

Mansfield District Council

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report

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Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Report

Warsop Neighbourhood Plan

November 2018

Introduction

- 1.1 This report seeks to determine whether the Warsop Neighbourhood Plan Working Draft (October 2018), is likely to have significant environmental effects and will require a strategic environmental assessment (SEA). It will also assess the likelihood of the proposals within the Plan having an adverse impact upon internationally designated wildlife sites, as required by the European Habitats Directive.
- 1.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Assessment requirements are prescribed by the European Directive 2001/42/EC. The requirements have been introduced into the planning system by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SEA Regulations).
- 1.3 As regards to the Habitats Regulations, Schedule 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires, as a basic condition, that the making of a Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect upon a European site.

1. The Warsop Neighbourhood Plan

- 2.1 The Warsop Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the community and provides a vision which is derived from consultation and shared by all partners and creates distinct planning policies for the use and development of land at the neighbourhood level which will realise that vision.
- 2.2 A number of aims/objectives have been established to help realise this vision for the Parish, which consultation shows matter most to the community, and to which the Plan can provide a policy framework to guide the development necessary to deliver it. The aims include:
 - Sufficient development will be supported to meet existing and future local housing and wider development needs, including affordable housing
 - Market Warsop role as the main location for housing, retail and employment growth will be reinforced
 - There will be limited growth elsewhere, especially to protect the Parish's distinctive character and environmental quality and ensure development if focused in Market Warsop
 - The community will have better access to employment and services, especially by foot and public transport
 - New sustainable employment opportunities will be supported
 - The distinct and historic identity of the Parish and the communities within it will be protected and pride in the Parish increased
 - Open countryside and important green spaces will be protected
 - Local wildlife and biodiversity will be preserved and wherever possible enhanced
 - Buildings, structures and areas of national and local heritage value will be recognised and protected

- Public transport, cycling and walking provision will be enhanced
- Ensure the provision of accessible facilities and services to meet the needs of all local people
- To promote health and wellbeing, for example by ensuring that residents have access to employment, green spaces, the countryside and facilities for sport and recreation and community activities.

2.3 The policies which have been included within the plan to address these areas are:

POLICY H1: NEW HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

The Plan supports the provision of limited, but sufficient, housing growth to keep the Parish a viable and attractive place and which meets local needs, in accordance with the Mansfield Local Plan.

POLICY H2: HOUSING MIX

In order to meet the future housing needs of the residents of the Parish, new housing development proposals should (a) have a mix of housing types, sizes and tenures specifically to meet identified local need in the Parish, (b) prioritise smaller homes, especially for young families or older people who wish to downsize as well as for people with disabilities and (iii) where the proposal is for ten or more dwellings submit written justification for the proposed housing mix in a report to the Parish Council and Mansfield District Council accompanying any planning application.

POLICY H3: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Parish Council will actively work with Mansfield District Council and other stakeholders to encourage and bring forward development proposals that enhance the provision of affordable housing that meets local need and is in suitable and accessible locations. This includes by:

- a) Housing development proposals for ten or more dwellings, or for sites with a gross area of 0.3 hectares or above, will be expected to include the provision of 20% affordable houses on site of sites of 10 dwellings or more, or 10% for developments on previously developed land unless it can be demonstrated that such provision undermines the viability and deliverability of the scheme as defined in, and in accordance with, district wide planning policies;
- b) Affordable housing will be subject to conditions, or a planning obligation will be sought, to help ensure that when homes are allocated, priority is given wherever possible to people with a local connection to Warsop Parish (i.e. including living, working or with close family ties in the Parish);
- c) In exceptional circumstances, where it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of Mansfield District Council and Warsop Parish Council that it is not possible or appropriate to build affordable homes on the site, in which case a financial contribution towards the future provision of affordable housing in the Parish will be sought of equivalent value to that which would have been provided on site; and
- d) Priority should be given to the provision of affordable housing that meets the existing and future needs of residents of Warsop Parish as defined in Policy H2.

