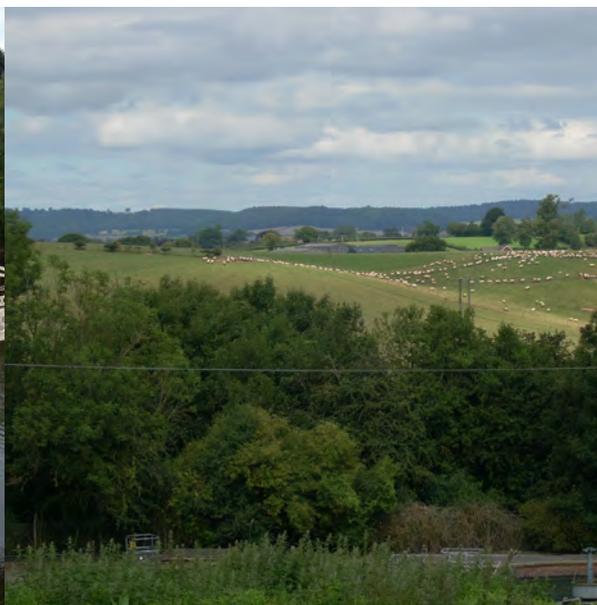


# Environmental Report

Report for:

Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Neighbourhood Area

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# **Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Parish Environmental Report**

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## Non-technical summary

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is an important part of the evidence base which underpins Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP), as it is a systematic decision support process, aiming to ensure that environmental assets, including those whose importance transcends local, regional and national interests, are considered effectively in plan making.

The Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Parish has undertaken to prepare an NDP and this process has been subject to environmental appraisal pursuant to the SEA Directive. The Parish comprises the Parishes of Whitchurch and Ganarew, the main settlement being Whitchurch followed by Symonds Yat West and Ganarew.

The final Whitchurch and Ganarew group NDP includes 5 objectives and it is intended that these objectives will be delivered by mostly 23 criteria based planning policies; a site allocation is proposed in Whitchurch and a settlement boundary is proposed in Symonds Yat West. Whitchurch and Ganarew is located to the south west of Ross on Wye, it borders Monmouthshire along its south western edge.

The environmental appraisal of the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP has been undertaken in line with the Environmental Assessment of Plan and Programmes Regulations 2004. Stage A of the SEA process involved Scoping and Stage B provided a review and analysis of the NDP. Stage C involved preparing an Environmental Report and Stage D comprises a formal consultation on both this and the Draft Plan itself.

Several policies in the NDP have been amended post examination and one policy WG20 has been deleted. Four policies WG8, WG9, WG11 and WG15 have been rescreened in D3. Other policies have been amended are minor wording changes and considered not necessary to rescreen. The outcome through screening these found that they are unlikely to have a significant environmental effect due to the scale and nature of the housing development. Therefore the conclusion set out in the Draft Environment Report is still valid. That is, the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP is in general conformity with both national planning policy contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and strategic policies set within the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy). Therefore, no further changes are recommended as a result of this SEA (stage D).

Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening has been carried out as the Group Parish falls within the catchment for the River Wye (including River Lugg) and Wye Valley Woodlands, Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat sites are 9.1 km away from the parish, this is within 10km of both of which are European sites (Special Area of Conservation). The HRA assesses the potential effects of the NDP on the River Wye, Wye Valley Woodlands and Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat sites SACs.

On the whole, it is considered that the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP is in general conformity with both national planning policy contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and strategic policies set within the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy). Nor does it propose any growth that would be over and above that prescribed by strategic policies.

Once made (adopted) by Herefordshire Council, the effects of the policies within the Whitchurch and Ganarew group NDP will be monitored annually via the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report forms the draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).
- 1.2 The Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP proposes one site allocation and three commitment sites in Whitchurch village, within table 4.14 which is targeted for proportional levels of growth in Policy RA1 of the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy). The NDP also allocates a settlement boundary for the settlement of Whitchurch and for Symonds Yat West, the plan also provides general policies for guiding future development across the parish as a whole.

### Purpose of the SEA

- 1.3 SEA is a requirement of EC Directive 2001/42/EC (the SEA Directive) which requires the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment to ensure that the proposals in that plan or programme contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.
- 1.4 The Directive was transposed into domestic legislation through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and which applies to plans with significant environmental effects.
- 1.5. A screening opinion was carried out on the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP and it concluded that due to the range of environmental designations in and around the parish, there may be significant environmental effects and consequently an SEA would be required.

### Parish Neighbourhood Plan Context

- 1.6 Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Parish comprises the Parishes of Whitchurch and Ganarew. The Group Parish lies approximately market town of Ross on Wye. The Group Parish is rural in character and is rich in biodiversity and woodlands. 85% of the Group Parish is in the Wye Valley AONB and only 5% of the land is occupied by buildings residential, commercial and public amenities. The River Wye is a major feature in the Group Parish and runs along its southern border, this attracts leisure and tourism activities for the area.
- 1.7 The overall population of the Group Parish is 1141, the population is spread out throughout the Group Parish and within the settlement of Whitchurch, Symonds Yat West and Ganarew. The main facilities to the Group Parish can be found in Whitchurch, with a Primary School, Village Shop, Memorial Hall, Fire Station, Church and a Dentist. There are also a number of hotels, pubs, cafes and restaurants which facilitate tourism and local interest.
- 1.8 The neighbourhood area boasts many natural features, not least 14 Ancient Woodland, 5 Special Wildlife Sites and 3 SSSI's. There are numerous built heritage assets, too, including listed buildings, 5 Scheduled Monuments and non-designated assets.
- 1.9 The vision for Whitchurch and Ganarew group in 2031 is as follows:

***"To be a Parish where an excellent quality of life is available to all, where people and their environment are valued and where there are homes, businesses and facilities to meet the needs of a sustainable community."***

- 1.10 The 5 NDP objectives are as follows:
1. Housing
  2. Opportunities for Employment
  3. Environmental Sustainability.

4. Roads and Traffic.
5. Community Service and Facilities.

### **Context of Neighbourhood Plans**

- 1.11 NDPs are a relatively new type of planning document that form a key part of the Government's localism agenda. They enable local communities to develop plans that reflect local aspirations, in accordance with strategic policies.
- 1.12 The Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP must therefore conform to national planning policy set within the NPPF and strategic level local policy including the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy).
- 1.13 The Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy) was adopted on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015.
- 1.14 Paragraph 48 of the NPPF and Planning Practice Guidance set out the weight that may be given to relevant policies in emerging plans, including NDPs, and indicated that weight may be given to relevant policies in emerging NDPs according to:
- The stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced the preparation, the greater the weight that may be given);
  - The extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given); and
  - The degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to the policies in this Framework (the closer the policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given).
- 1.15 This part of the NPPF is reinforced by Planning Practice Guidance published in March 2014, which is clear that an emerging NDP may be a material planning consideration once it has reached submission/local authorities publication stage (Regulation 16). This is reinforced by recent ministerial statements and case law (West Sussex), all of which have demonstrated that an emerging NDP may be a material consideration at the Regulation 16 stage<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.16 Table 4.14 and 4.15 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) lists Whitchurch and Symonds Yat West among the settlements which it considers to be sustainable locations for growth, albeit smaller market homes which meet the needs of people with local connections or affordable housing in line with the provisions of Policy RA2.
- 1.17 Once made (adopted) by Herefordshire Council, the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP will have a role in guiding future development proposals within the Parish, by setting out policies against which planning applications will be determined.

### **Structure of SEA**

- 1.19 The structure of the document is as follows:
- Section 2 – Explains the SEA methodology and summarises the comments received in respect of the SEA Scoping Report
  - Section 3 - Introduces the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Neighbourhood Plan objectives and the SEA framework
  - Section 4 - Appraises the objectives contained within the Neighbourhood Plan against the SEA framework

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<sup>1</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, this NDP is currently at the Draft Plan Stage (Regulation 14) and cannot, therefore, be given weight in reaching decisions on planning applications

- Section 5 - Appraises the options considered within the Neighbourhood Plan against the SEA framework
- Section 6 – Appraises the policies contained within the Neighbourhood Plan against the SEA framework
- Section 7 – Discusses the implementation and monitoring of the Neighbourhood Plan
- Section 8 - Concludes the SEA report by outlining next steps

## 2.0 Methodology

- 2.1 The SEA process comprised several stages and which are summarised, in some detail, below.
- 2.2 Stage A involved 4 tasks and culminated in a Scoping Report:
- *Task A1:* Identified and reviewed relevant policies, plans and programmes and environmental protection objectives from European, National and Local sources.
  - *Task A2:* Collected baseline information to provide a picture of past, present and likely future conditions within the area. This helped to establish indicators which will be used to monitor the effects and performance of the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP.
  - *Task A3:* Focused on the environmental issues identified from the baseline, highlighting key issues and problems within the neighbourhood area.
  - *Task A4:* Used the information gathered from Tasks A1-A3 to develop a set of SEA objectives, sometimes referred to as the 'sustainability framework'.
  - *Task A5:* Collated the results of Tasks A1-A4 within a Scoping Report, a document which was subject to a statutory 5 week consultation.
- 2.3 Stage B involved 4 tasks and assessed the effects of the NDP.
- *Task B1:* Tested NDP Objectives against the SEA Objectives
  - *Task B2:* Developed and refined the NDP options and policies
  - *Task B3/B4:* Predicted and evaluated the significant effects of the NDP
- 2.4 Stage C involved preparing an Environmental Report. This report presents information compiled during Stage B of the SEA process and constitutes the Draft Environmental Appraisal of the NDP. It accompanies the Draft Plan during its formal Regulation 14 consultation with people who live, work and carry out businesses in the neighbourhood area, as well as statutory bodies listed in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 2.5 Producing an Environmental Report was therefore a legal requirement and the submission of this report to Herefordshire Council forms Stage D of the SEA process.

### Scoping Report Consultation

- 2.6 With regard to the SEA scoping assessments, documents A1 to A4 were completed by a Herefordshire Council Planning Officer and sent to the Parish Council for comment, in readiness for a 5 week consultation with statutory bodies, pursuant to the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.
- 2.7 After the document was approved by the Parish Council, the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group SEA Scoping Report was available to four<sup>2</sup> statutory bodies for consultation from 31 March 2015 to 5 May 2015.

### Consultation outcomes from Statutory Consultees

- 2.8 The consultation resulted in no responses in the SEA .
- 2.9 No responses received, below are the Statutory bodies that were contacted.

**Natural England:** No comments received

**English Heritage:** No comments received

**Environment Agency:** No comments received

**Natural Resources Wales:** No comments received

### 3.0 The SEA Framework

- 3.1 As mentioned previously, Stage A of the SEA identifies and reviews relevant policies, plans and programmes and environmental protection objectives from European, National and Local sources (refer to Table A1 in Appendix 2 for details of those documents that were reviewed in completing Stage A of SEA on the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP).
- 3.2 The requirement to undertake this 'context review' is contained in Annexes 1(a) and (e) of the SEA Directive which states that an Environmental Report should include:

*"...an outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan or programme and relationship with other relevant plans and programmes" and*

*"...the environmental protection objectives, established at international, Community or Member State level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation"*

### Policy context

- 3.3 The Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP will deliver the Local Plan (Core Strategy) at parish level by adding locally specific detail to strategic policies. As a consequence, the Scoping Report for the NDP was based on the context review Herefordshire Council undertook for its Local Plan (Core Strategy).
- 3.4 The results of this assessment (context review) provide the source of the local baseline data and have been incorporated into the SEA framework. It should be noted that:
- No list of policies, plans and programmes can ever be exhaustive and that Herefordshire Council has selected those considered to be of particular relevance to the planning system;

<sup>2</sup> Statutory consultation bodies: Natural England; English Heritage; Environment Agency Natural Resources Wales

- New or revised plans and policies can emerge during the SEA process

3.5 The following strategies and plans have been reviewed and, where appropriate, incorporated within the SA Framework objectives:

- *The EC Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2010)* - These regulations transpose the Habitats Directive in England, Wales and to a limited extent Scotland by ensuring that activities are carried out in accordance with the Habitats Directive, which is to protect biodiversity through the conservation of natural habitats and species of wild flora and fauna.
- *The EC Water Framework Directive (2000)* - Commits all EU member states to achieve good qualitative and quantitative status of all water courses by 2015
- *The Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)* - The major legal instrument for wildlife protection in Britain, although other significant acts have been passed since. It has numerous parts and supplementary lists and schedules many of which have been amended since publication.
- *Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services (2011)* - Forms part of the UK's Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework by setting out England's contribution towards the UK's commitments under the United Nations Convention of Biological Diversity.
- *The Countryside and Right of Way Act (2000)* - Creates a statutory right of access on foot to certain types of open land, to modernise the public rights of way system, to strengthen nature conservation legislation, and to facilitate better management of AONBs
- *The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006)* - Designed to help achieve a rich and diverse natural environment and thriving rural communities through modernised and simplified arrangements for delivering Government policy.
- *Revised EU Sustainable Development strategy (2009)* - Sets out a single strategy on how the EU will more effectively meet its long-standing commitment to meet the challenges of sustainable development.
- *National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012)* - Consolidates the suite of PPG/PPS into one succinct planning policy document.
- *Planning Practice Guidance (2013)* - Sets out the vision, objectives and policies for the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy), which will guide development across the county up to 2031.
- *Herefordshire Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP) 2013-2015* - Sets out the Council's strategy for supporting economic growth, social inclusion and reducing the environmental impacts of transport, as well as the program of investment for the period April 2013 to April 2015.
- *Understanding Herefordshire Report (2014)* - Important to understand the place such as the local economy natural and built environment in which people live, learn and work as part of understanding their quality of life. Enable development for economy and housing to required levels and growth should be supported by sustainable transport measures.

- *Malvern Hills AONB Management Plan 2009-2014 (2009)* - Identifies the issues and challenges facing the special features of the area and contains 24 guiding principles and 46 strategic objectives which will help address them.
- *Wye Valley AONB management Plan 2009-2014 (2009)* - The Management Plan is the prime document which sets out the vision for the area and the priorities for its management.
- *Herefordshire Economic Development Strategy 2011-2016* - Aims to increase the economic wealth of Herefordshire by setting out proposals and to support business growth up to 2016.
- *Herefordshire Employment Land Study (2012)* - Includes employment land assessments for the plan period 2011-2031. The study includes Quantitative and Qualitative assessments of employment land, assessment of market demand and need, as well as providing forecasts and recommendations for future employment need over the plan period.
- *Herefordshire Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) (2009)* - The SHLAA aims to justify site allocations in plans by:
  - Identifying sites which are capable of delivering housing development
  - Assessing sites for their housing potential; and
  - Predicting when a site could be developed for housing.
- *Herefordshire Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA) (2013)* - Builds on an earlier Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) developed for Herefordshire and Shropshire. Its purpose is to inform the Local Plan's policies regarding housing need and demand (for market and affordable housing) within each of the 7 Housing Market Areas (HMAs) in Herefordshire between 2011 and 2031.
- *Herefordshire Local Housing Requirements Study (2012)* - Technical assessment of the housing market and potential future local housing requirements which supports planning policy regarding the amount of growth, housing tenure and housing type needed within Herefordshire up to 2031.
- *Herefordshire Rural Housing Background Report (2013)* - Provides the justification for the proportional housing growth targets outlined in the Core Strategy
- *Herefordshire Draft Gypsies and Travellers Assessment (2013)* - Assesses the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers across Herefordshire.
- *Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan (2007)* - Focuses conservation efforts on the areas within Herefordshire that will result in the greatest benefit for ecological networks, habitats and species.
- *Building Biodiversity into the LDF (2009)* - Provides the Council's Local Plan (Core Strategy) with evidence in respect of biodiversity and geodiversity, identifying both opportunities and constraints across Herefordshire.
- *Herefordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy (2010)* - Develops a framework of natural and culturally important features and functions so that planning for a sustainable future is at the heart of planning within Herefordshire.
- *Renewable Energy Study (2010)* - Assesses the energy demand within Herefordshire and the ability for the county to accommodate renewable and low carbon energy technologies.

- *Herefordshire Playing Pitch Assessment (2012)* - Produces a strategic framework, audit and assessment and needs analysis of outdoor sports pitches and facilities for Herefordshire. The document arises as a result of a recommendation in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sports Facilities Framework to develop local standards for playing fields and sports pitches throughout Herefordshire.
- *Open Spaces Study (2006)* - The 2006 space audit and assessment of need is a snap shot of the quality, quantity and distribution of open space across Herefordshire.
- *Play Facilities Study (2012)* - The Play Facilities Study 2012 updates the previous play facilities analysis under the Open Spaces Study 2006 and provides guidance and a framework for the development, delivery and continued sustainability of providing new and improved play facilities for children and young people in Herefordshire to 2031.
- *Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Water Cycle Study (2009)* - The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) provides a summary of flood risk in Herefordshire to inform the location of future development. The Water Cycle Study examines how water resources and water supply infrastructure, wastewater treatment, water quality, sewerage and flood risk could constrain growth across Herefordshire.

3.6 Appendix 1 of the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP Scoping Report provides additional detail on the Plans, Policies and Programmes mentioned above and identifies the implications for the SEA and NDP.

### SEA Objectives and baseline characteristics

3.7 The SEA objectives that were used at Stages A and B of the process are listed in the following table.

SEA Objective	
1	To maintain or enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)
2	To maintain or enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes
3	To improve the quality of surroundings
4	To conserve or where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage
5	To improve air quality
6	To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment
7	To reduce contributions to climate change
8	To reduce vulnerability to climate change
9	To improve water quality
10	To provide for sustainable sources of water supply
11	To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk
12	To conserve soil resources and quality
13	To minimise the production of waste
14	To improve the health of the population
15	To reduce crime and nuisance
16	To conserve natural and manmade resources

- 3.8 The SEA objectives detailed above conform to the SEA Directive, and are derived from the Sustainability Appraisal undertaken for the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy 2011-2031.
- 3.9 Baseline information gathered during Stage A of the SEA process provided details of the current environmental characteristics of the neighbourhood area and the status of its natural assets and features (refer to Appendix 2). This information was analysed as part of Task B2 of SEA, which looked at the extent to which the emerging NDP policies will help or obstruct these characteristics.
- 3.10 Following the completion of Task B2 of SEA it was apparent that the largest environmental issue within the Group Parish has an impact on the County as a whole is water quality; the River Wye (including the River Lugg), though currently meeting all its conservation objectives, will require effective management, in order to ensure that the quality of water does not deteriorate to the point that nutrient targets are missed further downstream.
- 3.11 The NDP proposes one site be allocated for the development in Whitchurch. Whitchurch and Symonds Yat West have designated settlement boundaries along with criteria-based policies to allow housing growth in line with the residual proportionate growth target of 65. Since April 2018 there have been 25 completed and 41 commitment dwellings, leaving a residual of minus 1. On this basis, the delivery of the NDP should not exacerbate existing problems regarding water quality or have an unacceptable adverse impact.
- 3.12 Baseline characteristics within the SEA detail the current environmental status of environmental characteristics in the neighbourhood plan area from different sources. The source of Baseline Information used in Table A2 in Appendix 2, and analysed in Table B2 can be found in Appendix 4 Baseline characteristics in relation to the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP SEA objectives are listed below.
- 3.13 There are three objectives for which there is no local baseline data available and therefore this provides a limitation on the baseline data and whether the NDP policies are able to move towards or away from this data, this also means that there are no future trends to link the SEA objective too.

#### **4.0 Assessing the NDP Objectives**

- 4.1 The following are objectives listed in the NDP that aim to realise the vision for Whitchurch and Ganarew group in 2031:
1. Housing
  2. Opportunities for Employment
  3. Environmental Sustainability.
  4. Roads and Traffic.
  5. Community Service and Facilities.
- 4.2 The table below tests these NDP objectives against the SEA objectives, providing a summary of the results of Task B1 of SEA. The full results are available at Appendix 4 of this report.
- 4.3 All of those NDP objectives which have a relationship with the SEA framework are positively compatible with it or have a neutral effect. This is down to the majority of objectives containing criteria to mitigate and alleviate detrimental environmental impact from development.
- 4.4 Parts of Objective 4 is not considered to be a land use matter and it is impossible to appraise the full implications of NDP objectives at this stage given the lack of detail over the exact locations of schemes that may come to fruition as a result of the implementation of the ndp.

