Area may lead to increased traffic flows and congestion, this is unlikely to lead to marked effects on air quality.</p> <p>In addition, the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon</p>	<p>No existing air quality issues exist in the Neighbourhood Area and there are no Air Quality Management Areas within the Neighbourhood Area. Any effects on air quality are not deemed to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive.</p>



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		Neighbourhood Plan includes policy which seeks to minimise additional traffic generation and movement through the village, facilitates the use of electric vehicles and supports the improvement and creation of footpaths and cycleways to key village services, which may help limit adverse impacts on air quality.	
<p>Climatic Factors (Including relating to climate change mitigation (limiting greenhouse gas emissions) and adaptation (adapting to the anticipated effects of climate change, including flood risk))</p>	Y	In terms of climate change mitigation, the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan actively seeks to locate new housing development within the proposed settlement boundary where local services and facilities are located. This will help limit potential increases in	Due to the small scale, local scope of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan, the nature and magnitude of effects directly arising as a result of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan are unlikely to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive.



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		<p>greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Policy encourages the incorporation of Sustainable Drainage Systems which will help meet the challenges of climate change. Proposals will also need to demonstrate resilience to future climate-change driven flood risk. In terms of climate change adaptation, statutory requirements (including the requirements of the NPPF) will ensure that flood risk is addressed through new development proposals.</p> <p>New homes will also be expected to incorporate sustainable design and construction techniques including the use of renewable and low carbon technology.</p>	



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		<p>The plan also seeks to facilitate the use of electric vehicles with opportunities for new development to accommodate charging points.</p>	
<p>Material Assets (Including minerals resources, waste considerations)</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>The Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan may lead to small increases in the Neighbourhood Area's waste management requirements through supporting the delivery of new housing.</p> <p>No mineral sites or resources, or waste sites are likely to be affected or undermined as a result of the Bagworth, Thornton and</p>	<p>Potential increases in waste as a direct result of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan will be managed through statutory requirements regarding waste management. Due to their limited magnitude, effects are therefore unlikely to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive.</p>



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
<p>Cultural Heritage (Including historic environment, cultural heritage, historic settings)</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan. Development undertaken in accordance with the policies of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to have effects on the fabric and setting of historic environment assets.</p>	<p>There is one scheduled monuments (a 'sensitive area' as defined by the Planning Practice Guidance) located within the Neighbourhood Area, The 'Moat with Fishponds at Bagworth' It is located to the north west of Thornton and approximately 260m from its settlement boundary and a distance of just over 400m from the housing allocation at the rear of Main Street, Thornton. However, given their juxtaposition, the physical separation between the scheduled monument and the allocation being provided by a road, it is unlikely that the scheduled monument will be directly by the proposed housing allocation.</p> <p>There are no Conservation Areas within the Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>In terms of the listed buildings present in the parish, 3 are of such a distance away from the proposed residential allocations, and therefore are unlikely to affect the settings of these features of cultural heritage importance.</p> <p>The Grade II Listed Building of the Corner Cottage and wall and railings, is located approximately 20m from the proposed residential allocation at Manor Farm, Main Street, Thornton. It is considered that Manor Farm makes an important contribution to the setting of this Listed Building. Therefore consideration has been given</p>



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
			<p>to the proximity of this site with the Listed Building. However given the comparatively modest size of the housing allocation and that it is not immediately adjacent to the Listed Building, it is unlikely there is the potential for an adverse impact on the built heritage of the village.</p> <p>There is also the statutory protection of conservation areas and listed buildings that will run alongside any local plan policy.</p> <p>Therefore, effects are unlikely to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive.</p>
<p>Landscape (Including landscape and townscape quality)</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Direct effects from the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan on landscape and townscape character have the potential to take place.</p>	<p>In terms of landscape quality, no 'sensitive areas' as defined by the NPPG are present in the Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>Overall the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan's focuses on protecting and enhancing the landscape/townscape of the Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>Therefore, potential effects on landscape character and townscape quality are unlikely to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive.</p>

