

Collingham Neighbourhood Plan

Basic Conditions Statement

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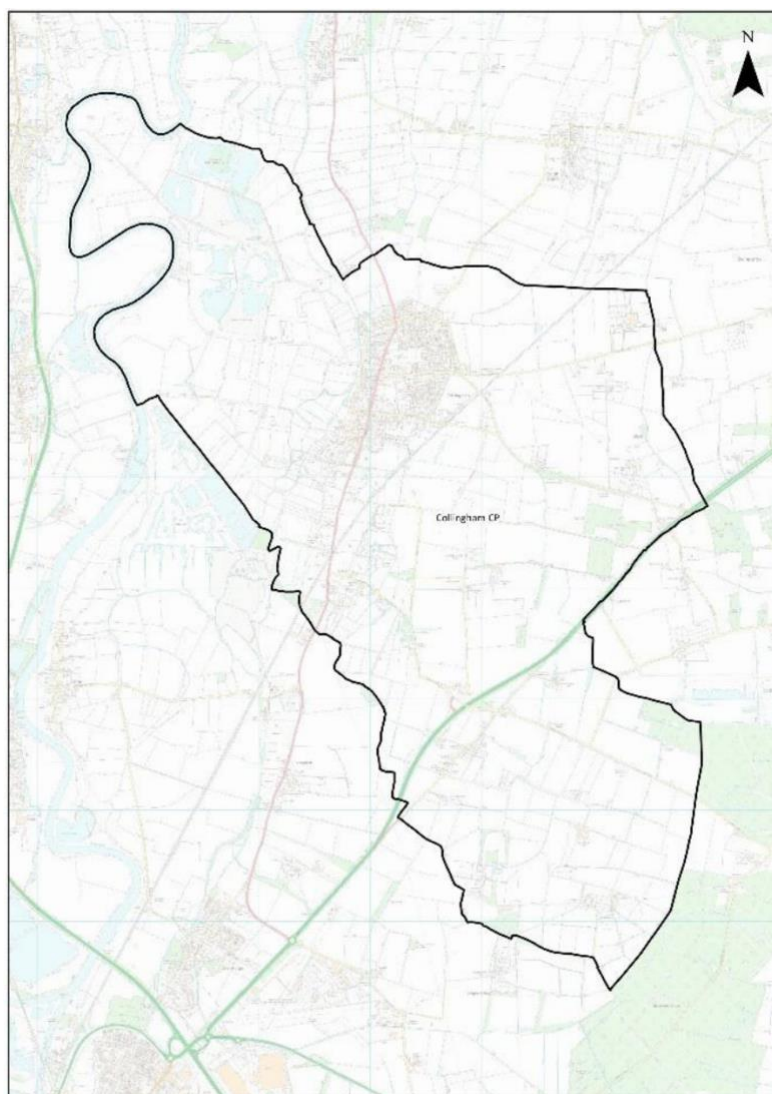
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1. Introduction

Collingham Parish Council is the qualifying body responsible for the Collingham Neighbourhood Plan (CNP). Newark and Sherwood District Council is the Local Planning Authority.

The operative Development Plan for Collingham is the Newark and Sherwood Local Development Framework, comprising the Amended Core Strategy (adopted March 2019), the Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document (adopted July 2013), the Policies Map (with insets), and associated Supplementary Planning Documents. Newark and Sherwood District Council is preparing a new Local Plan, but the current Local Development Framework remains the operative development plan context for this Statement.

The Collingham Neighbourhood Area covers the whole of Collingham Parish, including Collingham Village, Brough, Danethorpe and Danethorpe Hills. It was formally designated by Newark and Sherwood District Council on 12 October 2020. The extent of the Neighbourhood Area is shown on Map 1 below.



Map 1: Collingham Neighbourhood Area

The Neighbourhood Plan sets out policies to guide development in the Neighbourhood Area for the period 2025-2036. It has been prepared to add locally specific planning policy detail to the adopted development plan, reflecting local evidence, community engagement, the Collingham Design Code, the Housing Needs Assessment, the Conservation Area Appraisal and other relevant evidence.