4.5 Task B1 of the SEA identified no potential conflicts between the NDP objectives and the SEA framework.

+	Compatible
-	Possible conflict
0	Neutral
X	No relationship between objectives
?	Unclear, more information needed

NDP Options	SEA Objectives															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Objective 1	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
Objective 2	+	+	+	X	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+
Objective 3:	++	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++
Objective 4	+	0	0	X	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+
Objective 5	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0

## 5.0 Assessing the NDP Options

- 5.1 All options that were considered by Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Parish during the development of their Plan have been assessed as part of the SEA, the summary matrix of the assessment can be found in Table B2 options these tables are in Appendix 4.
- 5.2 The options covered the topics that are likely to formulate the topics going forward in the Plan. These options were formulated from questionnaires, call for sites and public consultation events throughout 2016 and 2017. The results of which will feed into the identification of the preferred options and ultimately the draft policies.
- 5.3 A 'do nothing' option was also considered by the Parish, i.e. not undertaking a Neighbourhood Development Plan, however this was disregarded at an early stage by the Parish Council as it was highlighted within the that the majority of the community would support the work undertaken for a Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5.4 The Whitchurch and Ganarew Group options all had a generally positive or unknown impact upon the Baseline data and SEA objectives, in particular Option 3 and Option 4 would have the least impact upon the environment and move towards the SEA objectives . Option 2 would be positive but not as certain due to not knowing the location of potential sites. Therefore the policy and definition of a new settlement boundary will need to consider the SEA objectives.
- 5.5 The Whitchurch settlement options all had a generally positive effect but with some unknown factors. Options 3 and 4 are the most favourable due to identification of sites within the identified settlement which will give more certainty for the Group Parish to meet their housing target.

- 5.6 Overall most of the options 2-4 had mainly a positive effect on the SEA objectives and baseline, if the policies that are developed incorporated the elements of the options that are ensuring mitigation of new development and additional details are provided for the location and design of any proposed site then the assessment of the policies should result in a positive result. As these options were generally moving towards the SEA objectives any further alternatives would probably be moving away and therefore no further options are required to be assessed.

NDP Options	SEA Objectives															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Option 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Option 2	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	++
Option 3:	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	++
Option 4	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	++

### Site Options

- 5.7 Overall 36 sites came forward in the call for sites submission in the Call for Sites initiated in July 2016, there were several stages in the process and 8 of the sites put forward have been granted planning permission. Appropriate site options were further assessed following a desktop assessment and further evaluation in November 2016 through to March 2017. Further assessment of sites and settlement boundaries have been carried out throughout 2017. 15 of the sites were not further assessed as they were too far from the identified settlement and considered under RA3 policy. The remaining 7 sites were assessed. Sites 04, 06, 19, 24, 31b, 32 and 33) were then subjected to closer analysis to determine whether they might contribute towards the additional houses required to ensure the required minimum level of 65.
- 5.8 Out of the seven site options two were considered not viable 4 and 19 in terms of development potential due to flood risk and impact to the River Wye SAC. Site 6 and 33 have a positive impact towards the baseline data but are too small in scale to deliver housing required and site 32 is unlikely to be deliverable as it is outside the settlement boundary and should be assessed RA3. 24 and 31b have been selected as they were deemed the most viable due to size, access and location.

NDP Options	SEA Objectives															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Site 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Site 6	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0
Site 19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Site 24 Selected	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+
Site 31b Selected	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+
Site 32	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Site 33	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0

## 6.0 Appraisal of the policies

- 6.1 A key part of developing a plan such as the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP is developing a range of options and testing these, so that a preferred way forward can be selected.

6.2 Although the draft NDP identifies a number of key themes or issues which are considered significant to the Group Parish, alternative approaches were considered prior to an informal consultation that took place in respect of an emerging draft plan throughout 2017. Therefore the following, emerging set of draft policies can be appraised for the purposes of Stage B of the SEA:

- Policy WG1 Promoting Sustainable Development
- Policy WG2 Development Strategy
- Policy WG3 Housing Development in Whitchurch
- Policy WG4 Housing Sites in Whitchurch
- Policy WG5 Housing Development in Symonds Yat West
- Policy WG6 Affordable and intermediate Homes
- Policy WG7 Housing Design and Appearance
- Policy WG8 Sustainable design
- Policy WG9 Land adjacent to the River Wye to the east of Whitchurch
- Policy WG10 Stoney Hills Industrial Estate and the complex of industrial and commercial buildings between the Old Ross Road and The Old Forge
- Policy WG11 Use of Rural Buildings
- Policy WG12 Working from Home
- Policy WG13 Poly-tunnel Policy
- Policy WG14 Conserving the landscape and scenic beauty, both within and outside the Wye Valley AONB
- Policy WG15 Enhancement of the natural environment
- Policy WG16 Protecting heritage assets
- Policy WG17 Protection from flood risk
- Policy WG18 Sewerage infrastructure
- Policy WG19 Renewable and low carbon energy
- ~~Policy WG20 Traffic measures within the parish~~ deleted post examination
- Policy WG20 Highway design requirements
- Policy WG21 Protection and enhancement of Parish facilities and services
- Policy WG22 Contributions to Parish Services, youth provision and recreation facilities
- Policy WG23 Broadband infrastructure

### Stage B of SEA

6.3 In the context of Task B1 of SEA, the previous section of this report identified that many of the NDP objectives are compatible with the SEA framework, while others had either a neutral impact, no relationship with the SEA objectives or if needed; further information such as location of development. Additional policy safeguards within the NDP and Local Plan (Core Strategy) would help mitigate any possible conflicts.

6.4 With regard to Task B2 of SEA, the NDP policies were measured against both the SEA framework and the baseline characteristics identified during Stage A of the process; here, there was no direct baseline data available in respect of SEA Objectives 3 and 9. Full details of this appraisal are attached at Appendix 4.

6.5 The policies largely score as positive or neutral against the SEA objectives and will not, therefore, have an adverse impact on the baseline characteristics or immediate environmental impacts. This is because most are criteria based policies which only consider schemes on their own merits, as and when planning applications are submitted to the local planning authority.

6.6 There are some unknown factors, particularly where the location of specific piece of development (i.e tourist facilities or business units) is not yet known. Mitigation measures are contained within the Local Plan Core Strategy and NDP to help alleviate potential environmental effects.

NDP Options	SEA Objectives															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Policy 1	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 2	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 3:	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 4	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0
Policy 5	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	0
Policy 6	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0

NDP Options	SEA Objectives															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Policy 7	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 8	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 9	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 10	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 11	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 12	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 13	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0
Policy 14	++	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++
Policy 15	++	++	++	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 16	+	+	+	++	+	X	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	++
Policy 17	+	+	+	0	0	X	0	0	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+
Policy 18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+
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Policy 22	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	0
Policy 23	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0

- 6.7 The results of Task B3, as shown at Appendix 4, demonstrate that the cumulative impact of the NDP policies over the course of the plan period is generally positive. Although some policies may have a neutral or uncertain impact during the first 5 years of the plan period, there is no reason why they cannot have a positive effect in the medium to long-term due to policy safeguards included in the Local Plan (Core Strategy); these safeguards should avoid or mitigate against unacceptable adverse impacts.
- 6.8 Task B4 of SEA brings together the results of earlier tasks and thus identifies the cumulative impact of the entire of the NDP. This task, which is also attached at Appendix 4, reveals that the objectives and policies contained in the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP are by and large in general conformity with the Local Plan (Core Strategy), which means that the cumulative effect of the plan will contribute to the achievement of the SEA objectives.
- 6.9 None of the NDP policies are considered to be in direct conflict with or propose greater levels of growth and development than strategic policies contained in the Local Plan (Core Strategy), which themselves have undergone a full Sustainability Appraisal.

### Regulation 14 Consultation

- 6.10 Following the Draft plan consultation (Regulation 14) Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP steering group amending criteria in a majority of the policies in response to the comments received at regulation 14 consultation. The amendments were mainly minor wording changes to ensure consistency with the Framework and to provide more clarity for decision makers. Minor amendments were made to the majority of the policies these policies were not significantly changed, therefore were not needed to be rescreened. Therefore only three policies WG3, WG5 and WG17 were re-assessed as the criteria altered the policy by decreasing the settlement boundary. This minor changes is unlikely to have a significant impact on the SACs. Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Parish have already met their proportionate growth target of 65 dwellings and have exceeded it by one. Overall these changes help clarify the plan and helped move the plan closer towards the SEA baseline and likely to ensure suitable development in the NDP plan period.
- 6.11 It has been concluded that following the rescreening will not have a significant adverse impact on the SEA objectives and therefore the conclusions of the SEA remain the same as with the Draft Plan, no significant effect is likely from the implementation of the Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP policies.
- 6.12 The full results of the re-assessed policies can be found in Appendix 8 and Appendix 9 of this Environmental Report.

## Regulation 16 Consultation

- 6.10 Following the draft plan consultation (Regulation 14) The Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP steering group amending criteria in a majority of the policies in response to the comments received at regulation 14 consultation. The amendments were mainly minor wording changes to ensure consistency with the Framework and to provide more clarity for decision makers. Minor amendments were made to PTS5, PTS6 and PTS13 these policies were not significantly changes, therefore were not needed to be rescreened. Therefore only one policy PTS14 was re-assessed as the criteria altered the policy by listing community facilities they wished to protect. Overall these changes help clarify the plan and helped move the plan closer towards the SEA baseline and likely to ensure suitable development in the NDP plan period.
- 6.11 It has been concluded that the rescreening made will not have a significant adverse impact on the SEA objectives and therefore the conclusions of the SEA remain the same as with the Draft Plan, no significant effect is likely from the implementation of the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP policies.
- 6.12 The full results of the re-assessed policies can be found in Appendix 7 of this Environmental Report.

## Stage D of the SEA – assessment of the modifications post examination

- 6.13 Following the draft plan consultation at regulation 14 and the submission NDP consultation (Reg16), the plan has now been subject to an independent examination during August 2019 By Ann Skippers. She has reported that the NDP has met the Basic Conditions subject to a number of minor modifications to the policies and maps. These recommendations can be found in Appendix 9.
- 6.14 The policies which have been modified during the examination and subsequently reassessed are policies . Many of these modifications add clarity to the text to aid the implementation rather than major changes in policy direction or stance. Only one policy WG20, as it is not a land use policy more of a community project/ aspiration. Policies WG8, WG9, WG11 and WG13 have been rescreened in D3 against the SEA objectives, and have found still to unlikely have a significant environmental effect. The clarification to these policies helps to move these policies closer to the SEA baseline and easier to implement at planning application stage.
- 6.15 The modifications have been accepted by Herefordshire Council and have been made to the plan. A reassessment of the policies with their modifications has been undertaken, the results of which are contained within Appendix 11. There were some minor wording changes throughout the text and policies, these were so minimal it was not necessary rescreen policies.
- 6.16 It has been concluded that the modifications made will not have a significant adverse impact on the SEA objectives and therefore the conclusions of the SEA remain the same as previously reported.

## 7.0 Implementation and monitoring

- 7.1 Herefordshire Council as the Local Planning Authority should make arrangements to monitor the significant effects of implementing a neighbourhood plan.
- 7.2 Indeed, Regulation 17 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 requires the Local Planning Authority to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of any NDP that was subject to SEA, in order to identify unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and to enable appropriate remedial actions.

- 7.3 Accordingly, Herefordshire Council will monitor outcomes from the NDP policies and the results of these will be reported in the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).
- 7.4 The AMR runs from 1 April to 31 March each year and the topics covered therein include the following:
- Housing delivery;
  - Previously developed land
  - Housing completions
  - Affordable housing conditions
  - Employment land delivery.

## **8.0 Next steps**

- 8.1 This report will accompany the post examination version of the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP. The plan will move to referendum and subject to a successful outcome, final adoption in winter 2019.
- 8.2 Any changes made to the NDP as a result of a future review will trigger the need to undertake a further SEA.

# Appendix 1

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**Initial Habitat Regulations Assessment and Strategic Environmental  
Assessment Screening Notification**

**The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012 (Reg. 32)**

**Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (d)**

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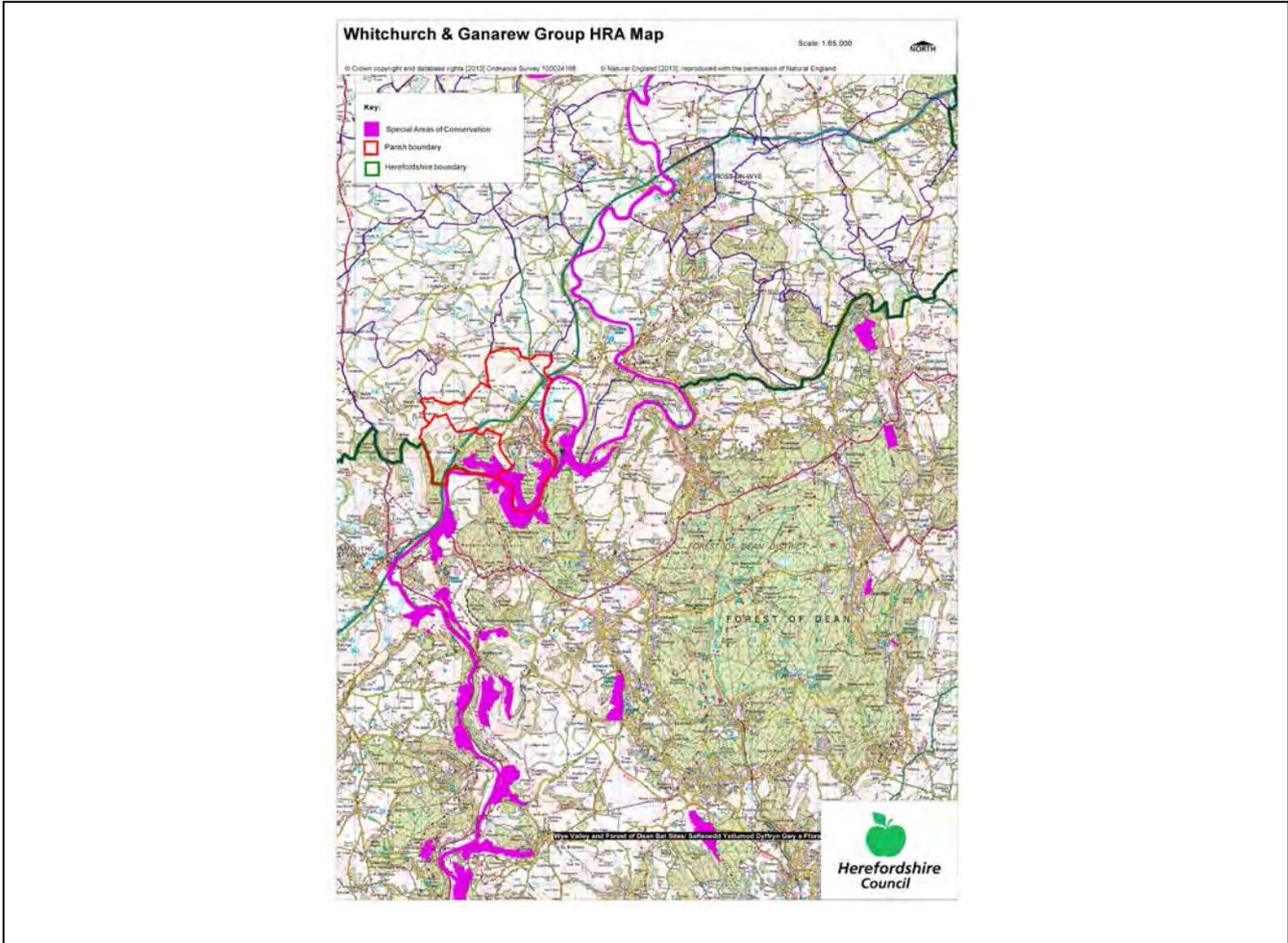
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<b>Parish Council:</b>	Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Parish Council
<b>Neighbourhood Area Designation Date:</b>	04/12/13

### **Introduction**

This Initial Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening has been undertaken to assess whether any European Sites exist within or in proximity to the Neighbourhood Area which could be affected by any future proposals or policies.

Through continual engagement the outcomes of any required assessments will help to ensure that proposed developments will not lead to Likely Significant Effects upon a European Site or cause adverse impacts upon other environmental assets, such as the built historic or local natural environment.

**HRA Initial Screening: Map showing relationship of Neighbourhood Area with European Sites  
(not to scale)**



**Initial HRA Screening**

**River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC:**

Does the Neighbourhood Area have the River Wye (including the River Lugg) in or next to its boundary?	Y	The River Wye SAC runs along the borders of the Group Parish
Is the Neighbourhood Area in the hydrological catchment of the River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC?	Y	The Group Parish is within the hydrological catchment of the River Wye
If yes above, does the Neighbourhood Area have mains drainage to deal with foul sewage?	N	There is no mains drainage within the Group Parish

**Downton Gorge SAC:**

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of Downton Gorge SAC?	N	Downton Gorge is 54.8km away from the Group Parish
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**River Clun SAC:**

Does the Neighbourhood Area include: Border Group Parish Council or Leintwardine Group Parish Council?	N	River Clun does not border the Group Parish
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**Usk Bat Sites SAC:**

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of the SAC boundary?	N	Usk Bat Sites are 31.8km away from the Group Parish
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**Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Sites SAC:**

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of any of the individual sites that make up the Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Sites?	Y	Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat Sites are 9.1 km away from the Group Parish
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**Wye Valley Woodlands SAC:**

Is the Neighbourhood Area within 10km of any of the individual sites that make up the Wye Valley Woodlands Site?	Y	Wye Valley Woodlands are within the Group Parish
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**HRA Conclusion:**

The assessment above highlights that the following European Sites will need to be taken into account in the future Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Neighbourhood Area and a Full HRA Screening will be required.

**European Site**

*(List only those which are relevant from above)*

River Wye (including the River Lugg) SAC

Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Bat Sites SAC

Wye Valley Woodlands SAC

**Strategic Environmental Assessment Initial Screening for nature conservation landscape and heritage features**

The following environmental features are within or in general proximity to the Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Neighbourhood Area and would need to be taken into account within a Strategic Environmental Assessment. In addition, the NDP will also need to consider the other SEA topics set out in Guidance Note 9a to ensure that the plan does not cause adverse impacts.