Appendix 2: Annex I and Annex II Projects, EIA Directive

Annex I Projects, EIA Directive

All projects listed in Annex I are considered as having significant effects on the environment and require an Environmental Impact Assessment. The listed projects are summarised as follows:

1. Crude oil refineries, coal or shale gasification liquefaction installations
2. Thermal power stations, nuclear power stations, other nuclear reactors etc
3. Installations for the processing, reprocessing, final disposal or storage of irradiated nuclear fuel, or the production or enrichment of nuclear fuel
4. Integrated works for the initial smelting of cast-iron and steel, and the production of non-ferrous crude metals from ore
5. Installations for the extraction, processing and transforming of asbestos
6. Integrated chemical installations for the industrial scale manufacture of basic organic and inorganic fertilisers, plant health products and biocides, pharmaceuticals, and explosives
7. Construction of long-distance railway lines. Airports with a basic runway length run of 2,100 metres or more. Construction of motorways and express roads. New roads of four or more lanes and roads which have been improved so as to convert two lanes or fewer to four lanes or more, where such road would be 10 kilometres or more in continuous length
8. Inland waterways and ports for inland-waterway traffic, trading ports and piers
9. Waste disposal installations for the incineration or chemical treatment of hazardous waste
10. Waste disposal installations for the incineration or chemical treatment of non-hazardous waste
11. Groundwater abstraction or artificial groundwater recharge schemes
12. Water transfer schemes between river basins
13. Wastewater treatment plants
14. Commercial extraction of petroleum and natural gas
15. Dams and water storage installations
16. Gas, oil or chemical pipelines and pipelines used for the transport of carbon dioxide for geological storage

Annex II Projects, EIA Directive

For the projects listed in Annex II the national authorities have to decide whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is needed. The projects listed in Annex II are in general those not included in Annex I but also other types such as urban development projects and flood-relief works. The listed projects are summarised as follows:

1. Agriculture, silviculture* and aquaculture restructuring of rural land holdings; use of uncultivated land or seminatural areas for intensive agriculture; water management projects for agriculture; initial afforestation* and deforestation* for the purpose of conversion to a different land use; intensive livestock installations (projects not included in Annex I); intensive fish farming; reclamation of land from the sea.
2. Extractive industry Quarries, open-cast mining, peat extraction (projects not included in Annex I); underground mining; dredging; deep drilling; surface installations for coal, gas, ore and shale extraction.
3. Energy industry Installations for production of electricity, steam and hot water and for carrying gas, steam and hot water, and transmission of electricity by overhead cables* (projects not included in Annex I); surface storage of natural gas and fossil fuels; underground storage of combustible gases; briquetting of coal and lignite; installations for processing and storage of radioactive waste (unless included in Annex I); hydroelectric and wind power installations.
4. Production and processing of metals Installations for the production of pig iron or steel; processing of ferrous metals; ferrous metal foundries; installations for smelting metals and surface treatment of metals and plastic materials; assembly and manufacture of motor vehicles and motor-vehicle engines; shipyards; installations for construction and repair of aircraft; manufacture of railway equipment; swaging by explosives; and installations for the roasting and sintering of metallic ores.
5. Metal industry Coke ovens; installations for the manufacture of glass, cement, asbestos and asbestos products (projects not covered by Annex I); smelting mineral substances; manufacture of ceramic products by burning.
6. Chemical industry (projects not included in Annex I) Treatment of intermediate products and production of chemicals; production of pesticides, pharmaceuticals, paint, varnishes, elastomers and peroxides; storage facilities for petroleum, petrochemical products and chemical products.
7. Food industry Manufacture of oils, fats, dairy products, confectionery, syrup, industrial starch; packing and canning; brewing and malting; sugar, fish-meal and fish-oil factories; and installations for the slaughter of animals.
8. Textile, leather, wood and paper industries Industrial plants for paper and board production (projects not included in Annex I); pre-treatment plants; tanning plants; cellulose-processing and production installations.
9. Rubber industry Manufacture and treatment of elastomer-based products.
10. Infrastructure projects (not included in Annex I) Industrial estates; urban development projects (including shopping centres and car parks); railways and transshipment facilities; airfields, roads, harbours, ports, inland-waterways; dams and water storage facilities; tramways, elevated and underground passenger railways etc.; oil and gas pipe-lines; long-distance aqueducts; coastal and sea defence works; groundwater abstraction and artificial groundwater recharge schemes; water transfer schemes between river basins; motorway service areas.

