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## 1 Introduction

As part of the formal submission of the Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan (TNP) for Examination, there is a requirement for the Parish Council, as the 'qualifying body' to illustrate that it has complied with a series of 'basic conditions' as set out in the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as Amended). This Statement accompanies the submission to the local planning authority, Mid Suffolk District Council, of the TNP under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations"). Regulation 15 requires a submission neighbourhood development plan to be accompanied by *"a statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act"*.

This statement has been prepared in order to confirm compliance with these "basic conditions" by assessing the Neighbourhood Plan against:

- 1 - The Legal Requirements
- 2 - The Basic Conditions
- 3- Conformity with National Planning Policy
- 4 - Achieving sustainable development
- 5 - The strategic policies contained in the development plan
- 6 - Compatibility with European Union Obligations and Human Rights

Based on the above assessments, it is considered that the Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan complies with the requirements of the basic conditions as set out in Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

## 2. Legal Requirements

2.1 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) identifies the "Basic Conditions" that the neighbourhood plan must comply with.

2.2 Paragraph 8 (1) states that the examiner must consider:

- (a) whether the draft neighbourhood development plan meets the basic conditions (see subparagraph (2)),
- (b) whether the draft neighbourhood development plan complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of this Act,
- (d) whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the neighbourhood area to which the draft neighbourhood development plan relates, and
- (e) such other matters as may be prescribed.

2.3 Paragraph 8 (2) states that a draft neighbourhood development plan meets the basic conditions if:

- (a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan,
- (d) the making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
- (e) the making of the neighbourhood development plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area),
- (f) the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and
- (g) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood development plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood development plan.

The requirements of Paragraph 8(2)(b), (2)(c) (3), (4) and (5) are not of relevance to the compliance with the basic conditions' tests.

2.4 Paragraph 8 (6) stipulates that the examiner is not to consider any matter that does not fall within subparagraph (1) apart from considering whether the draft neighbourhood plan is compatible with the Convention rights.

2.5 On 28 December 2018 the Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018 came into force. Amongst other things, these Regulations amend the basic condition prescribed in Regulation 32 and Schedule 2 (Habitats) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) which stated:

- The making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

The Regulations substitute a new basic condition which states:

- The making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

## Meeting the Legal Requirements

Compliance with the individual elements of the legal requirements is set out below.

Requirement	Interpretation	TNP response
4B 8 (1)(a) Whether the Draft NP meets the Basic Conditions	This requires the TNP to demonstrate compliance with paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the T&CP Act.	This is considered in detail in later sections of this Statement.
4B 8 (1)(b) Whether the Draft Order Complies with Sections 38A & 38B of the Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	This requires the draft order to comply with Sections 38A & 38B of the Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Section 38A sets out the "Meaning of Neighbourhood Development Plan".	Compliance with Sections 38A and 38B is demonstrated in the following rows.
	Section 38A(1) "any qualifying body is entitled to initiate a process for the purpose of requiring a Local Planning Authority in England to make a Neighbourhood Development Plan."	The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted by Thorndon Parish Council, a qualifying body (as defined in the Localism Act 2011).
	Section 38A(2) A "Neighbourhood Development Plan is a plan which sets out policies (however expressed) in relation to the development and use of land in the whole or any part of a particular neighbourhood area specified in the plan."	The TNP sets out Policies that relate to the development and use of land for the Neighbourhood Area covering the Parish of Thorndon, as designated by Mid Suffolk District Council on 27 October 2017. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is shown in Map 1 in the TNP.
	Section 38A, Paragraphs (3) - (12)	These paragraphs are not of relevance to the submission phase of the NP.
	Section 38B1(a) The Neighbourhood Development Plan "Must specify the period for which it is to have effect."	The plan period of the TNP is from 2018 to 2036.
	Section 38B1(b) A Neighbourhood Development Plan "may not include provision about development that is excluded development."	The TNP does not contain policies relating to excluded development as defined in Section 61K of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
	Section 38B1(c) A Neighbourhood Development Plan may not relate to more than one neighbourhood area	The TNP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It solely relates to the Neighbourhood Plan Area as designated by Mid Suffolk District Council on 27 October 2017.
	Section 38B(2) Only one Neighbourhood Development Plan may be made for each neighbourhood area.	There are currently no other NP's in place in this neighbourhood area.
	Section 38B(3) If to any extent a policy set out in a Neighbourhood Development Plan	There are no conflicts within the TNP

Requirement	Interpretation	TNP response
	<p>conflicts with any other statement or information in the plan, the conflict must be resolved in favour of the policy.</p>	
	<p>Section 38B(4)(a)  Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions for “restricting the provision that may be included in Neighbourhood Development Plans about the use of land.”  These Regulations are set out in Statutory Instrument 2012 No 637, The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 have been used to inform the preparation of the TNP.</p>
	<p>Section 38B(4)(b)  Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions “requiring Neighbourhood Development Plans to include such matters as are prescribed in the Regulations.”</p>	<p>A screening process was carried out by the local planning authority to determine whether a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) or Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) would be required in support of the TNP. In both cases it was considered that the Neighbourhood Plan will not have significant environmental effects and that no European sites would be affected by the policies described in the TNP.</p>
	<p>Section 38B, which include paragraphs 38B(4)(c), 5 &amp; 6,</p>	<p>The remaining requirements are not of relevance to this Basic Conditions Statement</p>
<p>4B 8 (1)(d) Whether the Referendum Should Extend Beyond the NP Area</p>	<p>This requires the examiner to consider whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the NP Area to which it relates.</p>	<p>The TNP relates solely to land that falls within the Parish of Thorndon.</p>
<p>4B 8 (1)(e) Other Matters 3.28.</p>	<p>This requires the examiner to consider such other matters as may be prescribed</p>	<p>There are no other prescribed matters.</p>
<p>Conservation of Habitats and Species and Planning (Various Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018</p>	<p>These Regulations require an Appropriate Assessment of the Plan to be carried out should the SEA and HRA Screening Opinion deem it necessary.</p>	<p>The SEA and HRA Screening Opinion has concluded that an Appropriate Assessment of the Plan is not required.</p>

### 3. Compliance with Basic Conditions

3.1 Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act sets out the basic conditions that must be met by a draft Neighbourhood Plan. Subsections (a), (d), (e), (f), and (g) are of relevance to this statement. The Regulations state that the neighbourhood plan will have met the basic conditions if it:

1. Has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
2. Contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
3. Is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area; and
4. Is compatible with European Union (EU) and European Convention on Human Right (ECHR) obligations.

