



2015 - 2028

Basic Conditions Statement



*'A community
working together to
protect, preserve
& enhance the
ancient Parish of
Burghwallis'*



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1. Introduction

1.1 Background to the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan

Deriving from a local desire to protect, preserve and enhance the Parish of Burghwallis for present and future generations, work on the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan commenced in earnest in spring 2013. Emanating from the Parish Council's recognition that the Village of Burghwallis will inevitably change over future years, it was considered essential to ensure that any such development is undertaken in a sustainable manner and in accordance with not just national and local planning policy, but also with neighbourhood policies which recognise and address the issues intrinsic to Burghwallis and its rural and historic character.

1.2 The Parish Council subsequently established the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group in order to undertake the production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan, formulating policies in consultation with the local community. In connection with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council has also worked closely with Officers from Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council's local planning authority and volunteers from Planning Aid England (PAE).

1.3 The Burghwallis Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been prepared in accordance with the Town & Country Planning Act 1990; the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

1.4 Purpose of the Basic Conditions Statement

This Basic Condition Statement has been prepared by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, in order to accompany the submission to the local planning authority, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, of the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Development Plan, under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

1.5 The purpose of this document is to evidence compliance of the NDP with the Basic Conditions as set out in Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. This report provides an independent assessment of how these defined Basic Conditions have been satisfied throughout the Neighbourhood Plan for this area, these conditions necessitate that the policies contained within the NDP:

1. Have appropriate regard to national policies and advice contained within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF);
2. Contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development;

3. Are in general conformity with strategic policies contained within the development plan for the area of the Local Planning Authority, in his case Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council; and
4. Are compatible with relevant EU obligations.

2. Legal Requirements

- 2.1 The NDP has been prepared and is being submitted by the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, a qualifying body established by Burghwallis Parish Council and therefore eligible to submit a Plan for the Neighbourhood Area covering the Parish of Burghwallis, Doncaster. This Neighbourhood Area was designated by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council on the 2nd November 2012.

Figure 1: Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area



- 2.2 The NDP for this area relates to planning matters including the use and development of land within the designated Neighbourhood Area only and has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and processes set out within the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.
- 2.3 The NDP will cover the period of 2015 – to 2028, in order to align with the time frame of the statutory Development Plan (Doncaster Core Strategy 2011-2028, Adopted May 2012).
- 2.4 The NDP does not contain policies relating to excluded development in accordance with the Regulations, this includes county matters (mineral extraction and waste

development), nationally significant infrastructure or any other matters set out in Section 61K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 2.5 The neighbourhood plan proposal relates only to the Parish of Burghwallis and to no other area. There are no other neighbourhood plans in place within the designated Neighbourhood Area.

3. **Appropriate Regard to National Planning Policy**

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared with regard to national policies as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) of April 2012. It is also mindful of the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) published by the Government in April 2014 in respect of formulating neighbourhood plans.

- 3.2 Paragraphs 183-185 of the NPPF refer specifically to Neighbourhood Plans, recognising the process as a powerful tool for ensuring that local people get the right types of development for their community, giving them direct power to develop a shared vision for their area.

- 3.3 This section demonstrates that the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan has regard to relevant parts of the NPPF, explicitly in relation to the following themes:

- Supporting a prosperous rural economy
- Supporting high quality communications infrastructure
- Requiring good design
- Promoting healthy communities
- Protecting green belt land
- Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
- Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
- Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change

- 3.4 Set out in Table 1 below, is a brief summary of how each NDP policy conforms to different sections of the NPPF. The particular paragraphs referred to in the table are those considered the most relevant to each policy, but are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all possible relevant paragraphs. (It should be noted that the 'Aspirational Policies' of the NDP have not been assessed in terms of their regard to either national or statutory local planning policy as they represent idealistic requirements which it is recognised have no policy basis but which provide context the rest of the plan and outline other local priorities).

