

Minchinhampton Parish Council

Minchinhampton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018-2036

Basic Conditions Statement January 2019

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Vision for the future of Minchinhampton Parish

“The Parish consists of a cluster of communities which have developed around the Common, an area of outstanding beauty and natural scientific interest, which has retained the benefits of the past and will continue to explore ways in which to create new opportunities. Our communities may aspire to develop culturally, aesthetically, commercially, environmentally, educationally, socially and spiritually, providing a safe place for future generations and families who will want to be proud to be associated with and embrace the values of the past, the reality of the present and the ingenuity and innovation of the future.”

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been produced to explain how the proposed Minchinhampton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning General Regulations 2015 (As Amended) and how the basic conditions of Neighbourhood planning and other considerations as prescribed by Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 have been considered to have been met.
- 1.2 The Statement addresses each of the four ‘basic conditions’ required of the Regulations and explains how the submitted Neighbourhood Plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act.
- 1.3 The Regulations state that a Neighbourhood Plan will be considered to have met the basic conditions if:
 - having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the Neighbourhood development plan;
 - the making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
 - the making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area); and
 - the making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.

Supporting documents and evidence

- 1.4 The NDP is supported by a Consultation Statement and this Basic Conditions Statement.
- 1.5 Minchinhampton Parish Council is a qualifying body and entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for its own parish. The NDP expresses policies that relate to the development and use of land only within the neighbourhood area.

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- 1.6 The neighbourhood area is contiguous with the parish boundary, as shown in the map accompanying the neighbourhood area designation application included at Appendix A.
- 1.7 The NDP covers the period from 2018 to 2036.
- 1.8 No provision for excluded development such as national infrastructure is contained within the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.9 It is not considered that the NDP will have any effect to weaken the statutory protection for Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings within the neighbourhood area (see also Section 5).
- 1.10 The NDP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It is solely related to the area of The Parish of Minchinhampton as designated by Stroud District Council in September 2013.
- 1.11 There are no other Neighbourhood Development Plans in place for The Parish of Minchinhampton neighbourhood area.

2 CONFORMITY WITH NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

- 2.1 It is required that the Minchinhampton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has appropriate regard to National Planning Policy. This is principally provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) July 2018. Virtually the whole of the civil Parish or Minchinhampton lies in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in the District of Stroud.
- 2.2 The NPPF in sections 183-185 refers to Neighbourhood Development Plans and seeks that those plans have regard to the policies in the NPPF and to be in 'general conformity' with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. This phrasing is explained more clearly by the Localism Act which refers to the 'adopted Development Plan'.
- 2.3 This section demonstrates that the NDP has regard to relevant policies within the NPPF in relation to:
 - Building a strong, competitive economy
 - Ensuring the vitality of town centres
 - Supporting a prosperous rural economy
 - Promoting sustainable transport
 - Delivering a wide choice of high-quality homes
 - Requiring good design
 - Promoting healthy communities

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- Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
- Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

2.4 The Structure of the Minchinhampton Neighbourhood Development Plan is focused on four key areas which have been distilled from the, surveys, roadshows, questionnaires and consultations within the Parish. These are identified as follows:- “Natural Environment” (Landscape, Biodiversity, Geology), “Development” (Growth, Housing Needs, Built Environment), “Business and Employment” (Creating employment, Employment areas and Communications) and “Traffic and Transport” (Traffic management, Parking, Road Safety).

2.5 Table 2.1 provides a summary of how each policy in the NDP conforms specifically to the NPPF(July 2018) and its goals.

Table 2.1 Assessment of how each NDP Policy conforms to the NPPF (July2018) and its goals

Policy title and reference		NPPF July 2018 paras	NDP Aligns with 2018 NPPF Goals	Commentary on Minchinhampton NDP
Environment		8	2	
MP Env 1	Landscape Conservation	170,171,172	13, 15	Conserve and enhance the distinctive heritage of the areas, using appropriate materials and support enhancing tree and woodland resources in line with SDC ES7 & 8
MP Env 2	Geological Conservation	170,171,175,185, 186,187	16	Encourage Geological Conservation, with support from Gloucestershire Geology Trust, Natural England and National Trust re-excavate Crane Quarry to expose Great Oolite Rocks of the Jurassic not found anywhere else in Britain.
MP Env 3	Nature Conservation	170,171,172,173, 174,175	15	Minchinhampton Common is designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for limestone grasslands together with those of Rodborough Common (adjacent) an SSSI & EU Special area of Conservation. The NDP seeks protection and practical conservation of Statutorily designated sites and priority habitats. Developments are required to demonstrate that the conservation status of protected species will be maintained and enhanced where necessary by provision of additional features.
MP Env 4	Minchinhampton Common	170,171,172,174	15	As stated above the SSSI status of Minchinhampton Common requires preservation and enhancement of the area.

