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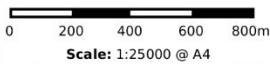
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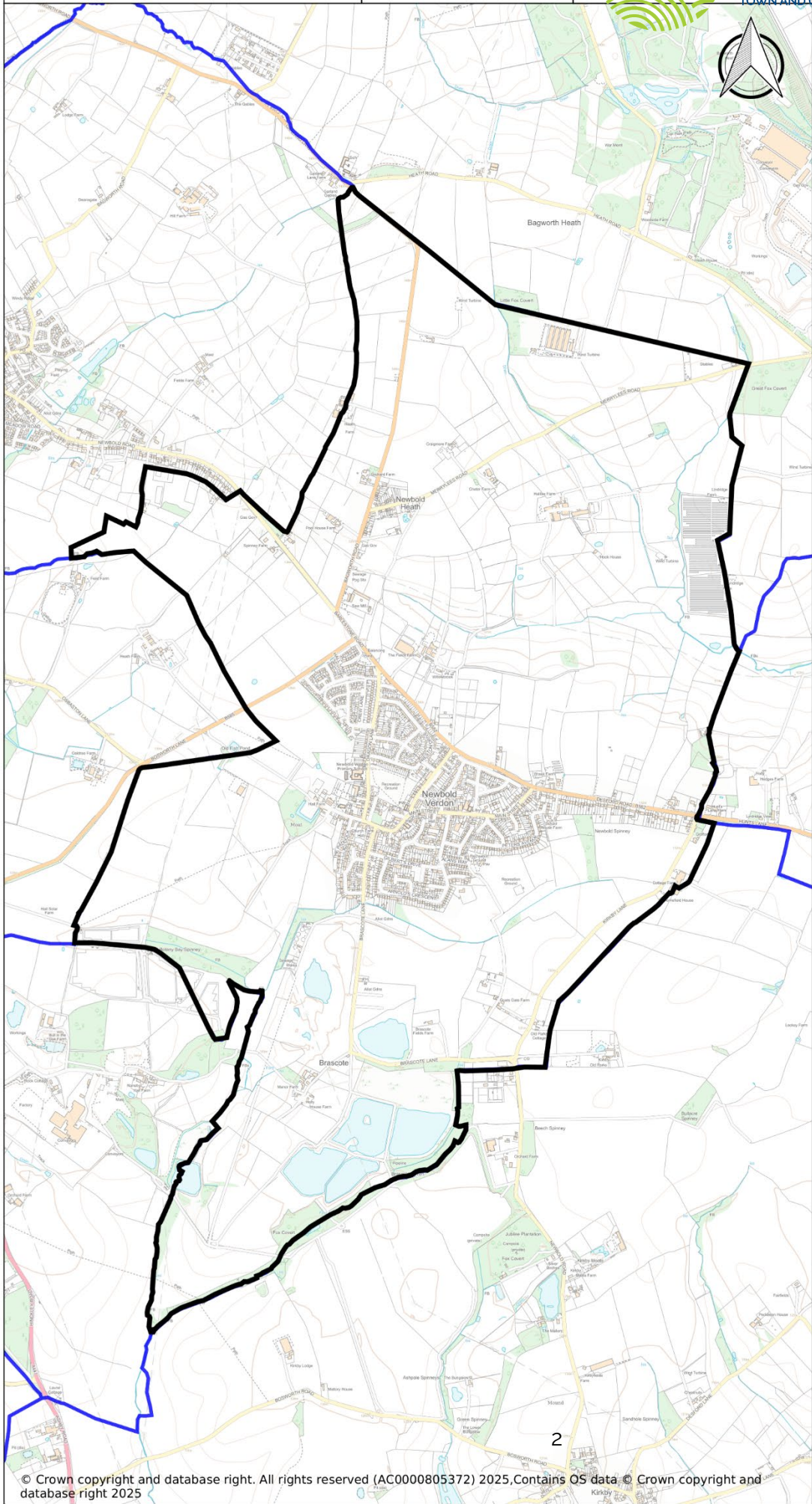
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement has been prepared on behalf of Newbold Verdon Parish Council by Planit-X Town and Country Planning Services in relation to the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan (Pre-Submission May 2025).
- 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 Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan. This Screening Statement has been prepared following consultation with the statutory bodies for SEA (Historic England, the Environment Agency and Natural England) on an earlier draft.
- 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 breaches, and otherwise is compatible with, the assimilated obligations of EU legislation (as consolidated in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023. 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 an SEA process must be carried out.
- 1.5 This Screening Statement provides a screening opinion as to whether the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan is likely to lead to significant environment effects, and as such requires a SEA process.



- Parish
- Neighbourhood Area



2. Details of the Neighbourhood Plan

Title of the plan:

- 2.1 Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan.

Name of Qualifying Body and Local Planning Authority:

- 2.2 The qualifying body preparing the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan is Newbold Verdon Parish Council. The Local Planning Authority is Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.

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Location and spatial extent of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan:

- 2.3 The Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan covers the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Area, comprising the parish of Newbold Verdon in Leicestershire, in Hinckley and Bosworth Borough (Page 2).
- 2.4 The Neighbourhood area measures about 808 hectares and includes the large village of Newbold Verdon and the hamlets of Brascote and Newbold Heath. These settlements are located within a rural and mainly agricultural parish.
- 2.5 Newbold Verdon village is situated on the B582 route between the villages of Barlestone and Desford, and is 4 miles (6.4 km) east of the small market town of Market Bosworth.

Timeframe of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan:

- 2.6 2022 to 2041.

