

Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan

Basic Conditions Statement

Prepared on the behalf of the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared by Modicum Planning Ltd on behalf of the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan Group (LSNPG) to accompany its submission to the local planning authority, South Norfolk Council, of the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan ("the NP") under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations").
- 1.2 The NP has been prepared by the LSNPG on the behalf of Long Stratton Town Council and Tharston and Hapton Parish Council. Long Stratton Town Council¹ is the qualifying body for the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan area. The area includes the entirety of the civil parish of Long Stratton and the south eastern section of Tharston and Hapton parish. See Figure 1 for a map of the designated NP area.
- 1.3 On the 4th April 2016, the Parish Council of Tharston and Hapton wrote to Long Stratton Parish Council confirming their agreement to parts of their parish being included in the Long Stratton NP area and for Long Stratton Parish Council to prepare this plan. Since this meeting, the LSNPG has comprised members from the parish council of Tharston and Hapton and updates on the progress of the Long Stratton NP group has been reported to the Tharston and Hapton parish council meetings.
- 1.4 The NP area was designated by South Norfolk Council on 8 June 2016 (see Appendix 1 to this report).
- 1.5 The submission version of the Long Stratton NP was agreed by Long Stratton Town Council on 14th December 2020 and Tharston and Hapton Parish Council on 9th December 2020.
- 1.6 The policies described in the NP relate to the development and use of land in the NP area. The plan period of the Neighbourhood Plan is 2019 - 2036 and it does not contain policies relating to excluded development in accordance with the Regulations.
- 1.7 The statement addresses each of the 'basic conditions' required by the Regulations and explains how the submitted NP meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act.
- 1.8 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that a draft neighbourhood development order meets the basic conditions if:
 - i. having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the order;
 - ii. the making of the order contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
 - iii. 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);
 - iv. the making of the order does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations; and

¹ Long Stratton Parish Council became a Town Council in May 2019.

- v. prescribed conditions are met in relation to the order and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order.

1.9 Schedule 2 to the Regulations also confirms that the following basic condition is prescribed for the purpose of paragraph 8(2) (g) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act (included as item v. above).

- *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*

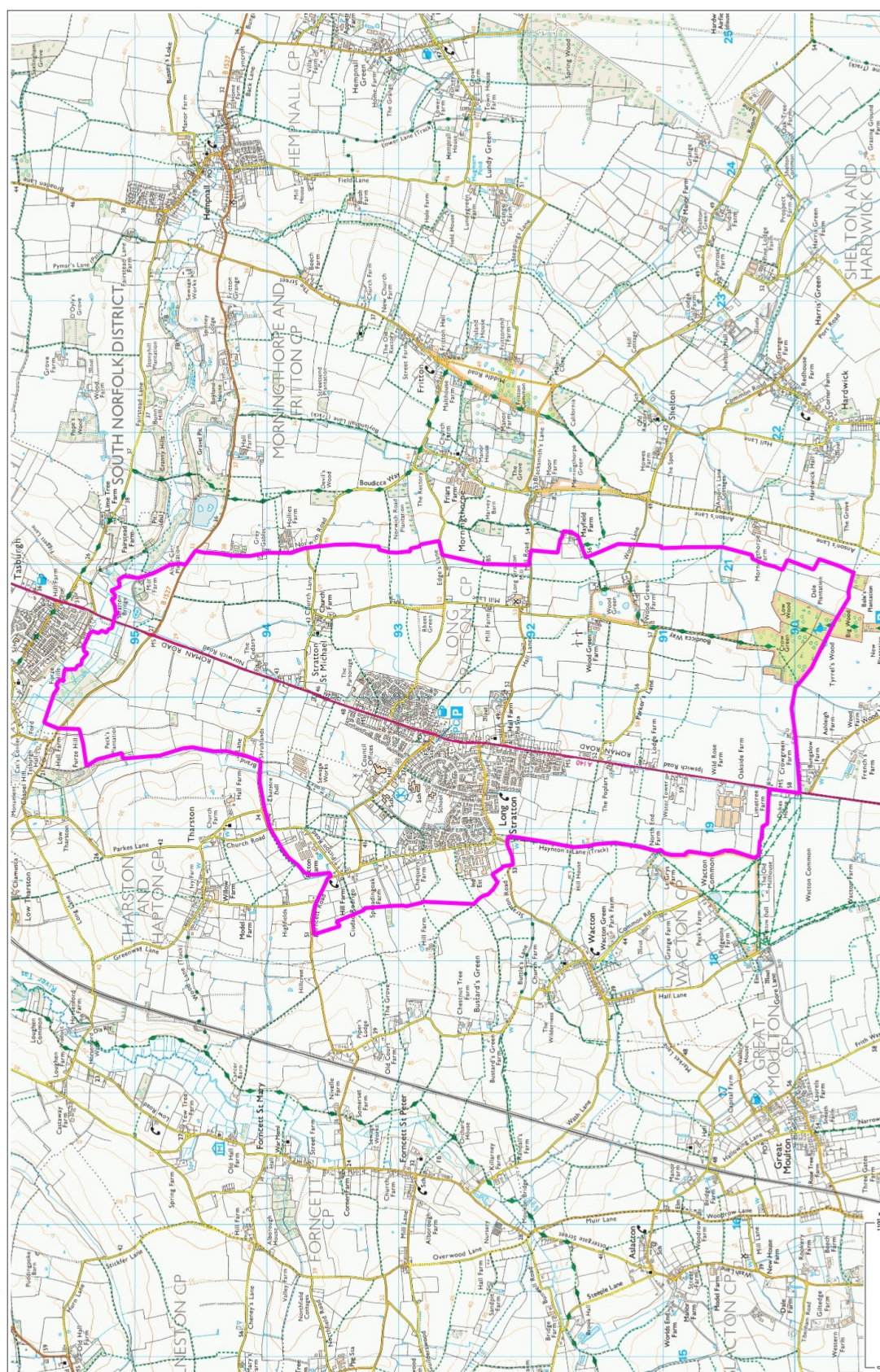
1.10 An overview of the NP is provided in section 2 of this report.

1.11 This document outlines how the NP meets all of the above basic conditions and addresses these requirements in five sections:

- Section 3 demonstrates the policies in the NP are appropriate having regard to national policies;
- Section 4 shows how the NP will contribute towards achieving sustainable development;
- Section 5 demonstrates the conformity of the NP with the Local Plan policies applicable in South Norfolk;
- Section 6 demonstrates compliance with the appropriate EU obligations including the SEA Directive and obligation relating to Human Rights; and
- Section 7 gives details of how 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*

2 An overview of the Neighbourhood Plan

2.1 The NP plan area is shown in Figure 2.1 below



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2.2 The NP contains a vision, seven themes, eight objectives, twenty-two planning policies and a further range of community aspirations (set out in standalone chapter 6). The NP vision and its underpinning elements are intended to address eight priorities and a further two cross-cutting priorities relating to climate change and sustainable development.

2.3 The NP Vision is:

"Long Stratton village will grow into a town but a village feel will be retained. Long Stratton will keep its close links to the surrounding countryside and the characterful feel of the enclosed historic centre will be strengthened not just as a result of reduced through-traffic but due to physical improvements which can take place once the by-pass has been built.

Our strong sense of place in the Neighbourhood Plan area will grow as the new development is designed sensitively and reflect Long Stratton and Tharston's existing characteristics. Pedestrian and cycle access between existing estates and the shops, services and areas of employment will be improved whilst the new development will be designed to encompass pedestrian and cycle access to the town centre. We will have a vibrant, mixed and balanced community. Our employment and business base will grow and diversify as the town takes on a more strategic role in the wider geographic area. New housing developments will provide a varied and wide housing choice ensuring the needs of existing communities will be met alongside those of future residents"

2.4 The seven NP themes and eight objectives are:

Table 2.1 Long Stratton NP Themes and Objectives

Theme	Objectives
A strong community	1. Housing that is built should be suitable for meeting needs of existing and future NP residents.
	2. Successful integration between new community and existing community
Design and character	3. A strong sense of place
Employment	4. Long Stratton's employment and business base will grow and diversify as it takes on a more strategic role in the wider market.
Town centre	5. Opportunities to enhance the town centre will be realised
Outdoor recreation, green infrastructure and biodiversity	6. Improve opportunities for green infrastructure and recreation in the NP area
	7 Infrastructure necessary to support the growing community will come forward in a timely manner
	8. The most technically advanced communication infrastructure to be in place to serve Long Stratton's growing resident and business community

2.5 Table 2.2 lists the 22 planning policies and a summary of these.

Table 2.2 The Long Stratton NP planning policies and a summary of what they do.**A strong community – housing policies**

Ref.	Name	What does this policy do?
LSNP SC1	Housing Mix	Require all proposals to include a mix of homes to meet the needs of Long Stratton's residents. The policy is underpinned by evidence prepared specifically for the NP, namely the local market assessment provided in the Long Stratton Housing Needs Assessment (AECOM 2017).
LSNP SC2	Specialist and Supported Housing	Again, informed by the Long Stratton Housing Needs Assessment, but also through discussions with South Norfolk Council, this policy highlights the important and opportunity for delivering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional specialist housing for the older generation in Long Stratton • Specialist and supported housing for people with disabilities.
LSNP SC3	Affordable homes meeting Long Stratton needs	This policy requires that a proportion of affordable homes being delivered as part of market sites will be prioritised for those residents with an existing close connection to Long Stratton.