#### National Policy

3.2 The Thorndon Neighbourhood Development Plan must have appropriate regard to national policy. The following section describes how the TNP relates to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which was originally published in 2012, amended in July 2018 and further amended in February 2019. It is the latter version of the NPPF that has been used as the basis to assess the TNP. The NPPF is framed around a basic premise of achieving sustainable development, comprising three main dimensions: economic, social and environmental. It requires the planning system to have regard to three overarching objectives:

- a) *an economic objective – to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure;*
- b) *a social objective – to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering a well-designed and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being; and*
- c) *an environmental objective – to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.*

3.3 The NPPF contains thirteen topic-based chapters in which more detailed policy guidance is set out for plan making and decision taking. Table 1, below, identifies how the TNP meets the basic condition of having regard to the NPPF by assessing the Plan against the principles for each of the topic-based chapters.



Table 1 - Compatibility of the plan's vision, objectives and policies against the NPPF Core Principles

NPPF Topic	Thorndon NP Objectives	Thorndon NP Policies
Delivering a sufficient supply of homes	1 Provide housing that meets the local needs of Thorndon 2 Enable opportunities for the provision of affordable housing that meets the needs of those with a connection with Thorndon	Policy THN 1 – Spatial Strategy Policy THN 2 – Housing Development Policy THN 3 – Land at the Kerrison Centre Policy THN 4 – Land west of Hall Road Policy THN 5 – Land at Brambledown south of Stoke Road Policy THN 6 – Land North of, and surrounding, 37 The Street Policy THN 7 – Land East of Fen View Policy THN 8 – Affordable Housing on Rural exception Sites
Building a strong, competitive economy	8 Protect and enhance community facilities and services for the benefit and needs of Thorndon residents	Policy THN 20 – Protecting existing services and facilities
Ensuring the vitality of town centres	Not appropriate to Thorndon	None
Promoting healthy and safe communities	8 Protect and enhance community facilities and services for the benefit and needs of Thorndon residents 9 Address traffic speed and safety issues 10 Protect and enhance the village public rights of way network	Policy THN 18 – Design Considerations Policy THN 19 – Sustainable Construction Practices
Promoting sustainable transport	9 Address traffic speed and safety issues 10 Protect and enhance the village public rights of way network 11 Maintain and enhance transport services for those with limited car access	Policy THN 18 – Design Considerations
Supporting high quality communications	8 Protect and enhance community facilities and services for the benefit and needs of Thorndon residents	Policy THN 18 – Design Considerations
Making effective use of land	4 Protect and enhance the local landscape and significant views	Policy THN 1 – Spatial Strategy Policy THN 2 – Housing Development

NPPF Topic	Thorndon NP Objectives	Thorndon NP Policies
Achieving well-designed places	3 Encourage the incorporation of energy saving measures in new homes  7 Ensure new development is of a high-quality design and of a scale and design that reflects local character.	Policy THN 18 – Design Considerations  Policy THN 19 – Sustainable Construction Practices
Protecting Green Belt land	Not appropriate to Thorndon	None
Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change	3 Encourage the incorporation of energy saving measures in new homes	Policy THN 18 – Design Considerations  Policy THN 19 – Sustainable Construction Practices
Conserving and enhancing the natural environment	4 Protect and enhance the local landscape and significant views  5 Maintain and improve the biodiversity assets of the parish	Policy THN 11 – Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity  Policy THN 12 – Dark Skies  Policy THN 13 – Local Green Spaces  Policy THN 14 - Biodiversity
Conserving the historic environment	6 Protect and enhance Thorndon’s heritage assets	Policy THN 15 – Buildings of Local Significance  Policy THN 16 – Heritage Assets  Policy THN 17 – Thorndon Special Character Area
Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals	Not appropriate to Thorndon	None

### How the purpose of TNP policies achieve sustainable development

3.4 The table below identifies the purpose of each policy in the Neighbourhood Plan and its intended outcome in relation to achieving sustainable development as defined by the NPPF.

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
THN 1	To set out the strategy for the location of growth in Thorndon during the plan period.	Ensures that new development is located close to existing village facilities and minimises the development of agricultural land in remote locations.
THN 2	Identifies the amount of new housing growth that will take place in the neighbourhood area and how this growth will be delivered.	Provides certainty in terms of the amount and location of new housing in the village to ensure that the identified housing needs are met.
THN 3	Allocates a site for housing development.	Contributes to meeting the identified housing need.
THN 4	Allocates a site for housing development.	Contributes to meeting the identified housing need.
THN 5	Allocates a site for housing development.	Contributes to meeting the identified housing need.
THN 6	Allocates a site for housing development.	Contributes to meeting the identified housing need.
THN 7	Allocates a site for housing development.	Contributes to meeting the identified housing need.
THN 8	Provides a mechanism for the delivery of affordable housing to meet local needs.	Will help people with a local connection remain in the village rather than move away to find affordable homes.
THN 9	Seeks to ensure that new housing is of a size to meet identified local needs	Contributes to meeting the identified housing need.
THN 10	Identifies an area of local importance due to its high landscape quality.	Ensures that development proposals are sympathetic to local character and history, including the landscape setting,
THN 11	Identifies an area of local importance due to its high landscape quality.	Ensures that development proposals are sympathetic to local character and history, including the landscape setting,
THN 12	Reduces the potential for development to increase light pollution.	Limits the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation.
THN 13	Designates green spaces that meet the NPPF criteria.	Identifies and protects green areas of particular importance to the local community
THN 14	Provides criteria for the assessment of the potential impact of development on habitats and natural features.	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, including helping to improve biodiversity
THN 15	Identifies built assets that are of local significance.	Contributes to maintaining the locally distinct character of the village.
THN 16	Enables the preservation and enhancement of the village's heritage assets.	Provides a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment.
THN 17	Designates an area of important historic	Provides a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic and natural

