



# Emberton Neighbourhood Plan

2019 to 2031

## Basic Conditions Statement

February 2023

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# 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This statement has been prepared by Emberton Parish Council in support of the formal submission of the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan to the Local Planning Authority, Milton Keynes City Council. The submission has been made under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, 2012 (as amended) and explains how the basic conditions of neighbourhood planning and other considerations as prescribed by Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 have been met.
- 1.2 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires that Neighbourhood Development Plans must meet the following basic conditions:
- (a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the order,
  - (b) having special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the order,
  - (c) having special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area, it is appropriate to make the order,
  - (d) the making of the order contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
  - (e) the making of the order 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 order does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, [F2retained EU obligations], and
  - (g) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the order and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order.
- 1.3 This Basic Conditions Statement addresses these requirements in Section 3.
- 1.4 The Emberton Neighbourhood Plan is supported by a Housing Site Assessment, Consultation Statement and this Basic Conditions Statement.

## 2. Background

2.1 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the Parish Council who are the designated qualifying body for the Neighbourhood Area covering the whole of the Parish of Emberton. The Neighbourhood Area was approved by Milton Keynes City Council on the 21 July 2016. The Neighbourhood Plan area can be seen below:

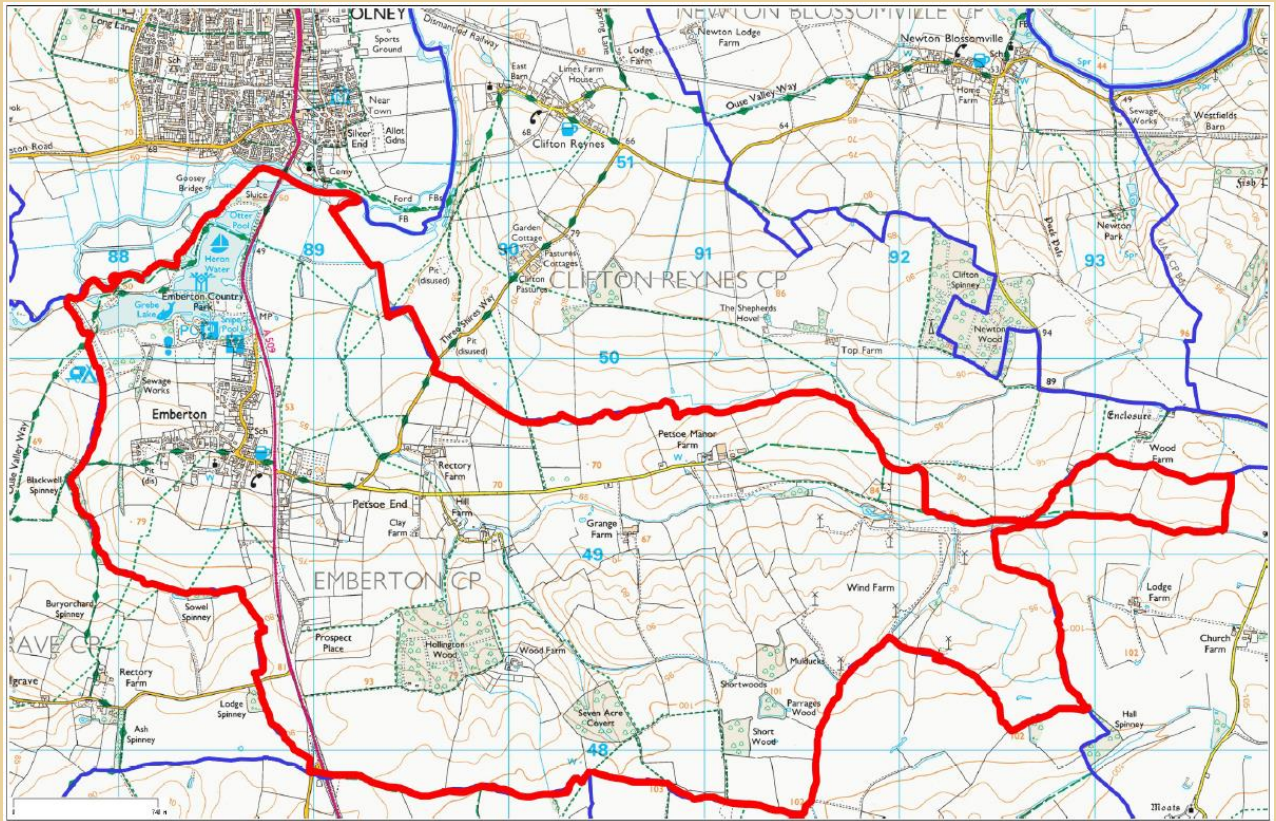


Figure 1: The designated Emberton Neighbourhood Plan area.

- 2.2 The decision to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan was made by the Parish Council in May 2017. A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) was formed by the Parish Council, comprising Parish Councillors and members of the local community.
- 2.3 Authority to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan was delegated to the NPSG to make day-to-day decisions on the content and policies. However, as the qualifying body, the Parish Council approved the Regulation 15 Submission Version Neighbourhood Plan on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- 2.4 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared having regard to the National Planning Policy Framework, July 2021, and the strategic policies of the Milton Keynes Local Plan 'Plan:MK', adopted on the 20th March 2019 covering the period to 2031.
