

Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plan
Basic Conditions Statement



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Introduction

Our Neighbourhood Plan has been produced by Bickleigh Parish Council, as the “qualifying body” with overall responsibility for the preparation, consultation and submission of the Neighbourhood Plan. The development of the plan and management of the process was undertaken by a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group comprised of members of our community and parish councillors.

What are the Basic Conditions and why do we need this Statement?

The “Basic Conditions” are a set of conditions that a Neighbourhood Plan must pass, in order for it to proceed to referendum. In relation to neighbourhood plans, the plan will pass the basic conditions if:

- A. having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan
- B. the making of the plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development
- C. the making of the 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)
- D. the making of the plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations
- E. prescribed conditions are met in relation to the plan order and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the plan

These requirements (and those for neighbourhood development orders) are formally set out in of paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Act (as amended by the Localism Act 2011)¹.

This Basic Conditions Statement for Bickleigh is submitted alongside our draft Neighbourhood Plan. In submitting the Statement and, through its content, demonstrate how our Plan meets the Basic Conditions, we have satisfied requirement (d) of Regulation 15(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Regulation 15(1) sets out what the Parish Council, as the “qualifying body” responsible for producing the Plan, must submit as part of the neighbourhood plan proposal. Regulation 15(1) states² that:

- “(1) Where a qualifying body submits a plan proposal to the local planning authority, it must include—
- a) a map or statement which identifies the area to which the proposed neighbourhood development plan relates;
 - b) a consultation statement;
 - c) the proposed neighbourhood development plan; and
 - d) *a statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act.*” (i.e. this Statement).

¹ See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/10/enacted> They are also set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance at <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/the-basic-conditions-that-a-draft-neighbourhood-plan-or-order-must-meet-if-it-is-to-proceed-to-referendum/>

² See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/regulation/15/made>

Our Neighbourhood Area

The first formal part of the process of developing our Neighbourhood Plan was the confirmation of our Neighbourhood Area, or the area for which the Parish Council, as the “qualifying body” for neighbourhood planning has the right to produce a plan for. Our application to designate the whole of the Parish of Bickleigh as a Neighbourhood Area was submitted, as required by Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, to South Hams District Council as the local planning authority on 18 February 2013. Our application is reproduced in Appendix 1 to this Statement. Following a 6-week public consultation, the Bickleigh Neighbourhood Area was formally approved by South Hams District Council on 18th July 2013. The relevant page of the approval letter from South Hams District Council is reproduced as Appendix 2 to this Statement. Our approved Neighbourhood Area is the same as the parish boundary for Bickleigh and is indicated by the red boundary below in Figure 1.



Figure 1 – Approved Bickleigh Neighbourhood Area

Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan?

Bickleigh Parish is an area close to the city of Plymouth that still manages to retain a sense of rurality. It has been regularly under pressure from developers and has been identified as the location for a substantial “urban extension” in the new Local Plan. The new Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan has provided a strategic framework and helped put in place policies that limit overall development numbers and scale to that which is sustainable.

Our reason for producing the Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plan are:

- Our community wanted to develop its own local planning policies so that we can have an influence over the type, scale, design and form of development which was expected to come forward in the southern part of the area between now and 2034;
- We wanted to have some control over local planning matters and decisions;
- We wanted to maintain the distinct character of our rural landscape and environment outside of the city and on the edge of the National Park; and
- We wanted to ensure that the major new development that was likely to take place had an overall positive effect.

The Neighbourhood Plan has been developed with the full participation of the local people as members of task and working groups and through a process of regular community consultation. This process is summarised in the introductory sections of the Neighbourhood Plan and set out in detail in the Consultation Statement that also accompanies the Plan.

Having explored the issues through consultation and identified the key messages and things of importance to the community, our Plan has been framed around the following aims and objectives:

Bickleigh Neighbourhood Development Plan – Aims and Objectives

Aims	Objectives
Natural Environment	
Protect and enhance our remaining countryside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect existing wildlife areas • Support measures to maintain or improve biodiversity • Support local farmers in maintaining their business and land • Enhance but control public access to the countryside • Increase network of local paths with linkages to wider network • Protect local character features such as Devon Banks
Ensure new development is not detrimental to the character, ecology and visual amenity of the Parish and the surrounding area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage new development in the interests of maintaining the rural character of much of the Parish • Accept conversions and change of use where it is sympathetic to other nearby development and uses • Allow farm diversification where it is in the interests of the overall viability of the farm <p>Manage the scale of renewable energy installations and manage the scale of wind turbines and farms</p>
Built Environment	
Ensure new housing development takes place in the right place at the right time, with adequate infrastructure already in place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure new development does not take place on sites used for recreation purposes • Adequate infrastructure must be assured before any new development takes place
Retain and protect the separate character of our different settlements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure new development contributes to the distinct character of local settlements
Ensure new development contributes positively to the sustainability of the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure there is adequate space provided around new developments, particularly for off-road parking • Ensure major new development results in a net gain in community facilities • Seek the highest possible standards of energy efficiency and sustainability in new developments
Encourage and support the wider use of renewable energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrict solar panels to roofs rather than farms • Control the development of wind turbines en-masse

