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APPENDIX F

**Strategic Policies relating to the Lesbury
Neighbourhood Plan sent from LPA**



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Neighbourhood Plans: Basic Conditions Statements

Strategic Policies in the Development Plan

Introduction

1. This note is intended to support neighbourhood planning groups in the preparation of their 'basic conditions statement', specifically in relation to the need to demonstrate general conformity with current development plan policies. It briefly sets out the background to this requirement then defines the strategic policies set out in the development plan covering the neighbourhood area.

2. Regulation 15 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, as amended, requires that certain specified information is provided alongside a draft neighbourhood development plan when it is submitted to the local planning authority.

In summary, this information is:

(a) a map or statement which identifies the area to which the proposed neighbourhood development plan relates;

(b) a consultation statement;

(c) the proposed neighbourhood development plan;

(d) a 'basic conditions statement'; and

(e) (i) an environmental report, or

(ii) a screening opinion indicating that an environmental report is not required.

3. The 'basic conditions statement' is a requirement of the Regulations. Its purpose is to allow the parish council submitting the neighbourhood plan to demonstrate how their plan has met a set of 'basic conditions' which are prescribed in legislation. The basic conditions statement must demonstrate that the policies in the plan:

- are in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the area
- have been prepared having regard to national policies and guidance;

- contribute to the achievement of sustainable development; and
- are not in conflict with European Union obligations on human rights and the environment

4. A definition of **strategic policies** is given in the National Planning Policy Framework (2012) at paragraph 156. It is expected that Local Plans should include strategic policies to deliver the following:

- *homes and jobs needed in the area;*
- *retail, leisure and other commercial development;*
- *infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);*
- *health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities; and*
- *climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape.*

5. The strategic policies in the current development plan covering the neighbourhood plan area have been identified by the County Council as local planning authority. These are set out in Appendix A to this note.

Appendix A

Lesbury Neighbourhood Plan

The current statutory development plan for the Lesbury Neighbourhood Area is the Alnwick District Core Strategy (2007) and the "Saved" strategic policies from the Alnwick District Wide Local Plan (1997). The policies in the Lesbury Neighbourhood Plan must be assessed for general conformity with the strategic policies listed below. The findings of this assessment should be presented in the basic conditions statement. The strategic policies for the Lesbury Neighbourhood Area are as follows:

Alnwick District Local Development Framework, Core Strategy Development Plan Document, Adopted October 2007.

Policy S1: Location and scale of new development

Policy S2: The sequential approach to development

Policy S3: Sustainability criteria

Policy S4: The phased release of housing land

Policy S6: Provision of affordable housing

Policy S8: Economic Regeneration

Policy S9: Employment land allocation

Policy S10: Tourism development

Policy S11: Locating development to maximise accessibility and minimise impact from travel

Policy S12: Protecting and enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity

Policy S13: Landscape character

Policy S14: Development in the open countryside

Policy S15: Protecting the built and historic environment

Policy S17: Town centres

Policy S18: Provision of social and community facilities

Policy S20: Providing for open space, sport and recreation

Policy S21: Renewable energy

Policy S22: Energy efficiency

Policy S23: Planning obligations

Alnwick District Wide Local Plan, 1997

Policy RE6: Protection of Sites of Nature Conserve Importance

Policy RE7: Protection of Local Nature Reserves

Policy RE13: Protecting wildlife habitats

Policy RE16: Protection of the AONB

Policy RE20: Rural diversification proposals

Policy RE21: Control of new agricultural buildings

Policy RE23: Development in the open countryside

Policy BE2: Regional and local archaeological significance

Policy H10: Residential development in open countryside

Policy TT1: Controlling the redevelopment of public transport facilities

Policy ED4: Providing a broader base of job opportunities on designated commercial site

Policy CD32: Controlling development that is detrimental to the environment and residential amenity