- 2.5 The Parish Council has worked closely with officers of Milton Keynes City Council during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure the relationship between the Neighbourhood Plan and the policies of 'Plan:MK' have been properly understood. The Steering Group has also benefited from the professional planning and design advice of Chris Akrill BA (Hons) Dtp MRTPI of Town Planning Services Limited.

# 3. Assessment of the Basic Conditions

- 3.1 The following assesses the Neighbourhood Plan against the basic condition requirements contained within the Town Planning Act 1990, Schedule 4, Part 8.
- 3.2 having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the order

NP Policy	National Planning Policy Framework	Planning Practice Guidance	Comment
H1 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY	NPPF 119, NPPF 120	PPG 103 Reference ID: 41-103-20190509	Making effective use of land, protecting the open countryside, and promoting good design. Planning positively for the delivery of new homes. Environmental sustainability and achieving well-designed spaces.
H2 WINDFALL INFILL DEVELOPMENT	NPPF 71		Making effective use of land, protecting the open countryside, and promoting good design. Planning positively for the delivery of new homes. Environmental sustainability and achieving well-designed spaces.
H3 LAND AT HARVEY DRIVE	NPPF 69, NPPF 70		Planning positively for the delivery of new homes. Promoting good design and enhancement of the natural environment. Environmental sustainability and achieving well-designed spaces.

NP Policy	National Planning Policy Framework	Planning Practice Guidance	Comment
H4 INTEGRATION OF NEW HOUSING	NPPF 92		Encourages integration and promoting healthy and safe communities. Social sustainability and well-being.
BE1 BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT	NPPF 84, NPPF 85		Encouraging business and employment. Supporting a prosperous rural economy.
CD1 CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE	NPPF 190	PPG Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 18a- 005-20190723	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment and heritage assets.
CD2 HIGH QUALITY DESIGN	NPPF 126, NPPF 127, NPPF 130	PPG Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 26- 004-20191001	Promoting good, high-quality design. Achieving well-designed spaces.
CD3 CAR PARKING	NPPF 107		Promoting good, high-quality design. Achieving well-designed spaces.
HT1 TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND NEW DEVELOPMENT	NPPF 104		Reducing the impact of traffic on the village, encouraging well connected spaces and transport choices. Promoting sustainable transport.
E1 LOCAL GREEN SPACE	NPPF 98	PPG Paragraph: 006 Reference ID: 37- 006-20140306	Planning positively for the provision of community facilities. Promoting healthy and safe communities. Social sustainability.
E2 ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT	NPPF 174	PPG Paragraph: 006 Reference ID: 8- 006-20190721	Protection and enhancement of the natural environment and bio-diversity improvements.

