

Outline BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT

(DRAFT - MAY 2014 – based on Arundel’s Statement)

1. Legal Requirements

1.1 This Statement has been prepared by to accompany its submission to the local planning authority of theNeighbourhood Development Plan (“the Neighbourhood Plan”) under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”).

1.2 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the....., a qualifying body, for the Neighbourhood Area covering....., as designated by(*local planning authority – LPA*).....on(*date*)..... [*if relevant also add:*Forum was designated by on(*date*).....]

1.3 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(*date*)..... to(*date*).....and it does not contain policies relating to excluded development in accordance with the Regulations.

1.4 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 to the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act.

1.5 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.

2. Introduction and Background

[Here you can briefly detail when work started, why you wanted to produce a plan, how you have proceeded and local details of process etc. Keep it to essentials and brief, and remember that the Consultation Statement will deal with that subject.]

3. 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. *[if relevant, mention if each policy references the NPPF]*

3.2 *[any other comments – you may like to consider the following general paragraphs in the NPPF that refer to neighbourhood plan requirements?: Para 16 Para 183 Para 184 Para 185]*

3.3 Set out in Table 1 below, is a brief summary of how each policy conforms to the NPPF. The particular 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

NP Policy Number and Title	NPPF paragraph	Comment on conformity

[fill this in with your policies and consideration of relevant sections of the NPPF]

4. General conformity with the strategic Policies of the development plan

4.1 The development plan for Is the and

4.2 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to ensure its general conformity with the development plan for *[if relevant, detail emerging plans and how you have taken them into account – this is not a requirement for basic conditions though].*

4.3 Table 2 below sets out how each policy is in general conformity with the

Table 2: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan policies with the strategic development plan policies

NP Policy Number and Title	Relevant local plan policy	Comment on conformity

[fill this in with your policies and consideration of relevant policies in the development plan]

5. Contribution to Achieving Sustainable Development

5.1 A Sustainability Appraisal has not been undertaken as this is not a requirement for a Neighbourhood Plan. However, the Neighbourhood Plan has taken account of the need to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.

5.2 The strategic objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan *[you may wish to discuss how the objectives of your plan promote sustainable development?]*

5.3 Table 3 below has assessed our plan’s policies in terms of how it will deliver sustainable development in the economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainability. It shows that the plan’s policies are*[summary of what table does show here]*

Table 3: Assessment of sustainability of Neighbourhood Plan policies

Policy no. and title	Economic factors	Social factors	Environmental factors	Comments

*[Fill this in with your policies, and assess your policies against the economic, social and environmental factors on a scale – for example ** very positive * positive - neutral | x negative xx very negative]*

6. Compatibility with EU Obligations and legislation

6.1 The Neighbourhood Plan has regard to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act.

6.2 A screening opinion was issued byin which advised that the Neighbourhood Plan

6.3 **Either:** The Neighbourhood Area is not in close proximity to any European designated nature sites so does not require an Appropriate Assessment under the EU Habitats Regulations. **Or** *[detail any assessment you had to undertake]*.