

EDGMOND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
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BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT

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EDGMOND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BASIC CONDITIONS STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

This Basic Conditions Statement has been produced to explain how the proposed Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan (ENP) has been prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning General Regulations 2015 and how the basic conditions of neighbourhood planning and other considerations as prescribed by Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 have been considered to have been met.

The Statement addresses each of the four 'basic conditions' required of the Regulations and explains how the submitted Neighbourhood Plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act.

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); and
- the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.

Supporting documents and evidence

The ENP is supported by this Basic Conditions Statement, a Consultation Statement and a thorough evidence base.

Key statements

Edgmond Parish Council is a qualifying body and entitled to submit a Neighbourhood Plan for its own parish. The ENP expresses policies that relate to the development and use of land only within the neighbourhood area.

The neighbourhood area is contiguous with the parish boundary, as shown in the map accompanying the neighbourhood area designation application.

The ENP covers the period from 2017 to 2031.

No provision for excluded development such as national infrastructure is contained within the Neighbourhood Plan.

The ENP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It is solely related to the area of Edgmond as designated by Telford & Wrekin Council on 26th September 2016.

There are no other Neighbourhood Development Plans in place for the Edgmond neighbourhood area.

CONFORMITY WITH NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

It is required that the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan (ENP) has appropriate regard to national planning policy. This is principally provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The NPPF in sections 183-185 refers to Neighbourhood Development Plans and seeks those plans to have regard to the policies in the NPPF and to be in 'general conformity' with the strategic policies of the Local Plan.

This section demonstrates that the ENP has regard to relevant policies within the NPPF in relation to:

- Building a strong, competitive economy
- Ensuring the vitality of town centres
- Supporting a prosperous rural economy
- Promoting sustainable transport
- Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes
- Requiring good design
- Promoting healthy communities
- Protecting Green Belt land
- Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
- Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
- Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

The ENP has 12 principal objectives. We summarise them in Table 1 below and which NPPF goals each objective seeks to address.

Table 2 then provides a summary of how each policy in the ENP conforms specifically to the NPPF.

Table 1: Neighbourhood Plan objectives and NPPF goals

ENP Objective	Relevant NPPF Goal
To allow future infill development of a scale and type in keeping with the rural character and identity of the village.	Supporting a prosperous rural economy Requiring good design
To support the provision of a range of house types and tenures on appropriate sites within Edgmond village and the wider Parish.	Supporting a prosperous rural economy Requiring good design
To prevent the merging of built-up areas by protecting and enhancing open spaces to retain the rural character and identity of Edgmond village and the wider Parish.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
To protect and enhance green areas, natural habitat, wildlife and biodiversity in and around the village and to encourage appropriate management.	Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
To respect the Conservation Area and support sympathetic design to protect and enhance the Conservation Area for the benefit of the entire community.	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

<p>To conserve local open spaces by protecting and enhancing existing open spaces and recreational areas of value to the community whilst ensuring the village retains its rural character.</p>	<p>Promoting healthy communities Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</p>
<p>To encourage suitable employment opportunities and work to improve public transport options and broadband connectivity.</p>	<p>Supporting a prosperous rural economy</p>
<p>To encourage the provision of alternative, safe and convenient means of travel so as to minimise the use of cars in and around the Parish and reduce the associated problems of noise, pollution and parking.</p>	<p>Promoting sustainable transport</p>
<p>To provide a safe, accessible and well maintained network of roads, cycle routes, footpaths, rights of way and pavements whilst retaining a rural character to support a more sustainable environment, reduce reliance on the car and offer healthier lifestyle options.</p>	<p>Promoting healthy communities Promoting sustainable transport</p>
<p>To improve safety by reducing vehicle speed and limiting access by heavy goods vehicles.</p>	<p>Conserving and enhancing the natural environment Conserving and enhancing the historic environment</p>
<p>To protect existing facilities and services considered important for a vibrant community and support the development of new ones which will benefit the community.</p>	<p>Supporting a prosperous rural economy Promoting healthy communities</p>
<p>To increase opportunities to access community facilities and to enhance the range of activities and facilities available for all.</p>	<p>Supporting a prosperous rural economy Promoting healthy communities</p>