<b>SEA features</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>SEA required</b>
Air Quality Management Areas	0	There are no AQMAs within the Group Parish	N
Ancient Woodland	14	Trebandy Wood (border); Thomas Wood (border); Park Wood (border); Coldwell Wood (border); Huntsham Hill Wood (border); Elliots Wood (border); Collins Grove (border); Woodside Wood; Long Close Wood; Goldsmiths Wood; Morgan Grove; Hazel Wood (border); St Wolstans Wood (border); Trewarne Wood	Y
Areas of Archaeological Interest	0	There are no AAls within the Group Parish	N
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	1	Part of the Group Parish is within the Wye Valley AONB	Y
Conservation Areas	0	There are no Conservation Areas within the Group Parish	N
European Sites	2	River Wye; Wye Valley Woodlands	Y
Flood Areas		Flood Zones 2 and 3 follow the River Wye and some streams off the river	Y
Listed Buildings	Numerous	There are numerous Listed Buildings throughout the Group Parish	Y
Local Sites (SWS/SINCS/RIGS)	5 (RIGS) 4 (SWS)	RIGS: Little Doward Hillside; Limestone Pavement, Little Doward; King Arthurs Caves: Lords Wood Quarry (border); Quarry north of King Arthurs Cave (border) SWS: River Wye; The Doward and Huntsham Hill; Woodland at Welsh Newton and Callow Hill (border); Garron Brook	Y
Long distance footpaths/trails	1	Wye Valley Walk	Y
Mineral Reserves	5	West of Wye, east of Rockview Farm; Great Doward, Little Doward including Lords Wood; In bend of River Wye, north of Huntsham Court and Huntsham Hill (border); South of Symonds Yat (border); East of Symonds Yat, on opposite bank of River Wye (border)	Y
National Nature Reserve	1	Lady Park Wood (border)	Y
Registered & Unregistered parks and gardens	3 Unregistered	Wyastone Leys; Sellarsbrooke Park; Huntsham Court (border)	Y
Scheduled Ancient Monuments	5	Churchyard cross at St Swithins Churchyard; Little Doward Camp; King Arthurs Cave, Great Doward; Merlin's Cave, Great Doward; Churchyard cross	Y

		in St Dubricius Churchyard	
Sites of Special Scientific Interest	3	River Wye (Unfavourable Recovering); Upper Wye Gorge (Favourable (part) Unfavourable Recovering (part)); Great Doward (Unfavourable Recovering)	Y

**Decision Notification:**

The initial screening highlights that the Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Neighbourhood Area:

- a) Will require further environmental assessment for Habitat Regulations Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

**Assessment date: 22/10/2013**

**Assessed by: James Latham**

## Appendix 1: European Sites

The table below provides the name of each European Site, which has been screened in for the purposes of neighbourhood planning in Herefordshire; includes their site features of integrity; and vulnerability data. This is based on the sites individual features of integrity and their vulnerabilities, which could include distance criteria. This has been used in identifying which parishes are likely to require a full HRA Screening of their future Neighbourhood Development Plan, to establish if their plan might have Likely Significant Effects on a European Site.

<b>Downton Gorge</b>
<b>Site Features:</b> <i>Tilio-Acerion</i> forests of slopes, screes and ravines
<b>Vulnerability data:</b> 10km for air quality associated with poultry units or other intensive agricultural practices.
<b>River Clun</b>
<b>Site Features:</b> Freshwater pearl mussel <i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i>
<b>Vulnerability data:</b> Water quality is important to maintain the site feature. Parishes either side of the River Clun will be affected.
<b>River Wye</b>
<b>Site Features:</b> Water courses of plain to montane levels with the <i>Ranunculion fluitantis</i> and <i>Callitricho-Batrachion</i> vegetation. Transition mires and quaking bogs. White-clawed (or Atlantic Stream) crayfish <i>Austropotamobius pallipes</i> . Sea lamprey <i>Petromyzon marinus</i> . Brook lamprey <i>Lampetra planeri</i> . River lamprey <i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i> . Twaite shad <i>Alosa fallax</i> . Atlantic salmon <i>Salmo salar</i> . Bullhead <i>Cottus gobio</i> . Otter <i>Lutra lutra</i> . Allis shad <i>Alosa alosa</i>
<b>Vulnerability data:</b> Proximity: Developments should not be within 100m of the designated bank. Some developments beyond 100m may also have impacts based on proximity and these issues should be addressed where possible when developing NDP policy and choosing site allocations. Water Quality: Within the whole catchment of the River Wye, which includes the River Lugg, mains drainage issues with regards to water quality are being resolved through the Core Strategy / Local Plan and development of a Nutrient Management Plan. Welsh Water should be consulted to ensure that the proposed growth will be within the limit of their consents. Otters: "An otter will occupy a 'home range', which on fresh waters usually includes a stretch of river as well as associated tributary streams, ditches, ponds, lakes and woodland. The size of a home range depends largely on the availability of food and shelter, and the presence of neighbouring otters. On rivers, a male's home range may be up to 40km or more of watercourse and associated areas; females have smaller ranges (roughly half the size) and favour quieter locations for breeding, such as tributary streams. Otters without an established home range are known as 'transients'. They are mostly juveniles looking for a territory of their own, or adults that have been pushed out of their territories. Transient otters may use an area for a short while, but they will move on if conditions are not suitable or if they are driven away by resident otters. Transients will have been important in extending the range of otters, but they are very difficult to identify from field signs. Within a home range an otter may use many resting sites. These include above-ground shelters, such as stands of scrub or areas of rank grass, and underground 'holts' – for example, cavities under tree roots and dry drainage pipes." (Source: EA website: <a href="http://www.environmentagency.gov.uk/static/documents/Business/Otters_the_facts.pdf">http://www.environmentagency.gov.uk/static/documents/Business/Otters_the_facts.pdf</a> accessed 09/04/2013)

### Usk Bat Site

**Site Features:** Annex I habitats present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for site selection: European dry heaths, Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration, Blanket bogs, Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation, Caves not open to the public, *Tilio-Acerion* forests of slopes, screes and ravines. Annex II species of primary reason for site selection: Lesser horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus hipposideros*, UK population 5%, although it is suggested this is an underestimate.

**Vulnerability data:** Lesser Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 5km and 10km between their summer and winter roosts. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat is vulnerable to disturbance; light pollution; and habitat loss. Check with the planning ecologist for other issues.

### Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat Sites

**Site Features:** Annex II species that are a primary reason for site selection: Lesser horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus hipposideros*. Greater horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*

**Vulnerability data:** Lesser Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 5km and 10km between their summer and winter roosts. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat is vulnerable to disturbance; light pollution; and habitat loss. Check with the planning ecologist for other issues.

Greater Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 20-30km between their summer and winter roosts.

NDPs closest to the European Site will need to consider:  
Woodland habitat buffer.

Lesser Horseshoe Bat: Old buildings; woodland locations; sheltered valleys, extensive deciduous woods or dense scrub, close to roost sites. In areas of fragmented habitats, linear habitats such as hedgerows are important corridors. Vulnerable to loss or disturbance of both summer and winter roosts and removal of linear habitat.

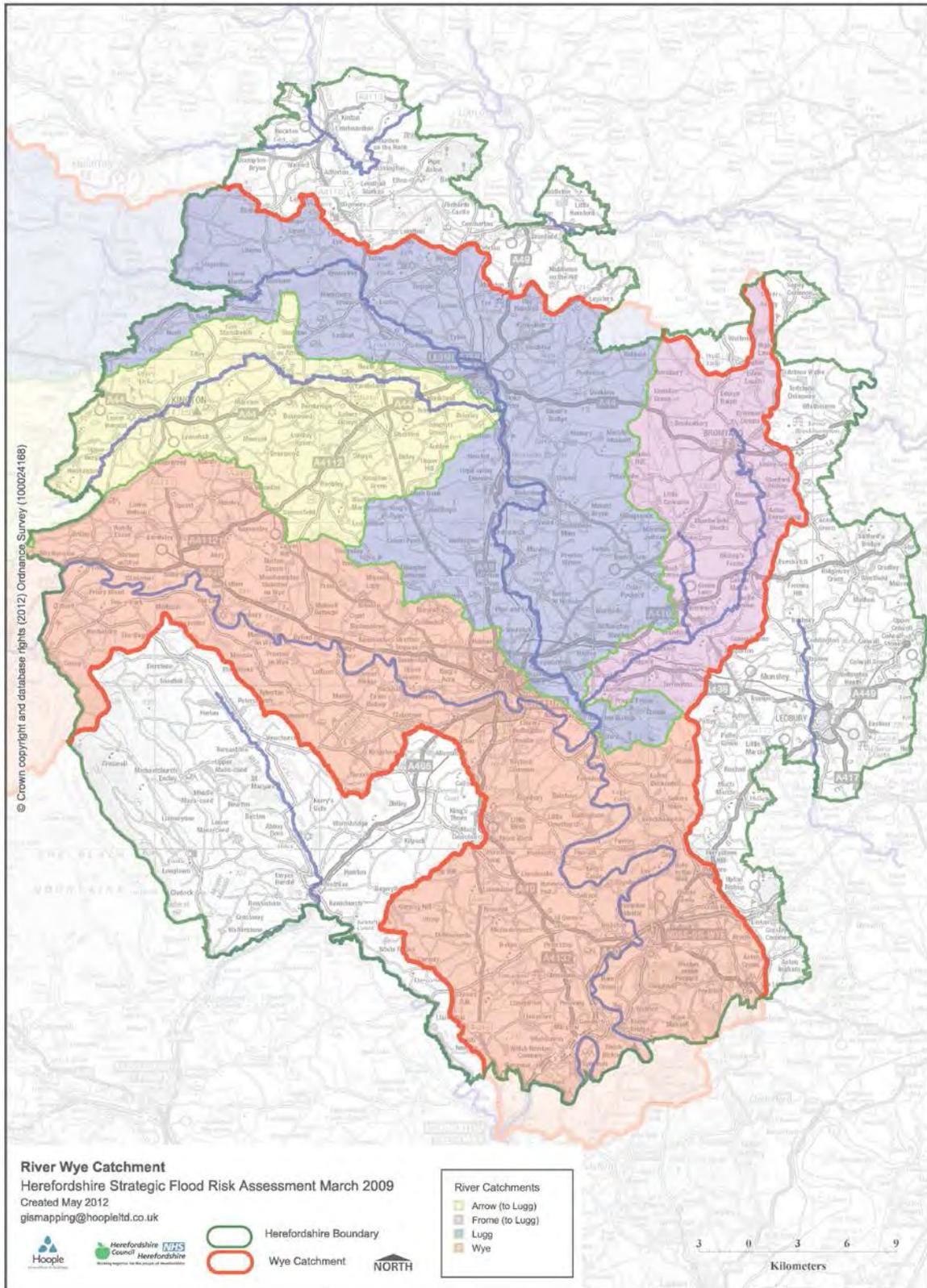
Greater Horseshoe Bat: Large buildings, pasture, edge of mixed deciduous woodland and hedgerows. Mixed land-use especially south-facing slopes, favours beetles, moths and insects they feed on. During the winter they depend on caves, abandoned mines and other underground sites for undisturbed hibernation. A system/series of sites required. Vulnerable to loss of insect food supply, due to insecticide use, changing farming practices and loss of broad-leaved tree-cover and loss / disturbance of underground roosts sites.

### Wye Valley Woodlands

**Site Features:** Annex I habitats that are a primary reason for site selection: Beech forests *Asperulo-Fagetum*, *Tilio-Acerion* forests of slopes, screes and ravines, *Taxus baccata* woods of the British Isles. Annex II species present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for site selection: Lesser horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus hipposideros*, 51-100 residents

**Vulnerability data:** Lesser Horseshoe bats are known to migrate between 5km and 10km between their summer and winter roosts. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat is vulnerable to disturbance; light pollution; and habitat loss. Check with the planning ecologist for other issues. NDPs closest to the European Site will need to consider: Woodland habitat buffer. Lesser Horseshoe Bat: Old buildings; woodland locations; sheltered valleys, extensive deciduous woods or dense scrub, close to roost sites. In areas of fragmented habitats, linear habitats such as hedgerows are important corridors. Vulnerable to loss or disturbance of both summer and winter roosts and removal of linear habitat.

## Appendix 2: Wye Catchment Map

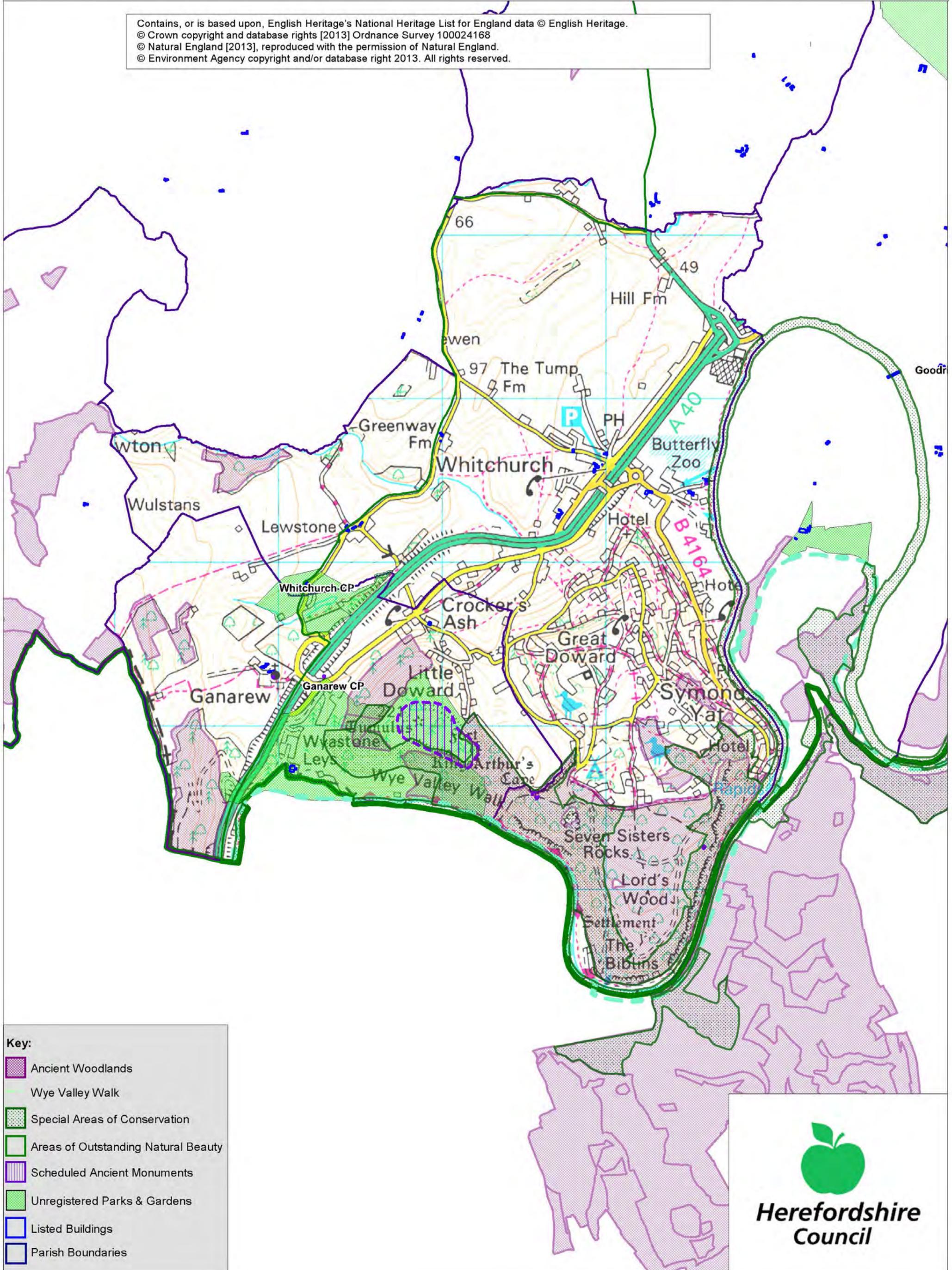


# Whitchurch & Ganarew Group SEA Map 1

Scale: 1:20,000



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**Key:**

- Ancient Woodlands
- Wye Valley Walk
- Special Areas of Conservation
- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Scheduled Ancient Monuments
- Unregistered Parks & Gardens
- Listed Buildings
- Parish Boundaries

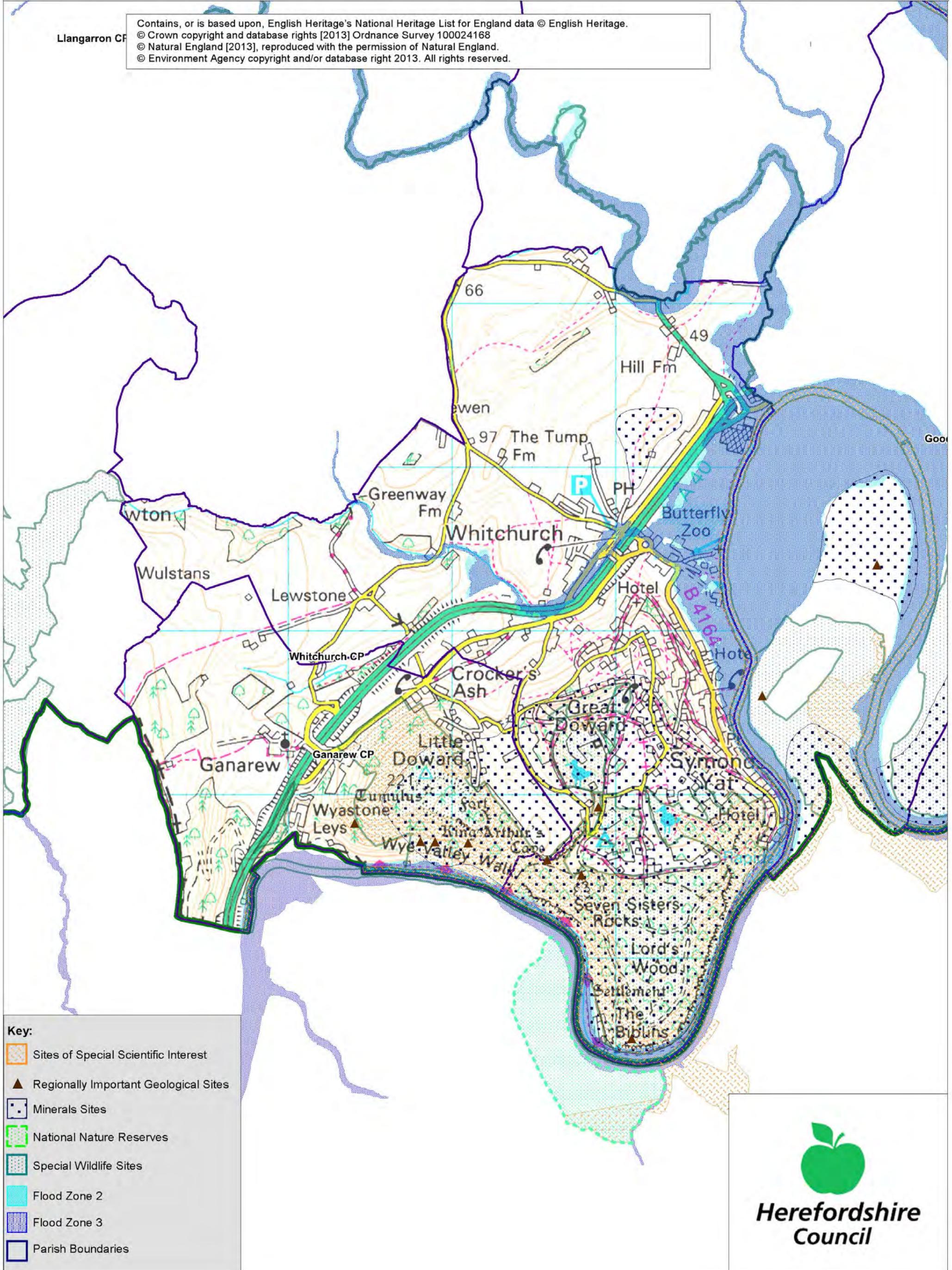
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# Whitchurch & Ganarew Group SEA Map 2

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**Key:**

-  Sites of Special Scientific Interest
-  Regionally Important Geological Sites
-  Minerals Sites
-  National Nature Reserves
-  Special Wildlife Sites
-  Flood Zone 2
-  Flood Zone 3
-  Parish Boundaries



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# Appendix 2

# Strategic Environmental Assessment



## Whitchurch & Ganarew Neighbourhood Area

**Scoping Report**

March 2015

## Consultation on the Scoping Report

The aim of the consultation process is to involve and engage with statutory consultees and other relevant bodies on the scope of the appraisal. In particular, it seeks to:

- Ensure the SEA is both comprehensive and sufficiently robust to support the Neighbourhood Development Plan during the later stages of full public consultation;
- Seek advice on the completeness of the plan review and baseline data and gain further information where appropriate;
- Seek advice on the suitability of key sustainability issues;
- Seek advice on the suitability of the sustainability objectives.

Comments on this Scoping Report have been invited from the three consultation bodies as required by the SEA regulations, together with the Natural Resources Wales.