A Strong Community – Successful integration between the new community and existing community

Ref.	Name	What does this policy do?
LSNP SC4	Pedestrian and cycle-friendly neighbourhoods	Policy requires all new schemes to be designed so as to facilitate easy and convenient access and movement for pedestrians and cyclists.
LSNP SC5	Maintaining good connectivity with outlying areas	Policy requires the continuation of good connectivity between Long Stratton and outlying hamlets. This policy is particularly relevant in the consideration of the location, design and layout of the by-pass.
LSNP SC6	Location of new Community Facilities	A policy supporting in principle new community facilities and requires that all such provision should be located where they can easily accessed by the communities they are intended to serve.

Design and Character Policies

Ref.	Name	What does this policy do?
LSNP DC7	Landscape and Settlement Character	A policy which requires all new development to be sympathetic to Long Stratton's landscape and built heritage character.
LSNP DC8	Creating successful neighbourhoods	This policy requires all residential development schemes to contribute positively to the quality of Long Stratton as a place.
LSNP DC9	Strengthening and enhancing Long Stratton's historic core	This policy requires that new schemes coming forward in or in the vicinity of the Long Stratton Conservation Area to conserve or reinforce the specific qualities of the existing historic environment.
LSNP DC10	Long Stratton Design Principles	This policy requires a design led approach be taken. The policy requires all schemes be guided by core principles established in the Long Stratton NP Design Guidelines. The policy also requires that development coming forward as part of the strategic site allocation (Policy LNGS 1 in the Area Action Plan) should also accord with principles established by the comprehensive area-

		wide design code prepared by a developers and as agreed by South Norfolk Council.
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Employment Policies:

Ref.	Name	What does this policy do?
LSNP E11	New Employment Uses in Tharston	This policy supports new employment uses at Tharston Industrial Estate subject to traffic impacts being assessed as acceptable and not adversely impacting pedestrian safety or amenity issues on the Flowerpot Lane/A140 junction.
LSNP E12	Training Long Stratton's work force	This is an aspirational policy encouraging planning proposals which facilitate the delivery of skills training or apprenticeship schemes to local people.
LSNP TC13	Re-establishing The Street at the heart of the town	<p>This policy seeks contributions towards the delivery of town centre environmental enhancements from development proposals coming forward as part of the strategic site allocation set out in Policy LNGS 1 in the Area Action Plan. The policy useful identifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • measures to improve the way pedestrians can move around the town centre; • measures to make the town centre more attractive; • measures to improve ease of movement for cyclists; and • measures focused on retaining or improving community facilities. <p>The policy is closely linked with the recommendations set out in the Long Stratton Masterplanning Report produced by AECOM in 2018.</p>
LSNP TC14	Long Stratton Market Place	This is an aspirational policy which supports the creation of a new market place in Long Stratton Town Centre.
LSNP TC15	The Fire Station and Telephone Exchange	This policy establishes some principles to be adhered to in the event that the Fire Station and Telephone Exchange site comes forward for development during the plan period up to 2036.

Outdoor recreation, green infrastructure, and biodiversity:

Ref	Name	What does this policy do?
LSNP GI16	Long Stratton Recreational Open Space standards	This policy requires provision to be made towards open space improvements as needed when new development proposals come forward. The policy is linked to the recent set of open space standards developed by South Norfolk Council in its 2018 Supplementary Planning Document.
LSNP GI17	Delivering Green Infrastructure in Long Stratton	<p>This policy identifies six priorities that should be adhered to when new green infrastructure is being provided in the plan area as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> maximising accessibility and connectivity for people relieving visitor pressure on ecologically sensitive sites in the plan area (Tyrrel's Wood, Wood Green) maintaining connectivity to the wider countryside protecting or strengthening existing locally characteristic features (greens, hedgerows, woodlands, ponds and landscape) maximising connectivity for wildlife promoting health and wellbeing.

LSNP GI18	Green Infrastructure Management	Establishes principles for the management of new green infrastructure provision
LSNP GI19	Protecting existing sites of Biodiversity Value	Identifies and protects the following sites as assets to biodiversity in the plan area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Tyrells Wood County Wildlife Site ii. Wood Green County Wildlife Site iii. Wet Meadow on Swan Lane iv. Area of grassland with pond and hedges behind the allotments

Indoor Community Infrastructure:

Ref.	Name	What does this policy do?
LSNP R20	Delivering a new Community Meeting Space in Long Stratton	Supports the provision of a new community meeting space in the vicinity of the town centre.
LSNP R21	A new swimming pool for a larger community	This is an aspirational policy which encourages proposals which would deliver a new public swimming pool in the plan area.

Superfast Broadband:

Ref.	Name	What does this policy do?
LSNP C22	Fibre to the premises	<p>A policy which establishes that all development coming forward as part of the strategic site allocation for 1,800 homes (as set out in Policy LNGS1 of the Area Action Plan) will be provided with superfast broadband via the provision of fibre infrastructure (as opposed to copper infrastructure) and Fibre to the Premises technology.</p> <p>All other proposals will benefit from this investment in infrastructure and will be required to facilitate provision of Fibre to the Cabinet on new build development.</p>

2.6 The eight priorities and a further two cross-cutting priorities relating to climate change and sustainable development which the NP vision, theme and objectives are seeking to address are:

- **Priority 1** - Address housing choice and seek to ensure new housing is suitable for meeting existing needs as well as needs of future residents (to address the fear identified in the early plan preparation stage that the new housing planned as part of the Area Action Plan will not be suitable for meeting Long Stratton specific needs).
- **Priority 2** - Be focused on retaining those characteristics that make Long Stratton special. This includes its rural feel, heritage and biodiversity assets (to manage the threat identified in early plan preparation stage that the current sense of identity and community will weaken when new development comes forward).
- **Priority 3** - Include planning policies on employment and residents have opportunity to develop skills needed (to address the threat identified in early plan preparation stage that the current sense of identity and community will weaken when new development comes forward and ensure the current local population are able to benefit from new employment growth identified in Policy LNGS2 in the Area Action Plan).

- **Priority 4** - Plan for successful integration of new communities with existing communities and plan for infrastructure to be provided alongside new development (to address the threat identified in early plan preparation stage that the current sense of identity and community will weaken when new development comes forward and address identified weaknesses regarding existing community infrastructure provision (overstretched doctors, no swimming pool, need for new or expanded community centre/village hall facilities, parking issues at shops, lack of leisure facilities and outdoor sports facilities).
- **Priority 5** - Highlight existing shortages in community infrastructure and highlight shortages anticipated as new development comes forward (to address the threat identified in early plan preparation stage that the current sense of identity and community will weaken when new development comes forward and address identified weaknesses regarding existing community infrastructure provision (overstretched doctors, no swimming pool, need for new or expanded community centre/village hall facilities, parking issues at shops, lack of leisure facilities and outdoor sports facilities).
- **Priority 6** - Look at improving accessibility to and from shops and services in the town centre (to address the weaknesses identified in early plan preparation regarding the A140).
- **Priority 7** - Provide more detail than the Long Stratton Area Action Plan (LSAAP) in terms of a vision for the town centre once the by-pass has come forward (to address the threat identified in early plan preparation stage that opportunities to improve the town centre will not be realised).
- **Priority 8** – Secure economic success in Long Stratton as the settlement grows. This priority is linked to Priority 3 and 4 and reflects Long Stratton’s economic role in relation to Norwich but also in relation to its ‘market town’ role with respect to its surrounding rural hinterland.

2.7 In addition to the eight priorities above, the Neighbourhood Plan also identifies two cross-cutting priorities two reflect key commitments implied by the basic conditions.

- **Cross Cutting Priority A:** - Take a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change (as required by paragraph 149 of the NPPF).
- **Cross Cutting Priority B:** - Contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development (as required by the basic conditions but also by reference to paragraph 16 of the NPPF).

3 How the NP policies are appropriate having regard to national policies and guidance

- 3.1 It is required that the NP policies are appropriate having regard to national planning policy. This is principally provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published in February 2019 but also provided by planning practice guidance.
- 3.2 The NPPF provides a framework within which local communities can produce neighbourhood development plans for their area and sets out how planning should help achieve sustainable development.
- 3.3 This section demonstrates that the NP has regard to the relevant policies in the NPPF in relation to:
- Achieving sustainable development (NPPF Chapter 2)
 - Plan-making (NPPF Chapter 3)
 - Decision-making (NPPF Chapter 4)
 - Delivering a sufficient supply of homes (NPPF Chapter 5)
 - Building a strong, competitive economy including Supporting a prosperous rural economy (NPPF Chapter 6)
 - Ensuring the vitality of town centres (NPPF Chapter 7)
 - Promoting healthy and safe communities (NPPF Chapter 8)
 - Promoting sustainable transport (NPPF Chapter 9)
 - Supporting high quality communications (NPPF Chapter 10)
 - Making effective use of land (NPPF Chapter 11)
 - Achieving well-designed places (NPPF Chapter 12)
 - Protecting Green Belt land (NPPF Chapter 13)
 - Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change (NPPF Chapter 14)
 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment (NPPF Chapter 15)
 - Conserving and enhancing the historic environment (NPPF Chapter 16)
- 3.4 Table 3.1 demonstrates how the Long Stratton NP objectives and policies relate to the principal goals set out in the NPPF.

Table 3.1: Neighbourhood Plan objectives and the NPPF goals they seek to address.