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				Protecting Cows on the common, working with Rodborough Parish Council, SDC and GCC Highways to reduce traffic by volume and speed on the Commons. Conserving the setting and safety of villages and hamlets
Development		8	2	
MP Dev 1	New Development	20,21,22,23,81	6	A strategic policy to ensure that a strong competitive local economy continues to develop for the villages and hamlets in the Parish and supports the environmental and social aims of the NDP in line with NPPF
MP Dev 2	Minchinhampton Town Centre	81,85,87,91,92,184,185,186,187	6,7,8, 12,16	Specific Policy for the development of a Master Plan for the central part of Minchinhampton town to enhance sustainability & connectivity. With the need to maintain Minchinhampton a viable, vibrant town centre, retaining access to the variety of services and facilities to complement development within and on the edge of the town.
MP Dev 3	Affordable Housing Provision	28,59,60,61,63,69,73,74	5,12	Support SDC Local Plan Policy HC4 and MP Dev1- drawing on best practice deliver sustainable housing through a variety of financial funding options to suit local requirements
MP Dev 4	Conservation Area Development	78.79,185,186	16	NDP looks to enhance and protect the fabric of the non- listed building.
Business and Employment		8	2	
MP Emp 1	Business and Employment	20,21,28,83,85,120,121	11	Development proposals which are designated employment areas or involve change of use of existing properties and create, expand and generally help develop business initiatives will be supported where in scale with the rural nature of the Parish.
MPEmp 2	Working from Home	21,81,82,83,112,113,118,121	6, 10	Encourage use of part of dwellings for office/ light industrial, or extensions and use of outbuildings where appropriate encourage development of greater use of Broadband. Minchinhampton was one of the first communities to engage with telecoms company (Vodafone) who installed Rural Open

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				Sure Signal equipment.
Traffic Transport & Parking		8	2	
MP Traffic 1	Transport Statements	102,104	9	Working with GCC Highways to ensure effective transport statements are applied to developments
MP Traffic 2	Traffic movement – Communities and Schools	91,92,102,104,105,106	8,9	Improved traffic movement around community centre and schools for sustainable safety measures
MP Transport 2	Walking and cycling	104,105,106,109,110	9	Part of the range of transport and facilities that make up a total sustainable package, providing safe and convenient routes to local services. Promotes healthy communities
MP Transport 3	Cycle and Buggie storage	61,64,110	5	Ensuring suitable facilities for communities and those dependant on Mobility buggies
MP Parking 1	Town Centre – Electric Car Points	80,81,102,106,109,110	7	Ensuring vitality and sustainability of town Centres and improve parking for commercial benefit of town centre. Meet eco-friendly needs of electric car users and in development design to ensure the character and practicality of provisions accords with the local environment.
MP Parking 2	Off Street parking	85,87,105,109,110	7	Improved parking in a community where public transport doesn't meet the needs of the community, more cars are used, and where historic houses do not have parking facilities. New developments to safeguard local road network
Public Right of Way		8	2	
MP PRoW 1	Enhancing Rights of Way	98,109,114	14	Respects the route, character function and recreational value of the PRoW network and supports proposals to conserve or enhance the asset.

2.5 The above table seeks to identify conformity with the overall requirements of the NPPF and comment on the objectives that the NDP sets out. It should be noted that under each principal heading it has been indicated that these Policies contribute to the Sustainable Development. For clarity, set out in the table below, are the Policies and Objectives within the plan that confirm conformity to the Objectives set out in Para 8 of the NPPF (July 2018)

2.6 Although the NDP highlights key policies, the text of the plan identifies much of the detail leading up to the creation of a policy. In addition The Plan seeks to identify the implementation issues that need to be addressed to contribute to a greater sense of

sustainability for the community in the Parish within particular timeframes, acknowledging that there are a variety of ways that these may be funded: through the public , developments, or private partnerships with the communities.

The plan sets out the range of objectives that are summarised in the Policies set out.