POLICY H4: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The provision of affordable housing outside the defined limits of development will be supported in special circumstances where:

- a) They would provide exclusively affordable housing which would meet a genuine local (Parish) need, which is supported by an up to date housing needs survey and which otherwise would not be met;
- b) They are of a size, type, tenure, occupancy and cost that can be justified to the satisfaction of the Parish Council and the District Council including by evidence from an up to date local housing needs survey;
- c) The development is directly adjacent to the settlement of Market Warsop, Warsop Vale, Church Warsop, Meden Vale or Spion Kop;
- d) The development is well-related to and respects the character and scale of the settlement and its landscape setting;
- e) Planning permission for 'Exception' Sites will be subject to conditions, or a planning obligation will be sought, to ensure that all initial and subsequent occupiers of the affordable dwellings will (i) be local people in housing need, and (ii) the dwellings will remain as affordable housing in perpetuity.

POLICY NE: COUNTRYSIDE

Land outside the Limits to Development as defined on the Proposals Map will be treated as countryside and will be protected for the sake of its intrinsic character and beauty, the diversity of its landscapes, heritage and wildlife, the wealth of its natural resources and to ensure it may be enjoyed by all. Development in the countryside will be limited to that which requires a rural location as defined in national and district planning policies.

POLICY NE2: PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT LOCAL GREEN SPACES

The Plan designates the Carrs Recreation Ground and Carrs Local Nature Reserve as Local Green Spaces. Development proposals that would result in the loss of, or have a significant adverse effect on, an identified Local Green Space will not be supported unless in very special circumstances, such as where the community would gain equivalent benefit from the provision of suitable replacement green space as defined in district and national planning policies.

POLICY NE3: FOOTPATHS, BRIDLEWAYS AND CYCLE WAYS

The Parish Council will actively seek to work with the County Council, District Council and other relevant agencies to encourage opportunities to secure improvements in the present network of footpaths, cycleways and bridleways. Development proposals that result in the loss of, or have a significant adverse effect on, the existing network of footpaths, bridleways and cycle ways will not be supported.

POLICY NE4: TREES AND HEDGEROWS

The Plan will encourage proposals that increase and enhance the coverage of trees and hedges. Development proposals that may damage or result in the loss of trees and hedgerows of good arboriculture, ecological or amenity value will not be supported. Development proposals should be designed to ensure that any affected trees and hedges are protected and integrated into the design of the development. Development proposals, which affect sites with trees or hedgerows, should be accompanied by an independent survey that establishes the health of any affected

trees or hedgerows, and a management plan to demonstrate how they will be so maintained. Where trees are to be felled, equivalent replacement tree planting will be expected.

POLICY NE6: AREAS OF SEPARATION

To retain the physical and visual separation between the settlements of Market Warsop, Warsop Vale, Church Warsop, Meden Vale and Spion Kop and the surrounding areas, the areas of land identified on the Proposal Map are designated as Areas of Local Separation. Development proposals within this area should be designed to maintain the physical and visual separation of these settlements.

POLICY NE7: BIODIVERSITY

Development proposals that conserve or enhance biodiversity will be encouraged. Development proposals that cannot avoid (through locating an alternative site with less harmful impacts), adequately mitigate, or, as a last resort, compensate for the loss of a locally or nationally identified site of biodiversity will not be supported.

POLICY NE8: FLOOD RISK

Development proposals in flood sensitive areas, as identified by the environment agency flood risk maps, will only be permitted in accordance with District and national planning policies. Development proposals outside the identified flood sensitive areas should be subject to a site specific flood risk assessment, where relevant, in accordance with District and national planning policies. Surface water mitigation techniques should be employed to ensure that there is no net increase in surface water run-off.

POLICY NE8: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Development proposals that contribute to mitigating and adapting to climate change will be encouraged.

POLICY BH1: LISTED BUILDINGS

Development proposals that may affect a Listed Building or its setting will be required to conserve and enhance its site and setting in accordance with district and national planning policies.