NP Objective and relevant NP policies	Relevant NPPF chapters
<p>1. Housing that is built should be suitable for meeting needs of existing and future NP residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy SC1 – Housing Mix - Policy SC1 – Specialist and Supported Housing - Policy SC3 – Affordable Homes meeting Long Stratton needs 	<p>Chapter 5: delivering a sufficient supply of homes.</p> <p>Commentary: the LSNP does not allocate new sites in addition to the strategic site allocation set out in the LSAAP for 1,800 new homes. However, the NP housing policies (which themselves are informed by the Long Stratton Housing Needs Assessment) are consistent with paragraph 61 in the NPPF which states "... the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies".</p>

NP Objective and relevant NP policies	Relevant NPPF chapters
<p>2. Successful integration between new community and existing community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy SC4 – Pedestrian and Cycle Friendly neighbourhoods - Policy SC5 – Maintaining good connectivity with outlying areas - Policy SC6 – Location of New Community Facilities - Also see Policy R20 – Delivering a new community meeting space in Long Stratton 	<p>Chapter 9: Promoting sustainable transport Commentary: Policy SC4 is consistent with Paragraph 110 of the NPPF which states that development should “give priority first to pedestrian and cycle movements, both within the scheme and with neighbouring areas”</p> <p>Chapter 12: Achieving well-designed places Policy SC5 is consistent with Paragraph 125 of the NPPF which states that NPs can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area. In this particular case the footpath network surrounding Long Stratton and reaching out to outlying hamlets is one of these valued features.</p> <p>Chapter 8: Promoting health and safe communities.</p> <p>Commentary: Policy SC5 is consistent with paragraph 98 of the NPPF which states that planning policies should protect and enhance public rights of way and access.</p> <p>Policies SC6 and R20 are consistent with paragraph 92a) that states planning policies should plan positively for the provision community facilities.</p>
<p>3. A strong sense of place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy DC7 – Landscape and Settlement Character - Policy DC8 – Creating successful neighbourhoods - Policy DC9 Strengthening and enhancing Long Stratton’s historic core - Policy DC10 – Long Stratton Design Principles - Also Policy GI19 – Protecting Existing sites of Biodiversity Value in the Plan area. 	<p>Chapter 15. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment. Commentary: Policy DC7 and Policy GI19 are consistent with paragraph 170 of the NPPF which states planning policies should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, sites of biodiversity value and by recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside.</p> <p>Chapter 12 Achieving well-designed places Commentary: Policies DC7 and DC10 are consistent with paragraphs 124, 125, 126, 127, 128 and 130 of the NPPF.</p> <p>Chapter 16: Conserving and enhancing the historic environment Commentary. Policy DC9 is consistent with paragraph 185 of the NPPF.</p>
<p>4. Long Stratton’s employment and business base will grow and diversify as it takes on a more strategic role in the wider market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy E11 – New employment uses in Tharston 	<p>Chapter 6: Building a strong, competitive economy.</p> <p>The NP as a whole embraces the potential and opportunities for economic growth in the plan area to reflect not only its status as a town but a town within a large rural hinterland. This is reflected in both the NP vision and the wording of this objective. This objective is consistent with paragraph 81 of the NPPF which states planning policies should set out a clear economic vision and strategy which positively and proactively encourages sustainable</p>

NP Objective and relevant NP policies	Relevant NPPF chapters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy E12 – Training Long Stratton’s local workforce 	<p>economic growth. Policy E11 is consistent with paragraph 80 of the NPPF which states that planning policies should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt. Policy E12 is appropriate having regard to paragraph 81c) of the NPPF which states that policies should seek to address potential barriers to investment (this case being access to a skilled workforce).</p> <p>Chapter 2: Achieving sustainable development Policy E12 is focused on ensuring the workforce in Long Stratton may also benefit from increased Job opportunities in the plan area. This is consistent with overarching goals for sustainable development set out in Paragraph 8 a) “to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy” and also Paragraph 8b) “to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities...”</p>
<p>5. Opportunities to enhance the town centre will be realised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy TC13 – Re-establishing The Street as the heart of the Town - Policy TC14 – Long Stratton Market Place - Policy TC15 – The Fire Station and Telephone Exchange. 	<p>Chapter 7: Ensuring the vitality of town centres Commentary: this objective, together with these three planning policies are very much about supporting the role that Long Stratton plays and has the potential to play at the heart of the community. Policy TC14 chimes with Paragraph 85c of the NPPF which states planning policies should “<i>retain and enhance existing markets, and, where appropriate, re-introduce or create new ones</i>”</p> <p>Chapter 8: Promoting healthy and safe communities Commentary: this objective is also consistent with paragraph 91 of the NPPF which states policies should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which promote social interaction for example through “strong neighbourhood centres” and “street layouts that allow for easy pedestrian and cycle connections within and between neighbourhoods”.</p>
<p>6. Improve opportunities for green infrastructure and recreation in the NP area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy GI16 – Long Stratton Recreational Open Space standards - Policy GI17 Delivering Green Infrastructure in Long Stratton - GI18 – Green Infrastructure Management - GI19- Protecting Existing sites of biodiversity value in the plan area 	<p>Chapter 8. Promoting health and safe communities</p> <p>Commentary: Policies GI16, GI17 and GI18 are consistent with paragraphs 96 and 97 of the NPPF.</p> <p>Chapter 15. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment Policy GI19 is consistent with paragraph 170 a) of the NPPF.</p>
<p>7 Infrastructure necessary to support the growing</p>	<p>Chapter 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities. Commentary:</p>

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<p>community will come forward in a timely manner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy R20 Delivering a new Community Meeting Space in Long Stratton - R21 – A new swimming pool for a larger community 	<p>Policies R20 and R21 are consistent with paragraph 91 of the NPPF where it states planning policies should aim to enable and support health lifestyles, through inter alia, sports facilities. They are also consistent with paragraph 92 that states planning policies should plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces including meeting spaces.</p>
<p>8. The most technically advanced communication infrastructure to be in place to serve Long Stratton's growing resident and business community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy C22 - Fibre to the Premises 	<p>Chapter 10: Supporting high quality communications</p> <p>This objective and policy is consistent with paragraph 112 of the NPPF in particular where it states <i>"Policies should set out how high quality digital infrastructure, providing access to services from a range of providers, is expected to be delivered and upgraded over time; and should prioritise full fibre connections to existing and new developments (as these connections will, in almost all cases, provide the optimum solution)."</i></p>

3.5 Table 3.2 identifies the NPPF primary principles and explores how the NP policies are appropriate having regard for these.

Table 3.2: NPPF Primary Principles and how the Neighbourhood Plan Policies are appropriate having regard to these.

NPPF primary principles	Relevant NP policies	How the draft NP has regard to the NPPF
<p>Chapter 2 – Achieving Sustainable Development</p> <p>Achieving sustainable development means that the planning system has three overarching objectives, which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an economic objective; - a social objective; and - an environmental objective <p>"The application of the presumption has implications for the way communities engage in neighbourhood planning. Neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies contained in local plans or spatial development strategies; and should shape and direct development that is outside of these strategic policies"</p>	All	<p>Economic Goal: The Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan works within the strategic context established by the 2016 Area Action Plan that includes a strategic site allocation for 1,800 new homes in the plan. The plan focuses on ensuring this growth can happen successfully by prioritising the growth and diversification of Long Stratton's employment and business base as it takes on a more strategic role in the wider regional area and by prioritising the success of Long Stratton town centre, especially once the bypass has been built.</p> <p>Social Goal: A key principle underpinning the Long Stratton NP is to ensure the existing Long Stratton community will also benefit from the housing that is built recognising the existing Long Stratton need for housing (as evidenced in the Long Stratton housing needs assessment) and existing need for more affordable homes. This will assist with successful integration of new and existing</p>

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		<p>neighbourhoods. The Long Stratton NP identifies additional community infrastructure items (e.g. a new centrally located Community meeting space or hub to address a range of existing but growing demand from community groups and services including the library) which it considers essential for the delivery of successful places. Key to the creation of successful communities is maintaining and enhancing sense of place. The policies underpinning theme Design and Character are focused on addressing this priority.</p> <p>Environmental Goal: Whilst the strategic context provided by the Long Stratton Area Action Plan is one of growth, the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan does prioritise the delivery of development which accords with sustainability principles (see Policy DC10) as provided in the Long Stratton Design Principles document. The Neighbourhood Plan has also identified existing areas within the plan area which are important for biodiversity and seeks to protect them as well as seeking to secure and enhance existing green infrastructure.</p>
Chapter 3 Plan Making: Planning should be genuinely planned. Succinct and up to date plans should provide a positive vision for the future of each area; a framework for addressing housing needs and other economic, social and environmental priorities; and a platform for local people to shape their surroundings.	All	The NP includes a positive vision for the plan area and takes into account the growth that is planned and allocated in the higher-level plan the Long Stratton Area Action Plan. The Long Stratton NP seeks to shape this development in a way which reflect community priorities as expressed in the consultation process and is appropriate having regard to Long Stratton specific evidence set out in the housing needs assessment and the Long Stratton Design Principles document.
Chapter 3: Plan Making. "Neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area. Neighbourhood plans can shape, direct and help deliver sustainable development, by influencing local planning decisions as part of the statutory development plan. Neighbourhood plans should not promote less development than set		The community has been fully involved in developing the NP vision, themes and objectives. The NP includes a positive vision for the plan area and takes into account the growth that is planned and allocated in the higher-level plan the Long Stratton Area Action Plan. The Long Stratton NP seeks to shape this development in a way which reflect community priorities as expressed in the consultation process and is appropriate having regard to Long Stratton specific