Policy	Purpose	Outcome
	and natural character	environment
THN 18	Provides a range of criteria against which all development proposals will be assessed	Contributes to protecting and enhancing the natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, and minimising waste and pollution
THN 19	Promotes the incorporation within development proposals of measures that reduce energy consumption.	Supports an increase in the use of renewable and low carbon energy.
THN 20	Protects existing facilities from being lost and enables the provision of additional facilities	Contributes to maintaining a sustainable community

### General conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan

- 3.5 The Neighbourhood Plan must demonstrate that it is in general conformity with the development plan for the local authority area concerned. The development plan currently in force is the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy (adopted September 2008), the Core Strategy Focused Review (adopted 2012) and the saved policies of the Mid Suffolk Local Plan (adopted September 1998).
- 3.6 Mid Suffolk District Council has commenced the preparation of a new joint local plan with Babergh District Council to cover the two local planning authority areas. Consultation on Issues and Options to be considered in the Joint Local Plan took place between January and March 2015 and a further options consultation occurred in August 2017. In July 2019 the District Council consulted on the "Preferred Options" for the Joint Local Plan, but the Submission Version of the Joint Local Plan is unlikely to be consulted on until later in 2020 and it will not be examined or adopted before the Neighbourhood Plan is examined. The Neighbourhood Plan has had regard to the emerging Joint Local Plan but given the early stages of preparation, there is no requirement for the TNP to be in conformity with anything published to date in relation to the Joint Local Plan.

### Vision of TNP and the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008

- 3.7 The Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008 Vision states, in relation to the TNP, that:
- By 2025 the district will become a more prosperous, healthy, safer, attractive and greener place to live with fewer inequalities, improved access to and provision of housing, employment and services for all;
  - The Council will maintain the rural character of the individual villages.;
  - The Vision will be achieved in ways that reduce the impact of society on the environment, improve the quality of design of the built environment and protect and enhance settlement character, environmental assets such as its biodiversity, geodiversity and historic environment;
  - Development will need to address the issues of energy and resource conservation; good design in new development; incorporate sustainable drainage systems; and the enhancement of the natural and built environment and heritage
- 3.8 The Neighbourhood Plan Vision, reproduced below, conforms with the Core Strategy Vision.

Thorndon Parish will strive to celebrate its proud heritage whilst keeping the village a thriving rural community in a living, working countryside which is dependent on retaining our local services and community facilities such as schools, local shops, public houses and places of worship. Affordable and accessible rural housing is essential to ensure viable use of these local facilities. We will welcome appropriate housing development to ensure that our community continues to thrive.

**Fit of the Objectives of Thorndon Neighbourhood Development Plan with the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008 as amended by the Focused Review 2012**

3.9 The table below identifies how the objectives of the Core Strategy and the TNP complement each other.

<b>Core Strategy Objective</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>
SO1: To protect, manage, enhance and restore the landscape, biodiversity and geodiversity of the district.	4 Protect and enhance the local landscape and significant views 5 Maintain and improve the biodiversity assets of the parish
SO2: To seek to improve water quality and reduce pollution to the wider environment	5 Maintain and improve the biodiversity assets of the parish
SO3 (2012): To respond to the possible harm caused by climate change Mid Suffolk will seek to minimise its carbon footprint, by encouraging a shift to more sustainable travel patterns. In particular the Council will address congestion and pollution and ensure that all new development minimises its carbon emissions, and carbon consumption and is adapted to future climate change.	3 Encourage the incorporation of energy saving measures in new homes
SO4: To protect, manage, enhance and restore the historic heritage / environment and the unique character and identity of the towns and village by ensuring that new developments are appropriate in terms of scale and location in the context of settlement form and character.	6 Protect and enhance Thorndon's heritage assets
SO5: Reinforce the vitality and viability of local shops, schools, services, recreation and community facilities in towns and key service centres and primary village.	8 Protect and enhance community facilities and services for the benefit and needs of Thorndon residents
SO6 (2012): Provision of housing, employment, retail infrastructure and access to services will be coordinated to ensure that delivery of necessary infrastructure takes place to accommodate new development and to enable communities to be balanced, inclusive and prosperous.	1 Provide housing that meets the local needs of Thorndon 8 Protect and enhance community facilities and services for the benefit and needs of Thorndon residents
SO7: To support sustainable communities by locating development where it will enable people to access jobs and key services, such as education, health, recreation and other facilities recognising and respecting the diversity in the function and character of Mid Suffolk's towns, key service centres and primary and secondary village and countryside.	1 Provide housing that meets the local needs of Thorndon 8 Protect and enhance community facilities and services for the benefit and needs of Thorndon residents
SO8: To meet the requirement set by the Regional Spatial Strategy for new housing while maintaining the special character of Mid Suffolk's towns, village and countryside. New development will be of a high standard of design and layout and will address the need for energy and resource conservation.	3 Encourage the incorporation of energy saving measures in new homes 7 Ensure new development is of a high-quality design and of a scale and design that reflects local character.
SO9: Planning and housing policies will maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet local needs.	2 Enable opportunities for the provision of affordable housing that meets the needs of those with a connection with Thorndon
SO10: To prepare for an ageing population, including the provision and retention of community facilities and	8 Protect and enhance community facilities and services for the benefit and needs of Thorndon