POLICY BH2: MARKET WARSOP AND CHURCH WARSOP CONSERVATION AREAS

Development proposals within or that may affect the setting of Market Warsop or Church Warsop Conservation Areas will be expected to respect and enhance its special character in high quality design proposals in accordance with the guidelines set out in the relevant Conservation Area Appraisal and relevant district and national planning policies.

POLICY ED1: EMPLOYMENT AND ENTERPRISE

The Plan encourages development proposals that help to support the creation of a sustainable local economy, which provides a variety of job and economic opportunities and meets the needs of its residents.

Development proposals for the redevelopment or change of use of land or buildings in, or allocated for, employment use to non-employment uses will not be supported unless the site (a) is no longer capable of meeting the needs of modern business; (b)

the site has been actively marketed at a reasonable price for employment use for six months at least and that no sale or let has been achieved; or (c) its continuation in employment use would not be appropriate in terms of its adverse impact on the amenity of nearby residents and/or adjoining uses or road safety.

POLICY ED2: SMALL SCALE EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT

Within residential areas, small scale employment related development proposals (including homeworking) will be supported where the development is acceptable in terms of scale, impact on local character, landscape and adjoining uses and natural environment, amenity and accessibility.

POLICY ED3: CONNECTING LOCAL PEOPLE TO THE NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Plan will support and encourage actions aimed at connecting local people with developers and employers to access jobs and meet the needs of the economy, including the promotion of local employment and training opportunities such as local labour agreements or similar; improved public transport provision and supporting the development of micro and start-up businesses.

POLICY ED4: TOURISM

The Plan will seek to maximise the potential of tourism in the Parish by supporting

- a) the provision of new and the enhancement of existing tourism and visitor-based development proposals, including over-night accommodation, where the development is appropriate to the size and role of the settlement and the needs of the Parish and where it is acceptable in terms of scale, design and impact upon local character, the built and natural environment, amenity, accessibility and other local and district planning considerations and
- b) retention of existing tourist attractions and accommodation which contribute to the local economy.

New tourist attractions and accommodation should be directed to within the Limits to Development.

New tourism related development proposals will only be supported outside the Limits of Development where

- a) a countryside location is necessary to meet the identified tourism need or
- b) relates to an existing tourist destination or existing tourism related use and constitutes an appropriate rural use as defined in district and national planning policies.

POLICY S1: CONSOLIDATING AND ENHANCING MARKET WARSOP TOWN CENTRE

Within The Market Warsop Town Centre as identified on the Proposals Map:

- a) Shops (A1) will remain the predominant ground floor use.
- b) Development proposals that provide for new or enhanced retail provision to meet local needs will be supported where they are acceptable in terms of scale, design and impact upon local character, the built and natural

environment, amenity, accessibility and other local and district planning considerations.

- c) Development proposals for other (non A1) uses within will only be supported in special circumstances where (i) it can be clearly demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Parish Council and Mansfield MD that its continued use for (A1) shopping purposes is no longer viable and the building has been actively marketed for at least six months, where appropriate; (ii) it will meet a local need; (iii) it will make a positive contribution to the viability and vitality of the Town Centre; (iv) it will not undermine the shopping element within the immediate area of the site and wider Town Centre; and (v) it would not result in a cluster of non-shop uses.
- d) The residential use of the upper floors of buildings will be supported where they are acceptable in terms of scale, design and impact upon local character, the built and natural environment, amenity, accessibility and other local and district planning considerations
- e) Development proposals for retail and other uses appropriate to a town centre location will be expected to be located within the Warsop Town Centre.
- f) Retail development outside of the Town Centre will only be supported in accordance with Policy S2.

POLICY S2: SHOPPING PROVISION OUTSIDE OF MARKET WARSOP TOWN CENTRE

The development of local shopping facilities to serve the day-to-day needs of their immediate community will be supported where they are acceptable in terms of scale, design and impact upon local character, the built and natural environment, amenity, accessibility and other local and district planning considerations

Development proposals that result in the loss, or have a significant adverse effect on, on an existing shopping use outside Market Warsop will not be supported unless it can be demonstrated that its continuing use for shopping is no longer viable and the site has been marketed for at least six months.