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<p>out in the strategic policies for the area or undermine those strategic policies."</p> <p>"Plans should set out the contributions expected from development. This should include setting out the levels and types of affordable provision required along with other infrastructure (such as that needed for education, health, transport, flood and water management, green and digital infrastructure). Such policies should not undermine the deliverability of the plan."</p>		<p>evidence set out in the housing needs assessment and the Long Stratton Design Principles document.</p>
<p>Chapter 4: "Planning obligations must only be sought where they meet all of the following tests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; - directly related to the development; and - fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development 	<p>E12 TC13 R20</p>	<p>The policies in the plan take into account the requirements set out in paragraph 56 of the NPPF.</p>
<p>Chapter 5: Delivering a sufficient supply of homes</p> <p>"strategic policies should also set a housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas which reflects the overall strategy for the pattern and scale of development and any relevant allocations"</p> <p>"Neighbourhood planning groups should also consider the opportunities for allocating small and medium sized sites suitable for housing in their area"</p>	<p>Policy SC1 Policy SC1 Policy SC3</p>	<p>The LSNP does not allocate new sites in addition to the strategic site allocation set out in the LSAAP for 1,800 new homes. However, the NP housing policies (which themselves are informed by the Long Stratton Housing Needs Assessment) are consistent with paragraph 61 in the NPPF which states "... the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies".</p>
<p>Chapter 6: Building a strong, competitive economy</p> <p>Planning policies and decisions should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt.</p>	<p>Policy E11 Policy E12</p>	<p>The NP as a whole embraces the potential and opportunities for economic growth in the plan area to reflect not only its status as a town but a town within a large rural hinterland. This is reflected in both the NP vision and the wording of this objective. This objective is consistent with paragraph 81 of</p>

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<p>Planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks...</p> <p>The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.</p>	<p>Policy GI17</p> <p>GI18</p> <p>R20</p> <p>R21</p>	<p>through "strong neighbourhood centres" and "street layouts that allow for easy pedestrian and cycle connections within and between neighbourhoods".</p> <p>Policies GI16 'Long Stratton Open Space Standards', GI17 'Delivering Green Infrastructure in Long Stratton' and GI18 'Green Infrastructure Management' are consistent with paragraphs 96 and 97 of the NPPF.</p> <p>Policies R20 'Delivering a new Community Meeting Space in Long Stratton' and R21 'A new swimming pool for a larger community' are consistent with paragraph 91 of the NPPF where it states planning policies should aim to enable and support health lifestyles, through inter alia, sports facilities. They are also consistent with paragraph 92 that states planning policies should plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces including meeting spaces.</p>
<p>Chapter 9: Promoting sustainable transport</p> <p>Transport issues should be considered from the earliest stages of plan-making and development proposals so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the potential impacts of development on transport networks can be addressed b) opportunities from existing or proposed transport infrastructure, and in changing transport technology and usage, are realised- for example in relation to the scale, location or density of development that can be accommodated c) opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport are identified and pursued; d) the environmental impacts of traffic and transport infrastructure can be 	<p>Policy SC4</p>	<p>The town centre objective 'Opportunities to enhance the town centre will be realised' is consistent with the policies in Chapter 9 of the NPPF. This is because an important element of the town centre objective is about improving the attractiveness of the town centre for pedestrians and cyclists and it is about anticipating the unique opportunities presented to the community once the planned by-pass has been built. The measures set out in Policy TC13 'Re-establishing the Street as the heart of the community' specifically itemises measures which would result in improving the town centre environment for pedestrians and cyclists. This policy is informed by the Long Stratton Town Centre Masterplanning document.</p> <p>Elsewhere in the plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy SC4 'Pedestrian and cycle-friendly neighbourhoods', (which applies in other areas of the plan area) is consistent with Paragraph 110 of the NPPF which states that

NPPF primary principles	Relevant NP policies	How the draft NP has regard to the NPPF
<p>identified, assessed and taken into account – including appropriate opportunities for avoiding and mitigating any adverse effects, and for net environmental gains; and</p> <p>e) patterns of movement, streets, parking and other transport considerations are integral to the design of schemes, and contribute to making high quality places</p>		<p>development should “give priority first to pedestrian and cycle movements, both within the scheme and with neighbouring areas”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy E11 ‘New Employment Uses in Tharston’ takes into account the concerns (reflected through community consultation and the Long Stratton Town Centre Masterplanning document) with respect to pedestrian safety at the junction of Flowerpot Lane and the A140 junction and requires this to be a key consideration in any proposals at the Tharston Industrial Site and land west of Tharston Industrial Site. The policy supports employment uses at these sites so long as they will not result in additional usage of this junction by HGV traffic.
Chapter 10: Supporting High Quality Communications	C22	<p>The LSNP objective ‘The most technically advanced communication infrastructure to be in place to serve Long Stratton’s growing resident and business community’ and policy C22 ‘Fibre to the Premises’ is consistent with Paragraph 112 of the NPPF where it states <i>“Policies should set out how high quality digital infrastructure, providing access to services from a range of providers, is expected to be delivered and upgraded over time; and should prioritise full fibre connections to existing and new developments (as these connections will, in almost all cases, provide the optimum solution).”</i></p>
<p>Chapter 11: Making effective use of land</p> <p>Planning policies and decisions should promote an effective use of land in meeting the need for homes and other uses, while safeguarding and improving the environment and ensuring safe and healthy living conditions</p>	Policy TC15	<p>Whilst, the NP policies do not conflict with the policies set out in Chapter 11 of the NPPF, the policies are not generally directly applicable to this chapter. Policy TC15 <i>The Fire Station and Telephone Exchange</i> has the most relevance as it anticipates that at some point in the plan period the site may no longer be needed by the current occupier. The NP takes a proactive stance by clarifying what would be supported in the event that this happens. This approach is consistent with Paragraph 118d) in the NPPF.</p>
<p>Chapter 12: Achieving well-designed places</p> <p>The creation of high-quality buildings and places is fundamental to what</p>	<p>Policy DC7</p> <p>Policy DC8</p> <p>Policy DC10</p>	<p>Policies DC7 ‘Landscape and Settlement Character’, DC8 ‘Creating successful neighbourhoods’ and DC10 ‘Long Stratton Design Principles’ are consistent with</p>

NPPF primary principles	Relevant NP policies	How the draft NP has regard to the NPPF
<p>the planning and development process should achieve.</p> <p>Neighbourhood plans can play an important role in identifying the special qualities of each area and explaining how this should be reflected in development.</p>		<p>paragraphs 124, 125, 126, 127, 128 and 130 of the NPPF.</p> <p>These policies are supported by Long Stratton specific evidence set out in the Long Stratton Design Principles Document (prepared by AECOM), the Long Stratton Conservation Area Character Appraisal and the South Norfolk Place Making Guide 2012.</p>
Chapter 13: Green Belt		No green belt in Long Stratton.
<p>Chapter 14: Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change</p> <p>Support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate, taking full account of flood risk and coastal change. It should help to: shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience; encourage the reuse of existing resources, including conversion of existing buildings, and support renewable or low carbon energy and associated infrastructure</p>	<p>Policy DC10 –</p> <p>Policy GI19</p> <p>Policy GI16</p> <p>Policy GI17</p> <p>GI18 –</p> <p>Policy SC4</p> <p>Policy SC6</p>	<p>Whilst there are areas of flood risk in the NP area, there are no specific flood related policies in the NP and instead, applications will need to comply with Local Plan and NPPF policies with respect to flood risk.</p> <p>The Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan is very much focused on reducing the need to travel by private vehicles through appropriate location of community uses (Policy SC6 Location of New Community Facilities) and improving pedestrian and cycle links in the town centre (Policy TC13 – Re-establishing The Street as the heart of the Town) and securing good pedestrian and cycle connections as part of new development (Policy SC4 Pedestrian and Cycle Friendly neighbourhoods), with particular regard for the strategic site allocation for 1,800 new homes. With regards to the town centre the emphasis is very much on improving the safety and street scene environment (including tree planting and greening the urban environment) along and in the vicinity of the Street. Outside the town centre, the emphasis is on ensuring new community facilities are located where residents can access them through public transport, walking or cycling. The protection and enhancement of green infrastructure to benefit both people but also biodiversity is the subject of policies under theme Outdoor recreation, biodiversity and open space.</p> <p>Chapter 6 in the Neighbourhood Plan includes a community aspiration to work with stakeholders to seek a renewable energy scheme in the plan area where the schemes does not impact adversely on landscape character and where schemes deliver</p>

NPPF primary principles	Relevant NP policies	How the draft NP has regard to the NPPF
		community benefits such as tariffs from the energy generated.
Chapter 15. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment	Policy GI19 Protecting existing sites of biodiversity value in the plan area.	Policy GI19 is consistent with paragraph 170 a) of the NPPF and also paragraph 170 d) of the NPPF.
Chapter 16. Conserving and Enhancing the historic environment Heritage assets range from sites and buildings of local historic value to those of the highest significance, such as World Heritage Sites which are internationally recognised to be of Outstanding Universal Value. These assets are an irreplaceable resource and should be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of existing and future generations.	DC9	Policy DC9 'Strengthening and enhancing Long Stratton's historic core' is consistent with paragraph 185 of the NPPF.
Chapter 17. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals		This chapter has limited relevance to the contents of the Long Stratton NP. There are no areas of conflict

4 How the Neighbourhood Plan contributes towards the achievement of sustainable development

- 4.1 The NPPF states in paragraph 11 that plans and decisions should apply a presumption in favour of sustainable development.
- 4.2 Paragraph 8 of the NPPF explains that to achieve sustainable development the planning system has three overarching objectives (economic, social and environmental) which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways.

The three overarching objectives in the planning system as defined in the NPPF:	
An economic objective	<i>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</i>
A social objective	<i>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</i>
An environmental objective	<i>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.</i>

- 4.3 Table 4.1 below provides an overview as to how the plan as whole contributes towards the sustainable development goals as defined in the NPPF.