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control industrial scale renewable energy farms Support other forms of small scale renewable energy generation
Housing	
Support new development that meets local needs, helps broaden the housing stock of the Parish and increases the availability of affordable/useful dwellings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodate the numbers required by the approved Local Plan in suitable locations Ensure new housing development is suitably mixed, with a good proportion of small dwelling units Ensure the design of new dwellings is of high quality and suitable for its location Explore what 'affordability' means in local terms Ensure there is a broad mix of tenures to suit the different and varied circumstances of the local people Ensure there is adequate external space provided for each new dwelling Ensure there is adequate community open space provided in new development areas
Understand better, and monitor, the housing needs of local people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand what local housing needs are Recognise the demand for housing to suit an ageing population
Business and Jobs	
Support increases in employment space in appropriate locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development of business space in or adjacent to existing industrial areas Ensure new development is complementary to the buildings / structures adjacent and nearby Ensure there is adequate on-site parking and servicing space Require a green travel plan for new business development
Help ensure that the whole Parish has reliable high-speed electronic connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the whole Parish has the highest available broadband speed Support the provision of new communication technologies in the Parish
Transport and Parking	
Ensure the local transport network facilitates safe and easy movement around and in and out of the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce rat-running Improve connections to the main roads
Support initiatives that encourage travel other than by private motor car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend the network of safe pedestrian and cycle routes
Support measures that improve local parking in the interest of safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide for more off-road parking Support resident-only parking where it is necessary
Community Facilities and Services	
Protect and support the further development of locally delivered services that meet local needs and demands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and enhance existing community facility if it is needed Support the provision of new and additional space from which to deliver essential community services
Support the development of an additional primary school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the Education Authority to identify a suitable site and develop a detailed plan for a new school
Sports and Recreation	
Protect and enhance existing sports and recreation facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and enhance existing facilities Ensure the Parish meets accepted national standards of provision for sport and recreation
Support the development of additional facilities and opportunities for healthy recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development of new sports and recreation facilities and opportunities Ensure the Parish has adequate and suitably-sited areas for children's play
Identify what young people want and work with other agencies to provide facilities and opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek to provide facilities for young peoples' activities

Summary of Compliance with Legislation

This section sets out how our Neighbourhood Plan and process has complied with the requirements set out in the Neighbourhood Plan regulations.

Qualifying Body

A “qualifying body” is defined by Section 38A(12) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Schedule 9 of the Localism Act³ as “a parish council, or an organisation or body designated as a neighbourhood forum, authorised for the purposes of a neighbourhood development plan to act in relation to a neighbourhood area...”.

Section 38A(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Schedule 9 of the Localism Act⁴ sets out the qualifying body’s entitlement to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. It states that:

“(1) Any qualifying body is entitled to initiate a process for the purpose of requiring a local planning authority in England to make a neighbourhood development plan.”

We confirm that the Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Bickleigh Parish Council as the ‘qualifying body’ for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning.

Neighbourhood Area

The Neighbourhood Area (as shown in Figure 1 on page 4) was applied for and approved through the process set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulations 5 to 7)⁵. Both the application and the approval/decision letter are appended to this Statement (Appendices 1 and 2).

What a Neighbourhood Plan is and the Content of the Neighbourhood Plan

Section 38A(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Schedule 9 of the Localism Act⁶ sets out the meaning of ‘neighbourhood development plan’. It states that:

“(2) A “neighbourhood development plan” is a plan which sets out policies (however expressed) in relation to the development and use of land in the whole or any part of a particular neighbourhood area specified in the plan.”

Section 38B(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Schedule 9 of the Localism Act⁷ sets out what the Plan may include. It states that:

“(1) A neighbourhood development plan—
(a) must specify the period for which it is to have effect,
(b) may not include provision about development that is excluded development, and
(c) may not relate to more than one neighbourhood area.”

‘Excluded development’ is defined in Section 68K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Schedule 9 of the Localism Act⁸ as:

“(a) development that consists of a county matter within paragraph 1(1)(a) to (h) of Schedule 1,
(b) development that consists of the carrying out of any operation, or class of operation, prescribed under paragraph 1(j) of that Schedule (waste development) but that does not consist of development of a prescribed description,
(c) development that falls within Annex 1 to Council Directive [85/337/EEC](#) on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (as amended from time to time),
(d) development that consists (whether wholly or partly) of a nationally significant infrastructure project (within the meaning of the Planning Act 2008),
(e) prescribed development or development of a prescribed description, and

³ See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/enacted>

⁴ See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/enacted>

⁵ See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/regulation/5/made>

⁶ See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/enacted>

⁷ See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/enacted>

⁸ See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/enacted>

(f) development in a prescribed area or an area of a prescribed description.”

Section 38B(2)⁹ states that:

“(2) Only one neighbourhood development plan may be made for each neighbourhood area.”

In response to these requirements, we confirm that:

- **Our Neighbourhood Plan covers the period up until 2034, aligning with the plan period of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan**
- **Our Neighbourhood Plan is the only Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Bickleigh**
- **Our Neighbourhood Plan does not contain policies relating to ‘excluded development’¹⁰**
- **Our Neighbourhood Plan relates only to the defined Neighbourhood Area set out in Figure 1 of this report**
- **Our Neighbourhood Plan sets out policies in relation to the development and use of land**

Submission Documents

As referred to earlier in this Statement, all the documents required for submission by Regulation 15(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations are included in the submission package for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Basic Conditions

As referred to earlier in this Statement, we consider that all of the Basic Conditions (set out in of paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act (as amended) by the Localism Act 2011.¹¹) have been met, as demonstrated in this Statement.

Content of Our Neighbourhood Plan Proposal

To comply with the requirements of Regulation 15 (1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012¹², and to provide sufficient material to help demonstrate that the Basic Conditions have been met, the following documents have been submitted to the local authority:

- The Neighbourhood Plan (which includes a map and statement which identifies the area to which our Plan relates)
- Supporting Evidence Base Documents
- Our Consultation Statement
- Our Basic Conditions Statement (this document)

⁹ See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/enacted>

¹⁰ No policy in the Neighbourhood Plan relates to county matters (mineral extraction and waste development) or to any Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

¹¹ See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/10/enacted> They are also set out in the National Planning Practice Guidance at <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/the-basic-conditions-that-a-draft-neighbourhood-plan-or-order-must-meet-if-it-is-to-proceed-to-referendum/>