POLICY S3: DESIGN OF SHOP FRONTS IN MARKET WARSOP TOWN CENTRE

Development proposals to alter or replace existing shop fronts in Market Warsop Town Centre will be supported, where it (a) conserves and enhances the character of the building of which it forms part and of the street in which it is situated and b) relates well to their context in terms of design, scale, material and colour.

Development proposals that remove, replace or adversely affects shop fronts by poor or unsympathetic design will not be supported.

POLICY CF1: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Development proposals that will enhance the provision of community buildings and facilities will be supported where they can be clearly demonstrated to the District Council in consultation with the Parish Council that they meet an identified local need and where it is acceptable in terms of scale, design and impact upon local amenity and character, and the built and natural environment

Development proposals that result in the loss of, or have a significant adverse effect on, a community building or facility will not be permitted, unless it can be clearly demonstrated to the satisfaction of the District Council in consultation with the Parish

Council that its continued use as a community facility is no longer viable or it is no longer required by the community, or equivalent or better alternative provision in terms of quantity and quality and in an equally suitable location can be provided. The following facilities have been identified as being especially important to the community: See appendix 8¹

POLICY CF2: ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Where a development proposal may affect an Asset of Community Value the reason for its Listing as an Asset of Community Value should be taken into account when determining that planning application or decision.

POLICY TA1: CAR PARKING IN MARKET WARSOP TOWN CENTRE

Development proposals to improve and enhance car park provision in Market Warsop Town Centre will be encouraged. Development proposals which reduce existing available parking in Market Warsop will not be supported except where equivalent and equally accessible replacement parking can be provided or it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Parish Council and Mansfield District Council that the benefits of the development will outweigh the harm caused by the loss of car parking.

POLICY TA2: PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Parish Council will liaise with Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Authorities and transport operators to encourage better availability of public transport across the Parish.

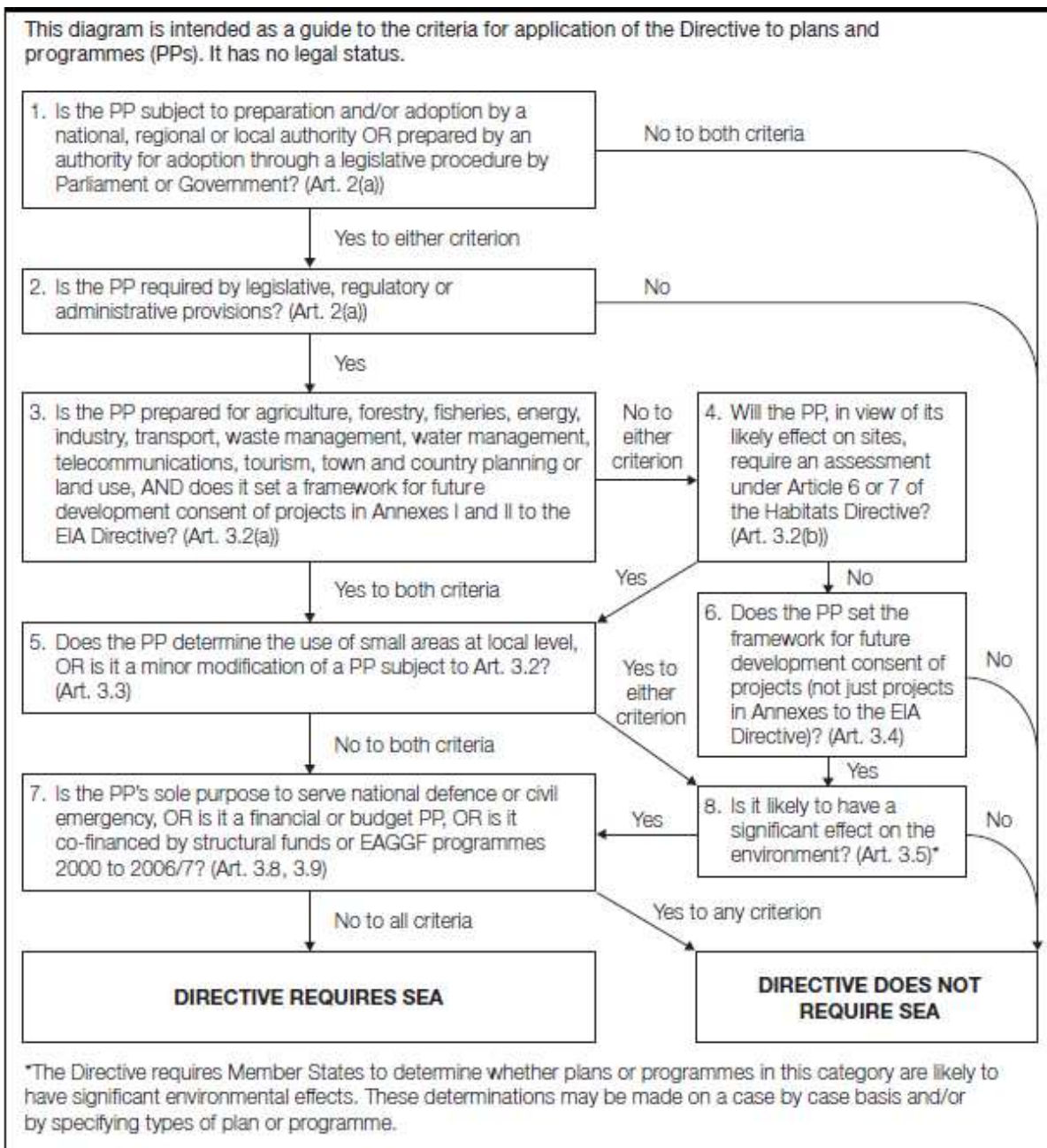
POLICY TA3: MARKET WARSOP RAILWAY STATION