Table 4.1 How the Neighbourhood Plan contributes towards the achievement of sustainable development (as defined by the NPPF)

The Sustainable Development Goals	NP Dimension
Economic	The Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan works within the strategic context established by the 2016 Area Action Plan that includes a strategic site allocation for 1,800 new homes in the plan. The plan focuses on ensuring this growth can happen successfully by prioritising the growth and diversification of Long Stratton's employment and business base as it takes on a more strategic role in the wider regional area and by prioritising the success of Long Stratton town centre, especially once the bypass has been built.
Social	A key principle underpinning the Long Stratton NP is to ensure the existing Long Stratton community will also benefit from the housing that is built recognising the existing Long Stratton need for housing (as evidenced in the Long Stratton housing needs assessment) and existing need for more affordable homes. This will assist with successful integration of new and existing neighbourhoods. The

The Sustainable Development Goals	NP Dimension
	Long Stratton NP identifies additional community infrastructure items (e.g. a new centrally located Community meeting space or hub to address a range of existing but growing demand from community groups and services including the library) which it considers essential for the delivery of successful places. Key to the creation of successful communities is maintaining and enhancing sense of place. The policies underpinning theme Design and Character are focused on addressing this priority.
Environmental	Whilst the strategic context provided by the Long Stratton Area Action Plan is one of growth, the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan does prioritise the delivery of development which accords with sustainability principles (see Policy DC10) as provided in the Long Stratton Design Principles document. The Neighbourhood Plan has also identified existing areas within the plan area which are important for biodiversity and seeks to protect them as well as seeking to secure and enhance existing green infrastructure.

- 4.4 Table 4.2 below provides an analysis as to how individual NP policies contribute towards achieving the sustainable development goals in the NPPF.

Table 4.2 An analysis of the NP policies against the sustainable development goals.

NP policies	Economic goal	Social	Environmental
SC1 – Housing mix		✓	
SC2 – Specialist and supported housing		✓	
SC3 – Affordable homes meeting Long Stratton needs		✓	
SC4 – Pedestrian and cycle-friendly neighbourhoods		✓	✓
SC5 – Maintaining good connectivity with outlying areas		✓	
SC6 – Location of new community facilities		✓	✓
DC7 – Landscape and settlement character		✓	✓
DC8 – Creating successful neighbourhoods		✓	✓
DC9 – Strengthening and enhancing Long Stratton's historic core		✓	✓
DC10 – Long Stratton Design Principles		✓	✓
E11 – New employment uses in Tharston	✓	✓	
E12 Training Long Stratton's workforce	✓	✓	

NP policies	Economic goal	Social	Environmental
TC13 Re-establishing The Street as the heart of the town	✓	✓	✓
TC14 Long Stratton Market Place	✓	✓	
TC15 The Fire Station and Telephone Exchange	✓	✓	
GI16 Long Stratton Recreational Open Space Standards		✓	
GI17 Delivering green infrastructure in Long Stratton		✓	✓
GI18 Green Infrastructure Management		✓	✓
GI19 Protecting existing sites of biodiversity value in the plan area			✓
R20 Delivering a new community meeting space in Long Stratton		✓	
R21 A new swimming pool for a larger community		✓	

5 General Conformity with the Strategic Policies of the Local Plan

5.1 Within South Norfolk District the statutory development plan comprises:

- Joint Core Strategy adopted in March 2011, with amendments relating to housing growth in Broadland, adopted in 2014 and covers the period up to 2026;
- Site Specific Allocations and Policies Document adopted October 2015 and covers the period up to 2026. This does not include allocations in Long Stratton NP area in addition to the Long Stratton Area Action Plan.
- Development Management Policies Document, adopted in October 2015
- Wymondham Area Action Plan, adopted October 2015;
- Long Stratton Area Action Plan, adopted in May 2016 and covers the period up to 2026;
- The Cringleford Neighbourhood Plan; and
- The adopted Norfolk Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (2011)

Joint Core Strategy

5.2 The Joint Core Strategy has been prepared by the three councils of Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk, working together with Norfolk County Council as the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP). The Joint Core Strategy sets out the long-term vision and objectives for the area, including strategic policies for steering and shaping development.

5.3 The Joint Core Strategy vision stipulates:

- At least 36,830 new homes to be built and 27,000 new jobs to be created.
- As part of the wider growth, it identifies large scale growth to take place in the expanded communities of Easton/Costessey, Cringleford, Hethersett, Long Stratton and Wymondham.
- Access to and across the area will be improved with completions of the NDR (Northern Distributor Road) and the Long Stratton bypass.
- Identifies the Main Towns, Key Service Centres and Service Villages to be focal points for communities to have better access to quality jobs, healthcare, education and community facilities and shops
- Identifies Long Stratton as one of ten Key Service Centres.

Policy 10: Locations for major new or expanded communities in the Norwich Policy Area

5.4 Policy 10 in the Joint Core Strategy sets out specific requirements for Long Stratton and includes in this the delivery of

- Long Stratton Bypass
- Minimum of 1,800 dwellings identifying the full level and phasing of growth to be dependent on overcoming sewerage constraints

- Improvements to the town centre including traffic management, environmental enhancement and expanded facilities
- Secondary school provision to be provided in, or by the expansion of the existing school
- Investment in strategic green infrastructure corridor reflecting and conserving the ancient landscape to the east of the village
- Transport improvements including bus priority at the A140/A47 junction and an enhanced route to the city centre
- Safe and direct cycle and pedestrian access to the town centre and employment locations
- Additional employment opportunities

5.5 The policy states that detailed proposals will be developed through an Area Action Plan.

5.6 Table 5.2 below shows an analysis of how individual Core Strategy Policies sit alongside the NP policies.

5.7 There are a number of other policies in the Joint Core Strategy such as affordable housing levels (Policy 4) and promoting good design (Policy 2) which are relevant to the Long Stratton neighbourhood plan area.

South Norfolk Development Management Policies DPD

5.8 The South Norfolk Development Management Policies DPD sets out specific policies which are used to determine planning applications. It includes district wide generic policies such as protection of employment areas,

5.9 The Development Management Policies document also includes some designations and constraints directly relevant to the Long Stratton NP area including County Wildlife Sites and Sites of Special Scientific Interest. Such designations are shown on the Policies Map for both the Long Stratton AAP and the Development Management Policies document.

5.10 Table 5.3, below, provides an analysis of how individual Development Management Policies sit alongside the NP policies.

Long Stratton Area Action Plan

5.11 The Long Stratton Area Action Plan (LSAAP) provides a planning framework for the delivery of housing (minimum of 1,800 homes), green infrastructure and transport infrastructure as required in Policy 10 of the Joint Core Strategy. The LSAAP include the following vision which forms the basis of the detailed policies and proposals.

"Long Stratton – a revitalised large village based around its historic linear street pattern and Conservation Area, growing and building on its existing broad range of jobs and services into a thriving small town. The delivery of a bypass will enable a safer and more inviting town centre with increased shops and services and an enhanced Conservation Area"

5.12 The vision is underpinned by six objectives:

1. **Housing:** A minimum of 1,800 new houses will be built in locations which support the form and function of the village and deliver a bypass. The bypass will be completed before 250 of the new homes are occupied. The new housing will meet the highest standards of design, energy and water efficiency and affordability whilst recognising the need to sustain and improve the distinctive character of Long Stratton and its surroundings. The necessary infrastructure, including social and community facilities, and public open space will be provided to support new development. Good walking and cycling routes will link the new housing to the town centre
2. **Employment:** Provision will be made to support a mix of local job opportunities and economic growth in Long Stratton including further opportunities for small businesses, and new commercial development relating to the enhanced town centre.
3. **Town Centre:** The town centre will be revitalised following the removal of heavy lorries and other traffic through the delivery of a new bypass. The historic streetscape of the Conservation Area will be enhanced and a safer and more attractive environment will be created with potential to provide a new 'market place' to act as a focal point. The improved centre will enable the reuse of vacant buildings be brought back into use and additional retail provision will be made which is well related to the existing centre
4. **Environment:** New development will respect the local landscape character especially east of the existing village. This will also contribute to the surrounding green infrastructure network which will protect and enhance the biodiversity of the area.

Within the new development 'greens and commons' will be created to provide open space which will replicate the local historic landscape features and help create locally distinctive neighbourhoods.

The environment of the town centre will be significantly improved through measures to capture the benefits of the bypass removing through traffic to provide a safe and inviting location, more attractive for shopping and services and to provide an enhanced setting for the heritage assets, including those in the Conservation Area.

5. **Recreation:** The health, wellbeing and quality of life of local residents will be improved and the sense of community that already exists within the village will be maintained and enhanced by protecting existing public open space and providing new recreation and community facilities to support existing and new development. Walking and cycling routes within the new developments will link with existing networks and provide access to both the town centre and surrounding countryside.
6. **Accessibility:** Transport improvements including bus priority routes at the A140/A47 junction and an enhanced route to the city centre will be provided. The use of public transport will be maximised and safe and direct pedestrian and cycle routes will be provided to link existing and new development to town centre and local employment locations in Long Stratton Bus waiting facilities will be improved.