¹² See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/regulation/15/made>

How our Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions

A. Having Regard to National Policies and Advice Contained in Guidance Issued by the Secretary of State

Neighbourhood Plan Policies	National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance	How has the Neighbourhood Plan had regard to national policies and advice?
Policy Bick01 Ecology and Diversity	NPPF para. 109 - <i>contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment</i> NPPG - Biodiversity and Ecosystems paras. 008-020	Policy Bick01 seeks to minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains in biodiversity where possible
Policy Bick02 Access to the Countryside	NPPF para. 75 - <i>protect and enhance public rights of way and access</i> NPPG - Public Rights of Way and National Trails para. 004	Policy Bick02 seeks to protect and enhance public rights of way and access and connect them to the wider network
Policy Bick03 Area of Special Landscape Significance	NPPF para. 109 - <i>protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils</i> NPPG - Landscape paras. 001-005	Policy Bick03 protects valued landscapes and their special qualities
Policy Bick04 Farming Viability	NPPF para. 28 - <i>promote the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses</i> NPPG - Permitted Development Rights for the Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings paras. 101-109	Policy Bick04 supports the diversification of farm businesses in the interests of farming viability and the positive use of the countryside
Policy Bick05 New Housing Development	NPPF para. 52 - <i>Working with the support of their communities, local planning authorities should consider... the best way of achieving sustainable development</i> NPPG - Neighbourhood Plan and its Relationship to a Local Plan, paras. 004-009	Policy Bick05 facilitates the planning of large scale development in a way that will meet the community's sustainability agenda
Policy Bick06 Infrastructure	NPPF para. 58 - <i>ensure that developments will function well and add to the overall quality of the area</i> NPPG - Overarching Principles on Travel Plans, Transport Assessments and Statements paras. 001-008	Policy Bick06 seeks to ensure that major new development will function well and add to the overall quality of the area
Policy Bick07 New Community Facilities	NPPF para. 58 - <i>create and sustain an appropriate mix of uses and support local facilities and transport networks</i> NPPG – Spending the Levy paras. 071-072	Policy Bick07 requires major new development to have an appropriate mix of new facilities that will help integrate the development into the wider community
Policy Bick08 Local Character	NPPF para. 58 - <i>respond to local character and history, and reflect the identity of local surroundings and materials, while not preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation</i> NPPG – The Importance of Good Design paras. 001-005	Policy Bick08 requires development to respect local heritage and character in their design
Policy Bick09 Local Green Space	NPPF para. 76 - <i>Local communities through.... neighbourhood plans should be able to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them</i> NPPG – Local Green Space Designation paras. 005-022	Policy Bick09 identifies those areas of local green space that should be protected from development except in very special circumstances
Policy Bick10 Housing Mix	NPPF para. 50 – <i>identify the size, type, tenure and range of housing that is</i>	Policy Bick10 requires housing development to respond to

Neighbourhood Plan Policies	National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance	How has the Neighbourhood Plan had regard to national policies and advice?
	<p><i>required in particular locations, reflecting local demand</i></p> <p>NPPG – The Approach to Assessing Need paras. 001-006</p>	<p>identified local needs and provide an appropriate balance of sizes, types and tenures</p>
<p>Policy Bick11 Housing for the Elderly</p>	<p>NPPF para. 50 - <i>plan for a mix of housing based on current and future demographic trends, market trends and the needs of different groups in the community (such as, but not limited to, families with children, older people, people with disabilities.....</i></p> <p>NPPG – Assessing Housing Need para. 021</p>	<p>Policy Bick11 identifies a specific local need for small dwellings suitable for an ageing population that wishes to continue to live in the area</p>
<p>Policy Bick12 Design and Layout</p>	<p>NPPF para. 58 - <i>establish a strong sense of place, using streetscapes and buildings to create attractive and comfortable places to live, work and visit</i></p> <p>NPPG - What Planning Objectives Can Good Design Help Achieve? para. 008</p>	<p>Policy Bick12 requires development proposals to provide a suitably attractive design and layout that responds to local character and has adequate space to minimise the impact of the motor vehicle</p>
<p>Policy Bick13 Space Requirements</p>	<p>NPPF para. 57 - <i>plan positively for the achievement of high quality and inclusive design for all development, including individual buildings, public and private spaces</i></p> <p>NPPG How Should Buildings and the Spaces Between Them Be Considered? Para. 024-026</p>	<p>Policy Bick13 requires adequate public and private outdoor space in new housing developments</p>
<p>Policy Bick14 Local Food Growing</p>	<p>NPPF para. 58 - <i>create and sustain an appropriate mix of uses (including incorporation of green and other public space as part of developments)</i></p> <p>NPPG – Green Infrastructure paras. 027-028</p>	<p>Policy Bick14 supports the provision of sufficient space to encourage the positive use of outdoor spaces</p>
<p>Policy Bick15 Self-Builders</p>	<p>NPPF para. 50 - <i>plan for a mix of housing based on current and future demographic trends, market trends and the needs of different groups in the community (such as, but not limited to..... and people wishing to build their own homes)</i></p> <p>NPPG - Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Registers paras. 001-015</p>	<p>Policy Bick15 supports provision of self-build sites to widen opportunities for home ownership and create sustainable, inclusive and mixed communities</p>
<p>Policy Bick16 Business Development</p>	<p>NPPF para. 21 - <i>support existing business sectors.... flexible enough to accommodate needs not anticipated in the plan and to allow a rapid response to changes in economic circumstances</i></p>	<p>Policy Bick16 supports the growth and development of local business in appropriate locations alongside other businesses</p>
<p>Policy Bick17 Connectivity</p>	<p>NPPF para. 42 - <i>high quality communications infrastructure is essential for sustainable economic growth</i></p>	<p>Policy Bick17 supports the provision of the highest possible speed broadband technology and other communications networks</p>
<p>Policy Bick18 Traffic Impact</p>	<p>NPPF para. 30 - <i>encouragement should be given to solutions which support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and reduce congestion</i></p> <p>NPPG - Transport Evidence Bases in Plan Making and Decision Taking para. 002-003</p>	<p>Policy Bick18 identifies the area where traffic congestion and pollution is a major issue and needs to be addressed</p>