Table 2: Conformity of Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan policies with NPPF

Policy Ref	Policy	NPPF Paragraphs	Comments
RES1	Residential development within Edgmond village	7, 16, 54, 55, and 126	Seeks to support an appropriate scale of new development on infill sites in Edgmond village respecting the character and identity of the village
RES2	New housing development outside Edgmond village	7, 9, 16, 51, and 55.	Seeks to protect the open countryside beyond the settlements from inappropriate development and to prevent settlements joining together.
RES3	Design of new housing	9, 16, 35, 56, 58, 126, and 128	Seeks to ensure that housing development is in keeping with the design of surrounding housing, without stifling good or innovative design.
RES4	Conservation of Edgmond's historic character	9, 16, 17, 56, 58, 65, 126, 132, 133, 134, and 138	Recognises the importance of protecting and enhancing Edgmond's unique historic character and the importance of its rural setting.
RES5	Type and tenure of housing	9, 16, 50, and 54	Addresses the need for a mix of dwelling sizes – and particularly a greater proportion of smaller dwellings than has been delivered in the past - in order to provide for local needs.
G1	Local Green Spaces	7, 9, 16, 70, 74, 76, and 77	Makes use of the provision for making a designation and addresses key criteria in terms of its accessibility, function and value to the community.
G2	Ecology and landscape	7, 9, 16, and 117	Recognises the important role environmental assets play within the Parish and seeks to protect and enhance these through the development process.
G3	Linkages and connections	7, 9, 16, 35, and 75	Seeks to improve access to key facilities within the Parish and ensure that non-car users have alternative routes to the existing road network
E1	Small-scale employment development	7, 9, 16, 19, and 28	Strongly supports the development of appropriate small-scale, rural enterprise which will help suitable businesses to flourish in the Parish.
E2	Tourism and leisure development	28	Seeks to support the opportunities for the parish to enhance its role as a tourist destination

E3	Harper Adams University	28, 32, and 36	Acknowledges the role played by the University at all levels and seeks to support its ongoing development whilst minimising detrimental impact on the Parish
C1	Community facilities	7, 9, 16, 28, and 70	Seeks to protect against the loss of community facilities that are important to the well-being of residents in the Parish
C2	Developer contributions	7, 9, 16, 28, and 70	Recognises the importance of community infrastructure and seeks improvements through appropriate developer contributions.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The NPPF states in paragraph 14 that a presumption in favour of sustainable development is at the heart of the NPPF and ‘should be seen as a golden thread running through both plan -making and decision-taking.’

Table 3 below summarises how the objectives and policies in the ENP contribute towards sustainable development, as defined in the NPPF.

Table 3: Assessment of ENP objectives and policies against sustainable development

Deliver Economic Sustainability	
NPPF Definition – ‘Contribute to building a strong, responsive economy’	
ENP Objectives	7.To encourage suitable employment opportunities and work to improve public transport options and broadband connectivity.
ENP Policies	E1: Small-scale employment development E2: Tourism and leisure development E3: Harper Adams University
Comments	The ENP seeks to promote rural enterprise. In particular it seeks to support appropriate small scale employment uses through new-build or conversions and through support for appropriately located and scaled tourism development. The ENP supports the future development and ongoing success of Harper Adams University and acknowledges its wider relevance to the rural economic issues.