Policy LNGS1 – Land East, South-East and North-West of Long Stratton

- 5.13 This is a site allocation which allocates 140.1 hectares land for housing, employment, a bypass and associated infrastructure for the purpose of delivering a minimum of 1,800 new home and 9.5 hectares of local employment opportunities. 1,200 dwellings and 8 hectares of employment land are to be accommodated to the east and south-east of Long Stratton and the remaining 600 homes and 1.5 hectares of employment land are to be accommodated to the north-west of Long Stratton.
- 5.14 Policy LNGS1 stipulates that the site must be comprehensively masterplanned as a whole and that the masterplanning must take into account all the requirements of the Policy LNGS1 which include:
- Before any housing is permitted there shall be a phasing and delivery mechanism in place that will secure the delivery of the bypass
 - The bypass will be delivered prior to the occupation of the 250th new dwelling (subject to viability)
 - Delivery of other necessary road infrastructure (e.g. Hempnall Crossroads) early in the development
 - Employment uses:
 - o generating significant volumes of traffic/or HGV movements to have direct access to the bypass
 - o Avoiding access through the town centre
 - o Appropriate design and landscaping in particular on land to the south-east or on approach to Long Stratton
 - o To provide opportunities for access by foot and bike
 - Inclusion of an element of mixed-tenure Housing with Care
 - Inclusion of an element of self-build if demand is evident
 - Provision of site for at least 2 hectares for new two form entry primary school and 60 place pre school
 - Open space:
 - o To meet needs of residents in development
 - o Links between village and countryside to east of bypass corridor to be enhanced
 - o Significant buffer to waste water recycling centre and for this to be utilised as green infrastructure
 - Design:
 - o Sustain and improve distinctive character of the Long Stratton and to be of a scale and form which respects and enhances the conservation area.
 - o Design of the development, the bypass and green infrastructure provision to the east of LS to respect and reflect the key features identified in the Historic Landscape Characterisation and Sensitivity Assessment
 - o Bypass will be designed as an integral part of the wider development in order to achieve a high-quality environment
 - o Existing grid patterns of lanes to the east of LS to be retained

- Transport
 - o Pedestrian and cycle routes to be maximised between land to the east and The Street/Ipswich Road, including utilising routes through Churchfields, Edge's Lane, Star Lane and Hall Lane
 - o Investigate and implement pedestrian and cycle links from the north-west via the Cygnet House site and St Michael's Road
 - o New vehicular link between the centre of LS and allocation land to the east
 - o Form of development to maximise the opportunities for efficient and effective public transport services.
- Site Constraints
 - o Foul water strategy to be agreed with Anglian water and EA
 - o Potential risk of surface water flooding to be addressed through a surface water drainage scheme agreed by the EA

Policy LINGS2 Land West of Tharston Industrial Estate

5.15 This is a site allocation which identifies land west of Tharston Industrial Estate suitable for accommodating employment opportunities and economic growth. The Policy also requires:

- Maximisation of walking and cycling opportunities
- Phasing of the land in agreement with Anglian Water regarding resolution of wastewater management issues
- Vehicular access from Salamanca Road and direct from Stratton Motor Company site
- Retention or diversion of footpath
- Design and landscaping

Policy LINGS3 Town Centre Policy

5.16 This policy defines a town centre boundary for Long Stratton and allows for new town centre uses to come forward within the centre. The policy also defines a primary shopping area within which loss of A1 (shops) will be resisted if this were to lead to an over concentration of non A1 uses.

5.17 The policy has generic requirements stating that proposals should be sought to enhance the character and appearance of the town centre, taking into account the 2013 Conservation Area Statement.

Policy LINGS4 Sequential Approach and impact assessment for Provision in Long Stratton

5.18 This policy clarifies that in the event of proposals for new retail units outside the town centre boundary, a sequential assessment and impact assessment will be required. The purpose of this policy is to resist any retail developments which undermine the vitality and attractiveness of Long Stratton town centre.

Policy LINGS5 General Green Infrastructure requirements for new developments within Long Stratton AAP Area

5.19 This policy provides general green infrastructure principles for any additional developments that come forward during the plan period.

- 5.20 The AAP includes a green infrastructure map (Appendix 3) which whilst not directly referred to in the above policy identifies the necessary green infrastructure requirements for new development.

Policy LINGS6 Protecting Existing Recreation or Amenity Land in Long Stratton

- 5.21 This policy protects existing recreation and amenity land in Long Stratton. Appendix 2, 2a and 3 of the Area Action Plan are maps showing, amongst other designations, areas of Common Land and County Wildlife Sites.

Policy LINGS7 New Recreation Provision in Long Stratton

- 5.22 This policy requires developers to provide new on-site public open space provision commensurate with the level of development proposed as well as green infrastructure to help create a network of safe movement around the urban environment of Long Stratton.
- 5.23 No specific standards are referred to in the policy but paragraph 9.8 of the AAP states that 1,800 new homes are calculated to trigger a need for 3 hectares of children's play space and 7.4 hectares of older children/adult open space.

Policy LINGS8 Land for a new burial ground in Long Stratton

- 5.24 This policy allows for new burial ground proposals subject to criteria.

Policy LINGS9 Accessibility

- 5.25 This policy requires that development maximises permeability for pedestrians and cyclists by improving access to/from existing and new key services and facilities.
- 5.26 The policy seeks layout of developments to allow for easy circulation of buses and bus prioritisation measures on the A140.

Conclusions with regards to the conformity of the Long Stratton NP policies with the strategic policies of the Local Plan

- 5.27 As can be seen from the summary of the Area Action Plan, Table 5.2 (Core Strategy) and Table 5.3 (Development Management Policies) there is a comprehensive set of adopted planning policies that apply to the NP area. Key points are:
- The Joint Core Strategy and the Area Action Plan together provide the strategic planning context for the allocation of a strategic site to deliver 1,800 new homes in the Long Stratton NP area, together with the delivery of the Long Stratton By-pass; and
 - The Joint Core Strategy and the Area Action Plan both intend for the strategic development to deliver improvements to the town centre including traffic management, environmental enhancement and expanded facilities.
- 5.28 The National Planning Policy Guidance provides a definition of what is meant by 'general conformity':

"When considering whether a policy is in general conformity a qualifying body, independent examiner, or local planning authority, should consider the following:

- whether the neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal supports and upholds the general principle that the strategic policy is concerned with
- the degree, if any, of conflict between the draft neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal and the strategic policy
- whether the draft neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal provides an additional level of detail and/or a distinct local approach to that set out in the strategic policy without undermining that policy
- the rationale for the approach taken in the draft neighbourhood plan or order and the evidence to justify that approach."

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5.29 An assessment has been undertaken (see above and Tables 5.2 and 5.3 below) to understand how the Local Plan policies will sit alongside the proposed Long Stratton NP policies. The assessment finds:

- that there are no areas of conflict;
- there are a number of areas where the NP policies supports and upholds the general principle that a strategic policy is concerned with; and a
- a number of areas where the where the neighbourhood plan provides an additional level of detail to that set out in the Local Plan.

5.30 These policies are set out below.

Table 5.1 Neighbourhood Plan Policies which provide an additional level of detail/a distinct local approach to that set out in the Local Plan policies

Local Plan Policy	Neighbourhood Plan policy
LNGS1	All NP policies uphold the general principle and provide an additional level of detail.
LNGS 2	Policy E11 and E12 uphold the general principle and provide an additional level of detail.
LNGS 3	Policy TC13, TC14 and TC15 uphold the general principle and provide an additional level of detail.
LNGS 5	Policy GI17 and GI18 uphold the general principle and provide an additional level of detail.
LNGS6	GI19 uphold the general principle and provide an additional level of detail.
LNGS7	GI16 upholds the general principle and provides an addition level of detail with the benefit of an up to date SPD on open spaces standards underpinning this.
LNGS9	Policy SC4, SC5, SC6, DC8 and DC10 upholds the general principle and provides an addition level of detail
Core Strategy Policy 1	Policy DC10 and GI19 and DC7, DC9 uphold the general principle and provide and additional level of detail.
Core Strategy Policy 2	Policies DC7, DC9 and DC10 uphold the general principle and provide an additional level of detail.
Core Strategy Policy 3	Policies DC10 upholds the general principle and provides an additional level of detail.
Core Strategy Policy 4	Policies SC1, SC2 and SC3 uphold the general principle and provide an additional level of detail.

Local Plan Policy	Neighbourhood Plan policy
Core Strategy Policy 5	NP vision, TC13, E11 and E12 uphold the general principle and provide an additional level of detail.
Core Strategy Policy 7	The LSNP housing policies complement this approach particularly helped by the Long Stratton Housing Needs Assessment.
Core Strategy Policy 8	LSNP policies complement this particularly through Policy TC14 A new marketplace for Long Stratton and LSNP R21 A new swimming pool for Long Stratton.
Development Management (DM) Policy 1.2	The LSNP complements the approach taken by policy DM1.2 by highlighting the specific infrastructure requirements (e.g. policy TC13) in the NP area.
DM Policy 1.4	The LSNP provides useful context and clarity to the generic approach taken in this policy because the LSNP identifies important environmental and heritage assets in the NP area.
DM Policy 3.1	LSNP complements this policy by providing more detail (via policies SC1, SC2 and SC3) on what would be required on applications coming forward in Long Stratton plan area. The LSNP is underpinned by data in the strategic housing needs assessment as well as the Long Stratton housing needs assessment.
DM 3.4, DM 3.5 and DM 3.6	No areas of conflict. Policy DC10 Long Stratton design principles will provide added locally specific context
DM 3.8	No areas of conflict. Policy DC10 'Long Stratton Design Principles' complements this policy by requiring applicants in the NP area to be guided by the design principles set out in the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan Design Guidelines.
DM 3.10	The LSNP is in conformity with this policy and complements it through Policies such as SC4 'Delivering pedestrian and cycle-friendly neighbourhoods', SC6 'Location of new community facilities' and TC13 'Re-establishing the Street as the heart of the town'
DM 3.15	No areas of conflict. Policy GI16 complements and updates this policy by requiring proposals to meet the open space standards currently adopted by South Norfolk and as set out in the Open Spaces SPD 2018.
DM 3.16	The Long Stratton NP complements this by providing NP specific policies SC6 'Location of new community facilities', R20 'Delivering additional community facilities and recreation' and R21 'A new swimming pool for Long Stratton'.
DM 4.5	No areas of conflict. Policy DC7 Landscape and settlement character complements this policy by providing more detail with respect to Long Stratton.
DM 4.9	No areas of conflict. Policy DC10 Long Stratton Design Principles and DC7 Landscape and Settlement character will complement this policy by providing NP area specific detail.
DM 4.10	No areas of conflict. Policy DC9 'Strengthening and enhancing Long Stratton's historic core' will complement this by providing NP-area specific detail.