The three consultation bodies are as follows:

1. Natural England;
2. English Heritage;
3. Environment Agency.



**Template A1: Identification and review of local Neighbourhood Area relevant plans, policies and programmes**

**Parish Council Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew parish.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew Neighbourhood Plan

**Date completed:** December 2014

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
The EC Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations	European Union Legislation	2010	These regulations transpose the Habitats Directive in England, Wales and to a limited extent Scotland by ensuring that activities are carried out in accordance with the Habitats Directive, which is to protect biodiversity through the conservation of natural habitats and species of wild flora and fauna.	The Regulations make it an offence (subject to exceptions) to deliberately capture, kill, disturb, or trade in the animals listed in Schedule 2, or pick, collect, cut, uproot, destroy, or trade in the plants listed in Schedule 4. However, these actions can be made lawful through the granting of licenses by the appropriate authorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.

<sup>1</sup> Derived from the LDF General Scoping Report (June 2007)

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Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
The EC Water Framework Directive	European Union	2000	Commits all EU member states to achieve good qualitative and quantitative status of all water courses by 2015	Aims for 'good status' for all ground and surface waters (rivers, lakes, transitional waters, and coastal waters) in the EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulation.
The Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)	Domestic Legislation	1981	The major legal instrument for wildlife protection in Britain, although other significant acts have been passed since. It has numerous parts and supplementary lists and schedules many of which have been amended since publication.	The principle mechanism for the legislative protection of wildlife in Great Britain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Soil</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.

Plans and Programmes	Type of document	Date	Overview	Key message, target/objective/indicator	SEA topic(s) <sup>1</sup>	Implications for the NDP and SEA
The Countryside and Right of Way Act (2000)	Domestic Legislation	2000	Creates a statutory right of access on foot to certain types of open land, to modernise the public rights of way system, to strengthen nature conservation legislation, and to facilitate better management of AONBs.	<p>The Act provides for a new right of access on foot to areas of open land comprising: Mountain (land over 600 metres); Moorland; Heath; Downland; Registered common land.</p> <p>There are provisions to consider extending the right in the future to coastal land, but not woodland despite some early publicity suggesting this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Soil</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.
The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006)	Domestic Legislation	2006	Designed to help achieve a rich and diverse natural environment and thriving rural communities through modernised and simplified arrangements for delivering Government policy.	Provides that any public body or statutory undertaker in England and Wales must have regard to the purpose of conservation of biological diversity in the exercise of their functions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Soil</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should be compliant with all the relevant legislation and regulations.

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Revised EU Sustainable Development strategy	European Union Strategy	2009	Sets out a single strategy on how the EU will more effectively meet its long-standing commitment to meet the challenges of sustainable development.	<p>Recognises the need to gradually change current unsustainable consumption and production patterns and move towards a better integrated approach to policy making. The Strategy sets overall objectives, targets and concrete actions for seven key priority challenges, predominantly environmental:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change and clean energy;</li> <li>• Sustainable transport</li> <li>• Sustainable production and consumption;</li> <li>• Public health threats;</li> <li>• Better management of natural resources;</li> <li>• Social inclusion, demography and migration;</li> <li>• Fighting global poverty.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The Neighbourhood Plan should take into account the objectives of the strategy. The aim of sustainable development should be implicit in its approach.

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Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services	National Strategy	2011	Forms part of the UK's Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework by setting out England's contribution towards the UK's commitments under the United Nations Convention of Biological Diversity.	Sets out to halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, with more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> </ul>	The NDP should take account of the provisions of the strategy, making the most of opportunities to enhance wildlife habitats or restore degraded ecosystems in the process.
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	National planning policy.	2012	Consolidates the suite of PPG/PPS into one succinct planning policy document.	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The NDP should take into account the relevant policies set within the NPPF.
Planning Practice Guidance	Government Guidance	2014	Provides guidance to local planning authorities and others on the operation of the planning system.	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and</li> </ul>	The NDP should take into account the planning guidance provided within these documents.

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					human health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	
Herefordshire Core Strategy, Pre-submission document 2011-2031	Development Plan Document (DPD)	2013	<p>Sets out the vision, objectives and policies for the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy), which will guide development across the county up to 2031.</p>	<p>Outlines the emerging suite of countywide planning policies relating to housing, economic development and the environment, which the NDP will need to be in conformity with where relevant.</p> <p>The Core Strategy includes a range of objectives, five of which directly relate to rural areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To meet the housing needs of all sections of the community</li> <li>• To improve access to services in rural areas</li> <li>• To strengthen the economic viability of the villages and their rural hinterlands</li> <li>• To achieve sustainable communities and protect the environment</li> <li>• To conserve, promote, utilise and enjoy our</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>The NDP should take account of relevant policies set within in the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Where necessary, the NDP should provide services, facilities and employment opportunities that are accessible to both local and neighbouring communities.</p> <p>Whitchurch and Ganarew are within the Ross HMA. Whitchurch and Ganarew falls under RA1and RA2 policy and should take into consideration the criteria set within this policy.</p>

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				<p>natural, built, historic and cultural assets for the fullest benefit of the whole community.</p> <p>To achieve a thriving rural Herefordshire, the Core Strategy seeks to enhance the role the villages have traditionally played in as accessible, sustainable centres for their rural catchments.</p> <p>Seeks proportional growth of up to 14% in Whitchurch and Ganarew. (Ross on Wye HMA) over the plan period.</p>		

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Herefordshire Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP) 2013-2015	Corporate	2013	Sets out the Council's strategy for supporting economic growth, social inclusion and reducing the environmental impacts of transport, as well as the program of investment for the period April 2013 to April 2015.	The document includes three key objectives, one which seeks to maintain access for rural residents and people without access to a car. Intrinsic to this is the retention of a 'core network' of bus services which focus on journeys between Hereford and the market towns, along with main transport corridors close to larger rural settlements. To this end, the strategy aims to increase the number of bus users by 1.3% (4,700 journeys) by 2015.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The LTP does not explore current transport issues in the Whitchurch and Ganarew neighbourhood area, but any new development proposed through the NDP should seek to reduce the environmental impacts of transport.

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Understanding Herefordshire Report	Built and natural environment	2014	<p>Important to understand the place such as the local economy natural and built environment in which people live, learn and work as part of understanding their quality of life</p> <p>Enable development for economy and housing to required levels.</p> <p>Growth should be supported by sustainable transport measures.</p>	An air quality management plan is in place to tackle this. Destination Hereford project is in place to give locals more sustainable transport options.	<p>Improve air quality.</p> <p>Have a more diverse range of transport options.</p>	None identified.

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Malvern Hills AONB Management Plan 2009-2014	Corporate	2009	Identifies the issues and challenges facing the special features of the area and contains 24 guiding principles and 46 strategic objectives which will help address them.	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The Whitchurch and Ganarew Plan Neighbourhood Area is not within or adjacent to the Malvern Hills AONB.
Wye Valley AONB management Plan 2009-2014	Corporate	2009	The Management Plan is the prime document which sets out the vision for the area and the priorities for its management.	<p>PA management plan is in place to conserve and enhance natural beauty.</p> <p>Plan is here to provide guidance and strategic objectives for individuals and groups based within the Wye Valley AONB.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>The Whitchurch and Ganarew Plan neighbourhood Area is within the Wye Valley AONB.</p> <p>Need to take into consideration the Wye Valley management plan. As Whitchurch and Ganarew falls into Wye Valley AONB landscape management zones.</p>

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Herefordshire Economic Development Strategy 2011-2016	Corporate	2011	Aims to increase the economic wealth of Herefordshire by setting out proposals and to support business growth up to 2016.	<p>The document outlines the path and direction to foster economic vitality within Herefordshire. Key objectives therefore include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustaining business survival and growth</li> <li>• Increasing wage levels, range and quality of jobs</li> <li>• Having a skilled population to meet future work needs</li> <li>• Developing the county's built infrastructure so enterprise can flourish.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	None of merit.

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Herefordshire Employment Land Study	Evidence	2012	Includes employment land assessments for the plan period 2011-2031. The study includes Quantitative and Qualitative assessments of employment land, assessment of market demand and need, as well as providing forecasts and recommendations for future employment need over the plan period.	<p>This study covers existing employment sites in Hereford, the five market towns and their rural hinterlands.</p> <p>There are two employment land allocations within Whitchurch and Ganarew. at present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One site Whitchurch Service station with 0.33ha of space, B Class.</li> <li>• Good site identified is Stoney Hills Industrial estate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The NDP process may have to explore whether there is any employment need locally and if so whether there is any scope for providing employment land and premises.

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Herefordshire Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)	Evidence	2009	<p>The SHLAA aims to justify site allocations in plans by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying sites which are capable of delivering housing development</li> <li>Assessing sites for their housing potential; and</li> <li>Predicting when a site could be developed for housing.</li> </ul>	<p>In terms of Whitchurch and Ganarew previous SHLAA identifies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two sites have been identified.</li> <li>Land at Rockview Farm and Land to the rear of Brockside.</li> <li>Identified 30 Potential housing sites.</li> <li>Up to 10 properties for 1-10 years.</li> <li>Up to 29 properties in 10-20 years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air</li> <li>Biodiversity</li> <li>Climate factors</li> <li>Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>Flora and fauna</li> <li>Population and human health</li> <li>Soil</li> <li>Water</li> </ul>	<p>The SHLAA assesses the potential availability of land for housing in Whitchurch and Ganarew. For up to 30 sites over a 20 year timescale.</p> <p>The Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP should be informed by the findings of the SHLAA. Site allocations for settlements should be proposed.</p>

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Herefordshire Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA)	Evidence	2013	Builds on an earlier Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) developed for Herefordshire and Shropshire. Its purpose is to inform the Local Plan's policies regarding housing need and demand (for market and affordable housing) within each of the 7 Housing Market Areas (HMAs) in Herefordshire between 2011 and 2031.	<p>Whitchurch and Ganarew fall within the Ross on Wye HMA. Here, the study reveals that in the Ross on Wye area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55% of households are unable to afford market housing.</li> <li>• There is an annual requirement for 58 affordable dwellings between 2012 and 2017.</li> </ul> <p>The study identifies that, in Ross-on-Wye HMA, there is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 690 market houses</li> <li>• 490 affordable houses.</li> </ul> <p>The study highlights that within the Ross-on-Wye HMA the overall estimated housing need by size 2012-2017 is as follows: 1 Bed - 54.4%, 2 bed – 18.4%, 3 bed – 28.2%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>The LHMA provides an indication of housing needs and affordability within the Ross on Wye HMA.</p> <p>It provides evidence that could be used to inform policies or market and affordable housing requirements in the NDP.</p>

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Herefordshire Local Housing Requirements Study	Evidence	2012	<p>Technical assessment of the housing market and potential future local housing requirements which supports planning policy regarding the amount of growth, housing tenure and housing type needed within Herefordshire up to 2031.</p>	<p>The delivery of 5,300 homes in the rural areas would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support growth in the rural population by 6%</li> <li>• Increase the number of households by 14.5%</li> </ul> <p>Forecasts also predict that growth in the population of the rural areas is likely to be primarily through an increase in those aged over 75.</p> <p>Moderate growth is expected in the 30-44 and 60-74 age brackets.</p> <p>The Local Housing Requirements Study therefore anticipates continuing improvements in life expectancy; significant growth is expected of those in their 80s, with the existing population in their 40s and 50s moving into retirement.</p> <p>As a consequence, the rural areas will face an increasing urgency to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>This study provides an indication of housing requirements in the rural areas and the Ross on Wye HMA.</p> <p>This evidence can be used to inform the content of the Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP, which could include policies to facilitate the provision of the right types of homes in the right places.</p>

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				provide more 3 bedroom homes, with more 1 and 2 bed homes required in the affordable sector.		
Herefordshire Rural Housing Background Report	Evidence	2013	Provides the justification for the proportional housing growth targets outlined in the Core Strategy	The village of Whitchurch and Ganarew RA1 and RA2 settlements, which means it, they are considered a sustainable location for proportional growth of up to 14%.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The Whitchurch and Ganarew. The NDP will need to be in conformity with the provisions of Policy RA1 and RA2.

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Herefordshire Draft Gypsies and Travellers Assessment	Evidence	2013	Assesses the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers across Herefordshire.	<p>Key findings from the survey of Gypsy and Traveller households in 2012 found that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31% of households surveyed have some sort of accommodation need</li> <li>• Of the 17 households with an accommodation need, 7 had a requirement for at least one additional pitch</li> <li>• 10 households had a requirement for bricks and mortar housing</li> <li>• There is an additional requirement for 7 pitches and 9 units of Registered Social Landlord accommodation within Herefordshire.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP must establish whether any of the need identified in this assessment falls within the neighbourhood area and make appropriate provisions for it.

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Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan	Evidence	2007	Focuses conservation efforts on the areas within Herefordshire that will result in the greatest benefit for ecological networks, habitats and species.	Integrating biodiversity objectives with other environmental, social and economic needs can provide a sustainable living and working environment that benefits both people and nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> </ul>	The NDP can help to achieve the LBAP priorities.
Building Biodiversity into the LDF	Evidence	2009	Provides the Council's Local Plan (Core Strategy) with evidence in respect of biodiversity and geodiversity, identifying both opportunities and constraints across Herefordshire.	This document provides useful information in respect of Hereford and the market towns only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	There is a lack of information about rural areas which means it will be necessary to gather and assess existing biodiversity and geodiversity data, in order to ensure that the Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP can overcome any existing constraints and capitalise on opportunities to enhance habitats and their networks.

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Herefordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy	Evidence	2010	Develops a framework of natural and culturally important features and functions so that planning for a sustainable future is at the heart of planning within Herefordshire.	Establishes policies and principles for the protection and enhancement of those features and functions that contributes to the environment of Herefordshire across a range of scales.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP.
Renewable Energy Study	Evidence	2010	Assesses the energy demand within Herefordshire and the ability for the county to accommodate renewable and low carbon energy technologies.	<p>The total energy demand excluding transport for Herefordshire, at that point in time, was calculated as being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrical: 731 GWh/yr</li> <li>• Heat: 1,810 GWh/yr</li> <li>• Total: 2,541 GWh/yr</li> </ul> <p>There is scope for all types of renewable energy production.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP.

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Herefordshire Playing Pitch Assessment	Evidence	2012	Produces a strategic framework, audit and assessment and needs analysis of outdoor sports pitches and facilities for Herefordshire. The document arises as a result of a recommendation in the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sports Facilities Framework to develop local standards for playing fields and sports pitches throughout Herefordshire.	<p>The study updates components of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sports Facilities Framework 2010 such as updating population forecasts, setting local standards for synthetic turf pitches and grass playing fields within Herefordshire. It identifies any current gaps in provision, and looks forward to 2031 to assess what facilities are likely to be required by that date.</p> <p>Whitchurch recreation field is no longer in use. Whitchurch has a Junior football field no longer in use.0.74h.No playing pitch area has secured community access.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	<p>The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP.</p> <p>Additional local evidence may be required to identify if there is a need for any secured playing pitch facilities within the Group Parish.</p>

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Open Spaces Study	Evidence	2006	The 2006 space audit and assessment of need is a snapshot of the quality, quantity and distribution of open space across Herefordshire.	<p>The study reveals that within Whitchurch and Ganarew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive under provision of parks and gardens</li> <li>• Extensive over provision of natural and semi-natural green space</li> <li>• Under provision of amenity green space and average provision for outdoor sport</li> <li>• Average provision for children and young people.</li> </ul> <p>The Whitchurch and Ganarew area is not specifically referred to.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The open space audit and assessment of does not give a specific indication of open space shortfalls and surpluses in Whitchurch and Ganarew.

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Play Facilities Study	Evidence	2012	The Play Facilities Study 2012 updates the previous play facilities analysis under the Open Spaces Study 2006 and provides guidance and a framework for the development, delivery and continued sustainability of providing new and improved play facilities for children and young people in Herefordshire to 2031.	<p>In terms of Whitchurch and Ganarew itself, the study reveals that the Whitchurch play area needs replacement in a better location. As the space and dangerously close to running water and fast road.</p> <p>It is identified as a medium priority no community involvement has been identified. No recent investment has been provided.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Cultural heritage and the landscape</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> </ul>	The study provides evidence that could be taken into account when preparing policies for the Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP.

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Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Water Cycle Study	Evidence	2009	<p>The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) provides a summary of flood risk in Herefordshire to inform the location of future development.</p> <p>The Water Cycle Study examines how water resources and water supply infrastructure, wastewater treatment, water quality, sewerage and flood risk could constrain growth across Herefordshire.</p>	<p>Whitchurch and Ganarew is situated in the Lower Wye catchment and is has the highest risk of fluvial flooding in the county. Therefore requires a holistic integrated approach to flood risk management.</p> <p>The Lower Wye has a 23.4% standard run percentage run off by sub catchment. This is potentially moderately suitable for infiltration source control. Lower Wye has a very slow flood response (Tp-time to peak) time at around 25 hours.</p> <p>The WCS identifies 30 sites in the River Wye catchment where current discharge consent licences cannot be shown to have no adverse effect. Abstraction of water from the River Wye may have impacted the habitats directive ecological river flow.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Water</li> </ul>	<p>New development proposed through the Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP should be assessed against the capacity of local infrastructure.</p> <p>Up-to-date flood risk information should be gathered from the Environment Agency, in order to ensure that any flood risks are considered when preparing the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP.</p>

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Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish Plan	Evidence	2014	Commissioned by a group of local residents and supported by Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish Council based on the views contributed by people living or working in the parishes of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Sets out the vision, objectives and policies for the parishes of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	Determined key findings and objectives for: Housing, Planning and Land Use, Environment, Facilities and Services, Community support, Communications, Leisure and Tourism, Traffic, transport and access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Climate factors</li> <li>• Material assets</li> <li>• Population and human health</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Flora and fauna</li> <li>• Air</li> </ul>	The NDP should take account of relevant objectives set within the Parish Plan which was adopted by the Parish Council in 2014.(Forms the basis of some actions over the next 1-5 years)

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**Appendix A2 – Baseline information for Whitchurch and Ganarew**

*N.B. This is based on countywide baseline information with some additions relevant to Whitchurch and Ganarew (in red). Where no locally specific data is available for current status, trends and targets, only countywide data is reported. Any gaps in data may be filled following additional research.*

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Biodiversity, flora and fauna</i>							
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Net change in condition of SSSIs across Herefordshire.	<p>The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.</p> <p>2010/11: 27% of Herefordshire's SSSI land was in favourable condition.</p> <p><i>There are three SSSI's within Whitchurch and Ganarew. 22/10/13</i></p> <p><i>River Wye (Unfavourable Recovering); Upper Wye Gorge (Favourable (part) Unfavourable Recovering (part)); Great Doward</i></p>	<p>2006: 22%</p> <p>2007: 22%</p> <p>2008: 22%</p> <p>2010: 24 %</p> <p>Proportion of SSSI land that was in unfavourable condition but recovering increased between 2010 and 2012 going from 41% to 65%.</p> <p>Proportion in unfavourable and declining condition had also decreased from 4% to 1%.</p>	<p>% of SSSI land in favourable condition (Increase)</p> <p>% of SSSI land in unfavourable condition but recovering (Increase)</p> <p>% of SSSI land in unfavourable condition and declining (Decrease)</p>	<p>Herefordshire's SSSIs are in extremely poor condition relative to England as whole, where 96.1% of all SSSI land was in favourable condition in April 2014.</p> <p>The proportion of SSSI in unfavourable condition but recovering is greater than England as a whole, where the figure currently stands at 58.6%.</p>	<p>Understanding Herefordshire: An integrated needs assessment (June 2013).</p> <p>NE &amp; DEFRA Website July 2014</p>

<sup>1</sup> Derived from the Pre Submission Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal Assessment (May 2014)

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
			(Unfavourable Recovering)				
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	After use of mineral sites especially wildlife habitat creation	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Phosphate levels within the River Wye SAC and adjoining tributaries that receive increased phosphates from proportional growth.	Countywide data is available.  Whitchurch and Ganarew is within the Lower River Wye sub-catchment for the purposes of the nutrient management plan.  The Lower River Wye sub-catchment is currently meeting phosphate targets.	The River Wye SAC was subject to a review of consents in 2010, as a number of sections of the river were found to have greater phosphate levels than those identified in Natural England's favourable condition tables.	The roll out of the Nutrient Management Plan will determine future targets.	New development within the area could lead to the water quality failing the phosphate levels and conservation objectives.	Nutrient Management Plan (2014)