<b>Core Strategy Objective</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>
suitable housing, including sheltered and assisted accommodation.	residents
SO11: To support the growth of the local economy and rural regeneration in ways which are compatible with environmental objectives, and which deliver increased prosperity for the whole community.	8 Protect and enhance community facilities and services for the benefit and needs of Thorndon residents
SO12: Promote high quality, sustainable tourism.	No specific objectives apply
SO13: Support and enable public and community transport services and encourage walking and cycling initiatives to provide access to jobs, shops and services and consider new methods of delivering and protecting existing services for smaller communities.	10 Protect and enhance the village public rights of way network 11 Maintain and enhance transport services for those with limited car access
SO14: To provide accessible and varied opportunities for leisure, cultural and recreational activities in order to promote healthy lifestyles.	8 Protect and enhance community facilities and services for the benefit and needs of Thorndon residents
SO15: To develop vibrant and prosperous towns and service centres by encouraging development that supports their function with a range of good quality jobs, businesses, shops and services that meet the needs of local people.	No specific objectives apply

### **Compatibility of the TNP with the Strategic Policies of the Development Plan**

3.10 The Government's Planning Practice Guidance states:

"Strategic policies will be different in each local planning authority area. When reaching a view on whether a policy is a strategic policy the following are useful considerations:

- whether the policy sets out an overarching direction or objective
- whether the policy seeks to shape the broad characteristics of development
- the scale at which the policy is intended to operate
- whether the policy sets a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced
- whether the policy sets a standard or other requirement that is essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan
- in the case of site allocations, whether bringing the site forward is central to achieving the vision and aspirations of the Local Plan
- whether the Local Plan identifies the policy as being strategic"

3.11 A significant number of policies in the Mid Suffolk Local Plan (1998) are officially "saved" by direction of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. In total these amount to over 150 policies. Mid Suffolk District Council has not identified which of the saved local plan policies are of a strategic nature. In the absence of this, we have assessed compatibility of the TNP policies against all policies that are considered relevant to Thorndon. Those that are not considered relevant are listed in Appendix A of this Statement.

3.12 The Core Strategy (2008) and Focused Review (2012) remain the relevant development plan documents in relation to the assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan whereas the emerging Joint Babergh / Mid Suffolk Local Plan is at an early stage of preparation and is not capable of assessment at this time.

3.13 The table on the following pages provides details of the policies in the development plan, a link to the TNP policy (where relevant) and a narrative of conformity of the TNP with the development plan.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
<b>Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008</b>		
CS1: Settlement Hierarchy	<b>THN 1</b> – Spatial Strategy	Policy CS1 identifies Thorndon as a Secondary Village which will benefit from small-scale development to meet local needs. The TNP provides opportunities for growth in accordance with the village’s designation as a Secondary Village in the Core Strategy.
CS2: Development in the Countryside and Countryside Village	<b>All policies of the Neighbourhood Plan</b>	Policy CS2 restricts development in the countryside to defined categories. The TNP confirms this approach while having regard to the need to provide opportunities for housing that meets local needs of the village.
CS3: Reduce contributions to Climate Change	<b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations <b>THN 19</b> – Sustainable Construction Practices	Policy CS3 relates to standalone renewable energy proposals and sustainable construction techniques. The TNP complements this approach.
CS4: Adapting to Climate Change	<b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations <b>THN 19</b> – Sustainable Construction Practices	The policy covers flood risk, pollution and protection of biodiversity. The TNP does not propose development in the Flood Zones around the village, seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity, and promotes the inclusion of measures to promote environmental sustainability and reduce climate change
CS5: Mid Suffolk’s Environment	<b>THN 1</b> – Spatial Strategy <b>THN 11</b> – Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity <b>THN 12</b> – Dark Skies <b>THN 13</b> - Local Green Spaces <b>THN 14</b> - Biodiversity <b>THN 15</b> – Buildings of Local Significance <b>THN 16</b> – Heritage Assets <b>THN 17</b> – Thorndon Special Character Area <b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations <b>THN 19</b> – Sustainable Construction Practices	The policy seeks to maintain and enhance the environment, including the historic environment. The policies referred to in the TNP complement these policies.
CS6: Services and Infrastructure	<b>THN 20</b> - Protecting existing services and facilities	The policy requires development to provide or support the delivery of appropriate infrastructure. Policy THN 20 complements this approach.
CS7: Brownfield Target	<b>THN 1</b> - Spatial Strategy <b>THN 2</b> – Housing Development	The Core Strategy sets a target of 50% of new homes on brownfield sites. The allocations in the TNP supports the redevelopment of previously developed land and buildings.
CS8: Provision and Distribution of Housing	Not applicable	The Core Strategy policy was superseded by the Core Strategy Focused Review 2012

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
CS9: Density and Mix	<b>THN 2</b> – Housing Development <b>THN 9</b> – Housing Mix	The policy requires a mix of house types, sizes and affordability, reflecting that lower densities may be justified in villages to take account of the character and appearance of the area. TNP does not contradict the Core Strategy policy.
CS10: Gypsy and Travellers	No specific policies apply	The policy seeks to provide appropriately located pitches to meet the identified need between 2006 and 2016. The TNP does not compromise the ability to use the criteria in Policy CS10 to consider the location of suitable sites.

Mid Suffolk Core Strategy Focused Review 2012		
Policy FC1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy confirms that the NPPF presumption in favour of sustainable development will be applied. The TNP meets the NPPF sustainable development criteria.
Policy FC1.1: Mid Suffolk approach to delivering Sustainable Development	<b>THN 12</b> – Dark Skies <b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations <b>THN 19</b> – Sustainable Construction Practices	The local plan policy requires development proposals to demonstrate the principles of sustainable development. The policies of the TNP support the local plan approach.
Policy FC2: Provision and Distribution of Housing	<b>THN 1</b> - Spatial Strategy <b>THN 2</b> – Housing Development	The policy identifies the minimum amount of housing to be provided in the district to 2027 and locational strategy for where it will be provided. TNP does not contradict the Core Strategy policy.
Policy FC3: Employment	No specific policies apply	The policy identifies the number of new jobs that are likely to be required in the district by 2031 and provides a locational strategy for these jobs. TNP does not conflict with this policy given the village's designation as a Secondary Village in the Core Strategy.