Table 5.2: How do the Neighbourhood Plan policies sit alongside the Joint Core Strategy Policies

Joint Core Strategy	Description (where applicable to Long Stratton NP area)	Specific implication to Long Stratton NP area?	Comment regarding broad conformity
Policy 1: Addressing Climate Change and Protecting Environmental Assets	<p>The policy requires the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'To address climate change and promote sustainability, all development will be located and designed to use resources efficiently, minimise greenhouse gas emissions and be adapted to a changing climate and more extreme weather.' - 'The environmental assets of the area will be protected, maintained, restored and enhanced and the benefits for residents and visitors improved.' - 'The built environment, heritage assets, and the wider historic environment will be conserved and enhanced through the protection of buildings and structures which contribute to their surroundings, the protection of their settings, the encouragement of high-quality maintenance and repair and the enhancement of public spaces.' 	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	LSNP provides a local level of detail and is in full conformity with this.
Policy 2 Promoting Good Design	This policy establishes some broad principles to be followed including that development will be designed to the highest possible standards and that development will respect local distinctiveness. To achieve this the policy stipulates that housing schemes of over 500 units will be master planned (using an inclusive, recognised process demonstrating how the whole scheme will be provided and ensuring that it is well related to adjacent development and infrastructure) and that all schemes over 10 units or more will be evaluated against the Building for Life criteria published by CABE (or any successor to this standard), achieving at least 14 points (silver standard).	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	LSNP provides a local level of detail and is in full conformity with this.

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Policy 3 Energy and Water	Sets standards in relation to water and energy efficiency	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	LSNP – DC10 Long Stratton design principles complement the approach taken at this strategic level.
Policy 4 Housing Mix	<p>Housing Mix</p> <p>This policy establishes that housing proposals will be required to contribute to the mix of housing required to provide balanced communities and meet the needs of the area, as set out in the most up to date study of housing need and/or Housing Market Assessment. It also requires provision of affordable housing on all site for 5 or more dwellings (or 0.2 hectares or more). The tenure mix to be based on up to date study of housing need. At time of writing the following targets in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on sites for 5-9 dwellings (or 0.2 – 0.4 ha), 20% with tenure to be agreed on a site by site basis (numbers rounded, upwards from 0.5) • on sites for 10-15 dwellings (or 0.4 – 0.6 ha), 30% with tenure to be agreed on a site by site basis (numbers rounded, upwards from 0.5) • on sites for 16 dwellings or more (or over .6 ha) 33% with approximate 85% social rented and 15% intermediate tenures (numbers rounded, upwards from 0.5). <p>The policy also allows for sites that would not normally be released for housing to be considered that specifically met and identified local need for affordable homes subject to the homes being made available in perpetuity for this purpose.</p> <p>The policy requires provision of mixed tenure housing with care to be provided in (among other places) Long Stratton.</p>	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	LSNP – SC1, SC2 and SC3 complements the approach taken by setting out LS specific approach which is supported by up to date assessment of Long Stratton housing needs.

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Policy 5 – The Economy	Provides key principles and states the local economy will be developed in a sustainable way to support jobs and economic growth both in urban and rural locations.	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	The LSNP vision and employment policies complement the approach taken at strategic level.
Policy 6 - Access and Transportation	Policy states that transportation will be enhanced to develop the role of Norwich as a Regional Transport Node. Among others this will be achieved through provision of an A140 Long Stratton Bypass.	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	The LSNP has been drafted against the context of the by-pass being delivered.
Policy 7: Supporting Communities	States that all development will be expected to maintain or enhance the quality of life and the well-being of communities and will promote equality and diversity and protect and strengthen community cohesion. Identifies particular needs for care home provision specialising in dementia in (among others) Long Stratton. Identifies Long Stratton (among others) as needing additional care homes with nursing provision	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	The LSNP housing policies complement this approach particularly helped by the Long Stratton Housing Needs Assessment.
Policy 8: Culture, leisure and entertainment	Emphasis the importance of protecting existing uses which provide culture, leisure and entertainment and promotes additional uses.	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	LSNP policies complement this particularly through Policy TC14 A new marketplace for Long Stratton and LSNP R21 A new swimming pool for Long Stratton.
Policy 9: Strategy for growth in the Norwich Policy Area	Policy requires a minimum of 1,800 homes to be delivered in Long Stratton. Policy identifies the delivery of the Long Stratton By-pass as required transport infrastructure.	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	The LSNP has been drafted against the context of the 1,800 homes being delivered and the by-pass being delivered.
Policy 10: Locations for major new or expanded communities in the Norwich Policy Area	Sets out specific requirements for Long Stratton and include in this the delivery of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long Stratton Bypass - Minimum of 1,800 dwellings identifying the full level and phasing of growth to be dependent on overcoming sewerage constraints 	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	The LSNP has been drafted against the context provided in this policy and complements both this and the Long Stratton Area Action Plan.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improvements to the town centre including traffic management, environmental enhancement and expanded facilities - Secondary school provision to be provided in, or by the expansion of the existing school - Investment in strategic green infrastructure corridor reflecting and conserving the ancient landscape to the east of the village - Transport improvements including bus priority at the A140/A47 junction and an enhanced route to the city centre - Safe and direct cycle and pedestrian access to the town centre and employment locations - Additional employment opportunities <p>States that detailed proposals will be developed through and Area Action Plan</p>		
Policies 11, 12, 13		No	
Policy 14: Key Service Centres	Identifies Long Stratton as a Key service centre and reiterates the allocation for 1800 new homes.		The LSNP has been drafted against this context.
Policy 15: Service villages		No	
Policy 16: Other villages		No	
Policy 17: Other smaller rural communities and the countryside	Provides development management approach for countryside areas.	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	LSNP – DC7 reiterates the approach for areas beyond the Long Stratton strategic site allocation boundary.
Policy 18: The Broads		No	
Policy 19: The hierarchy of centres	Long Stratton is identified as a large village and at the third level in the overall hierarchy of centres with Norwich city centre at the first	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	The LSNP has been drafted against this context. Since the adoption of the

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	level and the town centers within Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk at the second level		Core Strategy Long Stratton has been given town status.

Table 5.3: How the Long Stratton NP policies site alongside the South Norfolk Development Management Policies Document

Policy	Description where applicable to the Long Stratton NP	Specific implication to the NP area	Commentary regarding broad conformity
DM1.1 Ensuring development management contributes to achieving sustainable development in South Norfolk	A policy establishing the sustainable development principles that will apply to development proposals	Will apply alongside the NP.	No areas of conflict.
DM1.2 Requirement for infrastructure through planning obligations	A policy which establishes the approach that will be taken in decision making with regard to planning obligations. Paragraph 2 clarifies that planning obligations will be required to secure infrastructure which is necessary to ensure inter alia, 'c) the delivery of open space, play space or other facilities (or a financial contribution) required directly to serve the development and contribute to local community facilities; pedestrian and highway safety improvements necessary to secure satisfactory access to the development via a range of modes of transport; and e) delivery of any other infrastructure requirements in a made Neighbourhood Plan.'	The policy will apply alongside the NP and provides context to the policies regarding infrastructure requirements set out in the LSNP.	The LSNP complements the approach taken by policy DM1.2 by highlighting the specific infrastructure requirements (e.g. policy TC13) in the NP area.
DM 1.3 The sustainable location of new development	This policy directs development to the allocated sites, areas within development boundaries of the district settlements and takes a restrictive approach to proposals in the countryside.	Development boundary for Long Stratton is set out in the Area Action Plan.	The LSNP has been drafted against this context.
DM1.4 Environmental quality and local distinctiveness	This policy clarifies the approach that will be taken towards environmental assets and heritage assets and requires all development proposals to demonstrate an understanding and evaluation of these and to justify the design approach.	Policy will apply alongside LSNP policies	The LSNP provides useful context and clarity to the generic approach taken in this policy because the LSNP identifies important environmental and heritage assets in the NP area.

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DM 1.5 Existing Commitments	This policy states that planning applications on sites where existing consents have lapsed will be reviewed favourably.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies	No issues.
DM 2.1 Employment and business development	This policy sets out the approach to all proposals for employment and business development within existing employment areas, within existing development boundaries and in the countryside.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies	No areas of conflict.
DM 2.2. Protection of employment sites	This policy safeguards existing employment sites	Policy will apply to Tharston Industrial site	No areas of conflict
DM 2.3 Working at home	This policy allows for proposals for change of use of part of a dwelling etc to allow for working from home subject to criteria.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies	No areas of conflict.
DM 2.4 Location of the 'main town centre uses'		No	
DM 2.5 Changes of use in the town centres and local centres		No	
DM 2.6 Food, drink and takeaways	A policy relating specifically to A3, A4 and A5 uses	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies	No areas of conflict
DM 2.7 Agricultural and forestry development	A policy relating specifically to proposals for agricultural and forestry development	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies	No areas of conflict
DM 2.8 Equestrian and other changes of use to agricultural land	A policy relating specifically to proposals for equestrian and agricultural uses.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies	No areas of conflict.
DM 2.9 Rural tourist and other recreational destinations	Policy applicable to proposals in the countryside.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies	No areas of conflict.
DM 2.10 Conversion and re-use of buildings in the Countryside for non-agricultural use	Policy applicable to proposals in the countryside.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies	No areas of conflict