Deliver Social Sustainability	
NPPF Definition – ‘Support strong vibrant and healthy communities’	
ENP Objectives	2. To support the provision of a range of house types and tenures on appropriate sites within Edgmond village and the wider Parish. 9. To provide a safe, accessible and well maintained network of roads, cycle routes, footpaths, rights of way and pavements whilst retaining a rural character to support a more sustainable environment, reduce reliance on the car and offer healthier lifestyle options. 10. To improve safety by reducing vehicle speed and limiting access by heavy goods vehicles. 11. To protect existing facilities and services considered important for a vibrant community and support the development of new ones which will benefit the community. 12. To increase opportunities to access community facilities and to enhance the range of activities and facilities available for all.
ENP Policies	RES1: Residential development within Edgmond Village RES2: New housing development outside Edgmond village RES5: Type and tenure of housing G2: Ecology and Landscape G3: Linkages and connections E1: Small-scale employment development E3: Harper Adams University C1: Community facilities C2: Developer contributions
Comments	The ENP seeks to maintain a thriving community within the parish, recognising that the community needs to maintain and if possible increase

	<p>the range of community facilities available and that a vibrant successful community requires a range of housing and access to suitable employment opportunities. This it aims to achieve by supporting appropriate employment development and housing development and by seeking to protect existing local green spaces and environmental assets. The health of the community is supported by encouraging walking and cycling, reducing the impact of HGV's and protecting existing recreation facilities. It also seeks to maintain the character and identity of the Parish by protecting the open spaces and the countryside from inappropriate development.</p>
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Deliver Environmental Sustainability	
NPPF Definition – ‘Contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment and mitigate and adapt to climate change’	
ENP Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To allow future infill development of a scale and type in keeping with the rural character and identity of the village. 3. To prevent the merging of built-up areas by protecting and enhancing open spaces to retain the rural character and identity of Edgmond village and the wider Parish. 4. To protect and enhance green areas, natural habitat, wildlife and biodiversity in and around the village and to encourage appropriate management. 5. To respect the Conservation Area and support sympathetic design to protect and enhance the Conservation Area for the benefit of the entire community. 6. To conserve local open spaces by protecting and enhancing existing open spaces and recreational areas of value to the community whilst ensuring the village retains its rural character. 8. To encourage the provision of alternative, safe and convenient means of travel so as to minimise the use of cars in and around the Parish and reduce the associated problems of noise, pollution and parking.
ENP Policies	<p>RES1: Residential development within Edgmond Village RES2: New housing development outside Edgmond village RES3: Design of new housing RES4: Conservation of Edgmond's historic character RES5: Type and tenure of housing G1: Local Green Spaces G2: Ecology and Landscape G3: Linkages and Connections</p>
Comments	<p>The ENP seeks to protect the character of the Parish and Edgmond village by requiring good design of new development and by designating certain spaces as local green spaces of importance to the local community. Particular emphasis is placed on the importance of the Edgmond conservation area and the character and identity it brings to the village. The value of biodiversity and environmental assets for health benefits and to mitigating the negative impacts of development is also recognised. The ENP also places a focus on reducing traffic congestion and travel by the private car to reduce carbon emissions.</p>

As demonstrated in Table 3, the strategic objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan are considered to comprise a balance of social, economic and environmental goals.

Telford & Wrekin Council considered that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was not required because the ENP is not likely to have a significant impact upon the environment.

GENERAL CONFORMITY WITH THE STRATEGIC POLICIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The development plan currently consists of the following:

- The 'emerging' Telford & Wrekin Local Plan 2011 – 2031
- Telford & Wrekin Core Strategy 2006 - 2016
- Saved policies of Wrekin Local Plan 1995 - 2006
- Saved policies of the Shropshire County Council and Telford & Wrekin Minerals Local Plan 2000

The ENP has been prepared alongside the emerging Telford & Wrekin Local Plan and conformity is judged very much against these policies as a pragmatic approach thus avoiding built in obsolescence for the ENP. It is considered unlikely that conformity issues will be raised as a result of the Inspector's Report on the draft Telford & Wrekin Local Plan. It remains a requirement of the Basic Conditions however that general conformity must be with the **development plan** which still includes the Telford & Wrekin Core Strategy 2006 – 2016 and the saved policies of the Wrekin Local Plan 1995 – 2006, although both will be replaced by the emerging local plan once adopted. Evidently both existing documents are time expired and pre-date, so have not been prepared in accordance with, NPPF or NPPG so in order to minimise any conflict between emerging Plans, the focus of attention has been on conformity with policies in the emerging Telford & Wrekin Local Plan and NPPF.