NP Policy	National Planning Policy Framework	Planning Practice Guidance	Comment
			Environmental sustainability.
E3 TREES AND HEDGEROWS	NPPF 174		Protection of natural features and mitigation of bio-diversity lost from development. Environmental sustainability.
E4 DARK SKIES AND LIGHT POLLUTION	NPPF 185	PPG Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 31-001-20191101	Limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation
CFR1 MANAGING FLOOD RISK	NPPF 153, NPPF 154, NPPF 161	PPG Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 7-004-20220825	Promoting sustainable drainage schemes and the enhancement of the natural environment. Climate change and environmental sustainability.
CFR2 SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION	NPPF 152, NPPF 153		Support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate
CF1 COMMUNITY FACILITIES	NPPF 92, NPPF 93		Protecting community facilities for future generations. Promoting healthy and safe communities. Social sustainability.
CF2 : FORMER EMBERTON SCHOOL AND PLAYING FIELD	NPPF 92, NPPF 93		Protecting community facilities for future generations. Promoting healthy and safe communities. Social sustainability.

*(a) having special regard to the desirability of preserving any listed building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the order,*

3.3 The Neighbourhood Plan does not grant planning permission or have any proposals for development that affects a listed building or its setting. This basic condition does not apply, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Schedule 4, part 8 (3).

*(b) having special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of any conservation area, it is appropriate to make the order,*

3.4 The Neighbourhood Plan does not grant planning permission or have any proposals for development that affects the conservation area or its setting. This basic condition does not apply, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Schedule 4, part 8 (4).

*(c) the making of the order contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,*

3.5 The NPPF states in paragraph 7 that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. Achieving sustainable development means that the planning system has three overarching objectives, which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways (NPPF, Para. 8).

3.6 The strategic objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan comprise a balance of economic, social and environmental roles.

3.7 The economic role has been met by supporting the creation of new employment opportunities and businesses, through Policy BE1. Furthermore, the Neighbourhood Plan makes an allocation for new housing in the village, albeit at a modest scale, that will when constructed add to the local economy, Policy H3.

3.8 The social role includes the support for community facilities within the village, through Policy CFR1 and Policy CFR2. Encouragement is also given to improving access to the countryside, recognising the social benefits of engaging with the environment around us.

3.9 The environmental role has been delivered by the protection of the natural environment and historic environment, including the Conservation Area, Scheduled Ancient Monuments and Listed Buildings (Policy CD1). New development is required to demonstrate that good design (Policy CD2), energy efficiency, sustainable drainage, and minimising adverse impacts have been taken into account (Policy CFR1). The Neighbourhood Plan also includes policies that seek to deliver net gains to the biodiversity of the Parish and protect natural features such as mature trees and hedgerows (Policy E2 and Policy E3). Policy E4 also seeks to protect the dark skies within the Parish.



(d) *the making of the order 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),*

3.10 The strategic policies in the Development Plan are set out in the adopted Plan:MK, dated March 2019.

NP Policy	Plan M:K Policy	Comment
H1 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY	DS1, DS2, DS5	Settlement Hierarchy, Housing Strategy and Open Countryside.
H2 WINDFALL INFILL DEVELOPMENT	DS2	Housing Strategy.
H3 LAND AT HARVEY DRIVE	DS2, D2	Housing Strategy, Creating a Positive Character.
H4 INTEGRATION OF NEW HOUSING	DS2, SD1	Housing Strategy, Place Making Principles for Development.
BE1 BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT	DS3	Employment Development Strategy.
CD1 CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE	HE1	Heritage and Development.
CD2 HIGH QUALITY DESIGN	SD1, D1, D3	Place-Making Principles for Development, Designing a High-Quality Place, Design of Buildings.
CD3 CAR PARKING	CT2	Movement and Access.
HT1 TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND NEW DEVELOPMENT	CT2	Movement and Access.
E1 LOCAL GREEN SPACE	SD1, NE3	Place-Making Principles for Development, Biodiversity and Geological Enhancement.
E2 ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT	SD1, NE3	Place-Making Principles for Development,