3 CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- 3.1 The NPPF states in paragraph 14 that a presumption in favour of sustainable development is at the heart of the NPPF and ‘should be seen as a golden thread running through both plan-making and decision-taking.’ Below is a summary of how the objectives and policies in the NDP contribute towards sustainable development, as defined in the NPPF.
- 3.2 The strategic objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan are considered to comprise a balance of social, economic and environmental goals.
- 3.3 Minchinhampton Parish Council has considered that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was not required because the NDP is not likely to have a significant impact upon the environment.

Table 3.1 Achieving Sustainable Development through the NDP as defined in Para 8 of the NPPF (July 2018)

<i>NPPF Para 8. a) an economic Objective</i>	
<i>Build a Strong, Responsive and Competitive Economy</i>	
Minchinhampton NDP Objectives	<p>Provide for support for those working from home.</p> <p>Encourage small scale employment initiatives through change of use initiatives that create opportunities for local residents.</p> <p>Ensure new development is connected to village and town centres by safe and sustainable road, cycle and pedestrian routes.</p> <p>Establish and improve safe and suitable routes for walking and cycling accessible for the needs of all users.</p>

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	<p>Maintain the character and vitality of the parish and recognize the important contribution to the open space and green infrastructure makes towards the leisure, recreation and well-being.</p> <p>Ensure well-designed development which reflects the heritage and distinctive character of Minchinhampton.</p> <p>Maintain distinctive views and visual connectivity with the surrounding countryside from public places within built-up areas.</p> <p>Support and encourage renewable energy provision.</p> <p>New development to provide high quality communications infrastructure.</p> <p>Need to work with multi agencies to address traffic, parking and public transport issues to ensure the preservation of the Town and village centres.</p> <p>Undertake a Master Plan Study for the central part of Minchinhampton town to enhance sustainability and connectivity.</p> <p>Improve parking within communities and particularly off-street parking, whether to meet current needs or future development.</p> <p>Recognise the role and function of different locations across the Parish as key to the character and identity of the Parish as a whole and important for the environmental domain of sustainable development.</p> <p>Conserve and enhance biodiversity, particularly with regard to sites and protected species.</p>
<p>Minchinhampton NDP Policies</p>	<p>MP Dev1 New Development</p> <p>MP Dev2 Minchinhampton Town Centre</p> <p>MP Dev 3 Affordable Housing</p> <p>MP Dev 4 Conservation Area Development</p> <p>MP Emp 1 Business and Employment</p> <p>MP Emp 2 Working from Home</p> <p>MP Traffic 1 Transport Statements</p> <p>MP Parking 1 Town Centre – Electric car Points</p>

	MP Parking 2 Off Street Parking
Comments	<p>Minchinhampton NDP as epitomised in the Vision Statement, has the privilege of retaining this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for future generations, however paramount in realizing that objective is to ensure whether in the town or a hamlet within the Parish there is sufficient impetus to improve economically in a sustainable manner.</p> <p>Primarily in the Town of Minchinhampton measures are proposed to enhance the town Centre through modifying parking, roads and traffic flows to enable a more vibrant commercially attractive Centre for the community as it develops over the period of the plan. The economic benefit of new development (including the strategic allocation) is recognized as supporting services and facilities. The development of business initiatives is supported across the parish.</p> <p>The re-opening of Pub in Minchinhampton in 2019 is welcomed as it is seen as a pivotal attraction in bringing tourists and business to the area. This renewed facility also contributes to the need of connectivity and centrality of the town Centre with the associated needs of parking, traffic flows etc.</p>
NPPF Para 8. b) a Social Objective	
Support Strong, Vibrant and Healthy Communities	
Minchinhampton NDP Objectives	<p>A mix of housing from starter homes.</p> <p>The provision of housing at the Wimberley Mill site previously designated.</p> <p>Encourage all those living within and passing through the Parish to recognise and take responsibility for ensuring the priority of road safety.</p> <p>Encourage close working with Gloucestershire County Council Highways to identify and agree a variety of solutions for speed reduction on the commons, the diverting of traffic at Aston Down and consider new roads and parking within the parish and specifically the Town.</p> <p>Ensure adequate provision for car and cycle parking in all new development and the centre of the Town and villages.</p> <p>Encourage close working with Stroud District Council on managing restricted parking areas.</p> <p>Seek to maintain a thriving community across the Parish and focuses on the main settlement.</p>

