Plaistow & Ifold Parish NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

For Chichester Local Plan: Key Policies 2014-2029

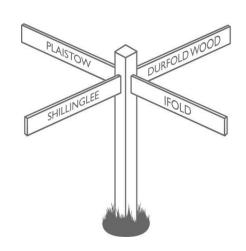
BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT FEBRUARY 2018

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report has been prepared on behalf of, Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council (PIPC). It is in support of their preparation of the Plaistow and Ifold Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.2. As part of the formal submission for Examination, there is a requirement for the Parish Council, as the 'qualifying body' to illustrate that they have complied with a series of 'basic conditions' as set out in Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as Amended).
- 1.3. This statement has been prepared to demonstrate compliance with these basic conditions. Section 2 of this report summarises the legislative requirements associated with these 'basic conditions'; Sections 3 and 4 assess how the Neighbourhood Plan meets these requirements; Sections 5 and 6 confirms that the Neighbourhood Plan is compatible with EU regulations and Convention Rights.
- 1.4. This statement concludes that the Neighbourhood Plan complies with the requirements of the basic conditions as set out in Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

2. Legal Requirements

- 2.1 This Statement has been prepared by Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council to accompany its submission to Chichester District Council (CDC) and the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) of the Plaistow and Ifold Neighbourhood Development Plan ("the Neighbourhood Plan") under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations").
- 2.2 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council, a qualifying body, for the Neighbourhood Area covering Plaistow and Ifold Parish, as designated by Chichester District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority on 6 November 2012 and 14 March 2013 respectively.
- 2.3 The policies described in the Neighbourhood Plan relate to the development and use of land in the designated Neighbourhood Area only. The plan period of the Neighbourhood Plan is from 2014 to 2029 and it does not contain policies relating to excluded development in accordance with the Regulations.
- 2.4 The Statement addresses each of the four 'basic conditions' required of the Regulations and explains how the Neighbourhood Plan meets the requirements of Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act together with Paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B of the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act Convention of Rights (Human Rights Act 1998).
- 2.5 The Regulations state that a Neighbourhood Plan will be considered to have met the basic conditions if:
- Having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan;
- The making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development;
- The making of the neighbourhood development plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area);
- The making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations;

3. TCPA 1990 Paragraph 8 (2a) Conformity with National Planning Policy

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared with regard to national policies as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) of April 2012. It is also mindful of the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) published by the Government in April 2014 in respect of formulating neighbourhood plans.
- 3.2 Set out in Table 1 below, is a summary of how each policy conforms to the NPPF. The paragraphs referred to in the table are those considered the most relevant to each policy but are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all possible relevant paragraphs.

Table 1: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan (NP) policies to the NPPF

POLICY	POLICY NAME	NPPF PARAGRAPHS	COMMENTS
EH1	PROTECTION OF HERITAGE ASSETS	17, 126, 131, 132, 133 and 134.	Policy EH1 seeks to ensure that development will not adversely impact upon the unique character, heritage or setting of the heritage assets and is therefore in conformity with the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF.
EH2	PROTECTION OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	109 and 118.	Policy EH2 seeks to preserve the natural environment. Development that protects and enhances the natural environment, conserves the landscape and landscape setting, conserves or enhances biodiversity and does not result in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats will be supported, and is therefore in conformity with the relevant paragraphs in the NPPF.
EH3	PROTECTION OF TREES, WOODLANDS AND NATURAL VEGETATION	109, 110, 118 and 119.	Policy EH3 sets out measures to protect trees, woodlands and natural vegetation or where the benefits of development clearly outweigh the harm caused by loss of trees, hedges and other landscape features that appropriate and necessary mitigation will be sought, and is therefore in conformity with the relevant paragraphs in the NPPF.
EH4	LOCAL GREEN SPACES	69 – 78	All the sites proposed to be allocated LGS in the PINP have been assessed having regard to the criteria set out in paragraph 77 of the NPPF. These are appended to the NP as suggested by the SDNP and are also available to view on the PC website https://plaistowandifoldparishnp.com/supporting-evidence/local-green-space/