The policies of relevance are shown in Tables 4,5 and 6 below, along with a consideration of whether they represent the strategic policies of the development plan. Where they do, consideration is made of whether the ENP is in general conformity with them.

Any policy that is not identified in Table 4,5, and 6 is not considered to be relevant to the ENP because the ENP does not have any policies that directly relate to it.

It is confirmed that there are no policies in the 2000 Shropshire County Council and Telford & Wrekin Minerals Local Plan that the ENP policies have any relevance to.

Table 4: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan policies with saved policies of T&W Wrekin Local Plan 1995 - 2006

(N.B. Both the national framework and the Council’s development strategy have altered considerably since adoption of the Wrekin Local Plan in February 2000 so general conformity with existing saved policies of the Wrekin Local Plan is considered to be of reduced significance in relation to conformity with the emerging local plan and The NPPF).

Wrekin Local Plan 1995 – 2006 Saved Policy	ENP Policy
E6: Rural Employment General	<p>E1: Small-scale employment development E2: Tourism and leisure development E3: Harper Adams University</p> <p>ENP policy conforms to relevant Saved Local Plan policy. The parish is predominantly rural and these policies strongly support the development of appropriate small-scale rural enterprise which will help business to flourish in the Parish</p>
H9: Location of New Housing	<p>RES1: Residential development within Edgmond Village RES2: New housing development outside Edgmond village</p> <p>ENP policy does not conform to Saved Local Plan policy. Saved policy H9 (as amended) seeks to refuse new residential development in Edgmond. However this approach was relaxed in the Core Strategy, has been significantly altered in the emerging Local Plan, and is not necessarily compatible with NPPF. This minor point of non-conformity is not considered significant given the dated nature of policy H9 and the emerging Local Plan situation.</p>
H22: Community Facilities	<p>C2: Developer contributions</p> <p>Saved Local Plan policy H22 seeks contributions to new community facilities and the ENP recognises that this is especially important in rural communities to maintain social sustainability. Policy C2 seeks opportunities to improve community facilities through developer contributions.</p>
H24: Affordable Housing Rural Exceptions	<p>RES5: Type and tenure of housing</p> <p>Policy RES5 of the ENP is in conformity with and supports the Saved Local Plan approach to affordable housing provision in rural areas particularly if the possibility of affordable housing provision on exceptions sites arises. The ENP supports such schemes where they comply with Local Plan policy.</p>
T22: Planning Obligations	<p>RES3: Design of new housing G3: Linkages and Connections</p>

Wrekin Local Plan 1995 – 2006 Saved Policy	ENP Policy
	<p>E1: Small-scale employment development E2: Tourism and leisure development C2: Developer contributions</p> <p>Saved Local Plan policy requires all development to provide and fund its own transport needs. The ENP recognises that traffic congestion and highways safety are important issues in rural communities and seeks to ensure that new development does not adversely affect local road networks whilst also seeking the promotion of alternative forms of transport or traffic reduction/highway safety measures through developer contributions.</p>
OL6: Open Land	<p>RES2: New Housing Outside Edgmond village RES4: Conservation of Edgmonds Historic Character G1: Local Green Spaces</p> <p>The ENP seeks to protect valued open spaces in the Parish by restricting development in the countryside around Edgmond village as well as designation of locally valued open space as Local Green Spaces in line with paras 76 and 77 of the NPPF. By doing so the ENP is in conformity with Saved Local Plan policy OL6 which aims to protect locally important open land.</p>
OL11: Woodland and Trees	<p>G2: Ecology and Landscape</p> <p>The Saved Local Plan recognises the contribution that trees and woodlands make to biodiversity, amenity and landscape value. Policy G2 of the ENP makes specific reference to protecting and enhancing trees, hedgerows and existing woodlands in order to protect the biodiversity and landscape assets of the Parish.</p>
HE3: New Development in Conservation Areas and HE25: Buildings of Local Interest	<p>RES4: Conservation of Edgmond’s historic character</p> <p>The ENP seeks to protect and enhance the Edgmond Conservation Area, protect locally important buildings, and to support appropriate development in surrounding areas to avoid negative impact on the character and setting of the Conservation Area.</p>