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Changes to protected habitats and impacts of species within the Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan.	<p>The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.</p> <p>2010/11: 17 Habitat Action Plans and 14 Species Action Plans are currently in operation across Herefordshire.</p> <p><i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i></p>	<p>There are no formal records of any unacceptable adverse impacts on habitats or protected species.</p> <p>Originally 156 Priority Species were identified for inclusion in Herefordshire's LBAP.</p> <p>Similarly Herefordshire's LBAP covered 23 habitats with Action Plans.</p>	<p>To protect and where possible enhance the habitats of protected species identified.</p> <p>No net losses.</p>	<p>Herefordshire Biological Records Centre (HBRC) holds limited data on some individual sites.</p>	<p>Herefordshire Council AMR (2010/11)</p>

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SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Changes in the areas of designated nature conservation sites as a consequence of planning permission.	Whitchurch and Ganarew has:  SSSI: 3 SWS: 4  There are no SACs, NNRs, SINC and LNRs within the parish.	As of 2012, there had been no change in the areas of designated nature conservation sites as a consequence of the planning permissions granted.	To capitalise on opportunities to enhance the areas of value to nature conservation as much as possible.	Herefordshire Biological Records Centre (HBRC) holds limited data on some individual sites.	Herefordshire Council Initial Screening Report for the Neighbourhood Plan 2013
13. Value, maintain, restore and expand county biodiversity.	Natural environment	Proportion of local sites where positive conservation management has or is being implemented.	The Parish Area has the following landscape types:  Principal wooded hills, Principle settled farmlands, and forest smallholdings and dwellings.	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	Herefordshire Landscape Character Assessment (2004 updated 2009)
SEA Topic covered by objectives: <i>Material assets</i>							
14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently.	Resource consumption and climate change	Maintaining Herefordshire Council's County Site and	Countywide data would be too large to incorporate into this template.	-	No specific targets identified, but need to ensure that the	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in	Herefordshire Environmental Records Register (search December

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
		Monuments Register.	Whilst there is no qualitative, locally specific data available at present, there are numerous scheduled monuments in Whitchurch and Ganarew according to the latest version of the register.		register is kept up to date.	line with SA recommendations.	2014).
14. Use natural resources and energy more efficiently.	Resource consumption and climate change	Monitoring changes to historic landscapes.	<p>Historic Landscape Character assessments have only been undertaken for Hereford City.</p> <p>Rapid townscape Assessments (2010) were only undertaken for Hereford, Ledbury and Ross.</p>	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	<p>Historic Landscape Character Assessment for Hereford.</p> <p>Rapid townscape Assessments (2010)</p>

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Population, Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna</i>							
15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	Natural environment	Number of developments meeting and surpassing national design standards.	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-
15. Value, protect, enhance and restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	Natural environment	The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning aspects of local loss of heritage assets and locally important buildings particularly within a conservation area.	Countywide data would be too large to incorporate into this template.  There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning local loss of heritage assets and locally important buildings within Whitchurch and Ganarew present..	No historic records of any planning enforcement action or appeals concerning locally important buildings, there are no conservation areas within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	To wherever possible improve upon or otherwise maintain current status.	Current status must be verified by Dvt Mgt and Enforcement Officers, but the NDP can help to avoid enforcement action and appeals during the plan period.	Council Dvt Mgt records (searched December 2014)

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Climatic Factors</i>							
16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.	Resource consumption and climate change.	Transport patronage by mode	<p>% of Herefordshire residents who travel to work by:</p> <p>Car: 70.1% Foot: 14.7% Bicycle: 4.3% Bus: 2% Train: 0.8% Motorbike: 0.8% Taxi: 0.3% Other: 7%</p> <p><i>There is no locally specific data available at present</i></p>	The number of people cycling or travelling by bus as the main form transport to get to work declined between 2001 and 2011 – across England and Wales there was little change in either. Walking or driving a car or van on the other hand increased.	To encourage the take up of lesser polluting modes of transport.	There are a lack of transport options for many rural communities and therefore high car ownership and dependency – the last decade has seen a 15 per cent increase in household car ownership, although this is not reflected in traffic flows of recent years with volumes in Hereford City and wider county having decreased. The proportion of people working from home increased over the decade from 15 per cent in 2001 to 17 per cent in 2011.	2011 Census

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.	Resource consumption and climate change.	Number of decentralised energy schemes granted permission.	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	To contribute towards the national target.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
16. Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.	Resource consumption and climate	Total CO2 emissions per capita	<p>Latest figure dates back to 2010: 1.61 million tonnes (mtCO<sub>2</sub>)</p> <p><i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i></p>	<p>Between 2005 and 2010 Herefordshire's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 7% and 8% respectively; while UK's total and per capita carbon emission reduced by 8% and 12% respectively within the same period. This trend hides an increase in emissions between 2009 and 2010 when total emissions in the county increased by 5% the same as across the UK (+5%).</p>	To reduce the overall carbon emissions.	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions produced are decreasing.	Understanding Herefordshire: An integrated needs assessment (June 2013).

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Water</i>							
17. Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public wellbeing, the economy and the environment.	Natural environment	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds.	The 2011-2013 AMR does not contain updated conservation data.  2010/11: None  <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	There have been no approvals contrary to EA advice since reporting began in 2004.	To have no applications permitted contrary to EA advice.	None identified.	Herefordshire Council AMR (2010/11)
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Water, air, soil, material assets</i>							
18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.	Natural environment	Agricultural land usage by quality . LA to monitor the number of hectares of the best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 3a and higher) lost to development.	<b>The agricultural land classification around Whitchurch and Ganarew is mainly Grade 3 (Good to moderate). The Northern edge of the parish is Grade 2 (Very Good to Good ).</b>	-	Measure the number of hectares of best and most versatile soil lost through development.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	DEFRA 'Magic' website for land classification

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
18. Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.	Natural environment	Percentage of river length assessed as good or very good chemical quality and ecological quality as required by the Water Framework Directive	Latest figure dates back to 2005: 84%  <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	Figure steadily improved before going into decline:  Herefordshire 1999 85.9%, 2000 89.5%, 2001 92.2%, 2002 91.8%	To ensure that rivers meet their conservation objectives and do not fall below the required standard of quality.	None identified.	The State of Herefordshire (2007)  Water Framework Directive (2000)
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Soil</i>							
19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.	Built environment	Percentage of all new development completed on previously developed land.	2010/11: 67%  2011-13: 57%  <i>There is no locally specific data available at present.</i>	Completions on PDL had risen to 71% by 2005.	To increase the number of homes built on PDL in line with the provisions of national planning policy.	The number of brownfield completions has fallen slightly in recent years, though this is probably the offshoot of tough market conditions.	Herefordshire Council AMR (2010/11) and (2011-2013)

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.	Built environment	Housing densities in urban and rural areas	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>	-	No specific targets identified.	Should be monitored through AMR following the adoption of the Core Strategy, in line with SA recommendations.	-
19. Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.	Built environment	Level of development in urban areas compared to rural.	<i>There is no countywide or locally specific data available at present.</i>  This indicator would not be applicable to rural NDPs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SEA Topic covered by objective: <i>Cultural heritage</i>							

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, including conservation areas, historic environment and cultural heritage.	Built environment	Number and percentage of listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments on Buildings at Risk Register (English Heritage).	Up-to-date countywide information will be presented in the next AMR and which is due to be published in 2014. However, this data would be too large to incorporate into this template.  <b>There are numerous listed buildings within the parish and five SAMs. None are currently recorded in the Buildings at Risk Register.</b>	There were 79 heritage assets in Herefordshire that were considered to be at high risk and included in the Heritage at Risk Register 2014.	To wherever possible improve upon or otherwise maintain current status. (If heritage is at risk include-promote opportunities to achieve the removal of heritage assets from the at risk register.	<b>None of Whitchurch and Ganarew listed buildings or SAMs are considered to be at risk at present.</b>	Buildings at Risk Register (English Heritage; search December 2014)

SA Objective <sup>1</sup>	SA Theme	Proposed indicator	Current status	Trends	Targets	Issues and constraints	Baseline (information) source
20. Value, protect and enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, including conservation areas, historic environment and cultural heritage.	Built environment	The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning aspects of local loss of heritage assets, locally important buildings within the parish and particularly within a conservation area.	Countywide data would be too large to incorporate into this template.  There are no outstanding enforcement actions or appeals concerning local loss of heritage assets locally important buildings particularly within a conservation area within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	No historic records of any planning enforcement action or appeals concerning locally important buildings. There are no conservation areas with the group parish.	To wherever possible improve upon or otherwise maintain current status	Current status must be verified by Dvt Mgt and Enforcement Officers, but the NDP can help to avoid enforcement action and appeals during the plan period.	Council Dvt Mgt records (searched 2014)

**Appendix A3** – Environmental issues identified from Whitchurch and Ganarew Group baseline

These environmental issues are the same as most of those identified for the Herefordshire Core Strategy<sup>1</sup>

SEA Topic		Environmental issue	SA objectives
1	Air	High reliance upon the private car causing high levels of air pollution and in Hereford in particular	Objective 16
		Need to reduce carbon emissions by encouraging alternative modes of travel.	
2	Biodiversity	Habitats and species of national, regional and local importance are under pressure from the adaptation and diversification of farming and forestry employment.	Objectives 13 &15
		Habitats and species of national, regional and local importance are under pressure from development	
		Minimise loss of biodiversity and expand opportunities for wildlife everywhere.	
3	Climatic factors	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through planning, design and build.	Objective 16
4	Cultural heritage	Whitchurch and Ganarew Group have five Scheduled Ancient Monuments and numerous listed buildings, all of which require ongoing protection and many in need of high levels of maintenance.	Objective 20
5	Flora and fauna	Conserve and enhance the character and quality of historic landscapes, including all types of natural flora and fauna.	Objective 15
6	Material assets	How the countryside can continue to be managed in an economically, socially and environmentally beneficial way in the face of continuing pressures on traditional farming.	Objectives 14 & 18
7	Population	Minimise energy waste through good designs, which help to reduce energy consumption and maximise efficiency.	Objective 15
		Need to avoid enforcement investigations/action concerning locally important buildings and those within conservation areas in particular.	
8	Soil	Promoting development of previously developed land and buildings as opposed to greenfield sites or agricultural land of the highest quality.	Objectives 18 & 19

<sup>1</sup> Derived from the Pre-submission Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal Assessment (May 2014) and LDF General Scoping Report (June 2007)

9	Water	Issues relating to availability of resources, foul drainage, pollution, and abstraction in a county which supports water dependent biodiversity of international and national importance, given the predicted climate change consequences for water availability and demanding projections for new housing.	Objectives 17 & 18
		Steady decline in the chemical quality of rivers over the last 10 years.	

## Appendix A4: SEA Framework

### SEA Scoping Stage A, Task A4 - SEA Framework SEA Objectives, Indicators, Targets

**Parish Council Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Parish

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew Neighbourhood Plan

**Date completed:** December 2014

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
Nature Conservation (Biodiversity, flora and fauna)	Value, maintain, restore or expand county biodiversity.  Value, protect, enhance or restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protect or enhance habitats of international, national, regional or local importance.</li> <li>Protect international, national, regional or locally important terrestrial or aquatic species.</li> <li>Maintain wildlife corridors and minimise fragmentation of ecological areas and green spaces.</li> <li>Manage access to sites in a sustainable way that protects or enhances their nature conservation value.</li> <li>Create new appropriate habitats.</li> <li>Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic</li> </ul>	<p>Net change in condition of SSSIs across Herefordshire.</p> <p>After use of mineral sites especially wildlife habitat creation</p> <p>Changes to protected habitats and impacts of species within the Herefordshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan.</p>	<p>% of SSSI land in favourable condition (Increase)</p> <p>% of SSSI land in unfavourable condition but recovering (Increase)</p> <p>% of SSSI land in unfavourable condition and declining (Decrease)</p> <p>Percentage of opportunities taken</p> <p>To protect and where possible enhance the habitats of protected species identified.</p> <p>No net losses</p>

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
			<p>landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management</li> <li>• Ensure that environmental impacts caused by mineral operations and the transport of minerals are minimised.</li> <li>• Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</li> </ul>		
Landscape	Not covered in SA	<p>To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes</p> <p>To improve quality of surroundings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect and enhance the landscape everywhere and particularly in designated areas</li> <li>• Value and protect diversity and local distinctiveness</li> <li>• Improve landscape and ecological quality and character of the countryside</li> <li>• Improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space</li> <li>• Improve satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods as places to live</li> </ul>	<p>Changes in the areas of designated nature conservation sites as a consequence of planning permission.</p> <p>Proportion of local sites where positive conservation management has or is being implemented.</p> <p>Monitoring changes to historic landscapes.</p> <p>Area resulting in a loss of open space as a result of planning permission</p>	<p>To capitalise on opportunities to enhance the areas of value to nature conservation as much as possible.</p> <p>No specific targets identified.</p> <p>No specific targets identified.</p> <p>No specific targets identified</p>

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decrease litter and graffiti in towns and countryside</li> <li>Result in the loss of open space</li> </ul>		
Heritage	Value, protect or enhance the character and built quality of settlements and neighbourhoods and the county's heritage assets, historic environment and cultural heritage.	To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and culture heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preserve, protect and enhance heritage assets including conservation areas, listed buildings, archaeological sites and other culturally important features in both urban and rural settings.</li> <li>Prevent development which is inappropriate in scale, form or design to its setting or to its function or local area.</li> <li>Encourage development that creates and sustains well-designed, high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity and promote local distinctiveness and sense of place.</li> <li>Encourage cleanliness and/or improve the general appearance of the area.</li> </ul>	<p>The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning the aspects of local loss of locally important buildings within a conservation area.</p> <p>Number and percentage of listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments on Buildings at Risk Register (English Heritage).</p> <p>Ensure that Herefordshire Council's Sites and Monuments Register is kept up to date.</p>	<p>To improve upon or otherwise maintain current status.</p> <p>To improve upon or otherwise maintain current status.</p> <p>No specific targets identified, but need to ensure that the register is kept up to date.</p>

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
Air and Climate	<p>Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.</p> <p>Reduce Herefordshire's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change as well as its contribution to the problem.</p>	<p>To improve air quality</p> <p>To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment</p> <p>To reduce contributions to climate change</p> <p>To reduce vulnerability to climate change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</li> <li>Protect or enhance the quality of watercourses.</li> <li>Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</li> <li>Reduce the county's contribution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sources.</li> <li>Increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable and low carbon sources including by micro-generation, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), district heating and in transportation.</li> </ul>	<p>Transport patronage by mode</p> <p>Number of decentralised energy schemes granted permission.</p> <p>Total CO2 emissions per capita</p>	<p>To increase the take up of alternative modes to the private car.</p> <p>To contribute towards the national target.</p> <p>To reduce the overall carbon emissions.</p>
Water	Reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-	<p>To improve water quality</p> <p>To provide for sustainable sources of water supply</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce flood risk both presently and taking into account climate change.</li> </ul>	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds.	To have no applications permitted contrary to EA advice.

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
	<p>being, the economy and the environment.</p> <p>Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.</p>	To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent inappropriate development of the floodplain, and include flood protection systems.</li> <li>• Include sustainable urban drainage systems where appropriate.</li> <li>• Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</li> <li>• Protect or enhance the quality of watercourses.</li> </ul>	<p>Percentage of river length assessed as good or very good chemical quality and ecological quality</p> <p>Phosphate levels within the River Wye SAC and adjoining tributaries that receive increased phosphates from proportional growth.</p>	<p>To ensure that rivers meet their conservation objectives and do not fall below the required standard of quality as set out in the Water Framework Directive.</p> <p>To meet the targets set out in the Nutrient Management Plan (2014)</p>
Soil	<p>Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.</p> <p>Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.</p>	<p>To conserve soil resources and quality</p> <p>Ensure integrated, efficient and balanced land use.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimise water, air, soil, groundwater, noise and light pollution from current activities and the potential for such pollution.</li> <li>• Provide opportunities to improve soil quality or reduce contaminated land.</li> <li>• Ensure new developments are in appropriate locations, optimising the use of previously developed land and buildings, primarily focussed on the urban areas and are accessible by walking, cycling or sustainable transport and/or</li> </ul>	<p>Percentage of all new development completed on previously developed land.</p> <p>Amount of land identified as best and most versatile agricultural land lost to development.</p>	<p>To increase the number of homes built on PDL in line with the provisions of national planning policy.</p> <p>Measure the number of hectares of best and most versatile soil lost through development.</p>

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
			will increase the share of these transport modes, thereby reducing the need to travel.		
Population and Human Health	Value, protect, enhance or restore the landscape quality of Herefordshire, including its rural areas and open spaces.	To improve health of the population  To reduce crime and nuisance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Value, enhance and protect natural environmental assets including AONB's, historic landscapes, open spaces, parks and gardens and their settings.</li> <li>Encourage local stewardship of local environments, for example by promoting best practices in agricultural management.</li> <li>Ensure that environmental impacts caused by mineral operations and the transport of minerals are minimised.</li> <li>Promote the use of rural areas and open space by all, encourage easy non-car based access, and accommodate the needs of disabled users.</li> </ul>	Number of developments meeting and surpassing national design	No specific targets identified.
Material Assets	Use natural resources and energy more	To conserve natural and manmade resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximise energy efficiency and minimise the consumption of non-</li> </ul>	The need for, frequency and outcomes of planning enforcement investigations/ planning appeals concerning the aspects of local loss	Measure the number of hectares of best and most versatile soil lost through development.

SEA Topics	SA Objective	SEA Objective	Sub-objectives / Appraisal Questions (Will the option/proposal/site...)	Indicators	Targets
	efficiently.  Minimise local and global pollution and protect or enhance environmental resources.		<p>renewable energy i.e. from fossil fuels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimise the consumption of water, land, soil, minerals, aggregates and other raw materials by all? E.g. through integrated transport, sustainable resource-efficient design, local sourcing of food, goods, materials.</li> <li>• Encourage the re-use/enhancement (to high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design) of existing buildings and minimise the need for new build.</li> <li>• Encourage the use of clean technologies and water minimisation techniques.</li> </ul>	<p>of locally important buildings within a conservation area.</p> <p>Maintaining Herefordshire Council's County Site and Monuments Register.</p> <p>Monitoring changes to historic landscapes.</p> <p>Agricultural land usage by quality</p>	<p>No specific targets identified.</p> <p>No specific targets identified, but need to ensure that the register is kept up to date.</p> <p>No specific targets identified.</p> <p>Measure the number of hectares of best and most versatile soil lost through development.</p>

# Appendix 3

No responses were received to the SEA Scoping Report consultation.

# Appendix 4

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<b>Objective 1- Housing</b>	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	This objective has a positive impact on the SEA baseline, it covers the aspects of small scale development whilst including criteria to protect environmental assets and addressing any issues concerning environmental constraints. This aims to satisfy local housing needs that is in keeping with Whitchurch and Ganarew.	Any specific locational policies for future development should take into account the SEA objectives. However, further development of the planning policies will move the objective towards a compatible outcome.	This objective reflects the vision, it also has the ability to be monitored and some aspects of this will be monitoring in the countywide Annual Monitoring Report. Future policies developed from this objective should aim to make this achievable and deliverable. The timeframe is not specifically indicated but will be for the lifetime of the plan.	No change.
<b>Objective 2- Opportunities for Employment</b>	+	+	+	X	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	Overall the objective has generally a positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. This objective promotes employment opportunities and supports expansion of existing businesses aiming to decrease commuting and promoting more employment opportunities in relation to where people live.	Ensure proposed development considers environmental impact that development causes, ensure it is in line with the SEA Objectives.	This objective meets all of the SMART Objectives. A time frame in which the objective will be achieved is generally covered throughout the plan.	No change.
<b>Objective 3- Environmental sustainability</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	This objective seeks to protect and enhance the local environment, its setting and character of the parish of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Overall the objective has generally a positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. This objective will help to mitigate detrimental impact on the built and natural environment caused from development.	This objective acts as a mitigation in itself and will help to protect the existing environment through supporting sustainable development.	This objective meets all of the SMART criteria except specifying a time frame in which the objective will be achieved; a time frame will strengthen the objective. This is assumed this objective will follow the plan period up to 2031.	No change.
<b>Objective 4- Roads and Traffic</b>	+	0	0	X	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	Overall the objective roads and traffic has a neutral and positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. This objective promotes sustainable patterns and modes of transport and safer roads.	Ensure proposed development considers environmental impact that development causes, ensure it is in line with the SEA Objectives.	This objective meets most of the SMART Objectives. A time frame in which the objective will be achieved is generally covered throughout the plan. How this objective will be achieved will mostly be down to highways. It is limited to what a land use based document can deliver on roads and traffic issues.	No change.