This Basic Conditions Statement demonstrates that the Collingham Neighbourhood Plan meets the statutory requirements set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as applied to neighbourhood development plans by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and as amended by the

Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 provisions commenced on 25 March 2026. For a neighbourhood development plan, the relevant Basic Conditions and associated statutory requirements are addressed as follows:

- having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the Neighbourhood Plan;
- the making of the Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- the making of the Neighbourhood Plan would not result in the development plan for Newark and Sherwood District proposing that less housing is provided by means of development in that area than would be the case if the Neighbourhood Plan were not made;
- any requirements imposed in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan by or under Part 6 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Environmental Outcomes Reports) have been complied with, insofar as such requirements apply;
- the making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, assimilated obligations and the prescribed conditions, including the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017; and
- the Plan satisfies the additional statutory requirements for neighbourhood development plans concerning climate change mitigation and adaptation, local nature recovery strategies and national development management policies.

The former Basic Condition requiring general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan has been replaced for neighbourhood development plans by the new housing-related test. Nevertheless, the relationship between the Collingham Neighbourhood Plan and the Newark and Sherwood Local Development Framework remains important in demonstrating that the Plan has had proper regard to national policy and will operate coherently as part of the statutory development plan.

The Basic Conditions relating to special regard for listed buildings and conservation areas apply specifically to neighbourhood development orders. They are not a separate Basic Condition for this Neighbourhood Plan. Heritage and conservation are nevertheless addressed in this Statement because they are important national policy, development plan and statutory considerations.

2. Legislative and Policy Framework

The policies in the Collingham Neighbourhood Plan have been reviewed against the legislative and policy framework applying to neighbourhood development plans in England, including:

- the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Schedule 4B, as applied to neighbourhood development plans by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and amended by the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023;
- the neighbourhood plan content requirements in section 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, including climate change, Local Nature Recovery Strategy and National Development Management Policy requirements;
- the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), published in December 2024 and amended in February 2025, together with relevant national Planning Practice Guidance;
- the Newark and Sherwood Local Development Framework, including the Amended Core Strategy (2019), Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document (2013), Policies Map and relevant Supplementary Planning Documents;
- the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, the Human Rights Act 1998, the Equality Act 2010 and assimilated environmental obligations;
- the Environment Act 2021, including the statutory Biodiversity Net Gain regime and the Local Nature Recovery Strategy provisions; and
- the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Local Nature Recovery Strategy, published in November 2025, insofar as relevant to Collingham and available at the date of this Statement.

3. Regard to National Planning Policy and Guidance

The Collingham Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared with regard to the NPPF as revised in December 2024 and amended in February 2025, and to relevant national Planning Practice Guidance. The February 2025 amendments corrected cross-references and clarified paragraph 155 without changing national policy.

- The Plan has particular regard to NPPF provisions concerning sustainable development and the presumption in favour of sustainable development; neighbourhood planning; delivery of a sufficient supply of homes; rural economic growth; healthy, inclusive and safe communities; sustainable transport; effective use of land; well-designed and beautiful places; climate change, flood risk and water management; the natural environment, biodiversity and green infrastructure; and the historic environment.
- The Plan supports the national policy expectation that neighbourhood plans should support the delivery of strategic policies and shape and direct development that is outside those strategic policies. It does not promote less development than is set out in the adopted development plan and does not undermine strategic housing delivery.
- The Plan does not seek to repeat national policy. It provides locally specific policies and evidence for Collingham, including design guidance, climate and flood-risk responses, blue and green infrastructure priorities, active travel and public transport priorities, protection of community facilities, housing mix and affordable housing provisions, and a criteria-based approach to local employment and rural enterprise.
- At the date of this Statement, a further draft NPPF had been the subject of national consultation but had not replaced the December 2024/February 2025 Framework. This Statement therefore assesses the Neighbourhood Plan against the current adopted NPPF. A final check should be undertaken before examination if national policy changes before the Plan is examined.

4. Relationship with the Newark and Sherwood Local Development Framework, Strategic Housing Provision and Housing Delivery

The operative local plan context for Collingham is the Newark and Sherwood Local Development Framework. The Amended Core Strategy identifies Collingham Village as a Principal Village within the settlement hierarchy, with most of the wider Neighbourhood Area falling within the Rural Areas policy context. The Allocations and Development Management DPD provides site allocations, local centre policies, development management policies and designations relevant to the Neighbourhood Area.

The Collingham Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to sit alongside and add local detail to the adopted development plan. It is aligned with the broad spatial strategy for Collingham as a Principal Village and with the development plan policies that apply to the surrounding countryside, transport, community facilities, design, affordable housing, employment, tourism, biodiversity, green infrastructure, historic environment, flood risk, renewable and low-carbon energy, pollution, retail and town centre uses, and the presumption in favour of sustainable development.