NP Policy	Plan M:K Policy	Comment
		Biodiversity and Geological Enhancement.
E3 TREES AND HEDGEROWS	NE3	Biodiversity and Geological Enhancement.
E4 DARK SKIES AND LIGHT POLLUTION	NE6	Environmental Pollution Light
CFR1 MANAGING FLOOD RISK	SD1, FR1	Place-Making Principles for Development, Flood Risk
CFR2 SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION	SC1, SC3	Sustainable Construction, Low Carbon, and Renewable Energy Generation.
CF1 COMMUNITY FACILITIES	SD1, L2, CC3	Place-Making Principles for Development, Protection of Open Space and Existing Facilities, Protection of Community Facilities.
CF2 : FORMER EMBERTON SCHOOL AND PLAYING FIELD	SD1, L2, CC3	Place-Making Principles for Development, Protection of Open Space and Existing Facilities, Protection of Community Facilities.

(e) *the making of the order does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with retained EU obligations,*

- 3.11 Milton Keynes City Council have considered the Neighbourhood Plan to determine the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.
- 3.12 They have also addressed the need for Appropriate Assessment, in accordance with European Directive 92/43/EEC, commonly known as the Habitats Directive.

3.13 The requirement for a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) is set out in the “Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004”. There is also practical guidance on applying European Directive 2001/42/EC produced by the ODPM (now DCLG)<sup>1</sup>. These documents have been used as the basis for this screening report.

3.14 The assessment concluded that:

*"The Emberton Neighbourhood Plan will provide a planning policy framework to be used when considering planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area.*

*The Plan's effects are unlikely to have any significant impacts beyond the Neighbourhood Area and it is considered that overall the plan will not have significant effects on the environment. It is, therefore the opinion of Milton Keynes City Council that the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan does not need to be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment."*

3.15 A copy of the Screening Statement for SEA and Appropriate Assessment from Milton Keynes City Council dated May 2022 is appended to this document at Annex 1.

3.16 The Parish Council considers that the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan has had regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act 1998. The Plan has been subject to extensive engagement with those people local to the area who could be affected by its policies and their views have been taken into account in finalising the Plan.

*(f) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the order and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order.*

3.17 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the prescribed conditions set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and the Localism Act 2011.

## 4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the TCPA 1990 are considered to be met by the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan and all the policies contained therein.
- 4.2 It is therefore respectfully suggested to the Examiner that the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan complies with Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

Annex 1:

Screening Statement for Strategic  
Environmental Assessment and  
Appropriate Assessment

Milton Keynes City Council, April 2019

**Emberton Neighbourhood Plan**  
**Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report**  
**Appropriate Assessment Screening**  
**April 2022**

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 What is the screening opinion?**

1.2 This report has been produced to determine the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

1.3 This document also addresses the need for Appropriate Assessment, in accordance with European Directive 92/43/EEC, commonly known as the Habitats Directive.

**1.4 What is the Neighbourhood Plan trying to achieve?**

1.5 The Neighbourhood Area covers the whole of the Emberton Parish Council Area (see Appendix 1), which is a rural parish set in attractive landscape and with considerable heritage assets, including a conservation area and listed buildings.

1.6 The plan allocates two small housing allocations on the edge of the village, outside of the conservation area. The plan includes policies to protect the village's heritage.

1.7 The plan is available online on the Emberton Parish council website at:  
<https://www.embertonparishcouncil.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

**2. Policy context**

2.1 Plan:MK was formally adopted in March 2019. Plan:MK provides the statutory land use planning framework for Milton Keynes.

2.2 Although the Neighbourhood Plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Plan:MK, it can promote more development, but must not propose less. It will also provide a more local context to the non-strategic policies of the Local Plan.