<p><b>Objective 5-</b> Community Service and Facilities</p>	<p><b>0</b></p>	<p><b>+</b></p>	<p><b>+</b></p>	<p><b>+</b></p>	<p><b>0</b></p>	<p><b>0</b></p>	<p><b>+</b></p>	<p><b>0</b></p>	<p>Overall the objective Community service and facilities has generally a positive effect towards the relevant baseline objectives. This strives to retain and enhance existing community facilities.</p>	<p>Ensure proposed development considers environmental impact that development causes, ensure it is in line with the SEA Objectives.</p>	<p>This objective meets all of the SMART Objectives. A time frame in which the objective will be achieved is generally covered throughout the plan.</p>	<p>No change.</p>								
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<b>Baseline</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	NA	NA	NA	13			
Option1-Not to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan but to rely on Herefordshire's Core Strategy, accept pressures from housing developers and any Rural Areas Local Plan that Herefordshire Council might produce.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Do nothing option is essential not to produce a neighbourhood plan and rely on the criteria policies within the Core Strategy to guide further development. Specific policies and proposals for the parishes would not exist.	All developments would need to be in conformity with the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy has been subject to a Sustainability Appraisal and policies met the SEA objectives.	n/a
Option 2- Limiting housing growth to that needed to meet the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy requirements to sites already committed and sensitive infilling within defined settlement boundaries for Whitchurch and Symonds Yat West.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	The designation of a settlement boundary will give additional certainty and help define those areas considered as the built form and open countryside. This can aid the direction of further growth to maintain the quality of the landscape and surroundings. There is less certainty over the positive effects on the baseline as any growth will be adjudged by criteria based policy. The majority of the housing target has been met through commitments and completions this would rely on infill to meet the residual housing target of 13.	Any settlement boundary would need to be designated to ensure that sufficient capacity was included to permit the proportional growth requirements within Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Criteria would need to be included within the policy to safeguard against effects on any SEA objectives.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.
Option 3-In addition to Option 2, identifying a number of small sites (i.e. sites of up to 5 - 10 dwellings) that would be in keeping with the scale of	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Allocation of sites for housing or other uses would give certainty to future development. Specific environmental issues could be investigated during the site search and be positively addressed within the policy wording. The designation of a settlement boundary will give additional certainty and help define those areas considered as the built form and open countryside This option could have a positive effect on the baseline.	Pursuing this option would give greater certainty over future development within the area particularly within Whitchurch and Ganarew, where proportional growth is expected. If required mitigation criteria can be added to site allocations policies to ensure all SEA objectives are achieved.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA.



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Site 31b Selected	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	Overall this option has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. Impact on water quality, sustainable water supply can be determined at planning stage. Impact on climate change can be mitigated through sustainable design policy.	Overall this option meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA
Site 32	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	Overall this option has mainly an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Impact on water quality, sustainable water supply can be determined at planning stage. Impact on climate change can be mitigated through sustainable design policy.	Overall this option meets the SEA objectives. However this area is located outside the settlement boundary and should be assessed under RA3 policy.	Location of this site falls outside the settlement boundary and should be assessed under RA3 policy.
Site 33	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	Overall this option has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. Impact on water quality, sustainable water supply can be determined at planning stage. Impact on climate change can be mitigated through sustainable design policy.	Overall this option meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy.	This option would meet the Core Strategy requirements in terms of the SEA

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Policy WG1 Promoting Sustainable Development	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew. This policy ensures development is in keeping with the natural and built environment and will help safeguard the environment against unsuitable development.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline and is in general conformity to policy SS1 and SD1 of the Core Strategy. There are mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and Neighbourhood Plan to alleviate effects from development.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG2 Development Strategy	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	+	This policy development strategy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This identifies Whitchurch as the main area for proportionate growth in line with table 4.14 of the Core Strategy. Settlement boundaries for Whitchurch and Symonds Yat have been identified for proportionate growth.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to small scale housing development focused with a defined settlement for Whitchurch in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Criteria contained within this policy safeguarded	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG3 Housing Development in Whitchurch	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	+	This policy housing development in Whitchurch and Ganarew has a positive impact on the baseline data. Water quality and usage, traffic impact and flood risk can be assessed when further details are known. There is criteria within this policy to ensure new development is fitting with its local context.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to small scale housing development focused with a defined settlement for Whitchurch and Ganarew in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from development.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG4 Housing Sites in Whitchurch	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	This policy allocates two housing sites in Whitchurch to accommodate up to 12 dwellings on a 0.5 ha site and a 1.0ha site (6 on each site). Overall this has a neutral and positive impact on the baseline data and brings certainty to the housing delivery. Overall these allocations have a positive and neutral impact on the baseline data.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to small scale sites for 6 houses on each site which is within the defined settlement for Whitchurch. Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Core Strategy will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from development.	These allocations are in line with policies SD1 and RA2 of the Core Strategy.
Policy WG5 Housing Development in Symonds Yat West	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	0	This policy allocates a settlement boundary around Symonds Yat and does not specifically allocate sites. Setting a settlement boundary brings certainty and overall has a positive and neutral impact on the baseline data.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to small scale development focused with a defined settlement for Symonds Yat Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from development. Further impact on water resources can be determined at planning application stage when size and location of development is known.	These allocations are in line with policies SD1 and RA2 of the Core Strategy.
Policy WG6 Affordable and intermediate Homes	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy promotes affordable housing within Whitchurch and Ganarew parish to meet the needs of local people or has local connections.	Overall this policy is compatible with the SEA baseline. Criteria within the Core Strategy and NDP can alleviate impact caused from new housing development in the group parish.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Policy WG7 Housing Design and Appearance	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy sets out criteria for new development to be of high quality and fitting to the surrounding context, without having a negative impact on the natural and built environment.	Overall this policy is compatible with the SEA baseline and acts as a mitigation measure itself, to ensure new development is in keeping with the surrounding environment in line with policy SD1, LD1 and LD4. of the Core Strategy.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG8 Sustainable design	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect. Criteria within this policy ensures new development will be appropriate to Whitchurch and Ganarew's character in terms of scale design and materials. This policy promotes sustainable development in new development, striving to reduce carbon emissions.	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains criteria for sustainable design to be in keeping with the existing built and natural environment and is in conformity to policies SD1, LD1 and LD4. This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG9 Land adjacent to the River Wye to the east of Whitchurch	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect. This supports tourism and visitor facilities, intensification and regeneration of this area will be supported if development proposals will meet the protective criteria contained in this policy.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact. Further mitigation measures are contained within the Core Strategy and NDP. Impact on water quality and flood risk can be further detrained at planning application stage.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG10 Stoney Hills Industrial Estate and the complex of industrial and commercial buildings between the Old Ross Road and The Old Forge	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy ensures employment units within Stoney Hills Industrial Estate and Buildings between the Old Ross Road and The Old Forge are retained for employment and supports any potential expansion which will lead to local employment on these identified areas.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to small scale commercial development focused with a defined settlement for Whitchurch and Ganarew in line with policy E1and SD1 of the Core Strategy. Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from development.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG11 Use of Rural Buildings	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	x	x	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported. Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives as it will only lead to small scale housing development focused with a defined settlement for Whitchurch and Ganarew in line with policy RA3 and RA4/5 of the Core Strategy. Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from development.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG12 Working from Home	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	This policy support small scale home business development. Overall this policy has a positive effect towards the SEA baseline. This could help alleviate commuter traffic within the group parish whilst increasing broadband usage.	Overall this policy is compatible with the SEA baseline. This policy will lead to small scale domestic development, and may help to reduce commuter traffic. Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from development.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Policy WG13 Poly-tunnel Policy	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports appropriate poly tunnel development including mitigation criteria to ensures AONB and landscape protection, ensuring environmental impact is minimal.	Overall this policy meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy. This policy supports appropriate scale poly tunnel development within the parish and includes mitigation measures within the policy to ensure minimal impact from poly tunnel development.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG14 Conserving the landscape and scenic beauty, both within and outside the Wye Valley AONB	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	This policy will help protect the local environment is compatible with the Core Strategy and has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. Criteria within the NDP, has been included which would aim to safeguard environmental character and quality in and around the Wye Valley AONB.	Overall this policy meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy. This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment. This policy is conformity with Core Strategy policies SD1, LD1, LD2, and LD3.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG15 Enhancement of the natural environment	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	This policy will help to conserve the local environment and natural landscape is compatible with the Core Strategy and has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. Criteria within the NDP, has been included which would aim to safeguard environmental character and quality.	Overall this policy meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy. This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment. This policy is conformity with Core Strategy policies SD1, LD1, LD2, and LD3.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG16 Protecting heritage assets	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	This policy will help to conserve the local environment and natural landscape is compatible with the Core Strategy and has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. Criteria within the NDP, has been included which would aim to safeguard environmental character and quality.	Overall this policy meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy. This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment. This policy is conformity with Core Strategy policies SD1, LD1, LD2, and LD3.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG17 Protection from flood risk	+	+	+	0	0	X	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	Overall this policy meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy. This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.  The first section of this policy is restrictive. There is scope in Core Strategy SD3, for development to happen in flood zone 2 and 3 where there are no suitable sites in flood zone 1, this is where the exception case can be applied.	Majority of this policy is in conformity. The first paragraph could be amended for greater conformity to the core strategy.
Policy WG18 Sewerage infrastructure	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to support sewerage infrastructure, manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	Overall this policy meets the SEA objectives and the requirements in the Core Strategy. This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment. This policy is conformity with Core Strategy policies SD4.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG19 Renewable and low carbon energy	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	0	Overall this policy renewable energy and low carbon energy has mainly a positive and neutral impact towards the relevant SEA objectives. This policy supports renewable energy within the parish. Criteria within this policy , has been included which would aim to safeguard environmental character and quality.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. This policy sets out criteria for renewable energy development to adhere to, this in itself will help alleviate landscape and environmental impact caused from renewable energy development.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Policy WG20 Traffic measures within the parish	0	0	+	X	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy sets out traffic measures the parish should adhere to.	This policy would not lead to development itself but contains criteria for traffic safety, to alleviate speeds within the group parish making a safer area for all road users in accordance with Core Strategy policy MT1. This policy also promotes the use of sustainable modes of transport.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG21 Highway design requirements	0	0	+	X	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy sets promotes road safety and ensures residential amenity is not significantly impacted from new highways development.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives. The policy stipulates criteria to protect road users. Some elements of this policy are not directly land use related, although the highway issues relevant to the community are acknowledged.	-
Policy WG22 Protection and enhancement of Parish facilities and services	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	0	This policy moves towards the SEA baseline, overall having a mostly positive. This will encourage the continuing use and enhancement of existing facilities thus contributing to the village character and environment.	Overall this policy is compatible with the SEA baseline. This policy would not directly lead to development itself but contains criteria to safeguard existing community facilities and support new community facilities within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG23 Contributions to Parish Services, youth provision and recreation facilities	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	0	This policy is positive as it will encourage the continuing use of existing facilities. This contains criteria for new development within Whitchurch and Ganarew to support community facilities through section 106 and CIL schemes.	Overall this policy is compatible with the SEA baseline. This policy would not lead to development itself but contains criteria to safeguard existing community facilities within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.
Policy WG24 Broadband infrastructure	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help improve communication infrastructure within the group parish.	Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline objectives. This policy promotes the improvement of broadband and telecommunications within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

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**Key:**

<b>++</b> Move towards significantly	<b>+</b> Move towards Marginally	<b>- -</b> Move away significantly	<b>-</b> Move away marginally	<b>0</b> Neutral	<b>?</b> Uncertain	<b>N/A</b> No relationship
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**Policy WG1 Promoting Sustainable Development**

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To improve quality of	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to

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surroundings				policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To reduce contributions to climate change	0	0	+	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	0	+	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the

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				Ganarew.	short, medium and long term.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To minimise the production of waste	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.

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To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	++	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	This policy acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. This policy contains criteria within this policy to ensure any new development will have minimal impact on the natural and built environment.				

**Policy WG2** Development Strategy

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 –	Medium term	Long term (11 years +)		

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	5 years)	(6 – 10 years)			
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.

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To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch and Ganarew.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To improve water quality	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	Overall this has a uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact on water quality.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	Overall this has a uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact on water supply.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	Overall this has a uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural

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				details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact of flood risk, although the whole area within the settlement boundary of Whitchurch and Symonds Yat West are not within flood zone 3.	and built environment.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To minimise the production of waste	0	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.

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<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy sets out a development strategy for development in Whitchurch and Ganarew in line with Policies RA1, RA2 and RA3 of the Core Strategy. Impact on water usage, water quality and flood risk can be determined further at planning application stage when further details of a scheme are known.
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**Policy WG3 Housing development in Whitchurch**

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.

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				Strategy.	
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.

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To reduce contributions to climate change	0	0	+	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	0	+	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To improve water quality	?	?	?	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact on water quality.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	?	?	?	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact on water supply.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	?	?	?	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural

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				scale, location are needed to fully assess impact of flood risk, although the whole area within the Whitchurch settlement boundary are not within flood zone 3.	and built environment.
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To minimise the production of waste	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To improve health of the population	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To reduce crime and nuisance	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact

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				development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	caused from new development.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy Housing Development in Whitchurch will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch in the short, medium and long term in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. This policy allocates a settlement boundary to determine the settlement of Whitchurch providing a certain level of certainty. Impact on water usage, water quality and flood risk can be determined further at planning application stage when further details of each housing scheme are known.				

**Policy WGB4** Housing Sites in Whitchurch

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		

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To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	0	0	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified 2 housing sites in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	0	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified 2 housing sites in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified 2 housing sites in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	0	0	+	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified 2 housing sites in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.

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To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified 2 housing sites in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified 2 housing sites in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified 2 housing sites in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified 2 housing sites in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.

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To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. The 2 sites allocated will provide up to 10 dwellings and is unlikely to have a impact on water quality.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. . The 2 sites allocated will provide up to 10 dwellings is likely to have a small impact on the water supply in the short term.	Impact on the water supply will be mitigation through works to water treatment facilities by Welsh Water.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. The sites are outside flood zone 2 and 3 and unlikely to flood. However there may be a small risk of pluvial flooding ,this can be further assessed at planning application stage.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To minimise the production of waste	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact

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				development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development in Whitchurch.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	This policy sets out 2 sites in Whitchurch to provide up to 10 dwellings, these are within the identified settlement boundary and are in line with the proportionate growth target identified in Policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. This overall has a positive impact in the short medium and long time lifespan of the ndp. Mitigation criteria within the NDP and Core Strategy can help alleviate detrimental effect of new development.				

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**Policy WGB5** Housing Development in Symonds Yat West

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	0	+	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact

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				settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	caused from new development.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.

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				Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To improve water quality	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact on water quality.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact on water supply.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact of flood risk, although the whole area within the Symonds Yat West settlement boundary are not within flood zone 3.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.

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To conserve soil resources and quality	0	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To minimise the production of waste	0	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.

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To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy Housing Development in Symonds Yat West will promote sustainable development in Symonds Yat West in the short, medium and long term in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. This policy allocates a settlement boundary to determine the settlement of Symonds Yat West providing a certain level of certainty. Impact on water usage, water quality and flood risk can be determined further at planning application stage when further details of each housing scheme are known.				

**Policy WGB6**

Affordable and intermediate Homes

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.

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To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.

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To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.

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To minimise the production of waste	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need in the short, medium and long term.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To improve health of the population	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need in the short, medium and long term.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To reduce crime and nuisance	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing need in the short, medium and long term.	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy strives for affordable housing development to meet the needs of the community in terms of size, type, tenure and local housing	Mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP will help to alleviate detrimental effects caused from housing development.

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				need in the short, medium and long term.	
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	This policy Affordable and intermediate homes in Whitchurch and Ganarew have mainly a positive impact on the baseline data in the short, medium and long term.				

**Policy WGB7**

Housing Design and Appearance

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the built and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1

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To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To improve air quality	0	0	+	Overall the policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1

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To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1

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To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1

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To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to, this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy policies LD1 and SD1 in terms of SEA objectives in the short medium and long term. This policy provides design criteria for new development, to ensure new development is in keeping and of a high standard within Whitchurch and Ganarew				

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**Policy WGB8** Sustainable design

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To improve quality of surroundings	+	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly

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				ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	policies LD1 and SD1
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1

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				with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To improve water quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1

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				Whitchurch and Ganarew.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1

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To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the built and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy policies LD1 and SD1 in terms of SEA objectives in the short , medium and long term. This policy provides design criteria for new development, to ensure new development is of a high standard and sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew.				

**Policy WGB9** Land adjacent to the River Wye to the east of Whitchurch

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		

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To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.

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To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.

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To improve water quality	?	?	?	Impact on water quality can be clarified when further details of each scheme are known later in the planning process.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	?	?	?	Impact on water supply can be clarified when further details of each scheme are known later in the planning process.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	?	?	?	Flood risk impact can be clarified when further details of each scheme are known later in the planning process.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.

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To minimise the production of waste	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
<b>Overall commentary</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect in the short, medium and ong term				

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<b>and any cumulative effects</b>	lifespan of the plan period. Criteria contained within the policy can help alleviate any potential impact caused from tourism expansion. However further assessment of certain criteria such as water quality, water impact and flood risk can be clarified when more details on visitor centre/ tourism expansion are known.
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**Policy WGB10** Stoney Hills Industrial Estate and the complex of industrial and commercial buildings between the Old Ross Road and The Old Forge

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect that will lead	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and

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				to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.	alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.

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To improve water quality	0	0	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	0	0	0	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	0	0	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect that will lead to the retention of employment units	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small

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				and small scale expansion of these	scale commercial development.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect that will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these	Criteria included within this policy and policies within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale commercial development.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect in the short, medium and long term. Overall this policy will lead to the retention of employment units and small scale expansion of these.				

**Policy WGB11** Use of Rural Buildings

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		

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To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.

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				be supported.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported minimising waste.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported minimising waste.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To improve water quality	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	N/A
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	N/A
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	N/A

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To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported minimising waste.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.

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				be supported.	
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this policy Use of Rural Buildings has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data in the short, medium and long term in line with Core Strategy policies RA3, RA4 and RA5.				

**Policy WGB12 Working from home**

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	+	+	Overall Working from home policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	Overall Working from home policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale

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					domestic development.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Overall Working from home policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	Overall Working from home policy has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To improve air quality	+	+	++	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	++	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To reduce contributions to climate change	0	0	+	Overall this policy has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.

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To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	0	+	Overall this policy has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To improve water quality	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.

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					domestic development.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the SEA baseline objective.	Policies included within the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan will help mitigate and alleviate impact caused from small scale domestic development.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this policy has a positive impact on the sea baseline in the short, medium and long term. This policy actively promotes working from home and small scale domestic developments within the group parish, mitigation measures within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate detrimental impacts stemmed from new developments.				

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**Policy** WG13 Poly-tunnel Policy

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	0	+	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	++	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	++	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.

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To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To improve air quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused

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				baseline data.	from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To minimise the production of waste	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To improve health of the population	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.