Neighbourhood Plan Policies	National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance	How has the Neighbourhood Plan had regard to national policies and advice?
Policy Bick19 Road Safety	NPPF para. 35 - create safe and secure layouts which minimise conflicts between traffic and cyclists or pedestrians NPPG - What Planning Objectives Can Good Design Help Achieve? para. 008	Policy Bick19 seeks to create safer neighbourhoods which minimise the conflicts between traffic and cyclists or pedestrians
Policy Bick20 Residential Parking	NPPF para. 39 - take into account: the type, mix and use of development; the availability of and opportunities for public transport; local car ownership levels..... NPPG Housing Design Issues para. 040	Policy Bick20 sets standards that reflect the local situation in terms of local car ownership, lifestyle and the safety of all road users
Policy Bick21 Walking and Cycling	NPPF para. 38 - Where practical, particularly within large-scale developments, key facilities such as primary schools and local shops should be located within walking distance of most properties. NPPG - Overarching Principles on Travel Plans, Transport Assessments and Statements para. 005	Policy Bick21 seeks to ensure that pedestrian links in new development link to key facilities such as primary schools and local shops
Policy Bick22 Public Transport	NPPF para. 35 - have access to high quality public transport facilities NPPG - Overarching Principles on Travel Plans, Transport Assessments and Statements para. 005	Policy Bick22 aims to improve access to high quality public transport facilities
Policy Bick23 Existing Community Facilities	NPPF para. 70 - guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs NPPG – Health and Wellbeing para. 005	Policy Bick23 protects existing community facilities that are needed and supports their modernisation as necessary
Policy Bick24 Health and Welfare Facilities	NPPF para. 70 - plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments NPPG – Health and Wellbeing paras. 001-005	Policy Bick24 support the positive planning to ensure that the neighbourhood has the local health and welfare facilities it needs
Policy Bick25 School Provision	NPPF para. 72 - ensuring that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities	Policy Bick25 support the positive planning to ensure that the neighbourhood has the local education facilities it needs
Policy Bick26 Existing Sports and Recreation Facilities	NPPF para. 74 - existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on... NPPG - Open Space, Sports and Recreation Facilities paras. 001-003	Policy Bick26 protects existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields unless they are replaced by better or no longer required
Policy Bick27 Improving Sports Facilities	NPPF para. 73 - Access to high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation can make an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities. NPPG - Open Space, Sports and Recreation Facilities paras. 001-003	Policy Bick27 recognises the value of good quality local sports facilities in contributing to the health and well-being of communities

Neighbourhood Plan Policies	National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance	How has the Neighbourhood Plan had regard to national policies and advice?
Policy Bick28 New Recreation and Play Facilities	NPPF para. 69 - <i>safe and accessible developments, containing clear and legible pedestrian routes, and high quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas</i> NPPG - Open Space, Sports and Recreation Facilities paras. 001-003	Policy Bick28 support the provision of new recreation and play spaces that will encourage community activity

B. The Making of the Plan Contributes to the Achievement of Sustainable Development

The Neighbourhood Plan has been developed within the context of the definition of sustainable development in the National Planning Policy Framework and that in the Plymouth and South West Devon Local Plan. The tables below set out how we feel that our Neighbourhood Plan has dealt with the achievement of sustainable development against the key relevant parts of the NPPF and Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan.

National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph	How our Plan contributes towards this
<p><i>There are three dimensions to sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. These dimensions give rise to the need for the planning system to perform a number of roles:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>an economic role – contributing to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure;</i> <i>a social role – supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community’s needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being; and</i> <i>an environmental role – contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.</i> <p>(Paragraph 7)</p>	<p>The Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plan has embraced all three dimensions to sustainable development. The following policies of our Plan address the economic dimension of sustainable development: Policy Bick04 Farm Diversification Policy Bick14 Local Food Growing Policy Bick16 Business Development Policy Bick23 Existing Community Facilities</p> <p>The following policies of our Plan address the social dimension of sustainable development: Policy Bick05 New Housing Development Policy Bick07 New Community Facilities Policy Bick09 Local Green Space Policy Bick10 Housing Mix Policy Bick11 Housing for the Elderly Policy Bick23 Existing Community Facilities Policy Bick24 Health and Welfare Facilities Policy Bick26 Existing Sports and Recreation Facilities</p> <p>The following policies of our Plan address the environmental dimension of sustainable development: Policy Bick01 Ecology, Geology and Diversity Policy Bick03 Area of Special Landscape Significance Policy Bick09 Local Green Space Policy Bick14 Local Food Growing</p>
<p><i>Pursuing sustainable development involves seeking positive improvements in the quality of the built, natural and historic environment, as well as in people’s quality of life, including (but not limited to):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>making it easier for jobs to be created in cities, towns and villages;</i> 	<p>The following policies in our Plan are relevant to meeting the delivery of sustainable development as outlined in this NPPF paragraph: Policy Bick16 Business Development Policy Bick01 Ecology, Geology and Diversity Policy Bick12 Design and Layout Policy Bick05 New Housing Development Policy Bick10 Housing Mix</p>