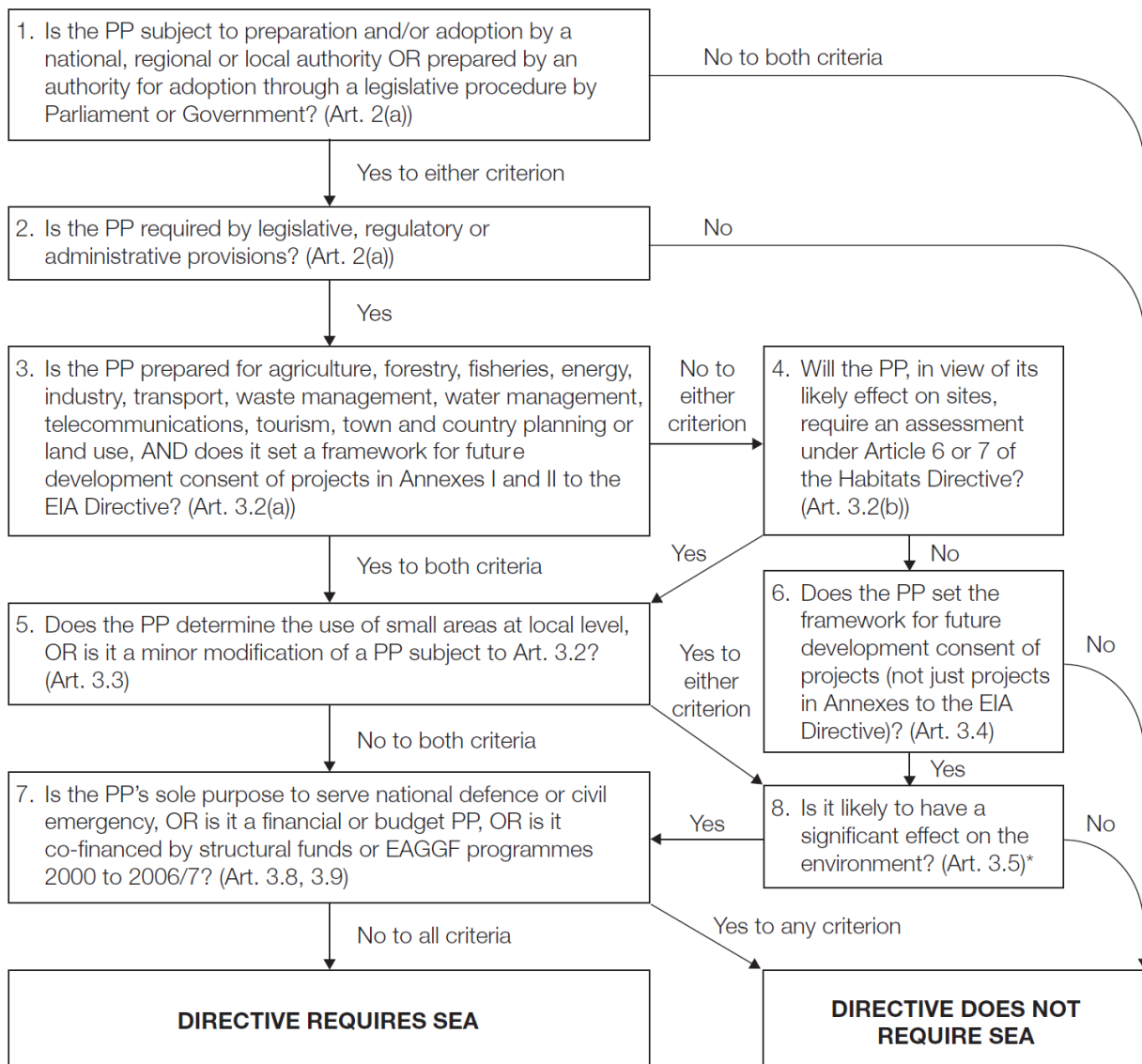
2.3 The Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to public consultation in accordance with the relevant regulations prior to its adoption.