- Although the 25 March 2026 legislative changes have replaced the former Basic Condition of general conformity with strategic policies for neighbourhood development plans, the Plan has still been prepared to operate coherently with the adopted Local Development Framework. This remains important because national policy expects neighbourhood plans to support strategic policies and not undermine the delivery of planned development.
- The Plan does not allocate less housing than the adopted development plan, does not delete or undermine any housing allocation, and does not introduce a settlement-boundary or design policy approach that would prevent appropriate housing from coming forward in accordance with the development plan.
- Policies HE1 and HE2 guide housing type, density, size and affordable housing provision so that development responds to local needs, including smaller homes, family housing and homes suited to older people. These policies influence mix and quality rather than reducing the overall amount of housing that may be provided.
- Policy SD1 expressly supports development that accords with the spatial strategy and other relevant policies of the Newark and Sherwood Development Plan. Policies E1-E4, DH1-DH3, ATC1-ATC5, CF1-CF2 and HE3

are criteria-based policies that support sustainable development while securing locally important environmental, social, design, movement and economic outcomes.

- Accordingly, making the Collingham Neighbourhood Plan would not result in the development plan for Newark and Sherwood District proposing less housing than would be provided if the Neighbourhood Plan were not made.

The Plan should therefore be read as a locally specific layer of the development plan. It provides additional guidance for decision-making without changing the strategic scale, distribution or intent of housing and other development established by the adopted development plan.

5. The Neighbourhood Plan Policies

For ease of reference, the policies and policy components assessed in this Basic Conditions Statement are summarised below. The full wording of the policies is set out in the Collingham Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Summary of Purpose
Policy SD1: Sustainable Development	Supports development that accords with the Newark and Sherwood development plan and contributes positively to sustainable development in Collingham, including design quality, flood risk, blue and green infrastructure, access, community wellbeing, agricultural land and proportionate infrastructure.
Policy E1: Climate Change and Carbon Emissions	Supports proportionate climate-change mitigation through energy-demand reduction, energy efficiency, renewable and low-carbon technologies, EV charging and secure cycle parking, where compatible with wider planning considerations.
Policy E2(a): Blue and Green Infrastructure	Protects, enhances and extends Collingham's blue and green infrastructure network, including watercourses, habitats, ecological connectivity, access to the countryside and multifunctional green spaces.
Policy E2(b): Biodiversity	Requires development to contribute positively to biodiversity, including statutory Biodiversity Net Gain where applicable, protection of species and habitats, and nature-friendly design measures.
Policy E3: Public Rights of Way and Wildlife Corridors	Supports the protection and sensitive integration of Public Rights of Way and wildlife corridors, including route continuity, accessibility, safety, biodiversity value and design appropriate to lawful users.
Policy E4: Flood Risk	Directs development away from areas at highest flood risk and requires safe management of fluvial and surface-water risk, including Sustainable Drainage Systems with biodiversity, amenity and landscape benefits.
Policy DH1: Sense of Place	Promotes high-quality, sustainable and locally distinctive design that responds to Collingham's character, landscape setting, local centre role and historic environment, informed by the Design Code.
Policy DH2: Public Realm	Supports development that enhances streets and public spaces through safety, accessibility, appearance, appropriate frontages, planting, street features, inclusive design and long-term management.
Policy DH3: Historic Environment	Ensures development within or near the Collingham Conservation Area protects and enhances historic character, including heritage significance, built form, materials, roofscape and important views.
Policy ATC1: Cycle, Pedestrian and Equine Routes	Supports improvements to walking, cycling and equestrian routes, with safe, inclusive, well-overlooked routes and appropriate treatment of bridleways, byways and equestrian routes.
Policy ATC2: Public Transport Connectivity	Supports access to and integration with public transport, including links to bus stops and Collingham railway station, modal interchange, cycle parking, signage, crossings and Network Rail safety engagement where relevant.
Policy ATC3: Highways Impact	Requires safe and suitable access for all users and seeks to avoid unacceptable residual cumulative impacts on the highway and movement network, with proportionate mitigation where needed.
Policy ATC4: Parking Standards	Supports appropriate parking provision for non-residential development, taking account of site accessibility, demand, local character, active travel, highway safety, servicing and disabled-user access.
Policy ATC5: High Speed Digital Connectivity	Supports reliable, high-quality digital infrastructure, prioritising gigabit-capable broadband and passive infrastructure where feasible and proportionate.
Policy CF1: Community Assets and Facilities	Supports enhancement of valued community facilities and resists loss unless lack of need, lack of viability or suitable replacement provision is demonstrated.
Policy CF2: Local Green and Open Spaces	Supports provision, protection and enhancement of green and open spaces for community, recreation, amenity, landscape and biodiversity purposes, with appropriate treatment of Main Open Areas.
Policy HE1: Housing Type and Density	Promotes a balanced and inclusive housing mix that meets local needs, including smaller homes, family housing, homes suited to older people, self/custom-build and appropriate rural exception housing.
Policy HE2: Affordable Housing Provision	Supports affordable housing that meets local needs, prioritising smaller homes, family housing and accessible/adaptable homes, rural exception housing and an indicative 60% rented / 40% affordable home ownership tenure mix where justified.
Policy HE3: Employment and Economic Development	Supports a diverse local economy by protecting existing employment land and encouraging suitable business growth, small units, workshops, flexible workspace, rural diversification, tourism and home-based businesses where impacts are acceptable.