Main aims of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan:

- 2.7 The principal objectives of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan are:
- To reflect the wishes of the community;

- To provide housing choice across a range of tenures including mixed tenure, starter homes, co-ownership and social rented and housing types including flats, bungalows and houses for all relevant age groups;
- To provide affordable homes within agreed financial terms – in terms of build/size/tenure and ensure availability to residents of the parish to meet existing and future village needs;
- To maintain the separation of the parish from neighbouring communities;
- To encourage the right quality of development to ensure that needs are 'future proofed' for an ageing population and also those with a disability;
- To encourage the improvement and/or development of shops, workplaces and other support services that are important to village life (including GP's, Chemist, Nursery, School);
- To promote development that is safe and that respects the character of neighbouring properties and preserves the rural aspect of the village providing a strong 'sense of place';
- To ensure that the village is at the forefront of technological advancements that will support village employment opportunities;
- To ensure that all listed buildings and any identified community or environmental heritage 'assets' are protected and improved;
- To ensure development is compliant within the National Planning Policy Framework and the emerging local plan and target growth identified by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.

Relationship with the Local Plan:

- 2.8 The Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared in the context of the Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan. For the purposes of the Newbold Verdon 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.
- 2.9 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 areas. Most new development will be accommodated in and around Hinckley. The Core Strategy also identifies development requirements for key rural centres such as Newbold Verdon and identifies

a minimum housing requirement of a minimum of 110 new homes for the village of Newbold Verdon over the period 2006-2026.

- 2.10 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. This document identifies that the residual minimum housing requirement for Newbold Verdon, as of 1 September 2014 was 14 dwellings which is to be met by the following housing allocations:
- NEW02 Land at Old Farm Lane (18 dwellings)
 - NEW03 Land south of Preston Drive (3 dwellings)
- 2.11 A parallel process of Sustainability Appraisal (SA) was undertaken alongside the plan-making process for these two documents.
- 2.12 Work on the new Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan began early in 2017. The new Local Plan will set out the overall development strategy for Hinckley and Bosworth Borough for the period 2024 to 2045. It will include strategic policies and allocate sites to meet identified development needs such as for homes, jobs, retail, recreation/open space, nature conservation and other required land uses as identified by evidence. It will provide appropriate policies and guidance by which to determine planning applications; for example design guidance, conservation and protection of natural resources.
- 2.13 Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council consulted residents, community groups, businesses and other interested parties on the draft Local Plan in 2018 (Scope, Issues and Options Consultation), 2019 (New Directions for Growth Consultation), 2021 (Draft Local Plan Consultation) and 2022 (Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Consultation).
- 2.14 A further Regulation 18 consultation was considered necessary as emerging evidence was suggesting that the previous spatial strategy may not be deliverable. Consultation on this version of the Local Plan took place between 31 July and 27 September 2024.
- 2.15 On 30 September 2025, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council agreed to a further stage of consultation aimed at developing a new Local Plan (the Plan) for the borough.

Will the Newbold Verdon Parish Neighbourhood Plan propose allocations? And if so, will these be over and above those likely to be included in the Local Plan?

- 2.16 The Core Strategy identifies Newbold Verdon as a key rural centre and sets out that the Council will allocate land for the development of a minimum of 110 dwellings. This requirement had been met through the allocation of sites in the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD covering the period to 2026.
- 2.17 The Local Plan is currently under review and therefore the Borough Council has been approached to provide an indicative housing provision for the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Area. However, the Borough Council is unable to provide an indicative housing provision. Consequently, Newbold Verdon Parish Council has undertaken its own assessment to provide an indicative housing requirement for the Neighbourhood Area. The housing requirement for Newbold Verdon is 359 dwellings to 2041.
- 2.18 This figure was used when considering allocations within the Neighbourhood Plan to meet its housing requirement over the Plan period. The Neighbourhood Plan also takes account of existing housing commitments.
- 2.19 The Neighbourhood Plan makes provision for a housing site allocation 'south of Bosworth Lane' for around 200 dwellings (Policy H1). The Neighbourhood Plan also identifies a housing reserve site 'south of Newbold Verdon' for around 135 dwellings (Policy H2). The reserve site will only come forward in specific circumstances.

What are the key environmental assets (including 'sensitive areas') near the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Area?

'Sensitive areas'

- 2.20 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.
- 2.21 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;
- National Landscapes (formerly Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty);
- World Heritage Sites; and
- Scheduled Monuments.

2.22 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:

2.23 No Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Possible SACs, Special Protection Areas (SPAs) or Potential SPAs are present within the Neighbourhood Area.

Within 10km of the Neighbourhood Area

2.24 None.

Beyond 10km of the Neighbourhood Area

2.25 The River Mease Special Area of Conservation is located approximately 10km to the northwest 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 Ensor's Pool Special Area of Conservation is located approximately 14km to the southwest 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.

2.28 All SCA's are also notified as SSSI's, being sites that are of specific biological or geological features.

2.29 The nearest SPA is at Rutland Water and is approximately 42km east of the Neighbourhood Area.

SSSIs

Within the Neighbourhood Area

2.30 None.

Within 5km of Neighbourhood Area

Botcheston Bog

- 2.31 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.

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

- 2.33 2.3km to the east of the Neighbourhood Area.

Cliffe Hill Quarry

- 2.34 This site provides excellent exposures of the contact between the southern-type diorite (Newbold Verdonite) and the volcanic and sedimentary rocks of the Precambrian Charnian Maplewell Series.

- 2.35 Condition: Favourable

- 2.36 5.0km to the north of the Neighbourhood Area

National Parks

Within the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.37 None.

Near the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.38 None- the closest National Park is the Peak District National Park (located approximately 49km northwest).

National Landscapes

Within the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.39 None.

Near the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.40 None- the closest National Landscape is the Cannock Chase AONB (located 37km to the west).

World Heritage Sites

Within the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.41 None.

Near the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.42 None- the closest site is the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (located approximately 31km to the north).

Scheduled Monuments

Within the Neighbourhood Area

Moated site south of The Hall, Newbold Verdon

- 2.43 The Moated site south of The Hall is a Scheduled Monument and is situated on the edge of the village of Newbold Verdon. It survives in good condition despite the infilling of one arm of the moat and encloses a square island.

Near the Neighbourhood Area (within 5km)

Moat with fishponds at Bagworth

- 2.44 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.

- 2.45 Distance from the Neighbourhood Area – 2.1km to the north.