### 3. SEA Screening

3.1 The requirement for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is set out in the “Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004”. There is also practical guidance on applying European Directive 2001/42/EC produced by the ODPM (now DCLG)<sup>1</sup>. These documents have been used as the basis for this screening report.

3.2 Neighbourhood Plans must be screened to establish whether or not they will require Strategic Environmental Assessment. The ODPM practical guidance provides a checklist approach based on the SEA regulations to help determine whether SEA is required. This guide has been used as the basis on which to assess the need for SEA as set out below.

Figure 1: Establishing the need for SEA



\*The Directive requires Member States to determine whether plans or programmes in this category are likely to have significant environmental effects. These determinations may be made on a case by case basis and/or by specifying types of plan or programme.

<sup>1</sup> A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (2005) (ODPM)

Figure 2: Establishing the need for SEA of the Neighbourhood Plan

Stage	Answer	Reason
<b>1. Is the NP 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 of Government? (Article 2(a))</b>	Yes	It will be prepared by the Parish Council and adopted by Milton Keynes Council under the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.
<b>2. Is the NP required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Article 2(a))</b>	Yes	Although there is no requirement to produce Neighbourhood Plans, they are subject to formal procedures and regulations laid down by national government. In light the European Court of Justice ruling in the Case C-567/10 it is considered that this means the NP is 'required'.
<b>3. Is the NP 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 to the EIA Directive? (Art. 3.2(a))</b>	No	The NP is prepared for town and country planning purposes but does not explicitly set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I or II of the EIA Directive.
<b>4. Will the plan in view of its likely effect on sites, require an assessment under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats directive?</b>	No	An Appropriate Assessment has been undertaken for Plan:MK and that has also concluded that the local plan will not require assessment under the Habitats Directive.  The relatively small level of additional development likely to arise from the Neighbourhood Plan means that it is unlikely to require an assessment under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive.
<b>6. Does the plan set the framework for future development consent of projects?</b>	Yes	The Neighbourhood Plan will provide a framework for future development consent of projects in the area.
<b>8. Is the NP likely to have a significant effect on the environment?</b>	See results of Figure 3: Determining the likely significance of effects	

Figure 3: Determining the likely significance of effects



<b>SEA Directive Annex II: Criteria for determining likely significance of effects referred to in Article 3(5)</b>		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>✓/x/ ?</b>	<b>MKC Comment</b>
<b><i>The characteristics of plans and programmes, having regard, in particular, to:</i></b>		
<b>1a) The degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources</b>	✓	The NP will set a framework for future development projects, in terms of location, nature and scale/size. However, the plan will need to be in general conformity with higher level plans so the scope of the plan to fully influence projects and activities is somewhat limited.
<b>1b) The degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy</b>	✓	The NP will form part of the statutory development plan for MK with the same status in decision making as development plan documents.
<b>1c) The relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development</b>	✓	Sustainable development will be at the heart of NPs and policies could make a significant contribution to promoting sustainable development, particularly ensuring any greenfield allocations are planned in a sustainable way.
<b>1d) Environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme</b>	X	None
<b>1e) The relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (e.g. plans and programmes linked to waste-management or water protection).</b>	X	The NP is unlikely to be directly relevant in regard to this criterion.
<b><i>Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:</i></b>		
<b>2a) The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects</b>	X	In the case of new land allocations it is highly probable that policies will lead to development that will have an irreversible impact on the environment. Aside from any new land allocations, any effects of the plan are likely to be reversible, as they will influence the general evolution of the townscape, which has been subject to ongoing change over 100s of years.
<b>2b) The cumulative nature of the effects</b>	X	The cumulative impacts of the effects of the plan on the environment are not expected to be any greater than the individual parts.
<b>2c) The trans-boundary nature of the effects</b>	X	Any impacts are only likely to be felt by the local area.
<b>2d) The risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents)</b>	X	It is unlikely that the nature of any development proposed would impact on human health. Any development is likely to be for housing and ancillary uses.