EH5	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT EMISSIONS (EXTERNAL LIGHTING ON BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES)	118 and 125.	Policy EH5 seeks to limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light and is therefore in conformity with the relevant paragraphs in the NPPF.
EH6	STREET LIGHTING	118 and 125.	Policy EH6 seeks to limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light by ensuring that the provision of street lighting will only be permitted if it can be demonstrated there are exception circumstances required for highway safety and is therefore in conformity with the relevant paragraphs in the NPPF. [There is currently no street lighting in the NP area.]
Ci1	REDUCING AND AVOIDING FLOOD RISK	99 to 104.	Policy Ci1 seeks to reduce and avoid flood risk by ensuring that development within areas of Flood Zones 2 or 3 is not supported unless justified by the Sequential and Exceptions Test, where relevant in accordance with NPPF requirements.
Ci2	CONNECTION TO TECHNOLOGY NETWORKS	42 and 43.	Policy Ci2 recognises the importance of advanced, high quality communications infrastructure and requires that new residential and commercial development should demonstrate the ability to connect to technology networks at the time of the development. The expansion of electronic communications networks, including high speed broadband, will be supported, in accordance with the NPPF requirements.
H1	ALLOCATED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITE	54 to 58.	Chapter 6 of the NPPF requires the delivery of a wide choice of high quality homes and seeks to 'significantly boost' the supply of housing. The NP responds positively to the need for more housing by allocating a site for housing development through Policy H1. The proposed allocation in H1 promotes sustainable development in a rural area and will enhance the vitality of the rural community reflecting the requirements of NPPF paragraph 55.

H2	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE IFOLD SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY	56 to 58.	Policy H2 has been included in the NP to ensure that any redevelopment proposals within the settlement boundary are of a high-quality design and reflect the character of the area in compliance with Chapter 7 of the NPPF 'Requiring good design'.
НЗ	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	50	Policy H3 seeks to ensure that Affordable Housing will provided to meet the identified need in the parish, in order to maintain a balanced community and therefore is in conformity with Paragraph 50 of the NPPF.
H4	HOUSING DENSITY AND DESIGN PRINCIPLES	56	Policy H4 sets out the principles of good design against which planning applications will be considered, in order to ensure sustainable development, and is compliant with Paragraph 56 of the NPPF.
EE1	LIVE/WORK FACILITIES	7, 8, 18 to 21 and 28.	Policy EE1 and Policy EE2 seek to support sustainable economic growth and is therefore in conformity with the relevant paragraphs of the
EE2	SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY		NPPF.
EE3	RETAIL SHOP PREMISES	28	Policy EE3 supports the retention of the existing A1 retail shop premises, recognising the importance of these community facilities and therefore in conformity with Paragraph 28 of the NPPF.
EE4	BROWNFIELD SITE	17	Policy EE4 promotes the sustainable and effective re-use of previously developed land and is therefore in conformity with Paragraph 17 of the NPPF.
T1	ENSURING HIGHWAY SAFETY	17, 29, 32 and 39.	Chapter 4 of the NPPF promotes Sustainable Travel and requires that safe and suitable access to a site can be achieved and that site layouts minimise potential conflict between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
			Policy T1 seeks to ensure Highway Safety by ensuring appropriate levels of off-street parking so that pedestrian access is not impeded and is therefore NPPF compliant in this regard.