Mid Suffolk Local Plan First Alteration 2006 Saved Policies		
H4 Proportion of Affordable Housing in new housing developments	<b>THN 3</b> – Land at the Kerrison Centre	The Local Plan policy seeks to negotiate up to 35% of housing to be affordable on sites of 5 or more or 0.17ha and above in village. The NPPF has potentially superseded the threshold and replaced it with 10 dwellings. Policy THN 3 allocates a site for development where Policy H4 applies.
H5 Affordable Housing on rural exception sites	<b>THN 8</b> – Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites	The Local Plan policy identifies a process for delivering local needs affordable housing on sites abutting the settlement boundary of a small rural settlement. Policy THN 8 updates the local plan policy in line with the broad approach of the NPPF.



Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
<b>Mid Suffolk Local Plan 1998 Saved Policies</b>		
SB2 Development appropriate to its setting	<b>THN 11</b> – Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity <b>THN 12</b> – Dark Skies <b>THN 13</b> – Local Green Spaces <b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy sets out design criteria by which new development will be considered. The policies in the TNP complement the saved policies by providing a local context.
SB3 Retaining visually important open spaces	<b>THN 13</b> – Local Green Spaces <b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy seeks to protect visually important open spaces. This is updated by locally developed TNP policies that identify important local characteristics in the Plan Area including important views and local green spaces.
GP1 Design and layout of development	<b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations <b>THN 19</b> – Sustainable Construction Practices	The local plan policy sets out criteria for the design and layout of new development. Policy THN 18 provides criteria by which the design of development and its setting will be considered.
HB1 Protection of historic buildings	<b>THN 15</b> – Buildings of Local Significance <b>THN 16</b> – Heritage Assets <b>THN 17</b> – Thorndon Special Character Area	The local plan provides a strategic policy for protecting the character and appearance of buildings of architectural or historic interest and setting of listed buildings. Policy THN 15 identifies important locally identified heritage assets. Policy THN 16 brings the local plan policy up to date and in accordance with the NPPF in that it relates to all heritage assets in the Plan Area rather than just listed buildings.
HB2 Demolition of listed buildings	<b>THN 16</b> – Heritage Assets	The local plan policy resists the demolition of listed buildings. However, it does not reflect the content of the NPPF. The TNP policy brings the local plan policy up-to-date by applying reference to local evidence.
HB3 Conversions and alterations to historic buildings	<b>THN 16</b> – Heritage Assets	The local plan policy resists the conversion or alteration of listed buildings. However, it does not reflect the content of para 132 of the NPPF. The TNP policy brings the local plan policy up-to-date by applying reference to local evidence.
HB4 Extensions to listed buildings	<b>THN 16</b> – Heritage Assets	The local plan policy enables the sympathetic extension of listed buildings. The TNP policy brings the local plan policy up-to-date by applying reference to local evidence.
HB5 Preserving historic buildings through alternative uses	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy supports the change of use of listed buildings subject to certain criteria.
HB6 Securing the repair of listed buildings	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy relates to the use of statutory powers to secure the repair of listed buildings.
HB14 Ensuring archaeological remains are not destroyed	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy protects archaeological remains according to their significance.
H3 Housing development in village	<b>THN 1</b> - Spatial Strategy <b>THN 2</b> – Housing Development <b>THN 3</b> – Land at the Kerrison Centre	The local plan policy provides a presumption in favour of development within housing settlement boundaries, subject to the consideration of certain criteria. The identified policies of the TNP are in conformity with Policy H3.

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	<b>THN 4</b> – Land west of Hall Road <b>THN 5</b> – Land at Brambledown south of Stoke Road <b>THN 6</b> – Land North of, and surrounding, 37 The Street <b>THN 7</b> – Land East of Fen View	
H7 Restricting housing development unrelated to needs of countryside	<b>THN 1</b> - Spatial Strategy <b>THN 2</b> – Housing Development	The local plan policy controls proposals for new housing in the countryside. The TNP does not conflict with the Local Plan approach and accords with the more up-to-date NPPF.
H8 Replacement dwellings in the countryside	<b>THN 1</b> - Spatial Strategy <b>THN 2</b> – Housing Development	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of replacement dwellings in the countryside. The TNP does not conflict with the Local Plan approach and accords with the more up-to-date NPPF.
H9 Conversion of rural buildings in the countryside	<b>THN 1</b> - Spatial Strategy <b>THN 2</b> – Housing Development	The local plan provides criteria for the consideration of buildings in the countryside. The TNP does not conflict with the Local Plan approach and accords with the more up-to-date NPPF.
H10 Dwellings for key agricultural workers	<b>THN 1</b> - Spatial Strategy <b>THN 2</b> – Housing Development	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for agricultural workers' dwellings. The TNP does not conflict with the Local Plan approach and accords with the more up-to-date NPPF.
H11 Residential caravans and other mobile homes	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of residential caravans or mobile homes. The TNP does not contradict the local plan policy
H13 Design and layout of housing development	<b>THN 10</b> – Measures for New Housing Development <b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for new homes. The TNP policies support the criteria by referring to up-to-date and locally specific evidence.
H14 A range of house types to meet different accommodation needs	<b>THN 2</b> – Housing Development <b>THN 9</b> – Housing Mix	The local plan policy seeks a variety of house types and design in development of 10 or more. The TNP supports this policy by providing locally relevant requirements.
H15 Development to reflect local characteristics	<b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy requires that the development of new homes should be consistent with the pattern and form of development in the surrounding area. The TNP policies support the criteria.
H16 Protecting existing residential amenity	<b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy seeks to protect existing amenity and character of residential areas. Policy THN 18 supports the criteria.
H17 Keeping residential development away from pollution	<b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy does not allow residential development which will be impacted by existing noise, smell or other forms of pollution or hazardous installations. Policy THN 18 supports the criteria.
H18 Extensions to existing dwellings.	<b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The policy regulates the potential impact of extensions to homes. Policy THN 18 supports this approach.