6. Climate Change, Local Nature Recovery Strategy and National Development Management Policies

Section 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended, requires neighbourhood development plans, so far as the qualifying body considers appropriate having regard to the subject matter of the plan, to be designed to secure that the development and use of land contributes to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to take account of any relevant Local Nature Recovery Strategy. It also requires neighbourhood development plans not to be inconsistent with, or in substance repeat, National Development Management Policies.

Climate change mitigation and adaptation: The Collingham Neighbourhood Plan addresses climate change through a combination of policies supporting sustainable locations for growth, low-carbon design, energy efficiency, renewable and low-carbon technologies, electric vehicle charging, secure cycle parking, active travel, public transport connectivity, flood-risk management, sustainable drainage, protection and enhancement of blue

and green infrastructure, biodiversity and green/open space. Policies SD1, E1, E2(a), E2(b), E3, E4, ATC1, ATC2 and CF2 are especially relevant.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy: The relevant LNRS is the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Local Nature Recovery Strategy. Nottinghamshire County Council is the Responsible Authority and the final strategy was published in November 2025. The Collingham Neighbourhood Plan takes account of the LNRS by protecting and enhancing watercourses, riparian habitats, trees, hedgerows, grasslands, public open spaces, wildlife corridors, ecological connectivity, Public Rights of Way, SuDS, green links and biodiversity net gain. Policies E2(a), E2(b), E3, E4 and CF2 are particularly relevant.

National Development Management Policies: At the date of this Statement, no final National Development Management Policies have been designated for the purposes of section 38B. The Neighbourhood Plan has been reviewed to ensure that it is locally specific, does not repeat national policy in substance, and is not drafted in a way that would conflict with future national development management policies. If such policies are designated before submission or examination, a final screening check should be undertaken.

Environmental Outcomes Reports: No Environmental Outcomes Report requirement has been identified as applying to the Collingham Neighbourhood Plan at the date of this Statement. SEA and HRA screening are addressed in Section 10. If Environmental Outcomes Report regulations or requirements become applicable before examination, this Statement should be updated accordingly.

7. Policy Alignment with National Policy and the Development Plan Context

The table below identifies how each policy has regard to national policy and guidance, responds to the statutory requirements, and sits within the adopted Newark and Sherwood Local Development Framework and wider evidence context. It is not framed as a former-style general conformity assessment, although the relationship with the Local Development Framework remains an important practical and policy consideration.

Table 1: Policy Alignment with National Policy, Statutory Requirements and the Development Plan Context