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	<p>The above can best be achieved by supporting and sustaining the viability of local services and facilities and providing for any additional development near these. This includes promoting the most effective use of sustainable transport methods and offering encouragement for proposals that demonstrate how these can be enhanced.</p> <p>Support SDC Local Plan Policy HC4 and MP Dev 1 drawing on Best Practice deliver sustainable housing through a variety of financial options to meet local requirements.</p> <p>Create local employment opportunities through change of use for some existing properties.</p> <p>Encourage work from home through working with internet suppliers / developers to ensure Broadband for all.</p> <p>Improve traffic movement and parking around schools.</p> <p>Enable Mobility Buggie users safe access in towns and villages.</p> <p>Protect the identity of Minchinhampton and prevent any further coalescence of the town and the hamlets with each other.</p> <p>Protect open spaces within the Parish.</p> <p>Focus on the reduction of traffic congestion and travel by the private car to reduce carbon emissions and give support for renewable energy schemes to combat and prevent climate change.</p>
<p>Minchinhampton NDP Policies</p>	<p>MP Dev1 New Development</p> <p>MP Dev2 Minchinhampton Town Centre</p> <p>MP Dev 4 Conservation Area Development</p> <p>MP Emp 1 Business and Employment</p> <p>MP Emp 2 Working from Home</p> <p>MP Traffic 1 Transport Statements</p> <p>MP Traffic 2 Traffic movement – Communities and schools</p> <p>MP Transport 2 Walking and Cycling</p>

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	<p>MP Transport 3 Cycle and Buggie Storage</p> <p>MP Parking 1 Town Centre – Electric car Points</p> <p>MP Parking 2 Off Street Parking</p> <p>MP PRoW 1 Enhancing Rights of Way</p>
<p>Comments</p>	<p>The Minchinhampton Neighbourhood Development plan seeks to maintain a dynamic, sustainable, thriving community across the Parish from setting up a Community shop in Amberley to the reopening of the Pub in Minchinhampton. The Parish has several meeting halls in the villages and hamlets and is supporting the Lottery Funding application for the Market House which forms a key venue in the community. The Parish will continue to welcome new enterprises of shops and business in the town Centre to meet the growing demand through new housing developments.</p> <p>Meeting the housing needs of all is recognized as a priority and opportunities to provide the affordable housing needed for those with a direct association to the Parish are encouraged, recognizing that there may be a variety of funding options as to how this may be achieved to achieve sustainability. Advice will also be sought from GCC and SDC on roads provision to meet any new developments in the Parish, at the same time safe guarding the environment of the commons, habitats for wildlife and other heritage focal points. Design and location of new developments will be given scrutiny in the planning process.</p> <p>The plan seeks to minimize speed across the commons and will liaise with adjoining Parishes, GCC Highways, National Trust to seek more effective methods of reducing speeds and reduce the number of cows killed on the commons each year.</p> <p>The provision of cycle racks and car electric charging points in the town will be encouraged in line with sustainable transport methods.</p>
<p>NPPF Para 8. c) an Environmental Objective</p>	
<p>To contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic Environment;</p>	
<p>Minchinhampton NDP Objectives</p>	<p>Minchinhampton Parish is predominantly in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and therefore policy is dominated by the requirement to deliver Environmental Sustainability.</p> <p>Protect and enhance biodiversity.</p>

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	<p>Protect and enhance the high quality and sensitive landscape within the Parish and its contribution to the setting of the town and surrounding hamlets.</p> <p>Respect and enhance the route, character, function and recreational value of the Public Right of Way network and support proposals which conserve or enhance these assets.</p> <p>Conserve and enhance the distinctive heritage of the area.</p> <p>Establish and improve safe and suitable routes for walking and cycling accessible for the needs of all users.</p> <p>Seek with the support of the Gloucestershire Geology Trust, Natural England and National Trust to re-excavate Crane Quarry to expose Great Oolite Rocks of the Jurassic not found anywhere else in Britain.</p> <p>Ensuring well-designed development which reflects the heritage and distinctive character of Minchinhampton.</p> <p>Maintain distinctive views and visual connectivity with the surrounding countryside from public places and built up areas.</p> <p>Reduce the number of cows killed on the commons by speeding motorists.</p> <p>Support and encourage all forms of renewable energy provision.</p> <p>Ensuring well – designed development which reflects the heritage and distinctive character of Minchinhampton and Villages and Hamlets within the Parish.</p> <p>Conserve and enhance biodiversity, particularly with regard designated sites and protected species.</p> <p>Focus on the reduction of traffic congestion and travel by the private car to reduce carbon emissions and give support for renewable energy schemes to combat and prevent climate change.</p>
<p>Minchinhampton NDP Policies</p>	<p>MP Env 1 Landscape Conservation</p> <p>MP Env 2 Geological Conservation</p> <p>MP Env 3 Nature conservation</p> <p>MP Env 4 Minchinhampton Common</p> <p>MP Dev 1 New Development</p>