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H19 Accommodation for special family needs.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy addresses how proposals for residential annexes in the countryside will be considered. The TNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL2 Development within special landscape areas.	<b>THN 11</b> – Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity	The local plan policy identifies matters that will be considered for development proposals in a Special Landscape Area. Policy THN 11 updates the policy and has regard to the locally produced evidence that refines the boundaries of the SLA and designates it as an Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity
CL3 Major utility installations and power lines in the countryside.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks the careful siting of major installations for utilities and power lines. The TNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL5 Protecting existing woodland.	<b>THN 14</b> - Biodiversity <b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy seeks to protect woodland, particularly ancient woodland. TNP supports this approach.
CL6 Tree preservation orders.	<b>THN 14</b> - Biodiversity	The local plan policy states that TPOs will be used to prevent the loss of important trees and woodland. TNP supports this approach.
CL8 Protecting wildlife habitats.	<b>THN 14</b> - Biodiversity <b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy protects important habitats and species. The TNP policies support this approach.
CL9 Recognised wildlife areas.	<b>THN 14</b> - Biodiversity <b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy will not allow development that would harm sites with a nature conservation interest. The TNP policies support the criteria.
CL11 Retaining high quality agricultural land.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy encourages the conservation of the best agricultural land. The TNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL12 The effects of severance upon existing farms.	No specific policies apply	The local plan provides for consideration of the impact of a development proposal on farm severance and fragmentation. The TNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL13 Siting and design of agricultural buildings.	<b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy requires proposals for farm buildings to have regard to visual amenity. Policy THN 18 supports this approach.
CL14 Use of materials for agricultural buildings and structures	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy requires materials chosen for such buildings to be sympathetic to their setting. The TNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL15 Livestock buildings and related development.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy restricts the siting of such buildings where they significantly intrude into the countryside. The TNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL16 Central grain stores, feed mills and other bulk storage buildings.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy restricts the siting of such buildings where they significantly intrude into the countryside. The TNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL17 Principles for farm diversification.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy enables changes of use for farm diversification subject to a number of criteria. The TNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL18 Changes of use for agricultural and other rural buildings to non-residential uses.	No specific policies apply	The local plan provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for converting agricultural buildings to non-agricultural uses. The TNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL19 Farm shops.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of farm shop proposals. The TNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL20 Garden centres.	No specific policies apply	The local plan provides criteria restricting the location of garden centres. The policies of

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		the TNP are compatible with this approach.
CL21 Facilities for horse riding.	No specific policies apply	The local plan provides criteria for considering proposals for the use of land for horse riding and the need to protect landscape, habitats and residential amenity. The policies of the TNP are compatible with this approach.
CL22 Advertisements in a countryside setting.	<b>THN 11</b> – Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity <b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy provides criteria for the siting of advertisement in the countryside. The policies of the TNP are compatible with the local plan policy.
CL24 Wind turbines in the countryside.	<b>THN 11</b> – Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity <b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy requires careful consideration of the siting of wind turbines to minimise visual impact. The policies of the TNP are compatible with the local plan policy.
E3 Warehousing, storage, distribution, and haulage depots.	No specific policies apply	The policy identifies how proposals for such uses will be considered, including in the countryside. The policies of the TNP do not conflict with the local plan approach.
E4 Protecting existing industrial/business areas for employment- generating uses.	No specific policies apply	The local plan prevents development within or adjacent to existing business areas that would prejudice their continued use. The TNP policies do not conflict with this approach.
E5 Change of use within existing industrial/commercial areas.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides for considering proposals for the change of use or new buildings for employment uses in existing employment areas. The TNP does not conflict with this approach.
E6 Retention of individual industrial and commercial sites.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy sets out how proposals for the change of use of existing employment sites will be considered. The TNP does not conflict with this approach.
E7 Non-conforming industrial uses.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy restricts the intensification of businesses that are inappropriate to the surroundings and encourages their relocation. The TNP does not conflict with this approach.
E8 Extensions to industrial and commercial premises.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides consideration as to how proposals for extensions to existing premises will be considered. The TNP policies do not conflict with this approach.
E9 Location of new businesses.	No specific policies apply	The local plan provides criteria for the consideration of the siting of new business premises. The TNP does not conflict with this approach.
E10 New industrial and commercial development in the countryside.	No specific policies apply	The local plan restricts the development of new industrial development in the countryside unless a need to locate it away from towns and village can be justified. The TNP does not conflict with this approach.
E11 Re-use and adaption of agricultural and other rural buildings for industrial or commercial use	No specific policies apply	The local plan supports such proposals subject to certain criteria. The TNP does not conflict with this approach.
E12 General principles for location, design and layout of industrial and commercial development.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location and design of new industrial and commercial development. The policies in the TNP do not conflict with this approach.
S3 Amusement centres.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location of amusement centres and does not