Table 5: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan policies with T&W Core Strategy 2006 – 2016

T&W Core Strategy 2006-2016 policy	ENP Policy
CS2: Jobs	<p>E1: Small-scale employment development E2: Tourism and leisure development E3: Harper Adams University</p> <p>ENP policy conforms to relevant Core Strategy policy. The parish is predominantly rural and these policies seek to create sustainable communities by supporting and enhancing the rural economy and recognising the importance of Harper Adams University</p>
CS7: Rural Area	<p>RES1: Residential development within Edgmond Village RES2: New housing development outside Edgmond village</p> <p>The ENP is in conformity with and helps to deliver the T&W Core Strategy approach for the rural area set out in policy CS7 by allowing limited housing development in Edgmond village whilst seeking to restrict development in the open countryside to maintain the areas rural characteristics.</p>
CS9: Access and Social Inclusion	<p>RES3: Design of new housing G3: Linkages and Connections E1: Small-scale employment development E2: Tourism and leisure development C2: Developer contributions</p> <p>The T&W Core Strategy aims to improve social inclusion and accessibility. The ENP recognises that traffic congestion and highways safety are important issues in rural communities and seeks to ensure that new development does not adversely affect local road networks whilst also seeking the promotion of alternative forms of transport or traffic reduction/highway safety measures through developer contributions. The policies of the ENP generally seek to reduce reliance on car journeys but policies G3 and C2 actively seek the promotion of alternative forms of transport or traffic reduction/highway safety measures through developer contributions.</p>
CS10: Community Facilities	<p>G1: Local Green Spaces C1: Community facilities C2: Developer contributions</p>

T&W Core Strategy 2006-2016 policy	ENP Policy
	T&W Core Strategy policy CS10 seeks to preserve existing community facilities and the ENP applies this to a rural area where the protection of community facilities is especially important in rural communities to maintain social sustainability. Policies G1 and C1 of the ENP seek to protect existing community facilities whilst C2 seeks opportunities to improve community facilities through developer contributions.
CS11: Open Space	<p>G1: Local Green Spaces</p> <p>The ENP seeks to protect valued open spaces in Edgmond village through their designation as Local Green Spaces in line with paras 76 and 77 of the NPPF. By doing so the ENP is in conformity with policy CS11 of the T&W Core Strategy which aims to protect both formal and informal open spaces.</p>
CS12: Natural Environment and CS13: Environmental Resources	<p>RES2: New housing development outside Edgmond village G1: Local Green Spaces G2: Ecology and Landscape</p> <p>In line with policy CS12 of the T&W Core Strategy the ENP aims to protect the natural environment in the Parish and around Edgmond village in particular from inappropriate development. Local Green Space designation will also help to protect green spaces and their wildlife features.</p>
CS14: Cultural, Historic and Built Environment	<p>RES1: Residential development within Edgmond Village RES3: Design of new housing RES4: Conservation of Edgmond's historic character E2: Tourism and leisure development</p> <p>In line with policy CS14 of the T&W Core Strategy the ENP seeks to protect and enhance the Edgmond Conservation Area and to support appropriate development in surrounding areas to avoid negative impact on the character and setting of the Conservation Area. Policy CS14 also encourages sustainable tourism in the Borough as supported by ENP policy EC2</p>
CS15: Urban Design	<p>RES3: Design of new housing RES4: Conservation of Edgmond's historic character G2: Ecology and landscape G3: Linkages and Connections</p>

T&W Core Strategy 2006-2016 policy	ENP Policy
	The ENP is committed to promoting well designed appropriate new development with particular emphasis on the Edgmond conservation area and the wider historic character and rural setting of the village and is in conformity with Core Strategy policy CS15. ENP policies G1 and G2 focus on wider design issues for environmental assets and accessibility.