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	<p>MP Dev 4 Conservation Area Development</p> <p>MP Transport 2 Walking and Cycling</p> <p>MP Transport 3 Cycle and Buggie Storage</p> <p>MP Parking 1 Town Centre – Electric Car Points</p> <p>MP PRow 1 Enhancing rights of Way</p>
Comments	<p>The Minchinhampton Neighbourhood Development plan seeks to conserve and enhance biodiversity, particularly with regard designated areas and protected species, it seeks to reducing traffic speeds and traffic congestion in the Parish. Encourage reduced carbon emissions through provision of Electric Car points and support renewable energy schemes looking to combat and prevent climate change.</p> <p>The re-excavation of Crane Quarry is of National importance, as well of interest in the local community.</p> <p>The plan requires good design of new development, reflecting the local distinctiveness of the area's heritage assets.</p>

4 GENERAL CONFORMITY WITH THE STRATEGIC POLICIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 4.1 The development plan currently consists of the following:
- Stroud District Local Plan (2015)
 - Gloucestershire Waste Local Plan 2002-2012 ‘saved’ policies
 - Gloucestershire Waste Core Strategy (2012)
 - Gloucestershire Minerals Local Plan 1997- 2006 ‘saved’ policies
- 4.2 There are no additional emerging developing plan documents for Stroud District that it is necessary for the NDP to take into account. It is confirmed that there are no ‘saved’ policies in either the Gloucestershire Waste Local Plan 2002-2012, or the Gloucestershire Minerals Local Plan 1997-2006; nor policies in the Gloucestershire Waste Core Strategy (2012) that are relevant to the policies of this NDP.
- 4.3 The following Table addresses the Core Policies of the Adopted Stroud District Local Plan, and notes the NDP policies that provide for and demonstrate conformity with the SDC Local Plan policies. In many case specific conformity relates to the Delivery policies within the Core Policies.

Table 4.1 Conformity of NDP to SDC Local Plan

SDC Core Policy	Principal Aspects	Conformity of NDP to SDC Local Plan
Core Policy CP1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	Positive Approach to achieving Sustainable development, as NPPF Will work with applicants to find solutions	MPDev 1 Will encourage development proposals that support the environmental and social aims of the NDP. Identified through local distinctiveness, respect for the natural environment and optimization of green spaces
Core Policy CP2 Strategic Growth Locations	Strategic allocations are made. Outside the strategic allocations, development will be in accordance with the settlement hierarchy, and other policies of the Plan	There are no Strategic Growth allocations in Minchinhampton. Wimberley Mill is in the process of implementation. The NDP is in accordance with the settlement hierarchy and the modest development potential of the town and parish.

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<p>Core Policy CP3 Settlement Hierarchy</p>	<p>Proposals for New Development should be located in accordance with the District’s settlement hierarchy</p>	<p>The NDP contains policies to support the sustainability of the facilities within the parish, and accepts a scale of development appropriate to a Level 2 settlement, <u>provided</u> that <u>any</u> development contributes to the solution of existing problems in the town of Minchinhampton which has an identified Settlement Development Limits Boundary.</p>
<p>Core Policy CP4 Place Making</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integration 2. Character 3. Safety and character of streets 	<p>The centrality and connectivity of the centre of the town is a critical part of the sustainability and character of Minchinhampton. To further enhance the accessibility, safety, usability and environment of the town centre a Feasibility Study/ Master Plan is proposed in MP Dev1.</p> <p>The NDP Landscape, alongside Conservation area development and Employment opportunities each contribute to the effective use of appropriate materials and fabric for listed and non-listed buildings</p> <p>Potential for Shared Space, re-routing buses, improved parking, etc</p>
<p>Core Policy CP5 Environmental development principles for strategic sites</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Density 2. Layout 3. Accessibility 4. Location 5. Development Management 	<p>The principles in CP5 apply strictly to strategic development sites. The NDP advocates similar principles in MP Dev 1. The NDP recognises the strategic value of the public realm and commits to a Feasibility Master Plan to engage landowners in an acceptable land use pattern.</p>
<p>Core Policy CP6 Infrastructure and Developer Contributions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet Long-term Community Needs 2. Minority Groups, Special needs 3. Existing Residents future needs 	<p>The implementation section of the NDP has set out those areas of the Parish where funding from a variety of sources could enhance the infrastructure. MP Dev 1 encourages development proposals that support the environmental and social aims of the NDP. Persons with special needs, particularly transport are identified and solutions sought</p>