4.0 TCPA 1990 Paragraph 8(2e) General conformity with the strategic Policies of the development plan

- 4.1 The development plan for Plaistow and Ifold Parish comprises the following plans:
 - saved policies of the adopted Chichester Local Plan 1999 (South Downs National Park Area)
 - Chichester Local Plan Key Policies 2014-2029 (All areas outside of the SDNP)
- 4.2 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to ensure its general conformity with the provisions of the development plan. In addition, and whilst there is no legal requirement to do so, for completeness, the NP has been assessed against the two emerging plans:
 - Chichester District Site Allocations DPD
 - Draft South Downs Local Plan
- 4.3 Tables 2 and 2A below set out how each policy is in general conformity with the saved policies of the adopted Chichester Local Plan 1999 and the Chichester Local Plan Key Policies 2014-2029. Tables 2B and 2C demonstrate how the NP is in general conformity with the emerging Chichester District Site Allocations DPD and the emerging Draft South Downs Local Plan, nothwithstanding that neither of these plans form part of the Development Plan at the current time.

Table 2: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan policies with the strategic development plan policies – adopted Chichester Local Plan 1999

POLICY	POLICY NAME	LOCAL PLAN POLICY	COMMENTS
EH1	PROTECTION OF HERITAGE	Not applicable	
	ASSETS		
EH2	PROTECTION OF NATURAL	Not applicable	
	ENVIRONMENT		
EH3	PROTECTION OF TREES,	Not applicable	
	WOODLANDS AND NATURAL		
EH4	LOCAL GREEN SPACES	Not applicable	
EH5	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT EMISSIONS	Not applicable	
	(EXTERNAL LIGHTING ON		
	BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES)		
EH6	STREET LIGHTING	Not applicable	
Ci1	REDUCING AND AVOIDING	Not applicable	
	FLOOD RISK		
Ci2	CONNECTION TO TECHNOLOGY	Not applicable	
	NETWORKS		

H1	ALLOCATED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITE	Not applicable	The allocated housing development site is outside the SDNPA
H2	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE IFOLD SETTLEMENT	Not applicable	The Ifold Settlement is outside the SDNPA
Н3	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Not applicable	
H4	HOUSING DENSITY AND DESIGN	Not applicable	
EE1	LIVE/WORK FACILITIES	Not applicable	
EE2	SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY	Not applicable	
EE3	RETAIL SHOP PREMISES	Not applicable	
EE4	BROWNFIELD SITE	Not applicable	
T1	ENSURING HIGHWAY SAFETY	Not applicable	

Table 2a: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan policies with the strategic development plan policies – Chichester Local Plan Key Policies 2014-2029

POLICY	POLICY NAME	LOCAL PLAN POLICY	Comments
EH1	PROTECTION OF HERITAGE ASSETS	47 Heritage and Design	Policy EH1 seeks to conserve and enhance the unique character, heritage and setting of the heritage assets and is therefore in conformity with Policy 47
EH2	PROTECTION OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	48 Natural Environment	Policy EH2 seeks to preserve the natural environment. Development that protects and enhances the natural environment, conserves the landscape and landscape setting, conserves or enhances biodiversity and does not result in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats will be supported, and is therefore in conformity with Policy 48.

EH3	PROTECTION OF TREES, WOODLANDS AND NATURAL VEGETATION	48 Natural Environment 49 Biodiversity	Policy EH3 sets out measures to protect trees, woodlands and natural vegetation or where the benefits of development clearly outweigh the harm caused by loss of trees, hedges and other landscape features that appropriate and necessary mitigation will be sought and is therefore in conformity with Policies 48 and 49.
EH4	LOCAL GREEN SPACES	Not applicable	
EH5	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT EMISSIONS (EXTERNAL LIGHTING ON BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES)	Not applicable	
EH6	STREET LIGHTING	Not applicable	
Ci1	REDUCING AND AVOIDING FLOOD RISK	42 Flood Risk and Water Management	Policy Ci1 seeks to reduce and avoid flood risk by ensuring that development within areas of Flood Zones 2 or 3 is not supported unless justified by the Sequential and Exceptions Test, where relevant. All new developments should provide for adequate surface water and foul drainage capacity, subject to the available capacity and commensurate with the size and nature of the development, including the provision of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems. This policy is therefore in conformity with Policy 42.
Ci2	CONNECTION TO TECHNOLOGY NETWORKS	9 Strategic Infrastructure 33 New Residential Development 39 Transport, Accessibility and Parking	Policy Ci2 recognises the importance of advanced, high quality communications infrastructure and requires that new residential and commercial development should demonstrate the ability to connect to technology networks at the time of the development. The expansion of electronic communications networks, including high speed broadband, will be supported, in accordance with the NPPF requirements