Table 6: Conformity of Neighbourhood Plan policies with Emerging T&W Local Plan 2011-2031

T&W Local Plan policy	ENP Policy
SP3: Rural Area	<p>RES1: Residential development within Edgmond Village RES2: New housing development outside Edgmond village E1: Small-scale employment development E2: Tourism and leisure development E3: Harper Adams University</p> <p>The ENP is in conformity with and helps to deliver the T&W Local Plan approach for the rural area set out in policy SP3 by supporting appropriate limited housing development in Edgmond village and suitable small scale employment development in the whole Parish whilst seeking to maintain the areas rural characteristics and community vitality and resilience.</p>
SP4: Presumption in favour of sustainable development	<p>RES1: Residential development within Edgmond Village RES2: New housing development outside Edgmond village RES3: Design of new housing RES4: Conservation of Edgmond’s historic character G1: Local Green Spaces G2: Ecology and Landscape G3: Linkages and Connections E1: Small-scale employment development E2: Tourism and leisure development C1: Community facilities C2: Developer contributions</p> <p>The T&W Local Plan sets out 13 criteria in policy SP4 that it considers contribute to sustainable development. The ENP is in conformity with these principles where relevant particularly through the policies listed supporting appropriately located, suitable and well designed new development, the improvement and protection of the valued natural and built environment of the Parish, the need to protect and improve community facilities and to reduce reliance on car journeys</p>
HO5: Affordable Housing thresholds and percentages	RES5: Type and tenure of housing

T&W Local Plan policy	ENP Policy
HO6: Delivery of affordable housing HO11: Affordable rural exceptions	Policy RES5 of the ENP is in conformity with and supports the T&W Local Plan approach to affordable housing provision in rural areas particularly if the possibility of affordable housing provision on exceptions sites arises. The ENP supports such schemes where they comply with Local Plan policy.
HO10: Residential development in the rural area	RES1: Residential development within Edgmond Village RES2: New housing development outside Edgmond village RES3: Design of new housing RES4: Conservation of Edgmond's historic character RES5: Type and tenure of housing The ENP is in conformity with the Local Plans approach to residential development in rural areas. Policy RES1 supports the delivery of new rural housing and with RES2 ensures the focus of new housing development is within Edgmond village. Policy RES3 and RES4 provide guidance on appropriate design whilst policy RES5 seeks to support the appropriate mix of housing to address needs alongside potential exceptions sites for affordable housing.
BE1: Design criteria	RES3: Design of new housing RES4: Conservation of Edgmond's historic character G2: Ecology and landscape G3: Linkages and Connections The ENP is committed to promoting well designed appropriate new development with particular emphasis on the Edgmond conservation area and the wider historic character and rural setting of the village. Policies G1 and G2 focus on wider design issues for environmental assets and accessibility.
BE5: Conservation Areas	RES1: Residential development within Edgmond Village RES3: Design of new housing RES4: Conservation of Edgmond's historic character The ENP seeks to protect and enhance the Edgmond Conservation Area and to support appropriate development in surrounding areas to avoid negative impact on the character and setting of the Conservation Area.
C1: Promoting alternatives to the private car	G3: Linkages and Connections C2: Developer contributions

T&W Local Plan policy	ENP Policy
	<p>The policies of the ENP generally seek to reduce reliance on car journeys but policies G3 and C2 actively seek the promotion of alternative forms of transport or traffic reduction/highway safety measures through developer contributions.</p>
<p>C3: Impact of development on highways</p>	<p>RES3: Design of new housing G3: Linkages and Connections E1: Small-scale employment development E2: Tourism and leisure development C2: Developer contributions</p> <p>The T&W Local Plan requires all development to mitigate site specific highway issues. The ENP recognises that traffic congestion and highways safety are important issues in rural communities and seeks to ensure that new development does not adversely affect local road networks whilst also seeking the promotion of alternative forms of transport or traffic reduction/highway safety measures through developer contributions.</p>
<p>C4: Design of roads and streets</p>	<p>RES3: Design of new housing G3: Linkages and Connections E1: Small-scale employment development C2: Developer contributions</p> <p>Policy C4 of the T&W Local Plan recognises the importance of the design and accessibility to the long term sustainability of new development. Whilst the scale of new development promoted in the ENP is modest it nevertheless promotes the importance of good design ensuring safe accessibility and compatibility with walking and cycling.</p>
<p>C5: Design of parking</p>	<p>RES3: Design of new housing</p> <p>Policy RES3 of the ENP acknowledges the importance of parking provision to well designed new development and specifically references the parking standards in Appendix F of the T&W Local Plan.</p>
<p>EC3: Employment in the rural area</p>	<p>E1: Small-scale employment development E2: Tourism and leisure development E3: Harper Adams University</p> <p>The T&W Local Plan is supportive of a flexible approach to new employment development in the rural area. The ENP in policies E1 and E2 promotes appropriate and suitable new employment and tourism development in the parish</p>