Moated site 440m southwest of Lindridge Fields Farm

- 2.46 The monument is situated approximately 1km northwest of Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Area and 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.

Ratby Camp

- 2.47 Distance from the Neighbourhood Area – 3.5km to the east.

Old Hays Moated Site and associated manorial earthworks, Ratby

- 2.48 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.

- 2.49 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 2.9km to the northeast

Earl Shilton motte and bailey castle

- 2.50 This survives in good condition and will retain archaeological evidence of buildings within the interior.

- 2.51 Distance from the Neighbourhood Area – 4.6km to the southeast.

Moated site at Stapleton

- 2.52 The square moated site at Stapleton survives in good condition and was originally one of two in the same area.

- 2.53 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 2.5km to the south.

Bowl barrow at Sutton Cheney

- 2.54 The monument at Sutton Cheney survives in good condition and appears to be largely undisturbed. The barrow is about 2m high and is flat topped.
- 2.55 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 2.2km to the southwest.

Ambion deserted medieval village

- 2.56 The site at Ambion is a rare example of an early desertion, probably brought about by the plague which severely diminished the population.
- 2.57 The monument is located on Ambion Hill and the ground which slopes down to woodland on the south side. It is adjacent to the site of the battle of Bosworth and includes earthwork remains of the site of a deserted medieval village.
- 2.58 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 3.5km to the southwest.

Dovecote immediately west of Shenton Hall

- 2.59 The dovecote immediately west of Shenton Hall represents a rare and impressive survival in Leicestershire. The dovecote is unusual architecturally in that it has four gables and is constructed of brick, most other four gabled examples being both much earlier in date and built of either stone or wood. Although built in the 18th century, documentary sources show that the dovecote's importance was not purely aesthetic and that it fulfilled an economic role throughout the 19th century, which is again unusual for such a late example. The dovecote has been subject to little disturbance or major alteration with the result that it retains most of its internal fixtures, whilst the survival of contemporary documents relating to its use will enhance understanding of the manner in which it functioned.
- 2.60 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 4.9km to the southwest.

Roman foundations east of Barton Road

- 2.61 The site was excavated in the 1960s. Part of a mosaic pavement was uncovered and various finds (pottery, building materials, coins, querns, etc) were found. Geophysical survey recorded a large ditch with at least three structures to the east of it.
- 2.62 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 2.4km to the west.

Other key environmental assets

- 2.63 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

- 2.64 There are no Historic Parks or Gardens in Newbold Verdon Parish. The closest is Bradgate Park, a Grade II Historic Park and Garden 7.3km northeast of the Parish.

Battle of Bosworth (Field) 1485

- 2.65 There is no Battlefield within the parish of Newbold Verdon. However, the Battle of Bosworth (Field) 1485 registered battlefield site is located 1.7km to the southwest of the neighbourhood area. It is registered due to its historical importance, topographic integrity, archaeological potential and technological significance.

Conservation Areas

- 2.66 Newbold Verdon Conservation Area was first designated in November 1989 and subsequently reviewed in February 2009 and its Appraisal adopted in March 2009. The Conservation Area covers the historic core of the village, principally along Main Street, and can be divided into four distinct areas of different character:

- Newbold Verdon Hall (Grade I listed)
- St James Church (Grade II listed)
- Main Street
- The Old Rectory (Grade II listed)

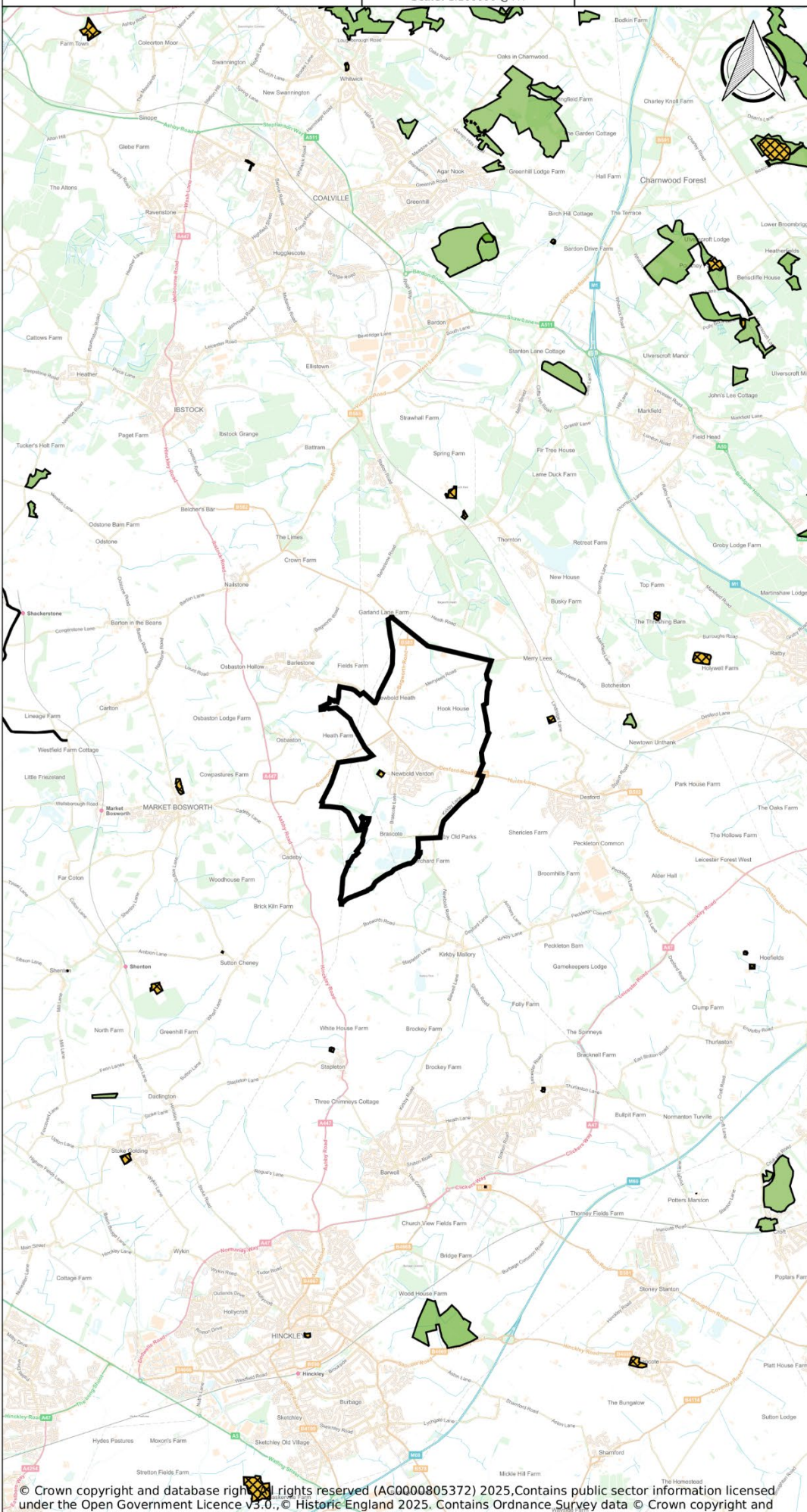
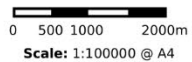
Listed buildings