<b>2e) The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)</b>	X	The effects of the plan are unlikely to be felt in a spatial area wider than the plan area. The plan is also unlikely to affect any population outside the plan area.
<b>2f) The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: I. special natural characteristics or cultural heritage, II. exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values III. intensive land-use</b>	✓/?	The NP covers a rural area and the village contains a defined Conservation Area. The Plan includes design policies to preserve and enhance the heritage assets of the area.  Overall, it is considered that the value and vulnerability of the plan area is unlikely to be affected by those elements of the Neighbourhood Plan policies.
<b>2g) The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, community or international protection status</b>	X	There are no areas or landscapes with these designations in Milton Keynes.

#### 4. SEA Conclusion

- 4.1 The Emberton Neighbourhood Plan will provide a planning policy framework to be used when considering planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area.
- 4.2 The Plan's effects are unlikely to have any significant impacts beyond the Neighbourhood Area and it is considered that overall the plan will not have significant effects on the environment. It is, therefore the opinion of Milton Keynes Council that the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan does not need to be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment.

#### 5. Consultation on SEA Screening Opinion

- 5.1 The three statutory bodies for the purposes of SEA Screening are English Heritage, the Environment Agency and Natural England. The three bodies were consulted on the draft Screening Opinion and the following comments were received:

**Historic England:** On the basis of the information supplied, and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of 'SEA' Directive], Historic England concurs with the Council that the preparation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required.

**Environment Agency:** We agree with the conclusions that have been reached.

**English Nature:** It is our advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that, in so far as our strategic environmental interests (including but not limited to statutory designated sites, landscapes and protected species, geology and soils) are concerned, that there are unlikely to be significant environmental effects from the proposed plan.

**Natural England agrees with your conclusions, we do not feel that an SEA HRA is required.**

We have checked our records and based on the information provided, we can confirm that in our view the proposals contained within the plan will not have significant effects on sensitive sites that Natural England has a statutory duty to protect.

We are not aware of significant populations of protected species which are likely to be affected by the policies / proposals within the plan. It remains the case, however, that the responsible authority should provide information supporting this screening decision, sufficient to assess whether protected species are likely to be affected.

### **SEA Screening Conclusion**

**Having screened the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan and consulted with Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency, it is the view of Milton Keynes Council that the Plan's effects are unlikely to have any significant impacts beyond the Neighbourhood Area and it is considered that overall the Plan will not have significant effects on the environment. It is, therefore, concluded that the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan does not need to be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment.**

## **6. Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening**

- 6.1 Legal protection is afforded to habitats and species of European importance through Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and Wild Flora and Fauna - known as the 'Habitats Directive'. Articles 6(3) and 6(4) of the Habitats Directive require AA of plans to be undertaken. This involves assessing the contents of plans to ensure that their policies and proposals maintain the integrity of Natura 2000 sites. The assessment must determine whether the plan would adversely affect the nature conservation objectives of each site. Where negative effects can be identified, other options should be examined to avoid any potential damaging effects.
- 6.2 The application of the precautionary principle through the Habitats Directive means that plans can only be permitted once it is shown that there will be no adverse effect on the integrity of any Natura 2000 sites. In the rare case of there being no alternatives available or over-riding reasons of public interest why a plan needs to be implemented, plans that do have negative impacts may still be approved.