Neighbourhood Plan Policy	National Policy and Statutory Requirements	Development Plan Context, Housing Delivery and Local Evidence
Policy SD1: Sustainable Development	Has regard to NPPF policy on sustainable development, neighbourhood planning, flood risk, green infrastructure, access, design quality, healthy communities, infrastructure and the effective use of land. It is drafted to support development where consistent with the wider development plan and to avoid duplication of national policy.	Aligns with the Newark and Sherwood spatial strategy for Collingham as a Principal Village and the wider Rural Areas policy context. It does not restrict strategic housing delivery and provides a positive policy bridge between the LDF and locally specific sustainability considerations.
Policy E1: Climate Change and Carbon Emissions	Has regard to national policy on climate change mitigation and adaptation, renewable and low-carbon energy, energy efficiency, EV charging, active travel and sustainable design. Responds directly to amended section 38B climate requirements.	Complements Core Policy 9 and development management policies on renewable and low-carbon energy, design, parking and sustainable transport. It supports higher environmental performance while remaining proportionate and compatible with other development plan policies.
Policy E2(a): Blue and Green Infrastructure	Has regard to NPPF policy on the natural environment, green infrastructure, biodiversity, climate adaptation, access to open space and healthy communities. Responds to section 38B and LNRS requirements.	Complements LDF policies on biodiversity and green infrastructure, landscape character and open-space provision. It is supported by the Collingham Design Code, the Open Space Assessment and the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham LNRS.
Policy E2(b): Biodiversity	Has regard to NPPF policy on conserving and enhancing the natural environment and to statutory Biodiversity Net Gain requirements. It supports nature-friendly design and ecological connectivity.	Complements Development Management policy on biodiversity and green infrastructure and takes account of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham LNRS. It does not create a barrier to development but ensures development contributes positively to biodiversity.
Policy E3: Public Rights of Way and Wildlife Corridors	Has regard to national policy on sustainable transport, healthy and safe communities, access to the countryside, green infrastructure and biodiversity.	Complements LDF policies and County Council responsibilities for Public Rights of Way and highways. It supports retention and enhancement of routes as part of development, helping to integrate growth into the parish movement and ecological network.
Policy E4: Flood Risk	Has regard to national policy on flood risk, climate adaptation, surface-water management and sustainable drainage. It supports the sequential approach and site-specific assessment where required.	Complements development plan policies, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment evidence and Lead Local Flood Authority requirements. It is locally important because parts of the parish are influenced by fluvial and surface-water flood risk.
Policy DH1: Sense of Place	Has regard to NPPF policy on well-designed and beautiful places, local character, design codes, sustainable development, local centres and heritage.	Complements Core Strategy and DM policies on design, town/local centre uses and heritage. It provides a locally specific design-led policy response through the Collingham Design Code and local character evidence.
Policy DH2: Public Realm	Has regard to national policy on safe, inclusive and accessible places, healthy communities, active travel, character and public realm quality.	Complements development plan policies on design and amenity. It supports better streets and public spaces in Collingham without affecting the amount of planned development.
Policy DH3: Historic Environment	Has regard to NPPF policy on conserving and enhancing the historic environment, including designated and non-designated heritage assets, setting, significance and local character.	Complements LDF Policy DM9 and the Collingham Conservation Area Appraisal. It is strongly supported by local evidence of designated heritage assets, non-designated heritage assets, Article 4 Directions and the Design Code.
Policy ATC1: Cycle, Pedestrian and Equine Routes	Has regard to national policy on sustainable transport, active travel, healthy communities, inclusive access and opportunities to reduce car dependency.	Complements Spatial Policy 7 and the County Council highway and Rights of Way context. It supports movement improvements needed to accommodate sustainable growth.
Policy ATC2: Public Transport Connectivity	Has regard to national policy on sustainable transport, access to services, modal interchange, public transport integration, rail safety and accessible design.	Complements Spatial Policy 7 and local evidence about Collingham station, bus services and access to key services. It supports planned growth by improving access rather than restricting development.
Policy ATC3: Highways Impact	Has regard to national policy requiring safe and suitable access for all users and mitigation of unacceptable highway impacts.	Complements County Council and LDF highway policies. It is criteria-based, proportionate and supports mitigation where development creates direct transport impacts.
Policy ATC4: Parking Standards	Has regard to national policy on highway safety, sustainable transport, accessibility, design quality and efficient land use.	Complements the Newark and Sherwood Residential Cycle and Car Parking Standards and Design Guide SPD and wider design policies. It focuses on non-residential parking provision and safe, accessible layouts.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy	National Policy and Statutory Requirements	Development Plan Context, Housing Delivery and Local Evidence
Policy ATC5: High Speed Digital Connectivity	Has regard to national policy supporting advanced, high-quality and reliable communications infrastructure while recognising feasibility and proportionality.	Complements economic development and infrastructure objectives in the LDF. It supports home-working, business resilience and rural connectivity without constraining housing delivery.
Policy CF1: Community Assets and Facilities	Has regard to NPPF policy on healthy, inclusive communities, social infrastructure and the retention and development of community facilities and local services.	Complements Spatial Policy 8 and LDF policies protecting and promoting leisure and community facilities. It supports local facilities that help Collingham function as a sustainable community.
Policy CF2: Local Green and Open Spaces	Has regard to national policy on open space, recreation, health, biodiversity, landscape, green infrastructure and, where relevant, Local Green Space principles.	Complements LDF open-space designations, Main Open Areas and open-space standards. It supports the quantity and quality of green space needed to serve development while recognising the special role of Main Open Areas.
Policy HE1: Housing Type and Density	Has regard to national policy on delivering a sufficient supply of homes, meeting local housing needs, making efficient use of land, good design and supporting mixed and balanced communities.	Complements Core Policy 3 and local Housing Needs Assessment evidence. It influences mix, size, type and density rather than restricting the amount of housing to be delivered.
Policy HE2: Affordable Housing Provision	Has regard to national policy on affordable housing, rural exception sites, mixed communities, local housing needs and viability.	Complements Core Policies 1 and 2 and local/district housing evidence. It seeks to secure affordable homes that meet local needs without reducing the development plan housing requirement.
Policy HE3: Employment and Economic Development	Has regard to national policy on building a strong, competitive economy, supporting rural enterprise, tourism, home working, flexible workspace and the retention of employment land.	Complements Core Policies 6 and 7 and DM policies on employment, countryside, design, amenity and tourism. It supports appropriate employment-generating development and protects existing employment capacity.