H1	ALLOCATED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITE	5	Policy H1 allocates the development site to provide 11 dwellings to meet the indicative housing number of a minimum of 10 units, to meet the identified local need and is therefore in conformity with Policy 5.
H2	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE IFOLD SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY	33 New Residential Development	Policy H2 supports redevelopment of existing plots and replacement dwellings and extensions to existing dwellings within the Ifold Settlement Boundary provided that the scheme provides an appropriate density of development in keeping with the surrounding area and is of high quality design and is therefore in conformity with Policy 33.
Н3	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	34 Affordable Housing	Policy H3 seeks to ensure that Affordable Housing will provided on developments of more than 10 dwellings, to meet the identified need in the parish and is therefore in conformity with Policy 34.
H4	HOUSING DENSITY AND DESIGN PRINCIPLES	33 New Residential Development.	Policy H4 will support new residential units or extensions and conversions of existing dwellings provided that the development is of a density which is in keeping with the existing established density of the surrounding area; the design and materials are in keeping with the character of the area and there is appropriate provision of landscaping to minimise the visual impact on the countryside and resident amenity. This policy therefore is in conformity with Policy 33.

EE1	LIVE/WORK FACILITIES	2 Development Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy 3 The Economy and Employment Provision 45 Development in the Countryside 46 Alterations, Change of Use and/or Re-use of Existing Buildings in the Countryside	Policy EE1 seeks to encourage sustainable development that supports a local need and is inconformity with the relevant policies in the CLPKP.
EE2	SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY RETAIL SHOP PREMISES	2 Development Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy 26 Existing Employment Sites 45 Development in the Countryside 46 Alterations, Change of Use and/or Re-use of Existing Buildings in the Countryside 55 Equestrian Development	Policy EE2 seeks to support the local economy. Proposals that result in the loss of employment will be resisted unless it can be demonstrated that the business is no longer viable. Proposals enabling sustainable development through the use of redundant agricultural buildings and other facilities to encourage small enterprises will be supported provided there is no loss of amenity to residential areas from noise, lighting and vehicle movements. Proposals to encourage the development of activities which require a rural location will also be supported, provided there is no adverse impact on the countryside or loss of agricultural land. This policy therefore conforms with the relevant policies in the CLPKP.
	NETAL SHOT TREIVISES	Settlement Hierarchy	community facilities, in particularly the community shops, and the loss of these facilities will be resisted
EE4	BROWNFIELD SITE	Not applicable	

T1	ENSURING HIGHWAY SAFETY	8 Transport and Accessibility 39 Transport, Accessibility and Parking	Policy 8 of the CLPKP promotes Sustainable Travel and requires that safe and suitable access to a site can be achieved and that site layouts minimise potential conflict between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. Policy T1 seeks to ensure Highway Safety by ensuring appropriate levels of
			Safety by ensuring appropriate levels of off-street parking so that pedestrian access is not impeded and is therefore compliant with Policy 8 in this regard.

Table 2b: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan policies with the strategic development plan policies – emerging Site Allocations DPD Submission Draft

POLICY	POLICY NAME	EMERGING LOCAL PLAN POLICY	Comments
EH1	PROTECTION OF HERITAGE ASSETS	Not applicable	The emerging Site Allocations DPD identifies specific sites within the Council's area for development. There are no topic based or cross cutting policies in the draft DPD, and therefore conformity of the Neighbourhood Plan with the majority of the policies is not applicable.
EH2	PROTECTION OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	Not applicable	
EH3	PROTECTION OF TREES, WOODLANDS AND NATURAL VEGETATION	Not applicable	
EH4	LOCAL GREEN SPACES	Not applicable	
EH5	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT EMISSIONS (EXTERNAL LIGHTING ON BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES)	Not applicable	
EH6	STREET LIGHTING	Not applicable	
Ci1	REDUCING AND AVOIDING FLOOD RISK	Not applicable	
Ci2	CONNECTION TO TECHNOLOGY NETWORKS	Not applicable	