National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph	How our Plan contributes towards this
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● moving from a net loss of bio-diversity to achieving net gains for nature; ● replacing poor design with better design; ● improving the conditions in which people live, work, travel and take leisure; and ● widening the choice of high quality homes. (Paragraph 9)	
<p><i>Plans and decisions need to take local circumstances into account, so that they respond to the different opportunities for achieving sustainable development in different areas.</i></p> (Paragraph 10)	<p>As our Consultation Statement demonstrates we have carried out consultations with our community to ensure that the emerging Plan reflects their priorities and considered the options to deliver the development we need in a sustainable manner.</p>
<p><i>The application of the presumption (in favour of sustainable development) will have implications for how communities engage in neighbourhood planning. Critically, it will mean that neighbourhoods should:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● develop plans that support the strategic development needs set out in Local Plans, including policies for housing and economic development; ● plan positively to support local development, shaping and directing development in their area that is outside the strategic elements of the Local Plan; and... (Paragraph 16)	<p>We have developed the Neighbourhood Plan taking into account the strategic policies of the new Local Plan to ensure that our Plan conforms to the overall development strategy for Plymouth and South West Devon.</p> <p>We have ensured that officers at South Hams District Council have seen key outputs and drafts of the Plan and the process, with general conformity with strategic policies in mind. (A table later in this statement sets out how we feel our policies and plan are in general conformity with the Local Plan.)</p> <p>We have planned positively to support local development, within the context of national and strategic policies which provide the planning policy framework for our Plan, and which also fits with the aspirations of our community (as understood through our various local consultation).</p> <p>There has been no local desire or need to identify Neighbourhood Development Orders in the neighbourhood area at this stage.</p>
<p><i>Planning policies should support economic growth in rural areas in order to create jobs and prosperity by taking a positive approach to sustainable new development. To promote a strong rural economy, local and neighbourhood plans should:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● support the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business and enterprise in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed new buildings; ● promote the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses; ● support sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments that benefit businesses in rural areas, communities and visitors, and which respect the character of the countryside. This should include supporting the provision and expansion of tourist and visitor facilities in appropriate locations where identified needs are not met by existing facilities in rural service centres; and ● promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, 	<p>We have policies in the Neighbourhood Plan that specifically support economic growth in an area which we still regard as rural:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Bick04 Farm Diversification Policy Bick16 Business Development Policy Bick17 Connectivity

National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph	How our Plan contributes towards this
<p><i>cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship.</i> (Paragraph 28)</p>	
<p><i>Plans should protect and exploit opportunities for the use of sustainable transport modes for the movement of goods or people. Therefore, developments should be located and designed where practical to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>accommodate the efficient delivery of goods and supplies;</i> • <i>give priority to pedestrian and cycle movements, and have access to high quality public transport facilities;</i> • <i>create safe and secure layouts which minimise conflicts between traffic and cyclists or pedestrians, avoiding street clutter and where appropriate establishing home zones;</i> • <i>incorporate facilities for charging plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles; and consider the needs of people with disabilities by all modes of transport.</i> <p>(Paragraph 35)</p>	<p>We have several policies that reflect our ambition to reduce the impact of the motor vehicle and encourage the use of sustainable transport modes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Bick06 Infrastructure Policy Bick18 Traffic Impact Policy Bick19 Road Safety Policy Bick20 Residential Parking Policy Bick21 Walking and Cycling Policy Bick22 Public Transport
<p><i>Advanced, high quality communications infrastructure is essential for sustainable economic growth. The development of high speed broadband technology and other communications networks also plays a vital role in enhancing the provision of local community facilities and services.</i> (Paragraph 42)</p>	<p>Policy Bick17 Connectivity seeks to ensure the area's businesses and communities will benefit from the latest technologies</p>
<p><i>The Government attaches great importance to the design of the built environment. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, is indivisible from good planning, and should contribute positively to making places better for people.</i> (Paragraph 56)</p>	<p>Policy Bick12 Design and Layout Policy Bick13 Space Requirements Policy Bick14 Local Food Growing Emphasise that we are seeking high quality of design and a high standard of amenity in a local context.</p>
<p><i>To deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments;</i> • <i>guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs;</i> • <i>ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise in a way that is sustainable, and retained for the benefit of the community; and</i> • <i>ensure an integrated approach to considering the location of housing, economic uses and community facilities and services.</i> 	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan aims to ensure that we maintain a range of local community facilities that are flexible enough to meet a range of community needs and ensure our community remains sustainable. This includes protecting what we have, as long as it is needed, and adding to facilities and services in a flexible and sustainable way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Bick07 New Community Facilities Policy Bick23 Existing Community Facilities Policy Bick24 Health and Welfare Facilities Policy Bick25 School Provision Policy Bick26 Existing Sports and Recreation Facilities Policy Bick27 Improving Sports Facilities Policy Bick28 New Recreation and Play Facilities <p>Policy Bick21 Walking and Cycling This policy seeks to ensure that new development is properly linked to the local community facilities and services.</p>

National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph	How our Plan contributes towards this
(Paragraph 70) <i>Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and deliver the sustainable development they need.</i> (Paragraph 183)	The neighbourhood planning process has brought the community closer together and enabled a positive dialogue to take place about what development is required and how it can be best accommodated and facilitated. Part of the process has been to agree what is important to us and how this can be protected and enhanced by development to realise our vision for the future.

South Hams Core Strategy Strategic Policy	How our Plan contributes towards this
Policy CS1: Location of Development	Policies Bick05 and Bick16 facilitate development for housing at Woolwell and employment at Roborough
Policy CS3 Employment Land Provision	Policy Bick16 recognises the areas designated for employment development in the Core Strategy
Policy CS7 Design	Policies Bick08 and Bick12 requires high quality design that is sympathetic to the character of the local environment
Policy CS8 Infrastructure Provision	Policy Bick06 requires development to be phased in tandem with the timely provision of infrastructure and identifies a key infrastructure issue. Policies Bick07, Bick24 and Bick25 facilitate new community infrastructure to meet identifiable needs
Policy CS9 Landscape and Historic Environment	Policy Bick03 recognises the special character and value of the countryside of the Parish and establishes the acceptable parameters for development based on retaining character, diversity and local distinctiveness
Policy CS10: Nature Conservation	Policy Bick01 safeguards wildlife habitats and sites of ecological and geological significance
Policy CS11 Climate Change	Policies Bick21 and Bick22 encourages alternative forms of sustainable transport
Policy CS13 Rural Diversification	Policy Bick04 supports justifiable farm diversification

P&SW Devon Draft Joint Local Plan Policy	How our Plan contributes towards this
Policy SPT1 Delivering sustainable development	The Neighbourhood Plan supports the principles of sustainable development espoused in Policy SPT1. The following Neighbourhood policies reflect a recognition of the importance of an appropriate mix of local services and community assets that meet the needs and demands of local people. The policies support necessary development to improve or replace existing facilities and facilitate new facilities to meet growing and changing needs and demands. Policy Bick23 Existing Community Facilities Policy Bick24 Health and Welfare Facilities and Policy Bick25 School Provision Policy Bick26 Existing Sports and Recreation Facilities Policy Bick27 Improving Sports Facilities Policy Bick07 New Community Facilities Policy Bick01 Ecology and Diversity seeks to protect and enhance our precious ecological and geological sites from the impact of development.