8. Contribution to the Achievement of Sustainable Development

The Collingham Neighbourhood Plan contributes positively to all three strands of sustainable development:

Economic: Supports local business, employment, rural diversification, tourism, high-speed digital connectivity, access to Collingham Local Centre, public transport connectivity, active travel and appropriately planned housing that supports the local economy.

Social: Supports well-designed and inclusive development, community facilities, local green and open spaces, affordable housing, housing mix, safe movement, public realm quality, access to services and healthier living environments.

Environmental: Supports climate change mitigation and adaptation, blue and green infrastructure, biodiversity, public rights of way, flood-risk management, SuDS, design quality, heritage conservation, landscape character and nature recovery.

Table 2: Assessment of Collingham Neighbourhood Plan Policies Contributions to Achieving Sustainable Development

In this table: Econ = Economic Sustainability; Soc = Social Sustainability; Env = Environmental Sustainability. Ratings: + Positive, 0 Neutral, - Negative.

Policy	Econ	Soc	Env	Commentary
SD1	+	+	+	Overarching policy balancing development with local character, access, community wellbeing, flood risk, blue and green infrastructure, agricultural land and infrastructure.
E1	+	+	+	Supports lower energy costs, climate resilience, EV charging, cycle storage, renewable energy and higher environmental performance where appropriate.
E2(a)	0	+	+	Protects and enhances blue and green infrastructure, supports access to nature, recreation, drainage, climate adaptation and ecological connectivity.
E2(b)	0	+	+	Promotes biodiversity gain, nature-friendly design, habitat protection and ecological resilience, contributing to environmental quality and community wellbeing.
E3	0	+	+	Protects public rights of way and wildlife corridors, improving access, recreation, health, biodiversity and links to the countryside.
E4	0	+	+	Reduces flood risk, supports safe development, promotes SuDS and secures biodiversity, amenity and landscape benefits through water management.
DH1	+	+	+	Design quality, local character and local centre support contribute to place quality, community identity, heritage and economic vitality.
DH2	+	+	+	Better streets and public spaces support local activity, safety, accessibility, inclusion, health and environmental quality.
DH3	+	+	+	Conserving heritage supports cultural identity, village character, tourism potential and environmental stewardship of existing assets.
ATC1	+	+	+	Active travel and multi-user routes improve access, health, inclusion, local spending potential and lower-carbon movement.
ATC2	+	+	+	Better public transport connectivity supports access to jobs, services and education, reduces isolation and helps reduce reliance on private cars.
ATC3	+	+	0	Safe access and proportionate mitigation support efficient movement, community safety and development integration; direct environmental effect is limited.
ATC4	+	+	0	Appropriate parking and servicing supports local businesses and accessibility while reducing unsafe or poorly designed parking impacts.
ATC5	+	+	0	High-speed digital connectivity supports home-working, business resilience, education, services and social inclusion.
CF1	+	+	0	Protects and enhances community facilities that support social life, local services, community resilience and village sustainability.
CF2	0	+	+	Protects and enhances green/open spaces for recreation, amenity, health, biodiversity, landscape and climate adaptation.
HE1	+	+	+	Housing mix and density guidance helps meet local needs, use land efficiently, support balanced communities and maintain local character.
HE2	+	+	0	Affordable housing supports social inclusion, local labour-force retention and mixed communities; environmental effects depend on scheme design.
HE3	+	+	0	Supports employment, rural diversification, tourism, flexible workspace and home-based businesses while safeguarding amenity and character.