Table 1: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan Policies with the NPPF

	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	NPPF Part/Paragraph	Conformity
Built Heritage	Policy BH1: Protection of Local Heritage Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 17, Core Planning Principles • Part 7: Requiring Good Design • Part 12: Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment 	<p>This policy will facilitate the protection of locally identified heritage assets, as advocated within the core planning principles of the NPPF.</p> <p>With relevance to paragraphs 62 and 65 of the NPPF, this policy will ensure that decision makers consider the connection between new development and the built and historic environment, restricting developments which would cause harm to a heritage asset or its setting.</p> <p>In line with para 126 of the NPPF, this policy sets out a positive strategy for the conservation of the historic environment. The policy will also provide a basis for more rigorous assessment of development proposals and whether they sustain and enhance heritage assets, giving additional weight to the conservation of such assets in line with paragraphs 131 and 132 of the NPPF.</p>
	Policy BH2: Archaeological Remains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 12: Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment 	<p>In compliance and combination with Paragraphs 128, 129 and 139 of the NPPF, this NDP policy promotes the proper investigation and evaluation of any archaeological assets which may be impacted by development, consideration of which must be had in the decision making process and any appropriate mitigation measures undertaken where necessary.</p>
	Policy BH3: Enhancement and Promotion of Heritage Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 7: Requiring Good Design 	<p>This policy is supportive of development proposals which are sympathetic to and enhance the village's built heritage assets, whilst not being restrictive. This aligns with paragraphs 58 – 61 of the NPPF which seek to ensure developments respond to local character and history, whilst not being unnecessarily prescriptive or stifling innovation.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 12: Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment 	This policy sets out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment in line with NPPF para 126.
Green Environment	Policy GE1: Protection of Local Green Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8: Promoting Healthy Communities Part 9: Protecting Green Belt Land Part 11: Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment 	<p>This policy allocates green spaces in accordance with the designation criteria established within paragraphs 76 and 77 of the NPPF.</p> <p>This policy will further safeguard areas of land which are washed over by Green Belt, preventing the encroachment of development into the countryside and ensuring that the Green Belt is still able to serve its five purposes, as defined within para 80 of the NPPF. These designations will also positively enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt for purposes such as leisure and recreation, in line with para 81.</p> <p>In line with paragraph 114 of the NPPF, this policy plans positively for the protection and enhancement of green infrastructure in Burghwallis.</p>
	Policy GE2: Protection of Stoney Croft Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8: Promoting Healthy Communities Part 9: Protecting Green Belt Land 	<p>This policy protects a green corridor in accordance with the designation criteria established within paragraphs 76 and 77 of the NPPF, particularly attributable to its local significance in terms of its recreational value.</p> <p>This policy will further safeguard an area of land washed over by Green Belt, preventing the encroachment of development into the countryside and ensuring that the Green Belt is still able to serve its five purposes, as defined within para 80 of the NPPF. This additional level of protection will also positively enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt for purposes such as</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 11: Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment 	<p>leisure and recreation, in line with para 81.</p> <p>In line with paragraph 114 of the NPPF, this policy plans positively for the protection and enhancement of green infrastructure in Burghwallis.</p>
	Policy GE3: Development Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 11: Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment 	<p>In line with paragraph 114 of the NPPF, this policy plans positively for the protection and enhancement of green infrastructure in Burghwallis.</p>
	Policy GE4: Survival of Important Habitats and Species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 11: Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment Plan Making 	<p>Similarly to paragraph 117 of the NPPF, this NDP policy is supportive of developments which offer the financial opportunity to minimise impact upon biodiversity and geodiversity, promoting the preservation and restoration of priority habitats, species and ecological networks.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this matter, the policy is not so burdensome that it may render a development unviable or undeliverable with reference to NPPF para 173.</p>
Community Assets and Infrastructure	CAI1: Protection of Community Services and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 3: Supporting a Prosperous Rural Economy Part 8: Promoting Healthy Communities 	<p>This policy supports and promotes the retention of local services and community facilities in the village of Burghwallis, in line with the requirements of paragraph 28 of the NPPF.</p> <p>The safeguarding of the services and facilities specified within this NDP policy will facilitate continued social interaction, providing the community with the facilities they wish to see. It will also guard against the unnecessary loss of these valued facilities. This NDP policy is therefore directly applicable and in conformity with paragraphs 69 and 70 of the NPPF.</p>