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To reduce crime and nuisance	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives in the short, medium and long term. The policy sets out criteria for poly tunnels to adhere to, to ensure minimal environmental impact.				

**Policy WGB14** Conserving the landscape and scenic beauty, both within and outside the Wye Valley AONB

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		

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To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	++	++	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB. This protection will have a very positive impact towards the environment in the long term.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more environmentally sensitive and suitable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	++	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB. This protection will have a very positive impact towards the natural and built landscape in the long term.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more environmentally sensitive and suitable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	++	++	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB. This protection will have a very positive impact on the overall environment.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.

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To improve air quality	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To improve water quality	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.

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					long term.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and

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				outside the AONB.	Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a very positive impact on the baseline data . This policy will help to conserve the natural landscape within and outside the AONB.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy acts as a mitigation measure to protect the natural landscape within Whitchurch and Ganarew, particularly conserving the scenic beauty of the Wye Valley AONB. This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment. This policy is conformity with Core Strategy policies SD1, LD1, LD2, and LD3 and has a positive impact in the short, medium and long term.				

**Policy WGB15** Enhancement of the natural environment

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 –	Medium term	Long term (11 years +)		

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	5 years)	(6 – 10 years)			
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	++	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused

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environment and cultural heritage				environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship	NA
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly

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				mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
To improve water quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	X	X	X	No relationship	NA
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1, and SD1.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.

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				development.	
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the natural environment and biodiversity are	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly

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				protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself alleviates environmental impact caused from development.	policies LD2, SS1 and SD1.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. This policy overall moves towards the SEA baseline in the short, medium and long term. This policy compliments policy LD2, SS1 and SD1 of the Core Strategy and would help protect and enhance the natural environment of Whitchurch and Ganarew parish in the short, medium and long term.				

**Policy WGB16** Protecting heritage assets

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible positive towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic environment within Whitchurch and	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and LD4.

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				Ganarew.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible positive towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic environment within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible positive towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic environment within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	++	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible positive towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1and LD4.

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				environment within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic environment within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and LD4.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	X	X	X	No relationship	na
To reduce contributions to climate change	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic environment within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and LD4.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible p towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic environment	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and LD4.

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				within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	
To improve water quality	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	NA
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	NA
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic environment within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1and LD4.
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic environment within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1and LD4.
To minimise the production of waste	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible positive towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1and LD4.

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				itself that safeguards the historic environment within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible positive towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic environment within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1and LD4.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible positive towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic environment within Whitchurch and Ganarew.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1and LD4.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible positive towards baseline data. Criteria within this policy ensure the historic environment and heritage assets are protected. This policy will act as a mitigation measure itself that safeguards the historic environment within Whitchurch and	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1and LD4.

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				Ganarew.	
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. This policy overall moves towards the SEA baseline in the short, medium and long term. This policy compliments policy LD1 and LD4 of the Core Strategy and would help protect and enhance the historic and built environment in the short, medium and long term in Whitchurch and Ganarew.				

## Policy WGB17 Protection from flood risk

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding.	The first section of this policy is restrictive. There is scope in Core Strategy SD3, for development to

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townscapes				The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	happen in flood zone 2 and 3 where there are no suitable sites in flood zone 1, this is where the exception case can be applied.
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	The first section of this policy is restrictive. There is scope in Core Strategy SD3, for development to happen in flood zone 2 and 3 where there are no suitable sites in flood zone 1, this is where the exception case can be applied.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	na

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To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To improve water quality	<b>++</b>	<b>++</b>	<b>++</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>++</b>	<b>++</b>	<b>++</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.

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				systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	long term.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	++	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more

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				storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development. This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. However there is a recommendation to reword and change the first section of the policy to make the NDP less restrictive for new development.				

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**Policy WGB18 Sewerage Infrastructure**

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy can help to protect and enhance the natural and built environment against flooding from water and waste.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.

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To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy can help to protect and enhance the natural and built environment against flooding from water and waste.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy can help to protect and enhance the natural and built environment against flooding from water and waste.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy can help to protect and enhance the natural and built environment against flooding from water and waste.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy can help to protect and enhance the natural and built environment against flooding from water and waste.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.

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To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
To improve water quality	++	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
To provide for sustainable sources of	++	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development

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water supply				provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	on natural and built environment.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy can help to protect and enhance the natural and built environment against flooding from water and waste.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy can help to protect and enhance the natural and built environment against flooding from water and waste.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.

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To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy can help to protect and enhance the natural and built environment against flooding from water and waste.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy can help to protect and enhance the natural and built environment against flooding from water and waste.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive impact. This policy can help to protect and enhance the natural and built environment against flooding from water and waste.	This policy will help mitigate impact caused from potential development on natural and built environment.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	This policy has an overall positive impact on the SEA baseline in the short, medium and long term. This policy acts as a mitigation measure to manage foul and storm water drainage. This policy aims to protect from foul and storm water runoff, with added sewerage infrastructure this will help to and improve the group parish infrastructure.				

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Renewable and low carbon energy

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.

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To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	n/a
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline.	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.
To improve water quality	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	N/a

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To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	n/a
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	n/a
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.
To minimise the production of waste	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.
To improve health of the population	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.
To reduce crime and nuisance	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.
To conserve natural and manmade	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA	This policy will help support renewable energy schemes in the

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resources				objectives and moves towards the SEA baseline	neighbourhood area, this will over time help mitigate energy consumption in the area.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy Renewable Energy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives in the short , medium and long term. This policy sets out criteria for renewable energy development to adhere to, this in itself will help alleviate landscape and environmental impact caused from renewable energy development.				

**Policy WGB20** Traffic measures within the parish

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
To maintain and enhance the quality of	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy

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landscapes and townscapes				objectives and has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a positive impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	n/a
To improve air quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a positive impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	<b>++</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a very positive impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.

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				use.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a positive impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a positive impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.

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To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
To minimise the production of waste	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
To improve health of the population	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives and has a positive impact on the SEA baseline. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
To reduce crime and nuisance	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.

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				directly linked to land use.	
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	0	This Policy is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives. Although some elements of this policy is not directly linked to land use.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Traffic Measures Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives in the short , medium and long term.				

**Policy WGB21** Highway design requirements

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	0	0	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic

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					speeds.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	0	0	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a positive impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	X	X	X	No relationship	na
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a positive impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.

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To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	<b>++</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a very positive impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a positive impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a positive impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic

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					speeds.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a positive impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a positive impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a positive impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a positive impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a positive impact on the SEA	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car

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				baseline.	parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This has a neutral impact on the SEA baseline.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to positively impact highway design, improve car parking and help alleviate traffic speeds.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall Highway Design requirements Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives in the short, medium and long term. This policy will not directly lead to development but it promotes highway safety and adequate off street parking. Some elements of this policy are not directly land use related, although the highway issues relevant to the community are acknowledged.				

Policy WG22 Protection and enhancement of Parish Facilities and services

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		

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To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a neutral impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a neutral impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a neutral impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	n/a
To improve air quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.

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				baseline objective.	
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve water quality	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	na
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	na
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	na

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To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To minimise the production of waste	0	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a neutral impact on this	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.

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				baseline objective.	
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and help safeguard existing community facilities. Therefore it is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives in the short, medium and long term. This policy would not directly lead to development itself but contains criteria to safeguard existing community facilities and support new community facilities within Whitchurch and Ganarew.				

## Policy WG23 Contributions to Parish Services, youth provision and recreation facilities

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a neutral impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies

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				Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	X	X	X	No relationship	na
To improve air quality	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.

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To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve water quality	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	NA
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	NA
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	NA
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.

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				impact on this baseline objective.	
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a positive impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	0	0	+	This is a criteria based policy which seeks to preserve and enhance the community facilities through contributions to Community Facilities in the Whitchurch and Ganarew area. This has a neutral impact on this baseline objective.	Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.

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<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives in the short, medium and long term. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1, LD2 and LD4.
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## Policy WG24 Broadband infrastructure

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (11 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	0	0	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.

## B3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the policies and sites within the Neighbourhood Development Plan

				infrastructure.	
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and cultural heritage	0	0	+	Overall this policy has a neutral effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a neutral effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.

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To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has a neutral effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has a neutral effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has a neutral effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has a neutral effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from

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				improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	development.
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has a neutral effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
To minimise the production of waste	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
To improve health of the population	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
To reduce crime and nuisance	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.

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				infrastructure.	
To conserve natural and manmade resources	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has a positive effect on the SEA baseline and strives to strengthen and improve broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.	The neighbourhood plan has in built criteria to mitigate any undesirable impact caused from development.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data in the short, medium and long term and will help the group parish have greater connectivity and communications infrastructure within the area. This may encourage small scale domestic businesses and working from home, which in time may help to alleviate commuter traffic.				

**Key:**

<b>++</b> Move towards significantly	<b>+</b> Move towards marginally	<b>--</b> Move away Significantly	<b>-</b> Move away marginally	<b>0</b> Neutral	<b>?</b> Uncertain	<b>X</b> No relationship
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<b>SEA Objective / Objective / Policy</b>	1. To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	2. To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	3. To improve quality of surroundings	4. To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	5. To improve air quality	6. To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	7. To reduce contributions to climate change	8. To reduce vulnerability to climate change	9. To improve water quality	10. To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	11. To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	12. To conserve soil resources and quality	13. To minimise the production	14. To improve health of the population	15. To reduce crime and nuisance	16. To conserve natural and manmade resources
Objective 1	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>
Objective 2	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>
Objective 3	<b>++</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>
Objective 4	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>
Objective 5	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>
Policy WG1	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>
Policy WG2	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>
Policy WG3	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>
Policy WG4	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>
Policy WG5	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>

Policy WG6	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0
Policy WG7	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Policy WG8	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Policy WG9	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	?	?	?	+	+	+	+	+
Policy WG10	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+
Policy WG11	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+
Policy WG12	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Policy WG13	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0
Policy WG14	++	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++
Policy WG15	++	++	++	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+
Policy WG16	+	+	+	++	+	X	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	++
Policy WG17	+	+	+	0	0	X	0	0	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+
Policy WG18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+
Policy WG19	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	0
Policy WG20	0	0	+	X	+	++	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0
Policy WG21	0	0	+	X	+	++	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0
Policy WG22	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	0
Policy WG23	0	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	0

Policy WG24	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0
<b>Cumulative effects of whole plan (1 + 2 + 3...)</b>	Overall the Whitchurch and Ganarew Neighbourhood Plan policies and objectives have a positive impact towards the SEA baseline data. And are in general conformity with the Core Strategy Overall all of the policies and objectives meet the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA. Policies and objectives strive to preserve and maintain natural and built historic environment that can help mitigate impact from the housing policies. This plan ensures appropriate sized development is developed this may help mitigate the effect of development. There are some uncertain factor such as impact on water quality and supply for housing in Symonds Yat, however this can be assessed at planning application stage. The two sites identified within the settlement boundary of Whitchurch lie outside the flood risk zone, therefore development within the settlement boundary is not at risk of fluvial flooding. However they are still at risk of pluvial and surface water flooding. Water supply and flood risk issues in each proposed housing scheme can be determined at planning application stage, and will be tested on a case by case basis															
<b>Commentary for significant cumulative effects</b>	Overall this has had a positive effect on the SEA baseline data. Overall the unknown areas require further detail such as location, scale and size of development, therefore are likely to be determined at planning application/ proposal stage. No significant cumulative effects have been identified.															

# Appendix 5

## Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Options

Option1-Not to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan but to rely on Herefordshire's Core Strategy, accept pressures from housing developers and any Rural Areas Local Plan that Herefordshire Council might produce.

Option 2- Limiting housing growth to that needed to meet the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy requirements to sites already committed and sensitive infilling within defined settlement boundaries for Whitchurch and Symonds Yat West.

Option 3-In addition to Option 2, identifying a number of small sites (i.e. sites of up to 5 - 10 dwellings) that would be in keeping with the scale of development for the settlement boundary of Whitchurch.

Option 4- In addition to Option 2, identifying a mix of very small, small and medium-sized sites in Whitchurch that would be in keeping with the scale of development for the settlement boundary of Whitchurch and that would provide up to 65 new dwellings.

## Site Options

**Site option 4-Pump house Washings Lane 0.1ha**

**Site option 6-Ridgeway Crescent 0.03ha**

**Site option 19- Erwarton, Washings Lane 0.04ha**

**Site option 24-Old Court Barns 0.4ha SELECTED**

**Site option 31b- Llangrove Road 2.0ha SELECTED**

**Site option 32-Old Court hotel 0.05ha**

**Site option 33- Old Bakery Old Monmouth Road 0.2ha**

# Appendix 6

## Template C2: SEA Quality Assurance Checklist

**Parish Council Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Parish

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP

**Date completed:** September 2019

<b>Objectives and context</b>	<b>Where are the points covered in Neighbourhood Development Plan SEA (insert chapter, section, page references, as necessary)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Neighbourhood Development Plan's purpose and objectives are made clear.</li> <li>• The Neighbourhood Area's environmental issues and constraints, including acknowledgement of those in the Local Plan (Core Strategy) SA, where relevant, and local environmental protection objectives, are considered in developing objectives and targets.</li> <li>• SEA objectives are clearly set out and linked to indicators and targets where appropriate.</li> <li>• Links with other locally related plans, programmes and policies are identified, explained and acknowledgement for those set out in the SA of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) is given, where relevant.</li> <li>• Conflicts that exist between SEA objectives; between SEA and Neighbourhood Development Plan objectives; and between SEA objectives and other local plan objectives are identified and described.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 1. 1-1.4,1.11.</p> <p>Chapter 2 Methodology, Chapter 3 and tables A2 and A3</p> <p>Chapter 3 paragraph 3.5-3.12</p> <p>Chapter 3, paragraph 3.1</p> <p>Chapter 3</p>
<p><b>Scoping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory Consultees are consulted in appropriate ways and at appropriate times on the content and scope of the Environmental Report.</li> <li>• The assessment focuses on significant issues.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 2, paragraphs 2.8-2.9</p> <p>Chapter 2 and chapter 4</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical, procedural and other difficulties encountered are discussed; assumptions and uncertainties are made explicit.</li> <li>• Reasons are given for eliminating issues from further consideration.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 2</p> <p>Chapter 2 and Chapter 4</p>
<p><b>Alternatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realistic alternatives are considered for key issues, and the reasons for choosing them are documented.</li> <li>• Alternatives include 'do minimum' and/or 'business as usual' scenarios wherever relevant.</li> <li>• The environmental effects (both adverse and beneficial) of each alternative are identified and compared.</li> <li>• Inconsistencies between the alternatives and other relevant local plans, programmes or policies are identified and explained.</li> <li>• Reasons are given for selection or elimination of alternatives.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Paragraph 5.3</p> <p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Chapter 5</p>
<p><b>Baseline information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant aspects of the current state of the local, neighbourhood area environment and their likely evolution without the Neighbourhood Development Plan are described. Acknowledgement to the information in the SA of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) is given, where relevant.</li> <li>• Environmental characteristics of the local, neighbourhood area, likely to be significantly affected are described, including areas wider than the physical boundary of the designated neighbourhood area, where it is likely to be affected by the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</li> <li>• Difficulties such as deficiencies in information or methods are explained.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 1, Chapter 5</p> <p>Initial screening report and Chapter 1</p> <p>Chapter 2</p>

<p><b>Prediction and evaluation of likely significant environmental effects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effects identified include the types listed in the Directive (biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climate factors, material assets, cultural heritage and landscape), as relevant; and other local likely environmental effects are also covered, as appropriate.</li> <li>• Both positive and negative effects are considered, and the duration of effects (short, medium or long-term) is addressed.</li> <li>• Likely secondary, cumulative (growing in quantity and strength) and synergistic (acting together) effects are identified, where practicable.</li> <li>• Inter-relationships between effects are considered, where practicable.</li> <li>• The prediction and evaluation of effects makes use of relevant accepted standards, regulations, and thresholds (i.e. data gathered for the evidence base).</li> <li>• Methods used to evaluate the effects are described.</li> </ul>	<p>Tables A2, A3 and A4</p> <p>Tables B2 and B3</p> <p>Tables B4</p> <p>Chapter 6</p> <p>Chapter 6</p> <p>Chapter 2</p>
<p><b>Mitigation measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and offset any significant adverse effects of implementing the Neighbourhood Development Plan are indicated.</li> <li>• Issues to be taken into account when determining planning applications or other projects, for example funding bids, are identified.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 6, paragraph 6.5</p> <p>Chapter 6</p>
<p><b>The Environmental Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is clear and concise in its layout and presentation.</li> <li>• Uses simple, clear language and avoids or explains technical terms.</li> <li>• Uses maps and other illustrations,</li> </ul>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

<p>where appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explains the methodology used.</li> <li>• Explains who was consulted and what methods of consultation were used.</li> <li>• Identifies sources of information, including expert judgement and matters of opinion.</li> <li>• Contains a non-technical summary covering the overall approach to the SEA, the objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, the main options considered, and any changes to the Neighbourhood Development Plan resulting from the SEA.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 2</p> <p>Paragraph 2.8-2.9</p> <p>Paragraph 2.8-2.9</p> <p>Page 2 / Appendix 5 / Chapter 4/ Chapter 5 / Chapter 6</p>
<p><b>Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEA is consulted on as an integral part of the plan-making process of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</li> <li>• Consultation Bodies and the public likely to be affected by, or having an interest in, the Neighbourhood Development Plan are consulted in ways and at times, which give them an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinions on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and Environmental Report.</li> </ul>	<p>Paragraph 2.8-2.9</p> <p>Chapter 8</p>
<p><b>Decision-making and information on the decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The environmental report and the opinions of those consulted are taken into account in finalising and adopting the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</li> <li>• An explanation is given of how they have been taken into account.</li> <li>• Reasons are given for choosing the Neighbourhood Development Plan as adopted, in the light of other reasonable alternatives considered.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 8</p> <p>Chapter 6</p> <p>Chapter 5</p>

<p><b>Monitoring measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures proposed for monitoring the Neighbourhood Development Plan are clear, practicable and linked to the indicators and objectives used in the SEA.</li> <li>• Monitoring is used, where appropriate, during implementation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to make good deficiencies in baseline information in the SEA.</li> <li>• Acknowledgement that monitoring enables unforeseen adverse effects to be identified at an early stage. (These effects may include predictions which prove to be incorrect.) And that</li> <li>• Proposals are made for action in response to significant adverse effects arising from the monitoring of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 7</p> <p>Chapter 7</p> <p>Chapter 7</p> <p>Chapter 7</p>
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# Appendix 7

## Template D1: SEA Consultation Feedback

This consultation feedback is **only** for comments received on the SEA of your Neighbourhood Development Plan

**Parish Council Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Parish

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew Neighbourhood Plan

**Details of consultation:**

**Consultation date:** 9 April to 21 May 2018

**Consultation title:** Regulation 14

Response Date	Consultee	Summary of Comments	Response to Comments
17.05.18	Natural England	We welcome the production of this SEA report. Natural England notes and concurs with the conclusions of the Environmental Report submitted. Further guidance on deciding whether the proposals are likely to have significant environmental effects and the requirements for consulting Natural England on SEA are set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance.	Duly noted.

# Appendix 8

## Template D3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the amended Neighbourhood Development Plan policies and sites

**Parish Council Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Parish Council

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew NDP

**Date completed:** January 2019

**Key:**

++ Move towards significantly	+ Move towards Marginally	- - Move away significantly	- Move away marginally	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	N/A No relationship
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### WG3 Housing development in Whitchurch

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.

				part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self build and affordable housing.	
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	++	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.

To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	0	0	+	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To improve air quality	0	0	+	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	0	0	+	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.

				Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing.	
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.

				and affordable housing.	
To improve water quality	?	?	?	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact on water quality.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	?	?	?	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact on water supply.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	?	?	?	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact of flood risk, although the whole area within the Whitchurch settlement boundary are not within flood zone 3.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment.
To conserve soil resources and quality	0	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.

				the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing.	
To minimise the production of waste	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To improve health of the population	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.

To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch within the identified settlement boundary in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Following reg 14 consultation has a minor change to the settlement boundary removing part of the settlement boundary near the hotel. This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development.
<b>Summary in relation to baseline</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy Housing Development in Whitchurch will promote sustainable development in Whitchurch in the short, medium and long term in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. Impact on water usage, water quality and flood risk can be determined further at planning application stage when further details of each housing scheme are known. Changes to this policy post 14 add further clarification of where development should go This has added further criteria supporting self-build and affordable housing outside the settlement boundary. Changes clarify and give this				

policy more certainty and flexibility. Overall this still has a positive effect on the sea baseline objectives.

#### WG5 Housing development in Symonds Yat West

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	0	+	+	This policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural environment by adding protective criteria. This has an overall positive impact on this objective.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria. This has an overall positive impact on this objective.
To improve quality of	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate

surroundings				policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria. This has an overall positive impact on this objective.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural environment by adding protective criteria. This has an overall positive impact on this objective.
To improve air quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.
To reduce contributions	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate

to climate change				policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact on water quality.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact on water supply.	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this has an uncertain impact on the baseline data. Site specific details such as location and scale, location are needed to fully assess impact of flood risk, although the whole area within the Symonds Yat	Criteria contained within this policy help to alleviate and minimise detrimental impact on the natural and built environment. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.

				West settlement boundary are not within flood zone 3.	
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.
To minimise the production of waste	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.
To improve health of the population	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.
To reduce crime and nuisance	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.

To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy will promote sustainable development within the identified settlement boundary of Symonds Yat West in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy.	Mitigation criteria contained within the Core Strategy and NDP can help alleviate environmental impact caused from new development. Post reg 14 further criteria has been added to safeguard the natural and built environment by adding protective criteria.
<b>Summary in relation to baseline</b>	This policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy Housing Development in Symonds Yat West will promote sustainable development in Symonds Yat West in the short, medium and long term in line with policy RA2 of the Core Strategy. This policy allocates a settlement boundary to determine the settlement of Symonds Yat West providing a certain level of certainty. Changes to this policy post regulation 14 have provided further criteria to ensure future development to be in keeping with the existing townscape and landscape. This clarification has helped this policy move closer and have a positive impact on the sea baseline objectives.				

WG17 Protecting heritage assets

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>0</b>	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the

				from new development.	NPPF and CS.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	The first section of this policy is restrictive. There is scope in Core Strategy SD3, for development to happen in flood zone 2 and 3 where there are no suitable sites in flood zone 1, this is where the exception case can be applied. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	The first section of this policy is restrictive. There is scope in Core Strategy SD3, for development to happen in flood zone 2 and 3 where there are no suitable sites in flood zone 1, this is where the exception case can be applied. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To improve air quality	0	0	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and

				The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	na
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To improve water quality	<b>++</b>	<b>++</b>	<b>++</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and

				systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	++	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	++	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To minimise the production	+	+	++	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long

				The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Further criteria has been added since post reg 14, adding sequential and exception tests criteria in line with the NPPF and CS.
<b>Summary in relation</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data. This policy provides criteria to manage foul and storm water drainage from flooding. The policy also supports sustainable urban drainage systems to mitigate impact caused from new development.				

<b>to baseline</b>	This policy itself acts as a mitigation measure for new development to be more sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew in the short, medium and long term. Following regulation 14 consultation, further criteria has been added to ensure it is aligned better to the Core Strategy and the NPPF. By adding sequential and exception tests it helps makes this policy more deliverable, overall moving this policy closer to the sea baseline objectives.
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# Appendix 9

Policy	Modification recommended	Justification
Issues	Change the penultimate sentence in paragraph 3.4.2 on page 15 of the Plan to read: "Major development should be refused <i>except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated to be in the public interest.</i> "	Conform to the revised NPPF. Interests of accuracy and clarity.
WG1	Add " <i>and other documents which comprise the development plan</i> " at the end of the first sentence of the policy.	Interests of accuracy and clarity.
WG2	Change the word "limited" in criterion d) to " <i>appropriate</i> "	Interests of accuracy and clarity.
WG3	Change the words "...but on its edge..." in the third paragraph of the policy to " <i>...but adjacent or in close proximity to the settlement boundary...</i> "	Interests of accuracy and clarity.
WG5	Change criterion ii) to read: "Utilise <i>clearly perceptible</i> infill plots when viewed in relation to the character of the frontage, bearing in mind the <i>grain, rhythm and density that predominates</i> in that part of the settlement."	Ensure policy is more robust and clear.
WG7	Change the word "should" in the first sentence of the policy to " <i>is encouraged to</i> "	Interests of accuracy and clarity. In line with the written ministerial statement of 25/3/15. In this, they announced that it is now not appropriate to refer to any additional local technical standards or requirements relating to the construction, internal layout or performance of new dwellings in neighbourhood plans.
WG8	<p>Reword the policy to read:</p> <p>"An integrated approach to achieve a high standard of sustainable design <i>is encouraged</i> to achieve the maximum possible reduction in the carbon footprint of any development. Development proposals <i>are encouraged to</i> contain a coordinated package of design measures which, in addition to regulatory requirements, include:</p> <p>a) Utilising physical sustainability measures associated with buildings that include orientation of buildings, the provision of energy- and water conservation measures, storage for bicycles and storage for waste including provision for recycling, broadband infrastructure and renewable energy infrastructure such as photovoltaic or photo-thermal panels, airsource and ground-source heat pumps, where these do not detract from any historic fabric or settings.</p> <p><i>New development should:</i></p> <p>b) <i>Provide</i> tree-planting and other forms of green infrastructure to provide shade and shelter <i>and maximise use</i> of permeable surfaces;</p> <p>c) <i>Support</i> infrastructure to promote sustainable travel <i>wherever possible</i>;</p> <p>d) <i>Enable</i> a sustainable drainage system to serve a wider range of properties where <i>such</i> opportunities exist;</p> <p>e) <i>Ensure that an assessment is carried out to establish the extent and nature of any contamination where there is good reason to believe that contamination of land may exist on any site, including through agricultural processes and make sure that effective measures are taken to ensure that potential occupiers and the wider environment are not put at unacceptable risk</i>;</p> <p>f) <i>Minimise</i> construction traffic and <i>reduce waste</i>; <i>and</i></p>	<p>In line with the NPPF.</p> <p>In line with the written ministerial statement of 25/3/15.</p> <p>Ensure this policy helps to promote sustainable development.</p>

	<p>g) <i>Ensure</i> that where external lighting is required, it is appropriate to its purpose and supported by a lighting plan that demonstrates that it will not have an adverse effect through unnecessary glare, light-trespass, scenic intrusion or sky-glow.</p> <p>New homes <i>must be</i> fully integrated into the existing neighbourhood and support a <i>pedestrian-friendly</i> environment through convenient links to local facilities and public transport connections which are suitable for those with pushchairs, in wheelchairs, walking with aids or using mobility scooters.</p> <p>Where new innovative sustainable design or features are incorporated, they should fit sensitively within the street scene and incorporate a number of locally distinctive features to maintain the Parish's cohesive character."</p>	
WG9	<p>Add a new criterion to the policy that reads: "<i>Particular regard will be had to conserving the landscape and scenic beauty in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.</i>" Add a new criterion to the policy that reads: "<i>Any development will need to take account of the site's location within a Flood Zone in accordance with the NPPF, CS policies and Policy WG19.</i>" Add the words "<i>as identified on the Whitchurch Policies Map</i>" after "...adjacent to the River Wye..." in the first sentence of the policy</p>	<p>Additional criteria added to help clarify the policy.</p> <p>Accurately reflect the stance of the NPPF.</p> <p>Better reflection of CS policies SS5, RA6 and E4.</p>
WG11	<p>Revise the policy to read:</p> <p>"The change of use of large country houses and farmsteads, the re-use of rural buildings, and extensions to or intensification of use in such buildings, including through associated <i>small-scale and well designed</i> new buildings, that enable rural business or enterprise, including live/work units, will be supported provided:</p> <p>a) The nature and scale of the use reflects the rural landscape and <i>has an acceptable impact on the</i> highway network;</p> <p>b) Where the use requires external storage to support the rural-based activity, external screening is provided to fully mitigate the effects upon the local landscape from all publicly visible locations;</p> <p>c) The residential amenity of adjacent properties is not <i>adversely affected from the operation of the enterprise itself or any associated traffic movements</i>;</p> <p>d) Limited additional buildings may be provided to support the enterprise or reduce external storage where these <i>are well designed and</i> reflect small scale traditional agricultural or rural buildings within the landscape; <i>and</i></p> <p>e) Where the rural buildings involved comprise a historic farmstead, such buildings under d) should be informed by an analysis of these historic settlements."</p>	<p>Strengthen and clarify the policy.</p>
WG13	<p>Add the word "<i>necessarily</i>" before "...comply with..." in the fourth sentence of paragraph 7.6.2 on page 46 of the Plan Delete the fifth and subsequent sentences of paragraph 7.6.2 Delete criterion a) of the policy Delete the words "Where proposals do not amount to major development, they..." from criterion b) and replace with "<i>Proposals</i>" Change the last paragraph of the policy to read: "Where proposals amount to major development, protecting the <i>scenic</i> beauty and landscape of the AONB will be given priority and such proposals will not be acceptable <i>except in exceptional circumstances and it can be satisfactorily demonstrated that</i> the proposal is in the public interest, there is no viable alternative location outside of the AONB, and the environmental effects can be mitigated to an acceptable degree."</p>	<p>Accurately reflect the stance of the NPPF.</p> <p>Interests of accuracy and clarity.</p>

WG14	Add the words " <i>except in exceptional circumstances and where</i> " after "...major development..." in the third sentence of the policy deleting the word "unless" from the same sentence. Delete the sentence that begins "In determining whether a proposal is major development..." and the five criteria a) to e) that follow from the policy.	Accurately reflect the stance of the NPPF.  Better reflection of the Core Strategy.  Help achieve sustainable development.
WG15	Change the last sentence of the policy to read: "There should be no net loss of biodiversity and the loss of any features, <i>including those which potentially reduce the coherence and effectiveness of the ecological network of sites, will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and where satisfactory offset and compensatory measures can be brought forward.</i> "	In accordance with the Core Strategy and NPPF.  To help achieve sustainable development.
WG16	Change the last sentence of the policy to read: "...Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy <i>policies RA3 (6) and RA5.</i> "	In accordance with the Core Strategy and NPPF.  To help achieve sustainable development.
WG19	Add the words " <i>Small scale</i> " at the start of the first sentence of the policy	Interests of clarity and accuracy.  To help achieve sustainable development.
WG20	Delete Policy WG20 and its supporting text at paragraphs 9.2.1, 9.2.2 and 9.2.3	Removal of policy as the policy is aspirational and non land use.
WG21	Change the title of the policy to " <i>Transport related requirements</i> " Change the first sentence of the policy to read: " <i>Development proposals should ensure:</i> " Change criterion a) to read: " <i>Satisfactory access is provided for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians;</i> " Change criterion b) to read: " <i>That satisfactory off-street parking is provided including, where appropriate, provision for cycle parking and storage, in accordance with Herefordshire Council's car parking standards and, where appropriate, take every available opportunity to address or improve parking problems that exist in the vicinity of the site. In addition, off road parking spaces should be constructed using permeable materials;</i> " Reword criterion c) to read: " <i>The volume of traffic generated is acceptable in relation to the capacity and nature of the local road network;</i> "	In accordance with the Core Strategy and NPPF.  Interests of clarity, precision and accuracy.  To help achieve sustainable development.
WG22	Delete the word "key" from the second and last sentences of the policy. Add the words " <i>or where a replacement facility or service of equivalent or better provision is provided is provided in a suitable location.</i> " at the end of the policy.	In accordance with the Core Strategy and NPPF.  Improve flexibility of the policy.
Glossary	Change "Conservation Area" to " <i>An area designated as being of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which should be preserved or enhanced</i> " Add " <i>A series of statutory documents</i> " at the start of the definition of "Development Plan" Update the definition of "Local Plan" using the definition in the most recent NPPF. Update "National Planning Policy Framework" to refer to the most recent NPPF. Delete the sentence which begins "Sometimes developers can self impose obligations..." from "Planning Obligations"	Interests of accuracy and clarity.  Removal of repetition and avoid confusion.

	<p>Update "Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development"</p> <p>Delete "Public Inquiry" or add definition [as there is no "Inquiry" definition]</p> <p>Delete "Sequential Test" Delete the sentence which begins "An approach to development..." from "Sustainable Development"</p> <p>Add the word "<i>usually</i>" after "Planning permission must..." in "Use Classes Order"</p>	
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# Appendix 10

## Template D1: SEA Consultation Feedback

This consultation feedback is **only** for comments received on the SEA of your Neighbourhood Development Plan

**Parish Council Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew Group Parish

**Neighbourhood Development Plan Name:** Whitchurch and Ganarew Neighbourhood Plan

**Details of consultation:** Regulation 16

**Consultation date:** 18 January to 1 March  
2019

**Consultation title:** Regulation 16

Response Date	Consultee	Summary of Comments	Response to Comments
27.2.19	Environmental Agency	The submitted Environmental Report (January 2019) also makes reference to the SFRA and need for up-to-date flood risk information to ensure that any flood risk issues are considered when preparing the Whitchurch and Ganarew Group NDP.	Duly noted.

# Appendix 11

### D3: Predict and evaluate the effects of the amended Neighbourhood Development Plan policies following Examination

Parish Council Name: **Whitchurch and Ganarew**

Date completed: September 2019

Key:

++ Move towards significantly	+ Move towards Marginally	- - Move away significantly	- Move away marginally	0 Neutral	? Uncertain	N/A No relationship
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*Policy WG8*

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and	+	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from

townscapes				build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To improve quality of surroundings	+	++	++	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To improve air quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1

To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To reduce contributions to climate change	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To improve water quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1

				clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To minimise the production of waste	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to

				will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. This policy sets out design criteria for development to adhere to; this will ensure development is in keeping with the build and natural context of Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes post examination have clarified the policy and have made the policy more implementable. This has not changed the positive outcome towards the sea objective.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1

<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this policy still moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy policies LD1 and SD1 in terms of SEA objectives in the short, medium and long term. This policy provides design criteria for new development, to ensure new development is of a high standard and sustainable within Whitchurch and Ganarew. Changes to this policy post examination have reworded that has helped to clarify the policy and make the policy easier to implement. Changes to the policy have clarified and help promote sustainable development in accordance to the NPPF and Core Strategy.
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Policy WG9

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	The policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect. Changes to this policy post examination provide additional criteria to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. Overall this still has a positive impact on the sea baseline data.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect. Changes to this policy post examination provide additional	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does

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townscapes				criteria to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. Overall this still has a positive impact on the sea baseline data.	not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect. Changes to this policy post examination provide additional criteria to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. Overall this still has a positive impact on the sea baseline data.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect. Changes to this policy post examination provide additional criteria to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. Overall this has a positive impact on the sea baseline data.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To improve air quality	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect. Changes to this policy post examination provide additional criteria to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. Overall this still has a positive impact on the sea baseline data.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.

To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect. Changes to this policy post examination provide additional criteria to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. Overall this still has a positive impact on the sea baseline data.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall neutral effect. Changes to this policy post examination provide additional criteria to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. Overall this still has a positive impact on the sea baseline data.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To improve water quality	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	Impact on water quality can be clarified when further details of each scheme are known later in the planning process.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.

To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	?	?	?	Impact on water supply can be clarified when further details of each scheme are known later in the planning process.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	?	?	?	Flood risk impact can be clarified when further details of each scheme are known later in the planning process.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect. Changes to this policy post examination provide additional criteria to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. Overall this still has a positive impact on the sea baseline data.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To minimise the production	0	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect. Changes to this policy post examination provide additional criteria to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. Overall this still has a positive impact on the sea baseline data.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.

To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect. Changes to this policy post examination provide additional criteria to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. Overall this still has a positive impact on the sea baseline data.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect. Changes to this policy post examination provide additional criteria to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. Overall this still has a positive impact on the sea baseline data.	This policy supports an area of tourism and visitor facilities and supports the use and movement of the existing area as long as it does not significantly impact the SAC, or if development can alleviate or mitigate any potential impact.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall the policy is compatible with the baseline data and has an overall positive effect in the short, medium and long term lifespan of the plan period. Criteria contained within the policy can help alleviate any potential impact caused from tourism expansion. However further assessment of certain criteria such as water quality, water impact and flood risk can be clarified when more details on visitor centre/ tourism expansion are known. Changes to this policy post examination still have an overall positive impact on the sea baseline data. Changes have clarified and strengthened the policy by adding extra criteria, this makes the policy easier to implement.				

SEA Objective	Assessment of effect (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			Summary Explanation	Enhancement and mitigation opportunities
	Short term (1 – 5 years)	Medium term (6 – 10 years)	Long term (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To improve quality of surroundings	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new

				clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	development.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To improve air quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported minimising waste. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new

				reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	development.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported minimising waste. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To improve water quality	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	N/A
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	N/A
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	No relationship	N/A
To conserve soil resources and quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To minimise the production	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects

				enterprise will be supported minimising waste. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.
To conserve natural and manmade resources	+	+	+	Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy supports reuse of rural buildings for farm diversification or rural enterprise will be supported. Changes to this policy post examination have been reworded to clarify the policy to accurately reflect NPPF and policies within the Core Strategy. This policy still has a positive impact on the sea objectives.	Mitigation criteria are included within this policy to alleviate potential effects caused from reuse/ building conversion or new development.

<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this policy Use of Rural Buildings has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data in the short, medium and long term with Core Strategy policies RA3, RA4 and RA5. Overall changes to this policy have amended the wording of the policy to strengthen and clarify the policy this still has a positive impact on the sea baseline , changes will make the policy easy to implement.				

Policy WG13

<b>SEA Objective</b>	<b>Assessment of effect</b> (consider cumulative effects, significance of the effect and magnitude of the effect in terms of the three time periods)			<b>Summary Explanation</b>	<b>Enhancement and mitigation opportunities</b>
	<b>Short term</b> (1 – 5 years)	<b>Medium term</b> (6 – 10 years)	<b>Long term</b> (10 years +)		
To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna)	+	+	+	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still have a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes	+	+	++	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still have a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.

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To improve quality of surroundings	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>++</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still have a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still have a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To improve air quality	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still have a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still have a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To reduce contributions to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination has a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development

				and help to clarify the policy.	particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To reduce vulnerability to climate change	<b>0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination has a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To improve water quality	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still have a neutral impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To provide for sustainable sources of water supply	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still have a neutral impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still have a neutral impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.

To conserve soil resources and quality	+	+	+	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still has a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To minimise the production	+	+	+	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still has a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To improve health of the population	+	+	+	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still has a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To reduce crime and nuisance	+	+	+	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and positive towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still has a positive impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
To conserve natural and manmade	0	0	0	Overall the Poly tunnel policy is compatible and neutral towards baseline data. Changes to this policy post examination still has a neutral impact on the sea baseline. This policy has been	None identified. Policy safeguards within the NDP and Core Strategy will help to alleviate impact caused

resources				amended to better reflect guidance set out in the NPPF and help to clarify the policy.	from new development particularly policies LD1 and SD1.
<b>Overall commentary and any cumulative effects</b>	Overall this Policy moves towards the SEA objectives and is not over and above the Core Strategy in terms of SEA objectives in the short, medium and long term. The policy sets out criteria for poly tunnels to adhere to, to ensure minimal environmental impact. Changes post examination modify the policy to ensure it is in accordance to NPPF and Core Strategy policies, enabling the policy to be more flexible and implementable. Overall the positive outcome towards the sea baseline remains the same.				