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Review of Policies



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December 2017

Hinckley & Bosworth Core Strategy (December 2009)

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	General - Local Plan horizon and spatial strategy	Regional Spatial Strategy abolished. Spatial strategy will no longer be based on RSS but on the revised LLEP Spatial Growth Plan. Once SGP finalised and final numbers/distribution of housing agreed there is potentially increased pressures for development.
P1	Development in Hinckley	NPPF requires LPA's to define the extent of Town Centres. The definition of TCs in the NPPF includes all traditional centres including local centres.
P2	Development in Earl Shilton	The AAP has since been adopted (2013), NPPF requires LPA's to define the extent of Town Centres. The definition of TCs in the NPPF includes all traditional centres including local centres.
P3	Development in Barwell	The AAP has since been adopted (2013), NPPF requires LPA's to define the extent of Town Centres. The definition of TCs in the NPPF includes all traditional centres including local centres.
P4	Development in Burbage	No relevant national policy changes.

P5	Transport Infrastructure in the sub-regional centre	Policy based on 2007 modelling and content of the Hinckley Core Strategy Transport Review (2007). A5 becoming a key priority for Hinckley and Bosworth. NPPF requires Local Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to provide a Transport Statement or Transport Assessment for 'development that generates a significant amount of movement' - to provide a Travel Plan to support the implementation of sustainable transport modes - facilitate sustainable modes of transport - Identifies a role of technology in reducing the need to travel. - identify and protect sites and routes which may be critical in developing infrastructure to widen transport choice (where evidence is robust).
P6	Hinckley/Barwell/Earl Shilton/ Burbage Green Wedge	Regional Plan provided the basis for Core Strategy (2009) Policy 6 but Regional Plan revoked in 2013. Green Wedges are not recognised at national level; however Green Wedges are useful planning tool used within Leicestershire.
P7	Key rural centres	No relevant national policy changes, but para 28 NPPF sets out how support to rural economy should be provided.
P8	Key rural centres relating to Leicester	No relevant national policy changes, but para 28 NPPF sets out how support to rural economy should be provided.
P9	Rothley Brook Meadow Green Wedge	Regional Plans revoked in 2013 removing the basis for Core Strategy policy 6 (2009). Green Wedges are not recognised at national level; however the NPPF highlights that a strategic approach should be taken in Local Plans, which plan 'positively for the creation, protection and management of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure'.
P10	Key Rural centres within the National Forest	No relevant national policy changes but para 28 NPPF sets out how support to rural economy should be provided.
P11	Key rural centres Standalone	No relevant national policy changes but para 28 NPPF sets out how support to rural economy should be provided.
P12	Rural villages	No relevant national policy changes but para 28 NPPF sets out how support to rural economy should be provided.
P13	Rural Hamlets	No relevant national policy changes but para 28 NPPF sets out how support to rural economy should be provided.

P14	Rural area transport	Sustainable transport is a key area within NPPF, and LPA are expected to facilitate this through their Local Plans. Additionally, the previous broad sustainability principles, for example those informing settlement hierarchy, remain relevant.
P15	Affordable Housing	NPPF definition of affordable housing includes affordable rent, which renders current policy out of date. Thresholds for accepting affordable housing no longer include sites of under 10 dwellings which affects thresholds set out for requirement for affordable housing. Changes to capacity from RPs to acquire affordable housing on section 106 sites
P16	Housing Density, Mix and Design	'Building for Life' is now to be delivered through Building Regulations rather than the planning system. National minimum density targets were scrapped in 2010 and the NPPF now requires local authorities to set their own approach to housing density (to meet local circumstances).
P17	Rural needs	Neighbourhood Plans need to be included as a key part of the policy. Changes to guidance on rural exception policies to accept cross subsidy from market housing. Changes to restrictions on shared ownership sales are not reflected in the policy.
P18	Providing for gypsies, travellers and Travelling Show people	Change to NPPG in August 2015 keeps much of the same emphasis on planning to meet identified needs etc., but does not require LPAs to fully plan for large scale unauthorised sites Also changes in personal circumstances and unmet need are unlikely to be 'very special circumstances' outweighing harm to CS P20, DMP P9. Also, if travellers have ceased travelling permanently, applications should be treated like those for the settled community
P19	Green Space and Play Provision	Criteria set out in paragraph 77 of NPPF relating to designation of Local Green Space. Variety of relevant national guidance documents available that should also be reviewed as part of developing policy such as those produced by Natural England. Old ANGST guidance appears out of date. Requirements should be primarily informed by local demand which will be identified via the PPG17 study/ PPS.

P20	Green Infrastructure	<p>NPPF 2012, Section 11 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment, para. 114: '<i>Local planning authorities should: set out a strategic approach in their Local Plans, planning positively for the creation, protection, enhancement and management of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure</i>'.</p> <p>NPPF definition '<i>A network of multi-functional green space, urban and rural, which is capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities.</i>'</p> <p>NPPG 2016 - '<i>Local Plans should identify the strategic location of existing and proposed green infrastructure networks</i>'.</p>
P21	National Forest	No specific reference to NF in NPPF rather reference is to 'community forests'. NPPF GI section(s) cover related material in terms of policy recognition but more broadly, without specific reference to NF.
P22	Charnwood Forest	No relevant national policy changes.
P23	Tourism Development	NPPF requires local plans to support a prosperous rural economy through having sustainable rural tourism.
P24	Sustainable Design and Technology	The Code for Sustainable Homes was withdrawn and replaced by new national technical standards which comprise of new additional Building Regulations. Building for Life 12 is a design quality indicator for new residential developments that is actively supported by the Home Builders Federation and endorsed by government.