H1	ALLOCATED HOUSING	PL1	Policy H1 allocatos the dayologment
Lut	ALLOCATED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITE	LLI	Policy H1 allocates the development
	DEVELOPMENT SITE		site to provide 11 dwellings to meet
			the indicative housing number of a
			minimum of 10 units, to meet the
			identified local need. This is a
			different site from that allocated in
			the draft Site Allocations DPD.
			Representations were made at the
			Examination, and although the Main
			Modifications to the draft Plan have
			been published and do not
			substantively alter policy PL1, as the
			Plan has not yet been adopted, less
			weight can be attached to the lack of
			conformity.
H2	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	Not applicable	The emerging Site Allocations DPD
	WITHIN THE IFOLD		identifies specific sites within the
	SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY		Council's area for development. There
H3	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Not applicable	are no topic based or cross cutting
113	ALLONDABLE HOOSING	Not applicable	policies in the draft DPD, and
H4	HOUSING DENSITY AND DESIGN	Not applicable	therefore conformity of the
114	PRINCIPLES	Not applicable	Neighbourhood Plan with the majority
	T KIIVEII EES		of the policies is not applicable.
EE1	LIVE/WORK FACILITIES	Not applicable	
EE2	SUPPORTING THE LOCAL	Not applicable	
	ECONOMY		
EE3	RETAIL SHOP PREMISES	Not applicable	
EE4	BROWNFIELD SITE	Not applicable	
T1	ENSURING HIGHWAY SAFETY	Not applicable	

Table 2c: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan policies with the strategic development plan policiesemerging South Downs Local Plan

POLICY	POLICY NAME	SD LOCAL PLAN POLICY	COMMENTS
EH1	PROTECTION OF	SD12, SD13, SD15, SD16	Policy EH1 encourages development
	HERITAGE ASSETS		where it is demonstrated that such
			development will not adversely
			impact upon the unique character,
			heritage or setting of the heritage
			assets. This is in conformity with
			policies SD12, SD13, SD15 and SD16.

EH2	PROTECTION OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	SD1, SD4, SD9	Policy EH2 seeks to conserve the landscape and scenic beauty of the South Downs National Park and the setting the Parish gives to the National Park. This conforms with the aim of policy SD1. This also conforms to the aim of policy SD4 which aims to conserve and enhance landscape character. Policy EH2 seeks to conserve or enhance biodiversity within designated nature conservation areas in conformity with policy SD9.
EH3	PROTECTION OF TREES, WOODLANDS AND NATURAL VEGETATION	SD11	Policy EH3 seeks to resist the loss of trees, hedges and landscape features, which conforms with policy SD11.
EH4	LOCAL GREEN SPACES	SD47	No Local Green Spaces are identified within the National Park Plan that are also within the Neighbourhood Plan area, and vice versa. There is no conflict between the policies therefore.
EH5	ARTIFICIAL LIGHT EMISSIONS (EXTERNAL LIGHTING ON BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES)	SD8	Policy SD8 requires proposals to demonstrate that all opportunities to reduce light pollution have been taken, and where lighting cannot be avoided, it is necessary to be demonstrated to be necessary and appropriate for its use. Policy EH5 is in general conformity with this policy.
EH6	STREET LIGHTING	SD8	Policy EH6 only allows street lighting on the grounds of safety, and this appears to be able to be justified if demonstrated to be necessary under the terms of policy SD8. There is general conformity between these policies.
Ci1	REDUCING AND AVOIDING FLOOD RISK	SD49, SD50	Policy SD49 is aimed at reducing flood risk. The policy is therefore in conformity with SD49. Policy Ci1 also requires the use of SuDS in conformity with policy SD50.