P&SW Devon Draft Joint Local Plan Policy	How our Plan contributes towards this
	Policy Bick03 Areas of Special Landscape Significance recognises that we should also respect and protect the distinctiveness of the area especially the landscape that serves as a significant buffer between the City and the National Park. Policy Bick08 Heritage and Local Character takes a similar approach to the character of the built environment
Policy SPT2 Sustainable linked neighbourhoods and sustainable rural communities	Policy Bick17 Connectivity seeks to ensure that the area has the highest level of connectivity so as to support communities and businesses. Policy Bick05 New Housing Development require major housing development to be responsive to local housing needs Policies Bick10 and Bick11 help identify what local housing priorities are. Policies Bick21 and Bick22 are designed to ensure the area will be well served by public transport, walking and cycling opportunities.
Policy SPT8 Strategic connectivity	Policy Bick17 Connectivity recognises it's imperative to provide high quality and technologically advanced methods of communication for businesses and residents.
Policy SPT9 Strategic principles for transport planning and strategy	Policy Bick18 Traffic Impact, recognises the current deficiencies in the highway network and seeks to ensure these are not worsened as a result of a growing population and a safe and efficient road network is available to serve the needs of the area.
Policy SPT10 Balanced Transport Strategy for Growth and Healthy and Sustainable Communities	Policies Bick19 Road Safety, Policy Bick21 Walking and Cycling and Policy Bick22 Public Transport, in combination seek to facilitate and encourage non-car travel, by providing realistic alternative ways to travel within and outside the neighbourhood area.
Policy SPT11 Strategic approach to the natural environment	Policy Bick01 Ecology and Diversity recognises that the area has several sensitive ecological sites and these need to be safeguarded and preserved. Policy Bick03 Areas of Special Landscape Significance, establishes a consistent policy approach to the area's countryside to ensure that the landscape is appropriately protected and enhanced. Policy Bick09 Local Green Space, identifies those local green areas that are special to the community and ensures they can continue to play an important role in the area's green infrastructure.
Policy SPT12 Strategic infrastructure measures to deliver the spatial strategy	Policy Bick06 Infrastructure, recognises the importance of the timely investment in infrastructure projects so that major growth can take place in a way that will ensure the whole area benefits.
Policy PLY44 Woolwell sustainable urban extension and community park	Policy Bick05 establishes the key criteria which should be applied to the planning of the Woolwell urban extension in partnership with the community.
Policy PLY47 Strategic infrastructure measures for the Derriford and Northern Corridor Growth Area.	Policy Bick18 Traffic Impact identifies the local issues experienced by the community regarding the A386 corridor and its wider impact.
Policy TTV30 Empowering local residents to create strong and sustainable communities	Through the Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plan the community has identified local development needs and put relevant policies in place to contribute to the overall development plan for the area.

P&SW Devon Draft Joint Local Plan Policy	How our Plan contributes towards this
Policy TTV31 Development in the Countryside	Policy Bick02 Access to the Countryside, supports enhancements and improvements to the area's limited footpath network to increase public access but protect the more sensitive countryside. Policy Bick03 Areas of Special Landscape Significance sets the relevant criteria by which new development proposals in the countryside can be considered.

Our Plan has not been required to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). The explanation is set out in greater detail in Section D of this Report.

C. The Making of the 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)

Neighbourhood Plan Paragraphs and/or Policies	South Hams Core Strategy Strategic Policies	How does the Neighbourhood Plan demonstrate that it is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted Local Plan?
Policy Bick01 Ecology and Diversity	Policy CS10: Nature Conservation	Policy Bick01 identifies the importance of designated and non-designated sites of ecological and geological importance and safeguards them from the harmful impact of development
Policy Bick03 Area of Special Landscape Significance	Policy CS9 Landscape and Historic Environment	Policy Bick03 designates the countryside in the Parish adjacent to the National Park and the Tamar Valley AONB as an area of landscape significance where development should be controlled in the interests of protecting the character of the landscape
Policy Bick04 Farming Viability	Policy CS13 Rural Diversification	Policy Bick04 supports farm diversification that would not have significant harmful impacts on the surrounding rural landscape
Policy Bick05 New Housing Development	Policy CS1: Location of Development	Policy Bick05 facilitates new development in accordance with the prevailing Local Plan
Policy Bick06 Infrastructure	Policy CS8: Infrastructure Provision	Policy Bick06 identifies infrastructure improvements needed to enable major new strategic growth to take place
Policy Bick08 Local Character	Policy CS9 Landscape and Historic Environment	Policy Bick08 establishes the criteria that will ensure development respects and complements local character and distinctiveness
Policy Bick10 Housing Mix	Policy CS6 Affordable Housing	Policy Bick10 requires an appropriate mix of house types and sizes to meet local needs
Policy Bick11 Housing for the Elderly	Policy CS6 Affordable Housing	Policy Bick11 encourages the provision of housing for the elderly to meet a local demand
Policy Bick12 Design and Layout	Policy CS7 Design	Policy Bick12 requires a high-quality design and layout that appropriate to the character of the area
Policy Bick13 Space Requirements	Policy CS7 Design	Policy Bick13 requires areas of private and public gardens and amenity space to be a significant feature of the design and layout of new housing developments

Policy Bick16 Business Development	Policy CS3 Employment Land Provision	Policy Bick16 supports new business development at Roborough
Policy Bick21 Walking and Cycling	Policy CS11 Climate Change	Policy Bick21 requires safe and accessible network of routes to encourage walking and cycling
Policy Bick22 Public Transport	Policy CS11 Climate Change	Policy Bick22 supports improvements to the public transport system to encourage people not to use the car so often
Policy Bick24 Health and Welfare Facilities	Policy CS8: Infrastructure Provision	Policy Bick24 facilitates new community infrastructure when required
Policy Bick25 School Provision	Policy CS8: Infrastructure Provision	Policy Bick25 supports the provision of new education facilities when required
Policy Bick27 Improving Sports Facilities	Policy CS8: Infrastructure Provision	Policy Bick27 supports the provision of new recreation facilities when required