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<p>Core Policy CP7 Lifetime Communities</p>	<p>1. Fully Inclusive – social inclusion 2. Variety of house sizes Ageing population – special needs</p>	<p>MP Dev 2 – Town Centre, aligns to CP7 and the development of affordable housing specifically encourages both one and two bed houses and some three or four bed homes , depending on the market conditions. Transport systems, parking and the ability to have safe walkways in all community centres is critical for an ageing population</p>
<p>Core Policy CP8 New Housing Development</p>	<p>1. Well designed in character and Density, layout and with parking capability</p>	<p>The facets of the policies MPDev4, MP Parking 2, MP Transport 3 and MP Traffic 1 align with CP 8 for well designed developments whether on a large or small scale.</p>
<p>Core Policy CP9 Affordable Housing</p>	<p>1. Acceptable in Townscape, local environment, character and amenity terms 2. Homes to meet the proven needs of the people who need to rent.</p>	<p>The NDP identifies a minimum requirement of 5 Affordable House per year to meet future needs on small scale sites. The prime focus will be on 1 & 2 bedroom properties with a smaller proportion on 3 or 4 Bedroom homes for rent; MP Dev 4, and MP Dev 2 also applies</p>
<p>Core Policy CP10 Gypsy, Traveller, and Showground Sites</p>	<p>None proposed in Minchinhampton</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Core Policy CP11 New Employment Development</p>	<p>1. Preserve environment. 2. Accessible to public transport or on foot/bicycle 3. Reduced CO2 emissions</p>	<p>MP Emp1 & MP Emp2 focus, in line with CP11 creating additional employment opportunities through conversion and modification of suitable properties and promoting working from home.</p>
<p>Core Policy CP12 Town Centres & Retailing</p>	<p>Minchinhampton defined as a District Centre</p>	<p>MP Dev 1, and Parking and Traffic policies MP Traffic 2 and MP Parking 1 recognize and support the vibrancy, sustainability, economic and connectivity of Minchinhampton, of strategic value to the community. The Master Plan study will identify further enhancement. The reopening of the pub and the upgrading of the market house are all prime contributors.</p>
<p>Core Policy CP13</p>	<p>Improve existing infrastructure</p>	<p>NDP Policies on Traffic, Transport and Parking contribute to CP13</p>

Demand Management and Sustainable Travel Measures	Reduce dependency on car Accommodate reduced mobility persons	being met in the Minchinhampton Community and other villages and hamlets within the Parish.
Core Policy CP14 High Quality Sustainable Development	Built and Natural Environment ES6-9	MP Dev 1, MP Dev2 and MP Dev4 all strategically contribute to Policy CP14 NDP Policies MP Env2 and MP Env3 support the geological and biodiversity aims of SDC ES6. MP Env1 supports the landscape conservation aims of ES7 NDP Policy MP Env4 supports the SDC obligations and policies in respect of natural heritage, and European policy.
Core Policy CP15 A Quality Living & Working Countryside	Retain development within the settlement boundary, except through defined conditions being met in the more rural scenario.	MP Env 1 & 4 sets out the policies for Landscape Conservation, Minchinhampton Common, coupled with MP Dev 1 provides the framework structure for rural development.

5 DOES NOT BREACH, AND IS COMPATIBLE WITH, EU OBLIGATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 The Neighbourhood Development Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act.
- 5.2 Preparation of the NDP has been supported by extensive efforts at community engagement as detailed in the Consultation Statement (December 2015). It is considered significant that this takes forward earlier means of public participation such as Parish surveys. The Consultation Statement also details the wide range of media used to distribute information and that face-to-face consultation activities were provided as part of consultation of the Draft Plan. There is therefore significant confidence that all sections of the community, including ‘hard-to-reach’ groups have been offered the opportunity to engage with the Neighbourhood Plan process.

6 CONCLUSION

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

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Appendix A. Map of Minchinhampton Parish