## **7. Screening for Appropriate Assessment**

- 7.1 The first stage in carrying out an Appropriate Assessment for the Habitats Directive is screening, by determining whether the plan is likely to have any significant effect on a European site, either alone or in combination with other plans and projects.
- 7.2 The Neighbourhood Plan will be in general conformity with Plan:MK which itself was screened for Appropriate Assessment. The screening process for Plan:MK demonstrated that Milton Keynes lies in an area void of any Natura 2000 sites. The nearest European site is the Chiltern Beechwoods to the south of the Borough although it was determined that the site would not be affected by Milton Keynes planning policy due to the distance of the site from Milton Keynes and there being no obvious impact pathways.
- 7.3 An Appropriate Assessment has been published for Plan:MK ([http://miltonkeynes.objective.co.uk/portal/planmk/plan\\_mk\\_submission/planmk\\_sa\\_hra?pointId=1510067377589](http://miltonkeynes.objective.co.uk/portal/planmk/plan_mk_submission/planmk_sa_hra?pointId=1510067377589)) which covers the period to 2031. This considers the impact of the Local Plan on the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA and concludes that "development in the Milton Keynes Local Plan will not have a likely significant effect on any internationally important wildlife sites either alone or in combination with other plans and projects. These conclusions are based on the findings of the AA screening which concludes that no Natura 2000 sites are located within the district and no impact pathways have been identified linking Natura 2000 sites outside of the district e.g. Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits SPA/Ramsar to development within Milton Keynes Borough. Therefore an Appropriate Assessment is not required."

**8. Appropriate Assessment Conclusion**

- 8.1 Given the role of Neighbourhood Plans and the scale of development likely to be proposed in the Emberton Neighbourhood Plan, it is considered that Appropriate Assessment of the plan is not required.

**9. Contact**

Further information can be obtained from:

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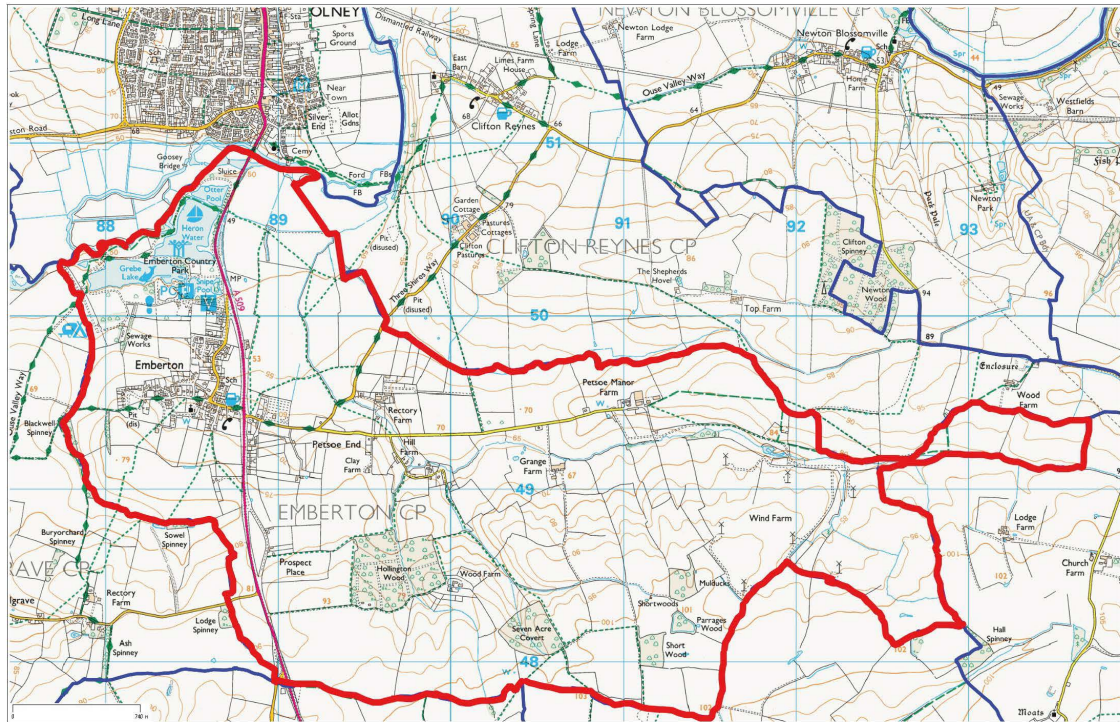
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# Appendix 1

## Map of Emberton Neighbourhood Area

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Emberton CP 



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