

Appendix 4 Strategic and Non-Strategic Policies

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)¹ (Paragraph 20) states that *“strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and design quality of places and make sufficient provision for:*

- a) homes (including affordable housing), employment, retail, leisure and other commercial development;*
- b) infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, security, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);*
- c) community facilities (such as health, education and cultural infrastructure); and*
- d) conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, including landscapes and green infrastructure, and planning measures to address climate change mitigation and adaptation.”*

The NPPF (Glossary) defines strategic policies as *“policies and site allocations which address strategic priorities in line with the requirements of Section 19 (1B-E)² of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004”*.

The NPPF (Paragraph 21) states that *“Plans should make explicit which policies are strategic policies. These should be limited to those necessary to address the strategic priorities of the area (and any relevant cross-boundary issues), to provide a clear starting point for any non-strategic policies that are needed. Strategic policies should not extend to detailed matters that are more appropriately dealt with through neighbourhood plans or other non-strategic policies.”*

The NPPF (Paragraph 29) states that *“Non-strategic policies should be used by local planning authorities and communities to set out more detailed policies for specific areas, neighbourhoods or types of development. This can include allocating sites, the provision of infrastructure and community facilities at a local level, establishing design principles, conserving and enhancing the natural and historic environment and setting out other development management policies.”*

Furthermore, National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG)³ sets out that where a local plan contains both strategic and non-strategic policies, the non-strategic policies should be clearly distinguished from the strategic policies (please see the NPPG for further information).

¹ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67aafe8f3b41f783cca46251/NPPF_December_2024.pdf

² <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/5/section/19>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/plan-making>

The following tables set out current policies in the Local Plan and identifies whether they have strategic or non-strategic status. The strategic or non-strategic status of policies is of relevance for neighbourhood plans. Legislation requires that neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the adopted local plan for the area, and any other strategic policies that form part of the statutory development plan where relevant (please see the NPPG for further information). The NPPF (Paragraph 13) states that “*neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained in local plans or spatial development strategies; and should shape and direct development that is outside of these strategic policies.*”

During the preparation of the Local Plan there have been various consultation stages which have contained policies, as this Regulation 18 Local Plan Review consultation is focused consultation it does not contain the full suite of policies which will make up the Local Plan and not all policies are open to public consultation as they have been previously consulted upon. The tables below set out which version of the Local Plan the policy is included within and whether the policy is open to public consultation and comment.

Please note: The chapter references, policy numbers, and titles included in this appendix are provisional and may be revised as the Local Plan evolves. Changes may occur in response to emerging evidence, consultation feedback, and ongoing policy development, meaning the final Regulation 19 document may present these elements differently.

Consultation Overview

No policies

Layout of the Plan

No policies

What Is the Local Plan?

No policies

Spatial Portrait

No policies

Vision and Objectives

No policies

General Development Principles

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
REV01	Sustainable Development	Strategic	Consultation open Regulation 18 (October 2025)
NEW01	Safeguarding Development Potential	Strategic	Consultation open Regulation 18 (October 2025)

Spatial Strategy

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
NEW02	Provision of Overall Development	Strategic	Consultation open Regulation 18 (October 2025)
NEW03	Housing Development Sites	Strategic	Consultation open Regulation 18 (October 2025)
NEW04	Employment Development Sites	Strategic	Consultation open Regulation 18 (October 2025)
SP03	Strategic Site: Earl Shilton Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE)	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP04	Strategic Site: Barwell Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE)	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
SS03	Local Plan Review	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
SS08	Strategy for the Key Rural Centres	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
SS09	Strategy for the Rural Villages	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
SS10	Strategy for the Rural Hamlets	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Climate Change

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
SP05	Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP06	Flood Risk	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP07	Renewable and Low Carbon Energy	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
CC03	Sustainable Drainage Systems	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
CC04	Sustainable Design and Construction Measures	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Healthy Place Making

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
SP08	High Quality Design	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP09	Active Travel and Design	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
SP10	Preventing Pollution	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP11	Health and Well-being	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
REV02	Hot Food Takeaways and Fast-Food Outlets	Non-Strategic	Consultation open Regulation 18 (October 2025)

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
PMD04	Redundant Rural Buildings	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
PMD08	Recycling and Refuse Storage	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Housing to meet different needs

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
SP12	Provision of new housing	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
SP13	Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP14	Affordable Housing	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
HO02	Housing Mix, Size and Type	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
HO03	Space Standards	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
HO04	Housing Density	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
HO005	Accessible Housing	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
HO06	Self-Build and Custom Housing	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
HO08	New housing in the countryside	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
HO10	Rural Exception Sites	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Economic Prosperity

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
SP15	Scale and Distribution of New Employment Sites	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
SP16	MIRA Enterprise Zone	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
SP17	Education and Skills for a Strong Local Workforce	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
EP02	New Employment Development	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
EP03	Existing Employment Areas	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
EP04	Existing Non-Identified Employment Areas	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
EP07	Growing and Diversifying the Rural Economy	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Communities and Centres

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
SP18	Town, District, Local and Neighbourhood Centres	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
TDC002	Sequential and Impact Tests	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
TDC04	High Quality Shop Fronts and Advertisements	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
CLT01	Community Facilities	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
CLT02	Public Houses	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Leisure and Tourism

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
SP19	Twycross Zoo	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
NEW05	Open Space Provision	Strategic	Consultation open Regulation 18 (October 2025)
NEW06	Sport and Recreation Facilities: Outdoor and Indoor Provision	Strategic	Consultation open Regulation 18 (October 2025)
CLT03	Cultural and Tourism Facilities	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Natural Environment

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
SP20	Green Infrastructure	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP21	Green Wedges	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP22	National Forest	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
SP23	Charnwood Forest Regional Park	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
SP24	Protecting Biodiversity	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP25	Enhancing Biodiversity and Habitat Connectivity	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP26	Development in the Countryside and Settlement Separation	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP27	Landscape Character	Strategic	Consultation closed

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
			Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP28	Blue Infrastructure	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
NAT03	Trees, Hedgerows, Woodlands and Development	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
NAT06	Local Green Space	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
NAT09	Development in the Countryside and Settlement Separation	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
NAT12	Soils and Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Heritage and Conservation

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
HE01	Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
HE02	Heritage Assets	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
			Regulation 19 (February 2022)
HE03	Preserving the Borough's Archaeology	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Transport

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
SP29	Highways and Transportation	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP30	A5 Improvement Corridor	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
HT02	Parking Standards	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)
HT03	EV Charging Infrastructure	Non-Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 19 (February 2022)

Infrastructure

Policy Number	Policy Title	Strategic or Non-strategic	Consultation Stage Open or Closed
SP31	Infrastructure and Delivery	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP32	Water Supply and Wastewater Management	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)
SP33	Telecommunications Infrastructure	Strategic	Consultation closed Regulation 18 (July 2024)