9. Historic Environment, Heritage and Conservation

The order-specific Basic Conditions relating to special regard for listed buildings and conservation areas do not apply as separate Basic Conditions to this neighbourhood development plan. Nevertheless, the historic environment is an important national policy, development plan and statutory consideration and is addressed explicitly in the Plan.

Collingham has a substantial historic environment. The Neighbourhood Plan identifies 68 designated heritage assets within the Neighbourhood Area, including two Scheduled Monuments, two Grade I listed churches, one Grade II* listed building and a large number of Grade II listed buildings. Much of the central and western side of Collingham is designated as a Conservation Area, with fields to the west, south and within the centre of the village contributing to its setting.

- Policy DH3 requires development within or near the Collingham Conservation Area to protect and enhance its historic character, demonstrate understanding of heritage significance, respect local built form, materials, roofscape and important views, and be informed by the Conservation Area Appraisal and Collingham Design Code.
- Policy DH1 promotes high-quality, sustainable and locally distinctive design that responds positively to Collingham's character, landscape setting and historic environment. Policy DH2 supports a public realm that responds to local character and maintains or improves safety, appearance and accessibility.
- The Plan's design, housing, public realm, blue and green infrastructure, employment and movement policies are criteria-based and support sensitive development rather than resisting change in principle. Taken together, they ensure that the Plan has proper regard to national policy for the historic environment and contributes to sustainable development through the conservation and sensitive use of Collingham's heritage assets.

10. Environmental Assessment, Habitat Regulations, Assimilated Obligations and Human Rights

SEA / Environmental Assessment: At the date of preparing this Statement, no separate Strategic Environmental Assessment screening determination has been provided. The Collingham Neighbourhood Plan is a criteria-based plan and does not allocate new development sites. On that basis, it is not expected to require a full SEA; however, the formal position should be confirmed by Newark and Sherwood District Council through SEA screening in consultation with the statutory bodies before the Plan proceeds to examination. If screening concludes that SEA is required, this Statement and the submission material should be updated accordingly.

Environmental Outcomes Reports: No Environmental Outcomes Report requirement has been identified as applying to the Plan at the date of this Statement. If the Environmental Outcomes Report regime becomes applicable before examination, this Statement should be updated accordingly.

Habitats Regulations Assessment: The Plan has been prepared to protect and enhance biodiversity, green infrastructure, water environments and habitats. The Neighbourhood Plan itself notes that there are no habitats of international importance within or around Collingham. Because the Plan is criteria-based and does not allocate sites, it is not expected to give rise to likely significant effects on habitats sites. This should nevertheless be confirmed through HRA screening undertaken or approved by the Local Planning Authority. Subject to that confirmation, the making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not considered to breach the requirements of Chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, as required by the prescribed Basic Condition.

Assimilated obligations, human rights and equality: The Plan has been prepared having regard to assimilated environmental obligations, the Human Rights Act 1998 and relevant equality duties. It is considered proportionate, non-discriminatory and compatible with Convention rights. It does not give rise to any identified breach of assimilated obligations or human rights legislation.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy and biodiversity: The Plan's blue and green infrastructure, biodiversity, public rights of way, flood-risk, local green/open space and design policies take account of the Nottinghamshire and

Nottingham LNRS to the extent appropriate for a neighbourhood plan. The published LNRS should also inform future monitoring and any later review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

11. Conclusion

This Statement concludes that the Collingham Neighbourhood Plan:

- has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements applying to neighbourhood development plans, including the changes commenced on 25 March 2026;
- has regard to national policies and guidance issued by the Secretary of State and contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- would not result in the development plan proposing less housing than would be provided if the Neighbourhood Plan were not made;
- takes account, so far as relevant and appropriate, of climate change mitigation and adaptation requirements and the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Local Nature Recovery Strategy;
- does not breach assimilated obligations or human rights requirements and, subject to formal SEA/HRA screening confirmation, satisfies the prescribed environmental and Habitats Regulations conditions;
- reflects the aspirations of the local community and provides a locally specific basis for guiding development in Collingham through to 2036.

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