Earl Shilton and Barwell Area Action Plan 2014

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P1	Sustainable Urban Extension	Strategic Growth Plan and results from the HEDNA
P2	Provision of Community Facilities	Adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (SADMP DPD)
P3	Primary, Secondary and upper Education Provision	Adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (SADMP DPD)
P4	Provision of Indoor Sports and Leisure Facilities	Adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (SADMP DPD)
P5	Waste Management Provision	Adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (SADMP DPD)
P6	Earl Shilton SUE	Strategic Growth Plan and findings from the HEDNA
P7	Housing in Earl Shilton SUE	Strategic Growth Plan and findings from the HEDNA
P8	Employment in Earl Shilton SUE	Strategic Growth Plan; HEDNA as well as the ELPS
P9	Neighbourhood Centre in Earl Shilton SUE	Ongoing monitoring and review
P10	General Highways Provision for Earl Shilton SUE	Evidence for the AAP was gathered in 2013. Will need to check whether it's still up to date information.
P11	Walking and Cycling in Earl Shilton SUE	Within the wider context of NPPF of sustainable modes of transport

P12	Barwell Urban Extension	Strategic Growth Plan and results from the HEDNA. Also, there is a resolution to grant planning permission (12/00295/OUT) for the SUE and the s106 agreement is still being negotiated.
P13	Housing in Barwell SUE	Resolution to grant planning permission (12/00295/OUT) for the SUE. S106 is currently being negotiated.
P14	Employment in Barwell Urban Extension	Strategic Growth Plan and results from the HEDNA as well as the ELPS
P15	Neighbourhood Centre in Barwell SUE	Experience from DM officers with the Barwell SUE s106 negotiations.
P16	General Highways Provision for Barwell SUE	Resolution to grant planning permission (12/00295/OUT) for the SUE. S106 is currently being negotiated.
P17	Walking and Cycling in Barwell SUE	Within the wider context of NPPF of sustainable modes of transport
P18	Carousel Park	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (Nov 2016)
P19	Regeneration of the District Centres	Ongoing delivery and monitoring
P20	Skills Development	Ongoing delivery and monitoring
P21	Infrastructure and Delivery	Adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (SADMP DPD)
P22	Development and Design	Adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (SADMP DPD)
P23	Existing Employment Sites	Adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (SADMP DPD)
P24	Safeguarding Community Facilities	Adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (SADMP DPD)
P25	Safeguarding Open Spaces, Sport and Recreational Facilities	Adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (SADMP DPD)
P26	Vitalising District, Local and Neighbourhood Centres	Adoption of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD (SADMP DPD)

Hinckley Town Centre Area Action Plan 2014

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P1	Compulsory Purchase Orders	The Housing and Planning Act 2016, Part 7. Neighbourhood Planning Bill 2017, Part 2. The Housing White Paper, paras. 2.43 & 2.44. All seek to give local authorities more powers to acquire land to enable delivery of development.
P2	Stockwell Head/ Concordia Theatre Strategic Development Area	Some of the site has been delivered, or it is no longer the Council's aspiration.
P3	Atkins Factory Strategic Development Area	Some of the site has been delivered, or it is no longer the Council's aspiration.
P4	Britannia Centre / Castle Street Strategic Development Area	Currently for sale.
P5	Land north of Mount Road	Some of the site has been built on, also the hospital is being closed.
P6	Leisure Centre	The original leisure centre has been demolished.
P7	Rugby Road/Hawley Road	This has all been delivered.
P8	Railway Station/Southfield Road	Majority of the site is currently being redeveloped for 100% affordable housing.
P9	Bus Station	The development of a new transport hub (bus station) has all been delivered.

P10	North Warwickshire and Hinckley College Site	Site 2 - This has now all been delivered as residential.
P11	Public Realm Improvements	Some of the projects have been delivered.
P12a	Areas of Mixed use, Upper Bond Street	This is now a conservation area.
P12b	Transco HQ/Jarvis Porter	ELPS suggests the site be retained for employment,
P13	Hinckley Town Centre Shopping areas	Important to have a policy showing the importance of primary and secondary frontages across the borough, not just Hinckley. The general design for such frontages is also important.
P14	Retail Development outside Hinckley Town Centre	NPPF
P15	Transport Infrastructure Delivery and Development Contribution	transport infrastructure policy that can link to the specifics in the IDP
P16	Cycle Routes	can be incorporated in to a generic policy with other sustainable transport options, however clear links to the IDP for specific break down should be made

Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD 2016 – REVIEW OF POLICIES

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DM P1	Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P2	Delivering Renewable energy and low carbon development	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P3	Infrastructure and Delivery	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P4	Safeguarding and Countryside and Settlement separation	The policy needs to be reviewed to support the NPPF principle of ‘presumption in favour of development’
DM P5	Enabling Rural worker accommodation	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P6	Enhancement of biodiversity and geological interest	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P7	Preventing Pollution and Flooding	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P8	Safeguarding Open spaces, Sport and Recreational Facilities	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P9	Safeguarding Natural and semi-natural open spaces	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P10	Development and Design	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016

DM P11	Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P12	Heritage Assets	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P13	Preserving the Borough's Archaeology	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P14	Replacement dwellings in the rural area	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P15	Redundant rural buildings	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P16	Telecommunications	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P17	Highway Design	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P18	Vehicle parking standards	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P19	Existing employment sites	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P20	Provision of employment sites	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P21	Locating Sustainable Town Centre uses	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P22	Vitalising district, local and neighbourhood centres	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P23	High quality shop fronts and advertisements	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P24	Cultural and tourism facilities	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016
DM P25	Community facilities	No change since adoption of Policy in 2016