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DM 2.11 Agricultural and other occupational dwellings in the Countryside	Policy applicable to proposals in the countryside.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies	No areas of conflict.
DM 2.12 Tourist accommodation	Policy applicable to proposals for tourist accommodation.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies	No areas of conflict.
DM 3.1 Meeting housing requirements and needs	This policy expands upon and clarifies how Policy 4 in the Joint Core Strategy will be applied in South Norfolk.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies	LSNP complements this policy by providing more detail (via policies SC1, SC2 and SC3) on what would be required on applications coming forward in Long Stratton plan area. The LSNP is underpinned by data in the strategic housing needs assessment as well as the Long Stratton housing needs assessment.
DM 3.2 Meeting rural housing needs.	This policy allows for affordable housing needs in the countryside where this is needed to meet local specific and evidenced needs.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies.	No areas of conflict.
DM 3.3 Sites for Gypsies and Travellers	Provides the considerations for any new proposals for sites for gypsies and travellers.	Policy will apply alongside the NP policies.	No areas of conflict.
DM 3.4 Residential extensions, conversions within settlements	A policy applicable to residential extensions and conversions within development boundaries	Policy will apply to proposals in NP area	No areas of conflict. Policy DC10 Long Stratton design principles will provide added locally specific context.
3.5 Replacement dwellings and additional dwellings on sub-divided plots within development boundaries.	A policy applicable to replacement dwellings and additional dwellings on sub-divided plots within development boundaries.	Policy will apply to proposals in NP area.	No areas of conflict. Policy DC10 Long Stratton design principles will provide added locally specific context.
3.6 House extensions and replacement dwellings in the countryside	A policy applicable to residential extensions and replacements in the countryside.	Policy will apply to proposals in NP area.	No areas of conflict. Policy DC10 'Long Stratton design principles' will provide added locally specific context.
3.7 Residential annexes	A policy applicable to residential annexes	Policy will apply to proposals in NP area.	No areas of conflict.

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3.8 Design principles applying to all development.	This policy provides South Norfolk design principles	Policy will apply to proposals in NP area.	No areas of conflict. Policy DC10 'Long Stratton Design Principles' complements this policy by requiring applicants in the NP area to be guided by the design principles set out in the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan Design Guidelines.
DM 3.9 Advertisements and signs	A policy applicable to advertisements	Policy will apply to proposals in NP area.	No areas of conflict.
DM 3.10 Promotion of sustainable transport	A policy setting out South Norfolk's approach to promoting sustainable transport	Policy will apply to proposals in NP area.	The LSNP is in conformity with this policy and complements it through Policies such as SC4 'Delivering pedestrian and cycle-friendly neighbourhoods', SC6 'Location of new community facilities' and TC13 'Re-establishing the Street as the heart of the town'
DM 3.11 Road safety and the free flow of traffic	A policy applicable to proposals affecting the Corridor of Movement	Corridor of Movement applies to the A140 (the Street in Long Stratton)	No areas of conflict. The Corridor of Movement is due to shift from the existing A140 in Long Stratton to the Long Stratton By-pass.
DM 3.12 Provision of vehicle parking	A district wide policy requiring development to provide sufficient parking which avoids highway safety problems and to protect living and working conditions locally. The policy states that parking standards adopted by the Council will be used as a starting point.	Policy will apply to proposals in NP area.	No areas of conflict.
DM 3.13 Amenity, noise and quality of life	A district wide policy requiring residential amenity is not adversely affected by development	Policy will apply alongside NP policies	No areas of conflict.
DM 3.14 Pollution, health and safety	A district wide policy requiring that development proposals are not to lead to unacceptable impacts on air quality, surface and ground water quality, land quality and condition and health and safety of the public.	Policy will apply alongside NP policies	No area of conflict.

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DM 3.15 Outdoor play facilities and recreational space	This policy states all housing development will be required to provide adequate outdoor play facilities and recreational open space commensurate with the level of development propose dot meet the needs of occupants. There are no standards included or referenced in the policy	Policy will apply in NP area but is superseded by Area Action Plan policy which provides more guidance on open space standards.	No areas of conflict. Policy GI16 complements and updates this policy by requiring proposals to meet the open space standards currently adopted by South Norfolk and as set out in the Open Spaces SPD 2018.
DM 3.16 Improving the level of community facilities	A policy applicable to proposals involving change of use of existing community facilities. Policy also permits additional community facilities.	Policy will apply alongside NP policies.	The Long Stratton NP complements this by providing NP specific policies SC6 'Location of new community facilities', R20 'Delivering additional community facilities and recreation' and R21 'A new swimming pool for Long Stratton'.
DM 4.1 Renewable Energy	A policy setting a supportive approach to proposals for renewable energy generating development (not including wind).	Policy will apply in NP area.	No areas of conflict.
DM 4.2 Sustainable drainage and water management	A policy establishing that sustainable drainage measures must be utilised to manage surface water; requiring design details for drainage schemes to be provided as part of development proposals and setting out strict standard with respect to impact on water quality and sewerage capacity.	Policy will apply in NP area.	No areas of conflict.
DM 4.3 Facilities for the collection of recycling and waste	A policy setting out requirements so that development can be served with waste recollection services.	Policy will apply in NP area.	No areas of conflict.
DM 4.4 Natural environmental assets – designated and locally important open space		No	
DM 4.5 Landscape Character and River Valleys	A policy requiring proposals to respect, conserve and where possible enhance landscape character.	Policy will apply in NP area.	No areas of conflict. Policy DC7 Landscape and settlement character complements this policy by

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			providing more detail with respect to Long Stratton.
DM 4.6 Landscape setting of Norwich		No	
DM 4.7 Strategic gaps between settlements within the Norwich Policy area.		No.	
DM 4.8 Protection of Trees and Hedgerows	A policy promoting the retention and conservation of significant trees, woodland and traditional orchards.	Policy will apply in NP area.	No areas of conflict.
DM 4.9 Incorporating landscape into design	Policy requires proposals to demonstrate a high quality of landscape design as an integral part of new development.	Policy will apply in NP area.	No areas of conflict. Policy DC10 Long Stratton Design Principles and DC7 Landscape and Settlement character will complement this policy by providing NP area specific detail.
DM 4.10 Heritage Assets	A policy applicable to proposals which will impact on heritage assets in the district.	Policy will apply in the NP area.	No areas of conflict. Policy DC9 'Strengthening and enhancing Long Stratton's historic core' will complement this by providing NP-area specific detail.

6 Compatibility with EU Obligations and Legislation

- 6.1 European Union Directive 2001/42/EC requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken for certain types of plans or programmes that would have a significant environmental effect. The EU Directive has been transposed into UK legislation through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). Regulation 9 states that the responsible body (the local planning authority) shall determine whether or not a plan is likely to have a significant effect and that before making such a determination it shall take into account the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations and consult the consultation bodies (Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency).
- 6.2 The NP steering group submitted a formal screening request to South Norfolk Council regarding the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in September 2019 and submitted a screening report to assist South Norfolk Council in this process.
- 6.3 South Norfolk Council prepared a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening report and consulted the three statutory bodies Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency on these reports. In March 2020, South Norfolk Council issued two determination reports; one SEA screening report which determined that *"the Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects due to the absence of any land allocations or promotion of significant new development. It therefore does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment"*; and one HRA report which concluded that *"Due to the distance of the neighbourhood plan area from any specific European Designated Sites it is concluded that development resulting from the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan will not lead to an impact on these sensitive receptors and therefore a full Appropriate Assessment is not required"*.
- 6.4 These reports were both sent to the three statutory consultees (in line with Regulation 11 of the SEA regulations) and both reports were posted on the South Norfolk District and Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan websites.
- 6.5 In line with Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) the SEA determination report is also submitted alongside the Neighbourhood Plan.

Human Rights and Equalities

- 6.6 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared having regard to the fundamental rights and freedom guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights
- 6.7 An assessment has been carried out to assess the potential impacts of the Long Stratton NP in relation to the protected characteristics as identified in the Equality Act 2010. This assessment is shown in Table 6.1 and shows that the draft Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to lead to increased inequalities or discrimination in the plan area. Some of the policies are identified as having positive impacts on people who may experience disadvantage by virtue of their age or disability.

Table 6.1: Assessment of NP against protected characteristics

Protected Characteristic	Impact	Commentary
Age	+ Positive	<p>Policies SC2 'Specialist and Supported Housing', SC4 'Delivering pedestrian and cycle friendly neighbourhoods', DC8 'Creating successful neighbourhoods', R20 'Delivering a new Community meeting space in Long Stratton' an R21 'A new swimming pool for a larger community' could have positive impacts for the older generation.</p> <p>Policies SC4 'Delivering pedestrian and cycle friendly neighbourhoods', DC8 'Creating successful neighbourhoods', R20 'Delivering a new Community meeting space in Long Stratton' an R21 'A new swimming pool for a larger community' could have specific positive impacts for the younger generation.</p>
Disability	+ Positive	Policies SC2 'Specialist and Supported Housing', SC4 'Delivering pedestrian and cycle friendly neighbourhoods' could have positive impacts for people with disabilities.
Gender Reassignment	0 Neutral	
Marriage and civil partnership	0 Neutral	
Pregnancy and maternity	0 Neutral	
Race	0 Neutral	
Religion or belief	0 Neutral	
Sex	0 Neutral	
Sexual orientation	0 Neutral	

7 How 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

The HRA screening report produced by South Norfolk Council in March 2020 concludes *"Due to the distance of the neighbourhood plan area from any specific European Designated Sites it is concluded that development resulting from the Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan will not lead to an impact on these sensitive receptors and therefore a full Appropriate Assessment is not required."*

- 7.1 It is therefore concluded that 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.