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		permit them in conservation areas. The policies in the TNP do not conflict with this approach.
S5 Living accommodation above shops and other commercial premises.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides for the creation of homes above shops. Although more appropriate to town centres, the TNP policies do not conflict with this approach.
S7 Provision of local shops.	<b>THN 20</b> – Protecting existing services and facilities	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of additional shopping floorspace within settlement boundaries. The policies in the TNP do not conflict with this approach.
S8 Shop front design.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides for how proposals for new shop fronts will be considered. The policies in the TNP do not conflict with this approach.
S9 Retaining traditional shop fronts.	No specific policies apply	The local plan seeks the retention of traditional shop fronts within conservation areas. The policies in the TNP do not conflict with this approach.
S10 Convenience goods stores.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for supermarkets will be considered. It is unlikely that such a proposal will be forthcoming in Thorndon but policies in the TNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
S11 Retail warehousing.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for retail warehouses will be considered. It is unlikely that such a proposal will be forthcoming in Thorndon but policies in the TNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
S12 Retail on industrial estates and commercial sites.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for retail on industrial estates will be considered. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
S13 Ancillary retail uses.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for ancillary uses will be considered. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T1 Environmental impact of major road schemes.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for assessing the benefits and impacts of major road schemes. No such schemes are currently proposed in the TNP area but policies in the TNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T4 Planning obligations and highways infrastructure.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy refers to the ability for developers to enter into Section 106 agreements to secure necessary highway improvements. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T6 Petrol filling station and other roadside services.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location of petrol filling station and roadside services. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T7 Provision of public car parking.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to provide adequate public car parks to meet identified needs. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T9 Parking standards.	<b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan states that development should accord with the adopted parking standards. Policy THN 18 supports this approach.
T10 Highway considerations in development.	<b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy sets out criteria for the consideration of highway matters. Policy THN 18 supports this approach.
T11 Facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.	<b>THN 18</b> – Design Considerations	The local plan policy seeks to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. Policy THN 18

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		supports this approach.
T12 Designing for people with disabilities.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to ensure that highways proposals have regard to the needs of people with disabilities. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T13 Bus services.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to locate new development in ways which support the network of bus services. The policies in the Neighbourhood Plan support this approach.
RT1 Sports and recreation facilities for local communities.	<b>THN 20</b> – Protecting existing services and facilities	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for new sport and recreation facilities. Policy B&R21 does not conflict with this approach.
RT2 Loss of existing sports and recreation facilities.	<b>THN 20</b> – Protecting existing services and facilities	The local plan policy seeks to protect existing facilities or ensure suitable replacement facilities are provided. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
RT3 Protecting recreational open space.	<b>THN 20</b> – Protecting existing services and facilities	The local plan policy safeguards recreational open space from development. Where development is allowed, suitable and equivalent provision should be made. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
RT4 Amenity open space and play areas within residential development.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy sets a standard for the provision of open space and play areas in large sites. The policies in the Neighbourhood Plan support this approach.
RT5 Recreational facilities as part of other development.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks, where appropriate to secure recreation facilities as part of an office, retail, commercial or mixed-use development. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT6 Sport and recreational facilities in the countryside.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of new or extensions of such facilities in the countryside. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT7 Noisy sports.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of the location of noisy sports. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT8 Motor sports.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of the location of motor sports. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT9 Facilities for air sports.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for air sports. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT10 Golf courses.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for golf courses. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT11 Facilities for informal countryside recreation	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals such as picnic areas and country parks. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT12 Footpaths and bridleways.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to maintain and improve the public rights of way network. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT13 Water-based recreation.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy supports the development of water-based recreation facilities subject to impact on the character and appearance of the countryside. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.

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RT14 Art in public places.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy encourages the provision of public art. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT16 Tourism facilities and visitor attractions.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location, design and scale of facilities and attractions. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT17 Serviced tourist accommodation.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for tourist accommodation will be considered. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT18 Touring caravan and camping sites.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for touring caravans and camping sites will be considered. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT19 Static caravans and holiday chalets.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for such accommodation will be considered. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
SC2 Septic tanks.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies when the use of septic tanks in development will be acceptable. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
SC3 Small sewage treatment plants.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals involving small scale sewage treatment plants will be considered. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
SC4 Protection of groundwater supplies.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to protect damage to and contamination of groundwater resources. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
SC6 Recycling centres.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to provide recycling centres within major development schemes. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach, although it is likely that such a major development would be contrary to the development plan.
SC7 Siting of telecommunications equipment	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to minimise the visual impact of telecommunications equipment including masts. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
SC8 Siting of new school buildings.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for new school buildings will be considered. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
SC9 Conversion of premises to residential homes	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the conversion of premises to residential homes. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
SC10 Siting of local community health services.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy supports the provision of local community health facilities in towns and village. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.
SC11 Accommodation for voluntary organisations.	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy supports the conversion of redundant public buildings for use by voluntary organisations for community facilities. Policies in the TNP would not conflict with this approach.

## 4. Compatibility with European Union Obligations and Human Rights

### Environmental Impact and Habitat Regulations

- 4.1 Section 4B 8 (2)(f) states that a draft Neighbourhood Plan will meet the basic conditions if, the making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations and the making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.
- 4.2 European Union Directive 2001/42/EC requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken for certain types of plan or programmes that would have a significant environmental effect. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the Regulations) that this is to be determined by a screening process which should use a specified set of criteria (set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations). The results of this process must be set out in a SEA Screening Statement, which must be publicly available
- 4.3 In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Regulations, Thorndon Parish Council requested Mid Suffolk District Council, as the responsible body, to consider whether an environmental assessment of the emerging Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan is required. The District Council subsequently made this determination following consultation with the statutory consultees. The determination is set out in reports "Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination" and the "Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan Habitats Regulations Screening Determination" both dated May 2020.
- 4.4 In line with Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) these documents are also submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council alongside the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

### Human rights and equality impact assessment

- 4.5 The overall purpose of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is to improve the quality of life for people living and working now and in the future in the parish from an environmental, social and economic point of view. The aims and policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have been formulated in response to local people's views and in the light of evidence gathered for the parish, in order to meet the needs expressed and address the issues identified. In order to confirm that the TNP does not have any unintended consequences for particular groups the strategic aims and the policies in the Plan have been systematically scrutinised to ensure that they do not disadvantage any potentially vulnerable groups. The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on all public authorities in the exercise of their functions to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity, and to foster good relations between persons who have a "protected characteristic" and those who do not. "Protected characteristics" are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
- 4.6 This section assesses the Submission Draft of the TNP to ensure that Thorndon Parish Council, as "qualifying body", is satisfying its statutory duties in this regard. An assessment has been made on whether the objectives and the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have a positive, negative or neutral impact on each of the protected characteristics. The purpose of each of the objective and the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are provided, and their likely impact on persons with protected characteristics is assessed.