- 2.67 There are 11 buildings and structures in Newbold Verdon Parish listed by Historic England for their special architectural or historic interest. They include the Grade I Newbold Verdon Hall and all the other listed buildings are Grade II.

Newbold Verdon

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Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

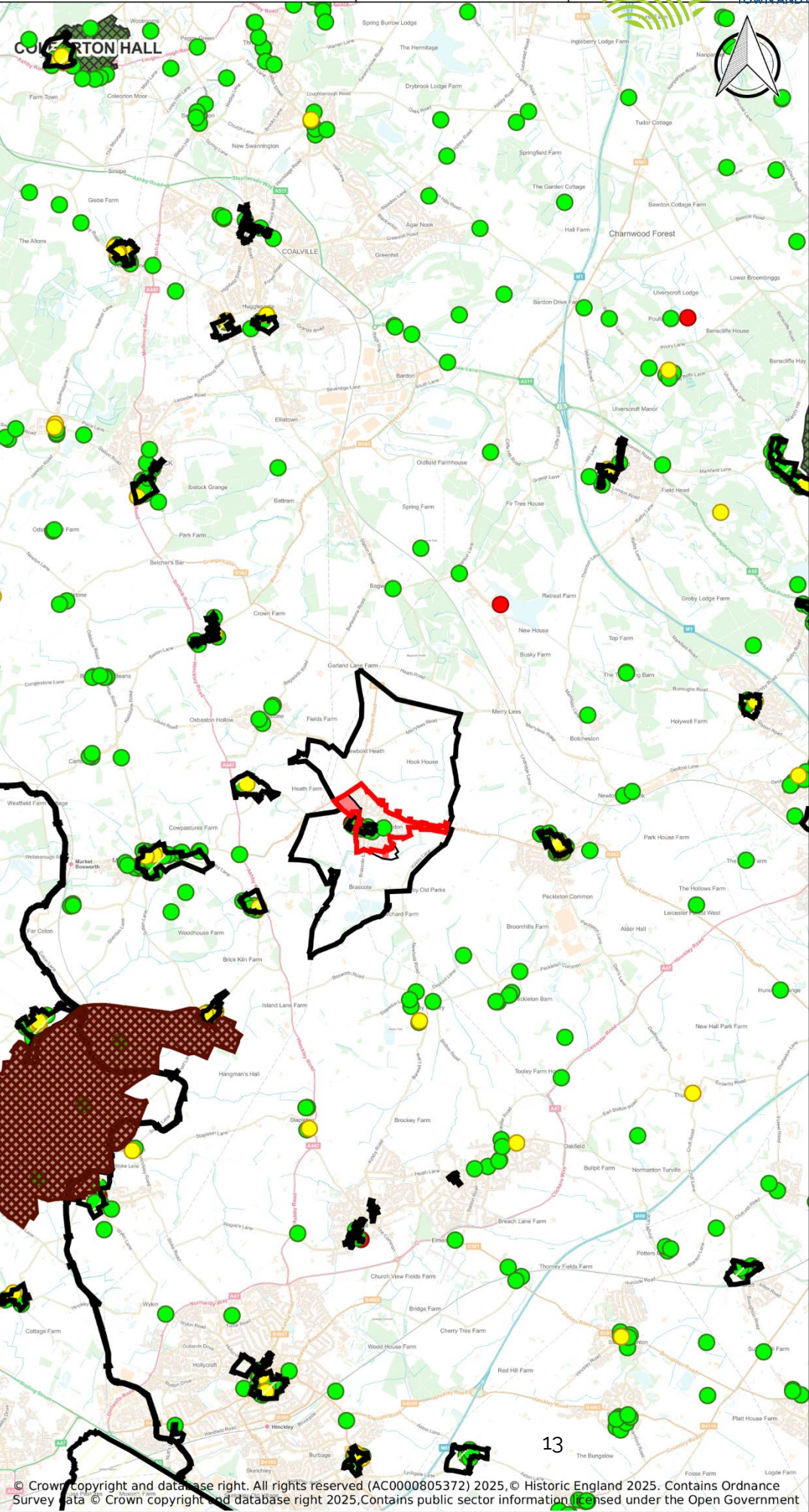
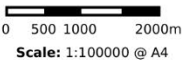


Scheduled Monuments



Neighbourhood Area





Registered Parks and Gardens



Listed Buildings (England)



Conservation Areas (England)