Neighbourhood Plan Paragraphs and/or Policies	P&SW Devon Joint Local Plan Strategic Policies	How does the Neighbourhood Plan demonstrate that it is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the draft Local Plan?
Policy Bick01 Ecology and Diversity	Policy SPT11 Strategic approach to the natural environment	Policy Bick01 identifies geodiversity sites of regional and local importance within the neighbourhood area and puts policy protection in place to ensure they are part of a functional green network that meets the needs of communities and wildlife.
Policy Bick02 Access to the Countryside	Policy SPT11 Strategic Approach to the Natural Environment	Policy Bick02 supports the improvement of public rights of way and bridleways and increase to the network
Policy Bick03 Area of Special Landscape Significance	Policy SPT11 Strategic Approach to the Natural Environment	Policy Bick03 recognises the regional and local significance of the local landscape and treats it all the same in policy terms to ensure the it provides a strong landscape context for Plymouth and an appropriate buffer and transition to the National Park and AONB.
Policy Bick04 Farming Viability	Policy TTV31 Development in the Countryside	Policy Bick04 supports farm diversification in the interests of ensuring the future of local farming and the well-being of the countryside
Policy Bick05 New Housing Development	Policy PLY44 Woolwell Sustainable Urban Extension and Community Park	Policy Bick05 establishes the key criteria that should be applied to the development of a sustainable urban extension to Woolwell that will also realise local economic and community benefits whilst protecting the special environment in which we live
Policy Bick06 Infrastructure	Policy SPT12 Strategic Infrastructure Measures to Deliver the Spatial Strategy	Policy Bick06 emphasises the need to ensure the timely delivery of key infrastructure projects to facilitate sustainable growth in the Parish
Policy Bick07 New Community Facilities	Policy SPT2 Sustainable Linked Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Rural Communities	Policy Bick07 recognises the need for sufficient community facilities and supports the development of new facilities as necessary to meet the needs of a growing population
Policy Bick08 Local Character	Policy SPT1	Policy Bick08 requires development proposals to acknowledge the unique character of the

	Delivering sustainable development Policy SPT2 Sustainable Linked Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Rural Communities	area and respect, protect and enhance it as appropriate
Policy Bick09 Local Green Space	Policy SPT11 Strategic Approach to the Natural Environment	Policy Bick09 identifies local green spaces of special significance to the local community and puts policy protection in place to ensure they are part of a functional green network that meets the needs of communities and wildlife.
Policy Bick10 Housing Mix	Policy SPT2 Sustainable Linked Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Rural Communities	Policy Bick10 requires a suitable balance of new housing types and tenures to support a range of household sizes, ages and incomes that meet identified housing needs
Policy Bick11 Housing for the Elderly	Policy SPT2 Sustainable Linked Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Rural Communities	Policy Bick11 identifies and supports the provision of specific local housing needs
Policy Bick12 Design and Layout	Policy SPT1 Delivering sustainable development	Policy Bick12 recognises the importance of high quality design to ensure that local distinctiveness and sense of place is respected, maintained and strengthened despite significant growth
Policy Bick13 Space Requirements	Policy SPT2 Sustainable Linked Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Rural Communities	Policy Bick13 advocates good design and layout that provides a positive sense of place and identity
Policy Bick14 Local Food Growing	Policy SPT2 Sustainable Linked Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Rural Communities	Policy Bick14 requires new development to have the appropriate level of facilities to meet the identified needs of the local community
Policy Bick15 Self-Builders	Policy PLY44 Woolwell sustainable urban extension and community park	Policy Bick15 supports the provision of opportunities and plots for self or custom build homes
Policy Bick16 Business Development	Policy SPT1 Delivering sustainable development	Policy Bick16 encourages and supports opportunities for business growth in appropriate locations
Policy Bick17 Connectivity	Policy SPT8 Strategic connectivity	Policy Bick17 supports high quality digital connectivity to ensure that growth and change incorporates technologically advanced methods of communication for the benefit of businesses and residents
Policy Bick18 Traffic Impact	Policy SPT9 Strategic principles for transport planning and strategy Policy PLY47 Strategic infrastructure measures for the Derriford and Northern Corridor Growth Area.	Policy Bick19 identifies the deficiencies in the highway network that need to be resolved so that transport links are not a barrier to planned development and pinch points on the network are alleviated The Plan also recognises the importance of upgrading nearby junctions on the A386
Policy Bick19 Road Safety	Policy PLY44 Woolwell sustainable urban extension and community park	Policy Bick19 supports traffic management proposals that improve road safety and lead to improved traffic flow around the area and which reduces the impact of the development
Policy Bick20 Residential Parking	Policy PLY44 Woolwell sustainable urban extension and community park	Policy Bick20 addresses the issue of safety, access and traffic flows in the residential areas of the Parish

Policy Bick21 Walking and Cycling	Policy SPT10 Balanced Transport Strategy for Growth and Healthy and Sustainable Communities	Policy Bick21 supports measures that reinforce the hierarchy of modes and a permanent shift toward sustainable modes of transport particularly walking and cycling
Policy Bick22 Public Transport	Policy SPT10 Balanced Transport Strategy for Growth and Healthy and Sustainable Communities	Policy Bick22 supports measures that reinforce the hierarchy of modes and a permanent shift toward greater use of public transport
Policy Bick23 Existing Community Facilities	Policy SPT2 Sustainable Linked Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Rural Communities	Policy Bick23 recognises the value of existing facilities in meeting the identified needs of the local community
Policy Bick24 Health and Welfare Facilities	Policy SPT2 Sustainable Linked Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Rural Communities	Policy Bick24 recognises the value of local health care facilities in meeting the identified needs of the local community
Policy Bick25 School Provision	Policy SPT2 Sustainable Linked Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Rural Communities	Policy Bick25 recognises the need for local provision of sufficient education and training opportunities
Policy Bick26 Existing Sports and Recreation Facilities	Policy SPT2 Sustainable Linked Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Rural Communities	Policy Bick26 recognises the value of existing facilities in meeting the identified needs of the local community
Policy Bick27 Improving Sports Facilities	Policy SPT2 Sustainable Linked Neighbourhoods and Sustainable Rural Communities	Policy Bick27 recognises the need to ensure local sports facilities remain continue to meet the identified needs of the local community
Policy Bick28 New Recreation and Play Facilities	Policy PLY44 Woolwell sustainable urban extension and community park	Policy Bick28 supports the provision of new facilities that will serve the needs of the whole neighbourhood area