The Plan supports, and the Parish Council will work with Mansfield District Council; Nottinghamshire County Council and other stakeholders to secure, the reopening of the former railway station and the Dukeries railway line.

2. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- 3.1 The SEA Directive aims to ensure a high level of protection for the environment and to integrate environmental considerations into the preparation of plans. The Directive seeks to promote sustainable development by ensuring that an SEA is undertaken for any plans which may have a significant effect on the environment.
- 3.2 To establish if a plan needs to be accompanied by a full SEA, a “screening” assessment is undertaken against a series of criteria set out in the SEA Directive. Figure 1, which follows, shows this screening process and how a plan can be assessed against the SEA Directive criteria.

¹ Appendix 8 can be viewed at: <http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=10214&p=0>

Figure 1: Application of the SEA Directive to plans and programmes²



3.3 The assessment undertaken in Figure 2 below provides answers to the questions posed in the flow diagram in Figure 1. By following the steps shown in Figure 1, the requirement for an SEA can be determined.

² Figure 1 source: A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive - https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7657/practicalguidesea.pdf

Figure 2: Assessment of the characteristics and policies of the Warsop Neighbourhood Plan.

	Assessment Criteria	Yes / No	Assessment
1	Is the Neighbourhood Plan subject to preparation and/or adoption by a national, regional or local authority OR prepared by an authority for adoption through a legislative procedure by Parliament or Government? (Art. 2(a))	Y	The preparation and adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan is provided for by The Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The Neighbourhood Plan will be prepared by Warsop Parish Council (as the relevant body) and will be made by Mansfield District Council as the local authority. The preparation of Neighbourhood Plans is subject to the following regulations: i. The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, and, ii. The Neighbourhood Planning (referendums) Regulations 2012.
2	Is the Neighbourhood Plan required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Art. 2(a))	Y	The Neighbourhood Plan is optional under the provisions of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011; however, if “made” it will form part of the development plan for the District and must meet statutory requirements. Therefore, it is important that the screening process considers whether the plan is likely to have significant environmental effects and thus if an SEA is required under the Directive. On that basis, a Yes answer is provided to the question.
3	Is the Neighbourhood Plan prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use, AND does it set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II (see Appendix 1)	Y	The Neighbourhood Plan could potentially set the framework for future development consent of projects in the EIA Directive, notably through the location of housing and employment which may fall under 10(b) of Annex II of the Directive ³ .