## Impact of Objectives of Thorndon Neighbourhood Development Plan on Persons with Protected Characteristics

<b>TNP Objectives</b>		<b>Outcome for persons with certain protected characteristics</b>
Objective 1	Provide housing that meets the local needs of Thorndon	Broadly positive impact
Objective 2	Enable opportunities for the provision of affordable housing that meets the needs of those with a connection with Thorndon	Broadly positive impact
Objective 3	Encourage the incorporation of energy saving measures in new homes	Neutral impact
Objective 4	Protect and enhance the local landscape and significant views	Neutral impact
Objective 5	Maintain and improve the biodiversity assets of the parish	Neutral impact
Objective 6	Protect and enhance Thorndon's heritage assets	Neutral impact
Objective 7	Ensure new development is of a high-quality design and of a scale and design that reflects local character.	Broadly positive impact
Objective 8	Protect and enhance community facilities and services for the benefit and needs of Thorndon residents	Broadly positive impact
Objective 9	Address traffic speed and safety issues	Broadly positive impact
Objective 10	Protect and enhance the village public rights of way network	Broadly positive impact
Objective 11	Maintain and enhance transport services for those with limited car access	Positive impact

## Impact of Thorndon Neighbourhood Development Plan Policies on Persons with Protected Characteristics

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome for persons with certain protected characteristics</b>
THN 1	To set out the strategy for the location of growth in Thorndon during the plan period.	Broadly positive impact
THN 2	Identifies the amount of new housing growth that will take place in the neighbourhood area and how this growth will be delivered.	Broadly positive impact
THN 3	Allocates a site for housing development.	Neutral impact
THN 4	Allocates a site for housing development.	Neutral impact
THN 5	Allocates a site for housing development.	Neutral impact
THN 6	Allocates a site for housing development.	Neutral impact
THN 7	Allocates a site for housing development.	Neutral impact
THN 8	Provides a mechanism for the delivery of affordable housing to meet local needs.	Broadly positive impact
THN 9	Seeks to ensure that new housing is of a size to meet identified local needs	Broadly positive impact
THN 10	Identifies an area of local importance due to its high landscape quality.	Neutral impact
THN 11	Requires all new dwellings to meet minimum space standards	Neutral impact
THN 12	Reduces the potential for development to increase light pollution.	Neutral impact
THN 13	Designates green spaces that meet the NPPF criteria.	Broadly positive impact
THN 14	Provides criteria for the assessment of the potential impact of development on habitats and natural features.	Neutral impact
THN 15	Identifies built assets that are of local significance.	Neutral impact
THN 16	Enables the preservation and enhancement of the village's heritage assets.	Neutral impact
THN 17	Designates an area of important historic and natural character	Neutral impact
THN 18	Provides a range of criteria against which all development proposals will be assessed	Broadly positive impact
THN 19	Promotes the incorporation within development proposals of measures that reduce energy consumption.	Broadly positive impact
THN 20	Protects existing facilities from being lost and enables the provision of additional facilities	Broadly positive impact

4.7 Certain protected characteristics are not affected by the TNP, namely gender reassignment, race, religion, or sexual orientation. For persons with these characteristics, the Plan has a neutral effect. Where policies in the Plan would adversely affect persons with these protected characteristics, they would not be differently affected than persons without these characteristics. For example, if a person with these protected characteristics were disadvantaged by a policy, it would have the same consequence for a person without the protected characteristic who wished to do the same thing. Similarly, if a person with one of these protected characteristics were to benefit from a policy, it would have the same benefit for a person without the protected characteristic in the same circumstances.

## APPENDIX A Adopted development plan policies that do not apply to Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan

<b>Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008</b>	
CS8: Provision and Distribution of Housing	This policy was replaced by the Core Strategy Focused Review adopted in 2012
CS11: Supply of Employment Land	This policy was replaced by the Core Strategy Focused Review adopted in 2012
CS12: Retail Provision	The policy covers the identified town centres in Mid Suffolk. It does not apply to Thorndon.
<b>Mid Suffolk Local Plan 1998 Saved Policies</b>	
SB1 Directing new development to existing settlements	This is listed as a "saved policy" but has been superseded by the Core Strategy (2008) CS1 and CS2
GP2 Development Briefs	The policy applies to site allocations in the Local Plan. There are no sites allocated in the Thorndon NDP area.
GP4 Energy and resource conservation	This is listed as a "saved policy" but has been superseded by the Core Strategy (2008) CS3
HB7 Protecting gardens and parkland of historic interest	There are no such designations in the TNP area
HB8 Safeguarding the character of conservation areas	There is no conservation area in the TNP area
HB9 Controlling demolition in conservation areas	There is no conservation area in the TNP area
HB10 Advertisements in conservation areas	There is no conservation area in the TNP area
HB13 Protecting ancient monuments	There are no such designations in the TNP area
H2 Housing development in towns	Not appropriate to the TNP
H6 A regular supply of land	This is listed as a "saved policy" but has been superseded by the Core Strategy Focused Review (2012) FC2
CL23 After use of sites following mineral extraction.	There are no mineral extraction sites in the TNP area
E2 Industrial uses on allocated sites.	There are no allocated sites in the TNP area
S4 Avoiding the loss of residential accommodation.	Policy applies to principal shopping areas.
S6 Provision of office accommodation.	Policy applies to principal shopping areas.
T2 Minor highway improvements	The local plan policy notes that regard will be had to the content of schemes in the annual Transport Policies and Programme (TPP). The TPP is no longer published by highway authorities and therefore this policy is not relevant.
T5 Financial contributions to B1115 relief road.	Policy does not apply to TNP area
T8 Lorry parking facilities in towns	The policy does not apply to Thorndon.
T14 Rail services	The policy does not apply to Thorndon.
RT15 Safeguarding arts and entertainments venues.	The policy does not apply to Thorndon



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