11. Other projects Permanent motor racing and test tracks; waste disposal projects and waste water treatment plants (projects not included in Annex I); sludge disposal sites; storage of scrap iron (including scrap vehicles); test benches for engines etc.; installations for the manufacture of artificial mineral fibres and the recovery or destruction of explosives; knackers' yards.
12. Tourism and leisure Ski-runs, ski-lifts, cable cars etc.; marinas; holiday villages and hotel complexes outside urban areas; permanent camp sites and caravan sites; theme parks and golf courses.
13. Any change or extension of projects listed in Annex I or Annex II, already authorised, executed or in the process of being executed, which may have adverse environmental effects Projects in Annex I, undertaken exclusively or mainly for the development and testing of new methods or products and not used for more than two years.

Note Some of the types of projects listed above are covered by Annex II and the Regulations only if they meet certain threshold levels or other criteria. * A project which is included in Annex II of the Directive but excluded from Schedule 2 of the Regulations (SI 1999/293).



Appendix 3: Responses from the Environmental Consultation Bodies



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PLAN - SEA SCREENING REQUEST**

Thank you for your consultation of 18 August 2020 and the request for a Screening Opinion in respect of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-Under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan.

For the purposes of consultations on SEA Screening Opinions, Historic England confines its advice to the question, "Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?" in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage. Our comments are based on the information supplied with the screening request.

On the basis of the information supplied and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of 'SEA' Directive], Historic England is of the view that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not likely to be required.

The views of the other statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for a SEA is made. If a decision is made to undertake a SEA, please note that Historic England has published guidance on Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Historic Environment that is relevant to both local and neighbourhood planning and available at:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/sustainability-appraisal-and-strategic-environmental-assessment-advice-note-8/>

Should it be concluded that, overall, a SEA will be required for the Plan, Historic England would be pleased to discuss the scope of the assessment in relation to the historic environment in due course.



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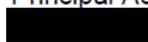


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I hope that this information is of use to you at this time. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Alison

Planning consultation: Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan (Draft Pre-Submission, February 2020).

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 14/08/2020

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening

We welcome the production of this SEA Screening report. Natural England considers there are no issues concerning the natural environment that would require a full SEA.

Further guidance on deciding whether the proposals are likely to have significant environmental effects and the requirements for consulting Natural England on SEA are set out in the [National Planning Practice Guidance](#).

Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening

Natural England notes the screening process applied to this Neighbourhood plan. We agree with the Council's conclusion of no likely significant effect upon the named European designated sites:

- The River Mease Special Area of Conservation

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact me on 0208 026 8695. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service

Yours sincerely

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on 02082 256387

Yours sincerely

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Hi Alison,

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you; I had a period of leave followed by a change in role. None the less, I've had a look through the neighbourhood plan and we don't have any real comments to make. We're supportive of the approach to site all housing allocations away from areas of flood risk as per the sequential test. In terms of Policy Env 3, we'd perhaps prefer to see a stronger approach here, given the forthcoming introduction of 'biodiversity net gain' to major developments. It'd be a useful opportunity for the Neighbourhood Plan to get ahead of the game here, and add to the policy to ensure that 'major developments which do not provide biodiversity net gain will be refused'.... Something along those lines.

In terms of the SEA screening report, we have no comments to add. Considering only those matters within our very particular remit, we consider it unlikely that the neighbourhood plan would lead to 'significant' environmental impacts. That being said, we note that there are other matters outside of our remit where there may well be significant impacts; that's not for us to comment on.

Kind regards,

Rob

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