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	CAI2: Development of Community Services and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 3: Supporting a Prosperous Rural Economy Part 8: Promoting Healthy Communities 	<p>In accordance with paragraph 28 of the NPPF, this policy is supportive of economic growth in this rural area, taking a positive approach to sustainable new development where there is evidenced local need and which will promote and enhance the rural economy and offer the potential opportunity to support sustainable rural tourism.</p> <p>In line with paragraph 69 of the NPPF, this NDP policy, when implemented, offers the opportunity to provide new and enhanced facilities which the community wish to see and which may foster the opportunity for meetings between members of the community and create a neighbourhood centre, bringing together those who love work and play in the area.</p>
	CAI3: The Village Pub, Car Park and Pub Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 3: Supporting a Prosperous Rural Economy Part 8: Promoting Healthy Communities 	<p>In direct conformity with NPPF para 28, this policy promotes and supports the retention of these locally valued and specified services and community facilities.</p> <p>With reference to paragraphs 69 and 70 of the NPPF, the safeguarding of the village pub, car park and associated field will help to retain a strong neighbourhood centre, whilst ensuring the community's needs are met. This is a positive policy which will guard against the unnecessary loss of these locally valued facilities.</p>
	CAI4: Development Proposals, Village Shop and Post Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 3: Supporting a Prosperous Rural Economy 	<p>In accordance with paragraph 28 of the NPPF, this policy is supportive of economic growth in this rural area, taking a positive approach to sustainable new development where there is evidenced local need and which will promote and enhance the rural economy.</p>

Neighbourhood Plan Policy		NPPF Part/Paragraph	Conformity
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8: Promoting Healthy Communities 	In line with paragraph 69 of the NPPF, this NDP policy, when implemented, offers the opportunity to provide new and enhanced facilities which the community wish to see.
	CAI5: Broadband and Telecoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 5: Supporting High Quality Communications Infrastructure 	In line with paragraph 43 of the NPPF, this policy supports the expansion of electronic communications networks and high speed broadband.
Development	D1: Requiring High Quality Design in Burghwallis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 7: Requiring Good Design 	In general conformity with paragraphs 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 63 and 64 of the NPPF, this NDP policy sets out the design quality of development which will be expected in Burghwallis whether this be small scale residential extensions or entirely new development schemes. The policy is detailed and notably specific to the character and local distinctiveness of Burghwallis, whilst avoiding unnecessary prescriptive details and not imposing a particular architectural style or stifling innovation. This is in recognition of the diverse character of the village which comprises an historic core alongside more modern development.
	D2: Sustainable Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 10: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Flooding and Coastal Change 	This policy represents a proactive strategy for mitigating and taking full account of localised flood risk, as advocated in para 94 of the NPPF. This policy will also enable new developments to be planned to avoid increased vulnerability to issues such as flood risk, ensuring that any risk which is assessed as a result of this policy can be managed and mitigated appropriately.

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Developer Contributions	CIL1: Developer Contributions	Plan Making, page 37	Whilst this policy highlights the local preference for investment of expenditure arising from new development, the policy exhibits a degree of flexibility and is not overtly burdensome to a degree which is likely to threaten development viability or deliverability, in line with para 173 of the NPPF.

4. Contributing towards the Achievement of Sustainable Development

- 4.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states a presumption in favour of sustainable development, crudely defining sustainability as catering for the needs of the present generation in a manner which does not create problems for or diminish the quality of life of future generations. In line with the NPPF, sustainability should be seen as a 'golden thread' running through all elements of planning, including neighbourhood planning and comprises three distinct yet interlinking dimensions, those being an economic, social and environmental role.
- 4.2 A full Sustainability Appraisal has not been undertaken alongside the preparation of this Plan as this is not a requirement of the relevant regulations. However, the Neighbourhood Plan has taken account of the need to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development in the line with the requirements of national planning policy.
- 4.3 The **social** aspects of the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan include:
- Preservation and enhancement of community services in order to both retain and increase existing opportunities for social interaction between local residents ; and
 - Retention and enhancement of valued facilities and open spaces which provide the community with opportunities to partake in leisure and recreational activities within the village, subsequently improving well being and promoting a healthy community.
- 4.4 The **economic** aspects of the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan include:
- Preservation and enhancement of community services, in order to provide local employment opportunities and to facilitate the diversification of the rural economy in this location; and

- Provide a high quality communications infrastructure, fit to meet the requirements of modern day living for purposes such as facilitating home working and which will reduce reliance upon the private motor vehicle in turn.