Registered Battlefields



Reserve Site



Residential Allocation

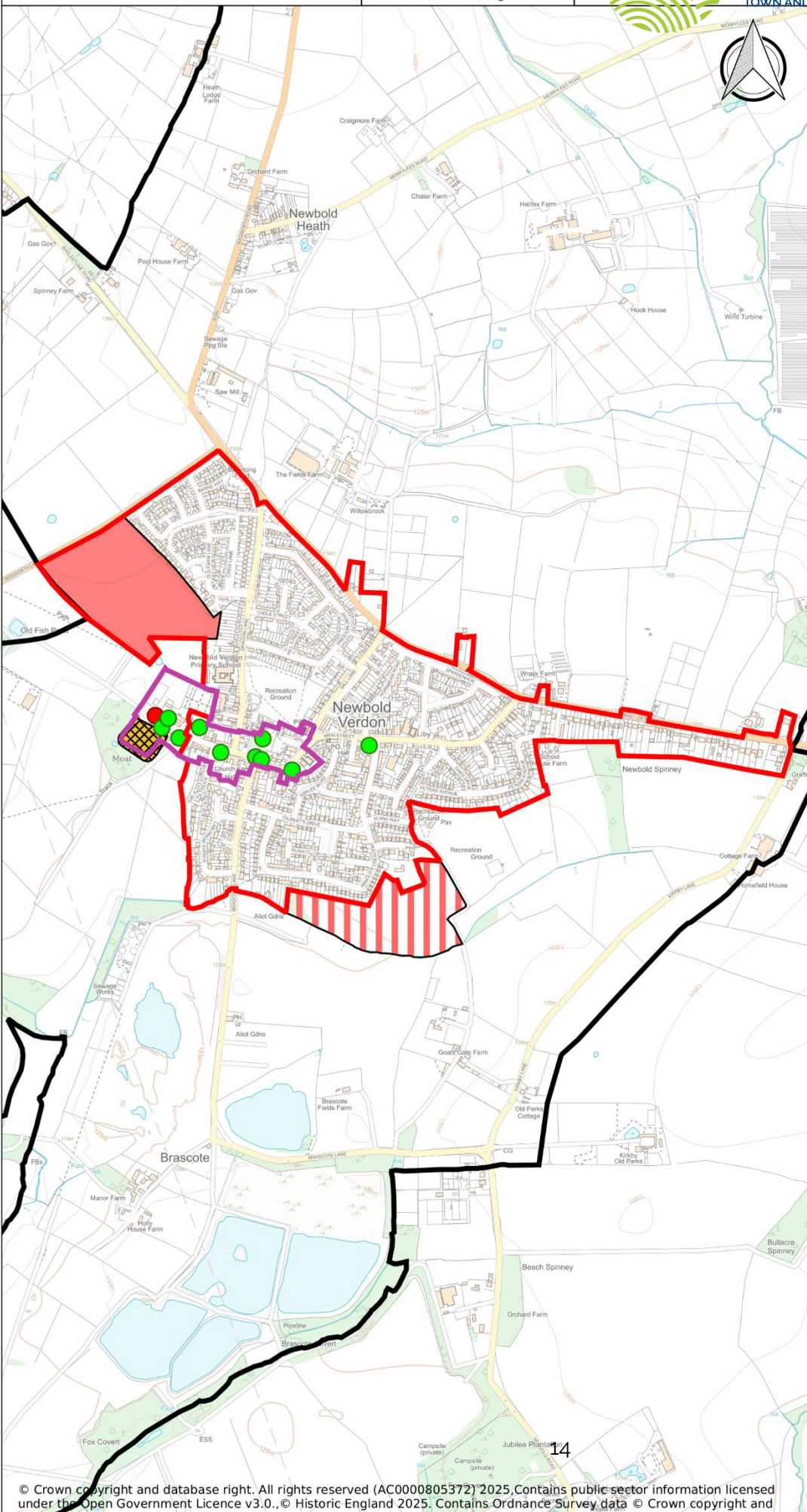


Neighbourhood Area



Settlement Boundary





Scheduled Monuments



Listed Buildings (England)



I



II

Reserve Site



Residential Allocation



Neighbourhood Area



Settlement Boundary



Conservation Area



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')

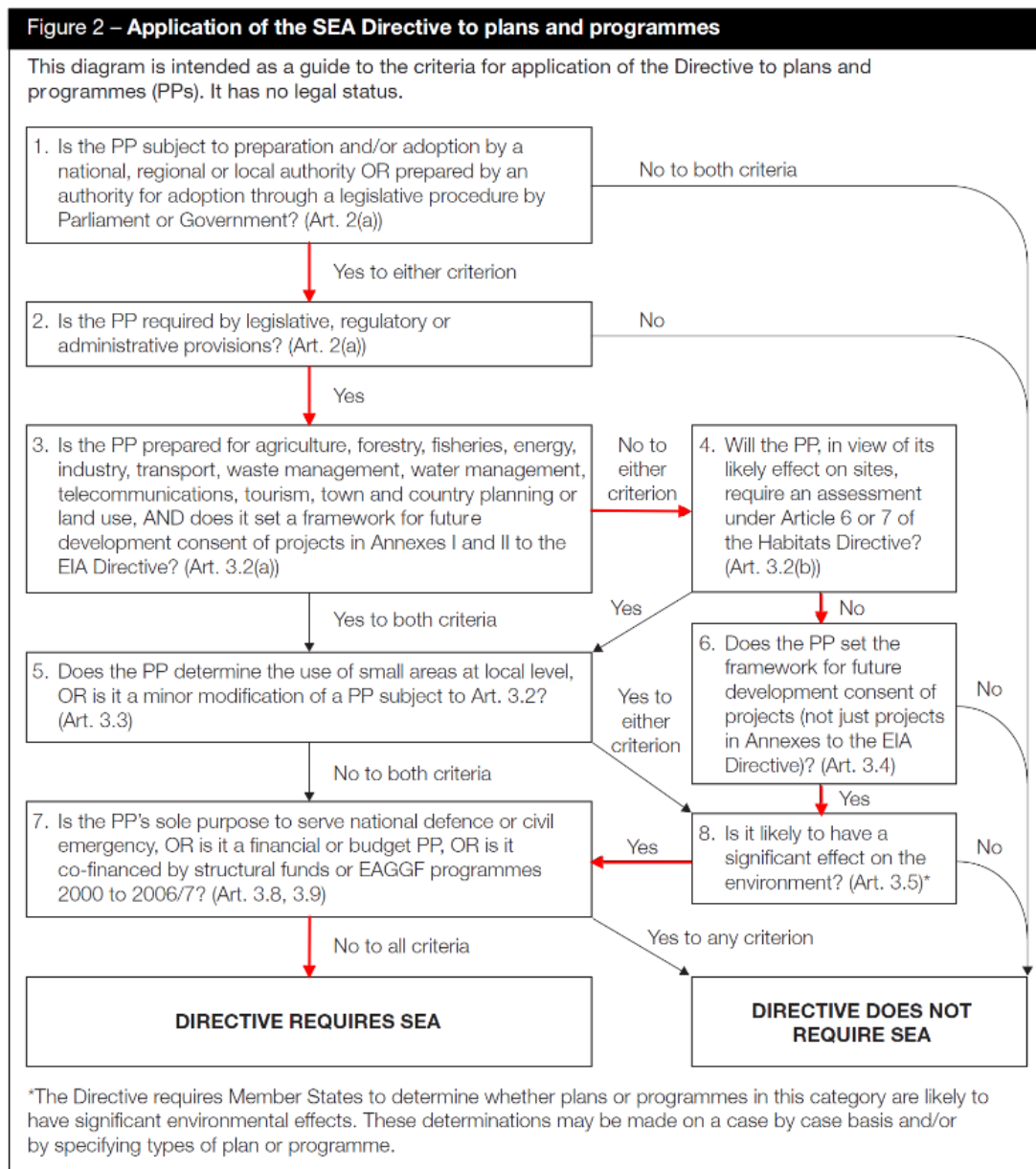
4.1 Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects referred to in Article 3(5) of Directive 2001/42/EC are set out below¹:

- 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.

¹ 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 Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan SEA Screening Assessment.



- 5.2 The table below shows the assessment of whether the Newbold Verdon 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
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))	Yes	The preparation of and adoption of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan is allowed under The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan will be prepared by Newbold Verdon Parish Council (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.
2. Is the Neighbourhood Plan required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Art. 2(a))	Yes	Whilst the Newbold Verdon 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 District. 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.
3. Is the Neighbourhood Plan prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use, AND does it set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II (see	No	Whilst the Newbold Verdon 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 Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan is a non-strategic scale document, focused solely upon the Parish of Newbold Verdon.

Stage	Yes/No	Reason
Appendix 2) to the EIA Directive? (Art 3.2(a))		
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))	No	The Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have a substantial effect on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites. The two nearest SACs are the River Mease Catchment to the northwest of the Parish and Ensors Pools to the southwest of the Parish. The River Mease catchment is located 10 kilometres away from within the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Area and the Ensor Pools are 14 kilometres of the Neighbourhood Area. There are no SPAs within 10km of the Neighbourhood Area. 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 Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Area - would not have implications for this site. 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 Sweptstone. 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 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

Stage	Yes/No	Reason
		designation being outside the Borough. However, no part of the River Mease or its tributaries as described above flow through the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Area. The tributaries as described above are located roughly 9 kilometres away from the closest part of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Area boundary. In view of this as well as considering the scope of proposals within the draft Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan, further stages in the HRA process are not required (including further screening, or Appropriate Assessment) and that the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan is not considered to have any impact on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites.
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)	Yes	Determination of small sites at local level only.
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)	Yes	The Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan is to be used for determining future planning applications
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 it co-financed by structural funds or EAFF programmes 2000 to 2006/7? (Art 3.8, 3.9)	No	No

Stage	Yes/No	Reason
8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? (Art. 3.5)	Yes	Appendix 1 presents the environmental effects which have the potential to arise as a result of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan .

6. Summary of screening determination

- 6.1 This determination has considered whether the Newbold Verdon 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 determination has considered several 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 Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan.
- 6.2 Whilst environmental effects have the potential to take place as a result of the Neighbourhood Plan, it is considered that the Plan is unlikely to have significant effects on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), National Parks, National Landscapes, or World Heritage Sites. However, the Neighbourhood Plan makes provision for a housing site allocation 'south of Bosworth Lane' for around 200 dwellings (Policy H1) and a housing reserve site 'south of Newbold Verdon' for around 135 dwellings (Policy H2). Housing Site Allocation H1, in particular, lies close to a Scheduled Monument (Moated site south of The Hall), Listed Buildings (including the Grade I Newbold Verdon Hall) and the Newbold Verdon Conservation Area, and it is considered likely that there will be potentially significant effects on these designations in the context of the SEA Directive.
- 6.3 It is therefore recommended that the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan should be subject to a full SEA.

Habitats Regulation Assessment

- 6.4 The assessment concludes that a full Habitats Regulations Appropriate Assessment of the current Newbold Verdon 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- Natural England, the Environment Agency and Natural England- have been consulted on the Screening Statement. Their responses are summarised below (a full copy of the responses received are attached as Appendix 3):**
- **Natural England: agrees that the Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have potentially significant effects on the setting of historic environment assets, which will not have been assessed by the SEA**

of the adopted Local Plan. Therefore, a Strategic Assessment would be required.

Natural England also agrees that the Plan would be unlikely to result in any significant effect to European Sites, either alone or in combination, and therefore an appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations is not required.

- **Historic England: Given the likely significant effects upon the historic environment, Historic England concurs with the view that a Strategic Environmental Assessment will be required.**
- **Environment Agency: No adverse comments to make on the screening opinion conclusion that the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan should be subject to a full SEA.**

- 6.7 The Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan will have potentially significant effects on heritage designations in the context of the SEA Directive. For these reasons, it is considered that the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan is subject to the requirements of Directive 2001/42/EC, the 'SEA Directive' and accompanying regulations. A Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan is required. This conclusion is supported by the three environmental consultation bodies.**

Appendix 1: Assessment of potential environmental effects

The following table presents the environmental effects which have the potential to arise because of the Newbold Verdon 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 Newbold Verdon 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.	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 Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan would not have implications for the River Mease SAC or Ensors Pool SAC. As such the contents of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan is not considered to have an impact on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites. There are no SSSIs within the Neighbourhood Area. The nearest 'sensitive areas' is the Botcheston Bog SSSI described in Section 2. The Neighbourhood Area lies within the SSSI Impact Risk Zones of Botcheston Bog. Certain developments within these zones require consultation with Natural England, depending on the specific zone that the proposal is located. These developments include: ▪ Infrastructure: Airports, helipads and other aviation proposals. ▪ Air Pollution: Livestock & poultry units with a floorspace > 500m², slurry lagoons > 750m² & manure stores > 3500 tonnes.