³ 10(b) of Annex II of the Directive can be viewed at: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/eia-legalcontext.htm>

	to the EIA Directive? (Art. 3.2(a))		
4	Will the Neighbourhood Plan, in view of its likely effect on sites, require an assessment for future development under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive? (Art 3.2(a))	N	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have a significant effect upon any European (Natura 2000) site based on the information provided and the policies as worded. There are no allocations proposed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>A Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report was undertaken as part of the Mansfield District Local Plan 2013 – 2033 (Publication Draft) preparation process which concluded that the Local Plan was also unlikely to have a significant effect.</p> <p>Mansfield District does not have any European sites within its boundaries; however, two sites are examined further in the Screening Report. The Birklands & Bilhaugh Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and the possible potential Sherwood Special Protection Area (ppSPA).</p> <p>The final Mansfield District Council Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report, published in September 2018, concluded that no likely significant effects on the SAC or the ppSPA will arise from the Mansfield District Local Plan either alone or in combination with other plans and projects.</p> <p>As there are no allocations for development, and with the draft policies worded as they are, we considered that the Neighbourhood Plan would not affect any European site, including the two identified, beyond those impacts already identified in the HRA Screening Report undertaken in 2018 for the Local Plan. Therefore, it is considered that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.⁴</p>
5	Does the Neighbourhood Plan determine the use	Y	The Neighbourhood Plan involves the determination of the use of small sites at a local level.

⁴ The Mansfield District Local Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report can be viewed at <http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=10106&p=0>

	of small areas at local level, OR is it a minor modification of a Plan subject to Art. 3.2? (Art. 3.3)		
6	Does the Neighbourhood Plan set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just in annexes to the EIA Directive)? (Art. 3.4)	Y	The Neighbourhood Plan will be used in the determination of planning applications.
7	Is the Neighbourhood Plan's sole purpose to serve the national defence or civil emergency, OR is it a financial or budget Plan OR is it co-financed by structural funds or EAGGF programmes 2000 to 2006/7? (Art. 3.8, 3.9)	N	The Neighbourhood Plan does not have a sole purpose which falls within any of these categories.
8	Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? (Art. 3.5)	N	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan proposes Local Greenspaces and Areas of Local Separation. The limits to development have yet to be confirmed as a proposals map has not been made available as part of this informal consultation.</p> <p>No development is proposed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan; therefore, it will not impact any European sites, any national ecological sites or landscape designations.</p> <p>The Plan preserves heritage assets and will not cause increased flood risk.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan has not yet made reference to the Mansfield District Green Infrastructure Study, Community Open Space Assessment, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and SFRA Addendum, Playing Pitch Assessment and Playing Pitch (Action Plan) Strategy, Designating Local Green Space evidence and the Mansfield Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) and LCA Addendum to assist in the preparation of the Plan, but will be advised to do so through a formal consultation</p>

		<p>response. Policies in section 7.2 of the Neighbourhood Plan (Natural Environment) could be strengthened when these are referenced.</p> <p>See more detailed Assessment of Significance of Effects on the Environment in Appendix 1 of this Screening Report.</p>
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3.4 As a result of the assessment above it is unlikely that there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the Warsop Neighbourhood Plan. This Screening Assessment has been undertaken at an early stage as requested by the guidance⁵. **Therefore, the Warsop Neighbourhood Plan will not require a full SEA to be undertaken.** If further iterations of the Neighbourhood Plan are considered to be significantly different from the Working Draft (October 2018), then consideration will be given to re-screening the plan and re-consulting the consultation bodies.

3.5 The environmental assessment consultation bodies (Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency) will be consulted on this Screening Report and responses will be made available.