4.5 The **environmental** goals of the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan include:

- Protect and enhance locally valued and important heritage assets, ensuring the appropriate management and integration of new development in order to ensure these assets continue to give pleasure to future generations;
- Safeguard the Green Belt from inappropriate development and ensure the preservation and enhancement of the natural environment and green infrastructure through allocation of a number of locally identified green spaces, which will provide increased access to the countryside around the village;
- Support the retention and enhancement of local habitats, flora, fauna and protected species;
- Set localised standards of good design quality for new developments, which complement and enhance the village's intrinsically historic and rural character, whilst not preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation where appropriate; and
- Ensure appropriate consideration is given assessment of flood risk.

5. **General Conformity with the Strategic Policies of the Development Plan (Doncaster Core Strategy 2011-2028, Adopted May 2012)**

- 5.1 To meet this basic condition, it is essential that Neighbourhood Plans are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan and should not promote less development than set out within or undermine its strategic priorities. Accordingly, the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to ensure its general conformity with the Doncaster Core Strategy 2011-2012 (Adopted May 2012)
- 5.2 Table 2 below, provides a brief summary of how each NDP policy conforms to different sections of Doncaster's Strategic Development Plan. The particular policies referred to in the table are those considered the most relevant to each NDP policy, but are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all possible relevant paragraphs.

Table 2: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan Policies with the Strategic Development Plan Policies

Neighbourhood Plan Policy		DMBC Core Strategy Policy /Paragraph	Conformity
Built Heritage	Policy BH1: Protection of Local Heritage Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS15: Valuing our Historic Environment 	This NDP Policy complements the requirements of the Core Strategy in terms of protecting and enhancing heritage assets and their setting, providing enhanced detail in the form of specifying locally identified heritage assets for protection.
	Policy BH2: Archaeological Remains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS15: Valuing our Historic Environment 	This NDP policy aligns with the requirements of section B of the, relevant Core Strategy policy, supporting the protection and enhancement of such archaeological assets.
	Policy BH3: Enhancement and Promotion of Heritage Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS15: Valuing our Historic Environment 	This policy echoes the requirements of Core Strategy Policy CS15, most notably section B, giving a more localised context to the strategic Development Plan.
Green Environment	Policy GE1: Protection of Local Green Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS3: Countryside Policy CS16: Valuing our Natural Environment Policy CS17: Providing Green Infrastructure 	<p>Whilst allocating land within the Green Belt, this will relate to areas of green open space only, which will help to enable the general retention of the extent of the Green Belt in this locality and will preserve its character and openness, in line with p33 of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The allocation of local green spaces will further enhance and protect Burghwallis' natural environment, aligning with p75 of the strategic Development Plan and providing a more localised basis upon which to apply this policy.</p> <p>The allocation of green spaces will protect and enhance Burghwallis' green infrastructure, mitigating against the loss or damage of such assets and making a valuable contribution toward localised sport, recreation and community uses, in conformity with</p>

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			sections A and C of Core strategy policy CS17.
	Policy GE2: Protection of Stoney Croft Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy CS3: Countryside • Policy CS16; Valuing our Natural Environment • Policy CS17: Providing Green Infrastructure 	<p>The preservation of a green corridor will help to enable the general retention of the extent of the Green Belt in this locality and will preserve its character and openness, in line with p33 of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The allocation of a green corridor will further enhance and protect Burghwallis' natural environment, aligning with p75 of the strategic Development Plan.</p> <p>This NDP policy relates directly to Core Strategy policy CS17, specifically section C which supports the creation and enhancement of green corridors that link urban areas to the wider countryside; public footpaths and bridleway networks.</p>
	Policy GE3: Development Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy CS16; Valuing our Natural Environment 	This NDP policy aligns with section D of Core Strategy policy CS16 as it will ensure that appropriate measures are taken to mitigate any negative impacts on the landscape, arising from new development.
	Policy GE4: Survival of Important Habitats and Species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy CS16: Valuing our Natural Environment 	Section B of Core Strategy Policy CS16 explicitly refers to protecting, enhancing and restoring important habitats, sites and species, providing a buffer around wildlife features and ensuring that harm is avoided where possible or appropriately mitigated or compensated. This NDP policy will facilitate such protection and enhancement