T&W Local Plan policy	ENP Policy
	either as new build or conversion of existing buildings. Policy E3 supports the development of Harper Adams University as both a major employer in the rural area and as an academic and research institute investigating agricultural and rural enterprise.
EC12: Leisure cultural and tourism development	E2: Tourism and leisure development Although mostly concerned with developments within or adjacent to the borough's main centres T&WLP policy EC12 supports other development that cannot be accommodated in these centres such as rural tourist facilities and accommodation supported by ENP policy EC2.
NE1: Biodiversity and Geodiversity	RES2: New housing development outside Edgmond village G1: Local Green Spaces G2: Ecology and Landscape In line with policy NE1 of the T&W Local Plan the ENP aims to protect and enhance biodiversity and landscape features, improve connectivity between green spaces, and protect the countryside in the Parish and around Edgmond village in particular from inappropriate development. Local Green Space designation will also help to protect green spaces and their wildlife features.
NE2: Trees, hedgerows and woodlands	G2: Ecology and Landscape The T&W Local Plan recognises the contribution that trees, hedgerows and woodlands make to biodiversity, amenity and landscape value. Policy G2 of the ENP makes specific reference to protecting and enhancing trees, hedgerows and existing woodlands in order to protect the biodiversity and landscape assets of the Parish.
NE3: Existing public open space	G1: Local Green Spaces The ENP seeks to protect valued open spaces in Edgmond village through their designation as Local Green Spaces in line with paras 76 and 77 of the NPPF. By doing so the ENP is in conformity with policy NE3 of the T&W Local Plan which aims to protect both formal and informal open spaces.
COM1: Community facilities	G1: Local Green Spaces C1: Community facilities C2: Developer contributions T&W Local Plan policy COM1 seeks to preserve existing community facilities and the ENP applies this to a rural area where the protection of community facilities is especially important in rural communities to maintain social

T&W Local Plan policy	ENP Policy
	sustainability. Policies G1 and C1 of the ENP seek to protect existing community facilities whilst C2 seeks opportunities to improve community facilities through developer contributions.

DOES NOT BREACH, AND IS COMPATIBLE WITH, EU OBLIGATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS

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

In December 2016 Edgmond Parish Council submitted a formal screening request regarding the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and an Appropriate Assessment under the EU Habitats Regulations of the draft ENP. In January 2017 Screening Statements were produced in conjunction with Telford & Wrekin Council stating that neither an SEA nor an HRA ('Appropriate Assessment') was required. These Screening Statements are included as part of the ENP submission and responses confirming the findings from Natural England, Environment Agency and Historic England are included in the Consultation Statement.

Based on the screening statements and responses received, the Parish Council considers that the ENP does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment under the SEA Directive and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (2004) nor a Habitats Regulations Assessment under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended). This is because there will be no significant environmental effects arising from its implementation and that it supplements national guidance whilst for HRA purposes none of the proposed policies within the ENP has potential to lead to a Likely Significant Effect on a European Site. Therefore, the ENP can be 'screened out' of the HRA process and an 'Appropriate Assessment' is not required. Amendments made to the ENP following Regulation 14 are not significant in relation to SEA and HRA so the Parish Council considers the findings of the screening statements to be unaffected.