3. Habitats Regulations Assessment

4.1 Alongside the SEA screening process there is a need to assess whether the Neighbourhood Plan would have an adverse impact upon internationally designated wildlife sites, as required by the European Habitats Directive.

4.2 The Mansfield District Local Plan 2013 - 203311 (Publication Draft) is accompanied by a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report⁶ to examine whether the plan would have a significant effect upon any European (Natura 2000) site. There are no Natura 2000 sites located within the Mansfield District. The Birklands and Bilhaugh Special Area of Conservation (SAC) is the only Natura 2000 site located within close proximity (approximately 0.7km from the Mansfield district boundary and approximately 3km from Warsop village). A possible potential Sherwood Special Protection Area (ppSPA) based on the presence of nightjar and woodlark populations has also been assessed through the Screening Report, based on the adoption of a precautionary approach. This site is located partly within Mansfield district and also adjacent local authorities⁷.

4.3 The final report, published in September 2018, concluded that there are no likely significant effects on the Birklands & Bilhaugh Special Area of Conservation (SAC), either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, and therefore an

⁵ The SEA Guidance can be viewed at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal>

⁶ The HRA Screening Report can be viewed at: <http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=10106&p=0>

⁷ Maps can be viewed in Appendix A of the Local Plan HRA Screening Report here: <http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=10106&p=0>

Appropriate Assessment is not required. The HRA Screening Report also concluded that that no adverse effects on the Sherwood ppSPA will arise from the Mansfield District Local Plan either alone or in combination with other plans and projects.

- 4.4 The HRA Screening Report concluded that, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, the Local Plan is not likely to have a significant effect upon any European site.
- 4.5 The Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with the Local Plan. Given this requirement and in the absence of any development proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan, it is not considered that the Neighbourhood Plan will further affect any European site in addition to the impacts identified in the HRA Screening Report undertaken in 2018 for the Local Plan. **Therefore, it is considered that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.**

4. Conclusion

- 5.1 The Warsop Neighbourhood Plan has been considered against the European requirements for both environmental and habitat assessments as is required by the relevant legislation.
- 5.2 The Strategic Environmental Assessment screening process determined that it is unlikely that there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the Warsop Neighbourhood Plan. On this basis a full SEA will not be required to be undertaken.
- 5.3 An HRA Screening Report was undertaken for the Mansfield District Local Plan 2013 – 2033 which concluded that, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects; it would not be likely to have a significant effect upon any European site. As no development is proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan, it is not considered that there will be any further affect upon any European site; therefore, it is considered that an Appropriate Assessment is not required.

Appendix 1: The Environmental Assessment of Plan and Programmes Regulations 2004 Schedule 1 – Criteria for Determining the Likely Significance of Effects on the Environment.

Significant effect criteria	Assessment
The characteristics of the plans, having regard to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the degree to which the plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources; 	<p>The Warsop Neighbourhood Plan, if made, would form part of the statutory development plan; therefore, it would contribute to the future development consent of projects. However, the Neighbourhood Plan sits within a wider framework set by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the adopted Mansfield District Local Plan 1998 and the emerging Local Plan 2013 – 3033. The Neighbourhood Plan helps to set a framework for projects which are local in nature.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the degree to which the plan influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy; 	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan will be in conformity with the NPPF and the policies will conform to the strategic policies adopted Local Plan 1998 and emerging Local Plan 2013 - 2033. The Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to influence other plans or programmes.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations, in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development; 	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan will contain policies which relate to environmental considerations such as biodiversity, the historic environment and sustainability. These policies will follow national and local policies as required by the Basic Conditions. The Neighbourhood Plan will also be required to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development to be approved at Examination and be “made” by the District Council. Development would also be subject to the policies in the Mansfield District Local Plan and therefore all environmental considerations will be covered.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> environmental problems relevant to the plan; and 	<p>Note the plan has made no reference to any Mansfield District studies such as the Green Infrastructure Study, Community Open Space Assessment, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and SFRA Addendum, Playing Pitch Assessment</p>