	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	DMBC Core Strategy Policy /Paragraph	Conformity
Community Assets and Infrastructure	CAI1: Protection of Community Services and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS1: Quality of Life 	This policy reflects the requirements of strategic Development Plan policy CS1 as it will ensure that local people in Burghwallis have access to good quality local services including, sport, leisure and cultural facilities which in turn enhance well being and ensure a healthy place where existing amenities are protected.
	CAI2: Development of Community Services and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS1: Quality of Life Policy CS2: Growth and Regeneration Strategy 	<p>This policy will again ensure that local people in Burghwallis have access to good quality local services including, sport, leisure and cultural facilities which in turn enhance well being. This will generally improve quality of life and the ability of residents to meet their day to day needs within the village as opposed to travelling further afield to access to essential services and facilities, as advocated within Core Strategy policy CS1.</p> <p>This policy builds further upon Core Strategy policy CS2 which supports the provision of local facilities.</p>
	CAI3: The Village Pub, Car Park and Pub Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS1: Quality of Life Policy CS2: Growth and Regeneration Strategy 	<p>This policy will again ensure that local people in Burghwallis have access to good quality local services including, sport, leisure and cultural facilities which in turn enhance well being, as advocated within Core Strategy policy CS1.</p> <p>This policy builds further upon Core Strategy policy CS2 which supports the provision of local facilities.</p>
	CAI4: Development Proposals, Village Shop and Post Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS1: Quality of Life 	<p>Similarly to all policies within this section of the NDP, this policy will support and promote increased access to good quality local services, the need for which has been identified by local residents.</p> <p>This policy builds further upon Core</p>

Neighbourhood Plan Policy		DMBC Core Strategy Policy /Paragraph	Conformity
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS2: Growth and Regeneration Strategy 	Strategy policy CS2 which supports the provision of local facilities.
	CAI5: Broadband and Telecoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS1: Quality of Life 	Whilst there are no strategic policies at the local level which relate specifically to this NDP policy, it's considered that the potential to provide new and enhanced telecommunications and broadband infrastructure will facilitate the requirements of existing and future local residents, providing them with a valuable service, fit for meeting the needs of modern day living in line with Core Strategy Policy CS1.
Development	D1: Requiring High Quality Design in Burghwallis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS14: Design and Sustainable Construction 	This policy builds upon the generalised design principles set out within Core Strategy Policy CS14, adding an additional level of assessment to development proposals which is locally specific and responsive to the character and distinctiveness of the rural and historic settlement of Burghwallis.
	D2: Sustainable Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy CS4: Flooding and Drainage 	This NDP policy promotes a proactive approach to assessing and managing flood risk in line with the requirements of Core Strategy Policy CS4.
Developer Contributions	CIL1: Developer Contributions	N/A	There are no strategic policies at the local level which relate specifically to this NDP policy

6. Compatibility with EU Obligations and Legislation

6.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment

A screening opinion has been issued by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, concluding that:

- There are no allocations proposed within Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan and therefore no impacts on sensitive

receptors such as SSSIs and ground water source protection zones; and

- The cumulative impact of the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan proposals will result in positive environmental benefits.

As a result, the impact of implementing the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Plan will not result in significant environmental effects and does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment in accordance with Directive 2001/42/EC (often referred to as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive).

6.2 Habitat Regulation Assessment

There are no internationally significant sensitive receptors within the Parish Boundary or within the vicinity of the Parish Boundary. As the defined Burghwallis Neighbourhood Area is not in close proximity to any European designated nature sites, the Neighbourhood Plan does not require an appropriate assessment under the EU Habitats Regulations.

6.3 Human Rights

The Neighbourhood Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act 1998.

7. Summary

As outlined throughout this document, it is considered that the Burghwallis Neighbourhood Development Plan fulfils the criteria set out within Paragraph 8, Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and therefore satisfies the prescribed basic conditions. This is as the Plan has appropriate regard to the National Planning Policy Framework; will contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, is in conformity with strategic policies contained in Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council's adopted Core Strategy and meets relevant EU obligations.

It is concluded the Plan satisfies the prescribed basic conditions and is therefore ready to be submitted to the Council for Independent Examination.