D. The Making of the Plan Does Not Breach, and is Otherwise Compatible with, EU Obligations

A screening process was carried out by South Hams District Council to determine whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004; and / or a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) in accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive and with Regulation 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended). Through consultation with the statutory environmental agencies, South Hams District Council has advised that the Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plan *“is unlikely to have an adverse effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (d), alone or in combination with other plans and projects. It does not propose a level of development significantly over and above that in the adopted Local Plan and is in accordance with the emerging Local Plan (which was itself subject to HRA)”*.

Therefore, neither an SEA nor HRA was required for our Neighbourhood Plan and the basic conditions concerning Habits and Environmental Impact Assessment as described in Schedules 2 and 3 of the Regulations have been accounted for. The screening opinion of South Hams District Council, issued in December 2017, is appended to this Statement as Appendix 3.

Neighbourhood Plans are also required to take account of European Human rights requirements. The Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and comply with the Human Rights Act 1998.

The principal parts of the European Convention on Human Rights that can be relevant to neighbourhood plans are: Article 8 (privacy); Article 14 (discrimination); and Article 1 of the first Protocol (property). In preparing the draft Neighbourhood Plan, Bickleigh Parish Council, through its Steering Group, has acted in an open way, but always respecting the privacy of those participating. The interests of all sectors of the community have been taken into account, especially in ensuring that the Plan would take account of the needs and aspirations of the more vulnerable members of our community including the elderly and disabled, and younger people – thus ensuring no unfair discrimination.

The consultation process included all locally resident people in these groups as well as some organisations outside the plan area but with responsibilities or interests extending over some or all of the area of the draft Plan. The Parish Council also believes that its policies will not affect property rights beyond the legitimate role of the town and country planning system in operation where policies are properly explained and justified.

E. The Prescribed Conditions Are Met in Relation to the Plan and Prescribed Matters Complied with in Connection with the Proposal for the Plan

Section 38A(12) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Schedule 9 of the Localism Act¹³ sets out the definition of “prescribed”. It means conditions prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.

Regulations 32 and 33 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) set out one basic condition in addition to those set out in the primary legislation. This is:

- *the making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2012) or a European offshore marine site (as defined in the Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 2007) (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects)*

The following European Designated Sites are within 10km of Bickleigh:

- Tamar European Marine Site (Plymouth SAC and Tamar SPA)
- Dartmoor SAC and South Dartmoor Woods SAC

No wildlife sites stand within Bickleigh Parish. Other European wildlife sites are located within or near South Hams District which must be assessed for their impact including:

- South Hams Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- Dartmoor SAC
- South Dartmoor Woods SAC
- Lyme Bay to Torbay Candidate

It was the view of South Hams District Council whilst screening a first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan that: an addition to Policy Bick01, and revision of the supporting ‘explanation/justification’ text will ensure it meets the requirements of the HRA Screening (in terms of incorporating mitigation to avoid/reduce impact on the European Site), and enable a conclusion to be drawn that the Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plan will not have a significant effect on a European Site.

Natural England was consulted as part of the SEA screening process.

¹³ See <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/schedule/9/enacted>



Application Form for Designation of Neighbourhood Area

South Hams
District Council

Name of Applicant	Bickleigh Parish Council
Contact Details	Name: Parish Clerk Address: The Parish Office, The Woolwell Centre Darklake Lane Woolwell Plymouth Devon Email: parishclerk@bickleigh.gov.uk Telephone: 01752 695888
Name of proposed neighbourhood area	Bickleigh Parish
Map of proposed neighbourhood area	<i>Please supply a separate map showing the boundaries of the proposed area</i> See attached plan
Statement confirming why the proposed neighbourhood area is appropriate	The Parish of Bickleigh encompasses two distinct types of development, namely the area known as Woolwell which is an urban area next to the northern boundary of Plymouth and the remainder of the parish being rural in its nature bounded by both West Devon District council and Dartmoor National Park. It is therefore important to ensure that both areas are developed in sympathy with each other. A Neighbourhood Development Plan would safeguard the interface of the two distinct areas.
Type of neighbourhood planning project proposed	Neighbourhood Development Plan
Group Terms of Reference	Please see attached document.

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Appendix 2.

Neighbourhood Area Designation – Approval Letter



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2 August 2013

Dear Marilyn,

Designation of Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plan Area

I am pleased to confirm that on the 18th July South Hams Executive approved the Bickleigh, Ivybridge and Salcombe Neighbourhood Plan Areas. Confirmation of this has been placed on the District Council website.

We look forward to working with you as you prepare your neighbourhood plan.

Yours sincerely

James Doxford
Strategic Planning Officer
South Hams District Council



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Appendix 3.

Strategic Environmental Assessment / Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Opinion

28th December 2017

I refer to the attached Screening Determination that was issued by South Hams District Council on 23rd February 2017 and to the attached submission version of the Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plan.

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the NP, which are highlighted in red in the attached submission version. I agree with and re-affirm the conclusion of the Council in its Determination that the Bickleigh Neighbourhood Plan does not introduce policies that are likely to result in significant environmental impacts, or have detrimental impact on identified habitats. The submission version of the Plan in its current form does not trigger the need for an SEA and / or an Appropriate Assessment.

Best wishes,

Tom Jones | CoP Lead Place Making

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