	<p>and Playing Pitch (Action Plan) Strategy, Designating Local Green Space evidence and the Mansfield Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) and LCA Addendum to assist in the preparation of the Plan, but will be advised to do so through a formal consultation response.</p> <p>Within Warsop Parish, there are two local nature reserves (The Carrs and The Bottoms), two special sites of scientific interest (Hills and Holes and Sookholm Brook), 37 local wildlife sites, and five areas of ancient woodland. There are a number of locally and nationally designated sites and ancient woodland directly adjacent to the district boundary in neighbouring local authorities. The Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve (NNR) is directly adjacent to the district boundary and the Birklands and Bilhaugh Special Area of Conservation (SAC and SSSI) is located approximately 0.7km east of the Mansfield district boundary and approximately 3km from Warsop village.</p> <p>The parish supports a number of priority habitats, priority and protected species. This includes wetland habitats along the River Meden supporting nationally important species such as water voles and European otter. There are also oak-birch woodlands, important hedgerows, plantation woodlands, and semi-natural rich grasslands. Former mineral sites have been restored to provide areas or wildlife and access to nature for residents, such as accessible woodland north of Warsop Vale and the former Welbeck colliery in Meden Vale.</p> <p>Policy NE4 (Trees and hedgerows) and policy NE7 (Biodiversity) aim to protect and enhance biodiversity.</p> <p>The plan has undertaken an analysis of Local Green Spaces and has identified two areas of green space as being especially important. Following the</p>
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	<p>criteria as set out in national policy, the two areas of green space are designated through Policy NE2. Although this will not offer more protection than that afforded by the Local Plan, it does place special emphasis on these locations, and as such is likely to make a contribution towards biodiversity by further protecting sites of wildlife value.</p> <p>Policy NE3 affords protection to footpaths which acknowledges the potential benefit for habitats along the footpath corridors which can in turn provide wildlife corridors.</p> <p>The area contains no national landscape designations and survey work (which we have requested view of) has allowed the identification of Local Green Spaces.</p> <p>There are multiple Listed Buildings in the parish of Warsop and two Conservation Areas.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to preserve and enhance these buildings and the Conservation Areas. There are areas of flooding within the Parish but development will be directed away from these areas and subjected to individual flood risk assessments.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the relevance of the plan for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (e.g. plans linked to waste-management or water protection). 	<p>The Warsop Neighbourhood Plan is not directly relevant to any of these. The Neighbourhood Plan has to be in conformity with the Mansfield District Local Plan. The Local Plan has had regard to European Community legislation on the environment and therefore this legislation will not be relevant for the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
<p>Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard in particular to:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects; 	<p>Proposals for residential development are not specifically identified through the Neighbourhood Plan; however, there is the potential for development to take</p>

	place within the limits to development.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the cumulative nature of the effects; 	The cumulative effects of potential development which may occur will be limited to the limits of development. The impacts of development outside of the limits have been screened through the Local Plan SEA Screening Report.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the transboundary nature of the effects; 	Any development which occurred through the Plan would be located within the limits to development of Warsop. The scale of any development would have limited impact upon surrounding parishes. The plan also proposes areas of separation to avoid transboundary effects.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents); 	There are no significant risks to human health or the environment. The Plan may improve human health by protecting areas which are important to the local community for recreation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected); 	The Neighbourhood Plan relates to the parish of Warsop with potential development concentrated within the limits to development. Therefore, the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects are likely to be small.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; intensive land-use; and 	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan offers an opportunity to enhance the natural environment and cultural heritage of the area through the policies it contains.</p> <p>It is understood that future development (not identified within the Local Plan) will be located within the limits to development of Warsop with no effect upon these designated sites.</p> <p>There are listed buildings and two Conservation Areas within the parish. The Neighbourhood Plan contains policies which seek to preserve and enhance heritage assets and development would be required to take these assets into consideration.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status 	The district contains no national landscape designations, and as such there will be no effect. The two areas of greenspace are within the Sherwood Forest Landscape Character Area. As such, additional protection to these areas

	will be afforded.
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