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
			Discharge: Any discharge of water or liquid waste of more than 20m³/day that is discharged to ground (i.e. to seep away) or to surface water, such as a beck or stream. The Neighbourhood Plan does not make provision for these forms of development. The Neighbourhood Plan does make provision for a housing site allocation 'south of Bosworth Lane' for around 200 dwellings (Policy H1) and a housing reserve site 'south of Newbold Verdon' for around 135 dwellings (Policy H2). Neither site is within an Impact Zone that requires consultation to be undertaken with Natural England for specific types of residential development. The Neighbourhood Area lies within an outer SSSI Impact Risk Zones associated with SSSIs to the west but the consultation requirements concern Infrastructure, Air Pollution and Discharge as set out above. It is recognised that the Neighbourhood Plan includes an overarching biodiversity policy (ENV3) that seeks to protect, conserve and enhance existing ecological corridors and features for biodiversity as well as a policy that seeks the protection or enhancement of specific local features that have been identified for their biodiversity. These policies seek to reduce the likelihood of significant effects on sites of nature conservation interest.

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
			It is concluded that likely effects on biodiversity, flora and fauna are unlikely to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive.
Population (Including residents' quality of life, accessibility to services and facilities, deprivation and similar)	Y	As indicated by the current policy approaches proposed for the Newbold Verdon 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. It seeks to prevent the loss of community services and facilities, as well as supports the provision of new or improved local services and community facilities and footpath network to village services. The protection of Local Green Space and Important Open Spaces is also sought. The Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan	Whilst the benefits for residents of Newbold Verdon 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.

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		will also support the delivery of affordable housing, including First Homes, and help deliver a mix of housing types and tenures to meet local needs, including the provision of homes suitable for older people and those with restricted mobility.	
Human Health (Incorporating residents' health and wellbeing)	Y	As indicated by the current policy approaches proposed for the Newbold Verdon 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. Policies include those that support access to and the provision of non-car modes of travel, the protection of local green spaces, the	Whilst the health and wellbeing benefits for residents of the Neighbourhood Area 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. Likely effects from noise quality are also not deemed to be significant.

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		protection of and the provision of new community services and facilities and the protection of residential amenities from the impact of new development. Direct impacts from the plan on health and well-being from renewable energy infrastructure may also arise. Policy seeks to protect the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors from development of this nature.	
Soil (Including agricultural land, soil erosion, soil quality)	Y	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. The Plan proposes to update the settlement	The Neighbourhood Plan makes provision for a housing site allocation 'south of Bosworth Lane' for around 200 dwellings (Policy H1- 9.1 ha) and a housing reserve site 'south of Newbold Verdon' for around 135 dwellings (Policy H2- 6.7 ha). Both sites incorporate Grade 2 Agricultural Land. However, due to the relatively limited area of land likely to be developed through the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan, effects on the soils resource are unlikely to be significant.

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		boundary to take into account the two proposed housing allocations and seeks to limit development outside of this proposed Settlement Boundary.	
Water (Including water quality and availability)	Y	The Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to lead to a very small-scale increase in water demand in the Neighbourhood Area through supporting the delivery of a new housing provision. Policy also supports the implementation of sustainable drainage systems with maintenance regimes to minimise vulnerability to flooding and climate change.	Potential effects on water availability will be limited by the relatively small-scale of proposals likely to be facilitated by the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan. Effects unlikely to be significant .
Air (Including air quality)	Y	Whilst new development in the Neighbourhood Area may lead to increased traffic flows and	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.

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		congestion, this is unlikely to lead to marked effects on air quality. In addition, the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan includes policy which seeks to minimise traffic generation and movement through the village, reduce the use of car –based travel, through the creation of footpath links and cycle routes, and the retention and provision of local facilities. It also supports the provision of renewable energy which may help limit adverse impacts on air quality.	
Climatic Factors (Including relating to climate change mitigation (limiting greenhouse gas emissions) and adaptation (adapting to the anticipated effects of	Y	In terms of climate change mitigation, the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan actively seeks to located new housing development, either	Due to the small scale, local scope of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan, the nature and magnitude of effects directly arising as a result of the Newbold Verdon 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?
climate change, including flood risk)		within or adjacent to the currently defined settlement boundary, where the majority of the local services and facilities are located. This will help limit potential increases in greenhouse gas emissions from an increase in the built footprint of the Neighbourhood Area. Policy encourages the incorporation of Sustainable Drainage Systems which will help meet the challenges of climate change and 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. New homes will be expected to incorporate sustainable design and	

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		construction techniques including the use of renewable and low carbon technology. The plan shows support for the development of renewable energy development appropriate to its location and with consideration given to its impact on amenity and the environment.	
Material Assets (Including minerals resources, waste considerations)	Y	The Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan may lead to small increases in the Neighbourhood Area's waste management requirements through supporting the delivery of new housing. No mineral sites or resources, or waste sites are likely to be affected or undermined as a result of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan.	Potential increases in waste as a direct result of the Newbold Verdon 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.