Ci2	CONNECTION TO TECHNOLOGY NETWORKS	SD44	Both policies Ci2 and SD44 require new residential and other buildings development to be served by new technology such as superfast broadband. There is therefore conformity between these policies.
H1	ALLOCATED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITE	Not applicable	
H2	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE IFOLD SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY	Not applicable	
НЗ	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	SD28	Policy SD28 seeks to deliver affordable houses on a "sliding scale" dependant upon the total number of units delivered. However, as the whole Plan is yet to be subject to an Examination, the lack of conformity to this policy should carry little weight. It is unlikely any sites would come forward in the part of the parish within the SDNP.
H4	HOUSING DENSITY AND DESIGN PRINCIPLES	SD5, SD31	Policy H4 is in broad conformity with SD5 in that both policies seek the incorporation of landscaping consistent with local character, and ensuring design which is appropriate and sympathetic to its setting in terms of a number of criteria including height, massing, density, materials, and detailing. Policy SD31 seeks to control the impact of extensions and the provisions of annexes and outbuildings. The policy contains a floorspace increase limitation, but otherwise requires development to respect the character of the area and not be detrimental to the amenities of the adjoining properties. Policy H4 is broadly in conformity with SD31.
EE1	LIVE/WORK FACILITIES	Not applicable	

EE2	SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY	SD34, SD35, SD41	Policy EE2 seeks to resist the loss of employment generating uses, and supports small scale start ups and enterprises. Rural businesses will also be supported, as will the reuse of redundant agricultural buildings. This policy is in conformity with a number of the criteria in policies SD34, SD35 and SD41.
EE3	RETAIL SHOP PREMISES	Not applicable	
EE4	BROWNFIELD SITE	Not applicable	
T1	ENSURING HIGHWAY SAFETY	SD19, SD21, SD22	Policy T1 seeks to ensure highway safety through a number of measures, in general conformity with policies SD19, SD21 and SD22.

4. TCPA 1990 Paragraph 8(2f) Compatibility with EU obligations

- 5.1 Section 4B paragraph 8(2f) of the Town and Country Planning Act
 1990 states that a draft Neighbourhood Plan will meet the basic conditions
 if, the making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise
 compatible with EU obligations.
- 5.2 The Parish Council has submitted two versions of the Pre-Submission NP to CDC for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Opinion Screening Determination under Regulation 9 and Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. On both occasions CDC determined that an environmental assessment of the PINP would be required. The formal decisions issued by CDC can be viewed at the following link:

http://www.chichester.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan#Plaistow

- 5.3 The SA submitted with the NP includes the provisions of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which is required by European Law.
- 5.4 A Scoping Report of the SA (including the requirements of the SEA) was submitted directly to English Heritage, the Environment Agency and Natural England for assessment against environmental requirements. The Scoping Report was also provided to CDC and published for public consultation.
- 5.5 Amendments and additional document/objectives were then considered when the SA was formally prepared. The SA is a live document and has been continually updated.
- 5.6 In discussions with CDC, it was confirmed that were no European Sites in or near the Neighbourhood Plan Area that would require a Habitat Regulation Assessment.
- 5.7 The NP does not breach any EU obligations and would be otherwise compatible with all EU obligations.

6.0 TCPA 1990 Paragraph 4B (6) Compatibility with Convention Rights

- 6.1 Section 4B (6) states that the Examiner is not to consider any matter that does not fall within sub- paragraph 4B (1) apart from considering whether the draft Neighbourhood Plan is compatible with Convention Rights.
- 6.2 The Plaistow and Ifold NP has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the EU convention on human rights. It has had regard to Article 1 respecting rights, Article 8 privacy and Article 14 discrimination. It is submitted that the Plaistow and Ifold NP complies with the Human Rights Act 1998.

7.0 Achievement of Sustainable Development

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was carried out by AECOM in August 2017 (updated February 2018) and is submitted in support of this statement. As such, the AECOM document should be considered in support of this basic condition.