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
Cultural Heritage (Including historic environment, cultural heritage, historic settings)	Y	Development undertaken in accordance with the policies of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to have effects on the fabric and setting of historic environment assets.	The Neighbourhood Plan makes provision for a housing site allocation 'south of Bosworth Lane' for around 200 dwellings (Policy H1) and a housing reserve site 'south of Newbold Verdon' for around 135 dwellings (Policy H2). Both sites are agricultural land. Site allocation H1 lies approximately 140m north of a Scheduled Monument (Moat with fishponds south of The Hall as described in section 2). The Scheduled Monument is largely included within the boundaries of the Newbold Verdon Conservation Area which consolidates this significance. The open character of the allocated site could contribute to the heritage significance of the moat. Other heritage assets in the vicinity of site H1 that are potentially sensitive to the proposed development are: ▪ Grade I Listed Newbold Verdon Hall (NHLE 1074089); ▪ Grade II Listed Pavilion at northwest corner of forecourt at Newbold Verdon Hall (NHLE 1115785); ▪ Grade II Listed Pavilion at south-west corner of forecourt at Newbold Verdon Hall (NHLE 1074090); ▪ Grade II Listed Pavilion at south-east corner of forecourt at Newbold Verdon Hall (NHLE 1320265); ▪ Grade II Listed Church of St James (NHLE 1115770); and

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
			The Newbold Verdon Conservation Area. The Grade I Listing of Newbold Verdon Hall highlights it is a designated heritage asset of the highest significance. This significance is consolidated by its inclusion within the boundaries of the Newbold Verdon Conservation Area. The housing allocation lies around 135m north of The Hall and has the potential to contribute to its setting. The proposed residential development will change the agricultural character of the site and could significantly affect its relationship with The Hall. Site allocation H2 lies further away from the relevant heritage assets and with intervening built development, its impact will be less. In the context of the SEA Directive, the provisions of the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan (particularly Policy H1) is likely to have potentially significant effects on the setting of historic environment assets.
Landscape (Including landscape and townscape quality)	Y	Direct effects from the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan on landscape and townscape character have the potential to take place.	In terms of the Newbold Verdon Conservation Area, the proposed housing allocation lies outside of the Area. The Conservation Area itself provides additional policy guidance for managing development within the historic core of the village. The likelihood of significant effects on the integrity of the Conservation Area are also likely to be limited by the Newbold Verdon's Neighbourhood Plan's focus on protecting and enhancing the historic environment and landscape of the Neighbourhood Area and the plan's focus on protecting heritage assets.

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
			Therefore, potential effects on townscape quality is unlikely to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive.

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 Consultation Bodies

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525545 Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan SEA Draft Screening Statement (Hinckley & Bosworth)

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Dear [REDACTED],

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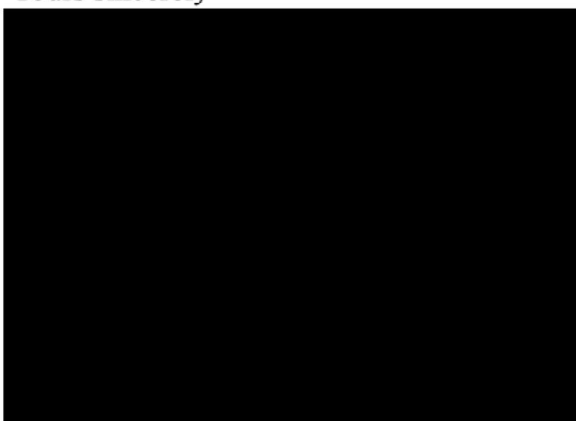
Thank you for consulting Natural England on the above document by your email of 29 August 2025.

Natural England has reviewed the Statement, and we can confirm that we agree with the report's conclusion that the Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have potentially significant effects on the setting of historic environment assets, which will not have been assessed by the SEA of the adopted Local Plan. Therefore, a Strategic Environmental Assessment would be required.

Natural England also agrees that the Plan would be unlikely to result in any significant effect to European Sites, either alone or in combination, and therefore an appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations is not required.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter please contact me on 02080268500. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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18 September 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan SEA Screening

Thank you for your email regarding the above consultation. As the Government's adviser on the historic environment Historic England is keen to ensure that the protection of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of the local planning process. Therefore, we welcome this opportunity to review this request for a Screening Opinion. For the purposes of this consultation, Historic England will confine its advice to the question, "Is it (the neighbourhood plan) likely to have a significant effect on the historic environment?". Our comments are based on the information supplied with the Screening Opinion.

The supporting information (screening report and draft neighbourhood plan) supplied with the consultation indicates that within the plan area there is a range of designated historic environment assets. There is also likely to be other features of local historic, architectural or archaeological value, and consideration should also be given to the wider historic landscape. The documentation indicates that the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan proposes provision for a housing site allocation 'south of Bosworth Lane' for around 200 dwellings (Policy H1) and a housing reserve site 'south of Newbold Verdon' for around 135 dwellings (Policy H2). In respect of H1, please also see Historic England's response to planning application 25/00515/OUT. H1 is proposed to the north of SM1009198 Moated site south of The Hall, Listed Buildings including the Grade I Newbold Verdon Hall together with the Newbold Verdon Conservation Area.

As such, given the likely significant effects upon the historic environment, Historic England hence concurs with the Council's view that a Strategic Environmental Assessment will be required.

I should be pleased if you can send a copy of the determination as required by REG



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11 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

Historic England strongly advises that the conservation and archaeological staff of the relevant local authorities are closely involved throughout the preparation of the plan and its assessment. They are best placed to advise on; local historic environment issues and priorities, including access to data held in the Historic Environment Record (HER), how the allocation, policy or proposal can be tailored to minimise potential adverse impacts on the historic environment; the nature and design of any required mitigation measures; and opportunities for securing wider benefits for the future conservation and management of heritage assets.

We should like to stress that this opinion is based on the information provided by you with your correspondence below. To avoid any doubt, this does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on later stages of the SA/SEA process and, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise (either as a result of this consultation or in later versions of the plan/guidance) where we consider that, despite the SA/SEA, these would have an adverse effect upon the environment.

Please do contact me, either via email or the numbers below, if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



Historic Environment Planning Adviser



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RE: Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan: Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement

From [REDACTED]

Date Fri 03/10/2025 14:03

To [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

The Environment Agency has no adverse comments to make on the screening opinion conclusion that the Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan should be subject to a full SEA.

Regards

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