

# Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review

## Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement

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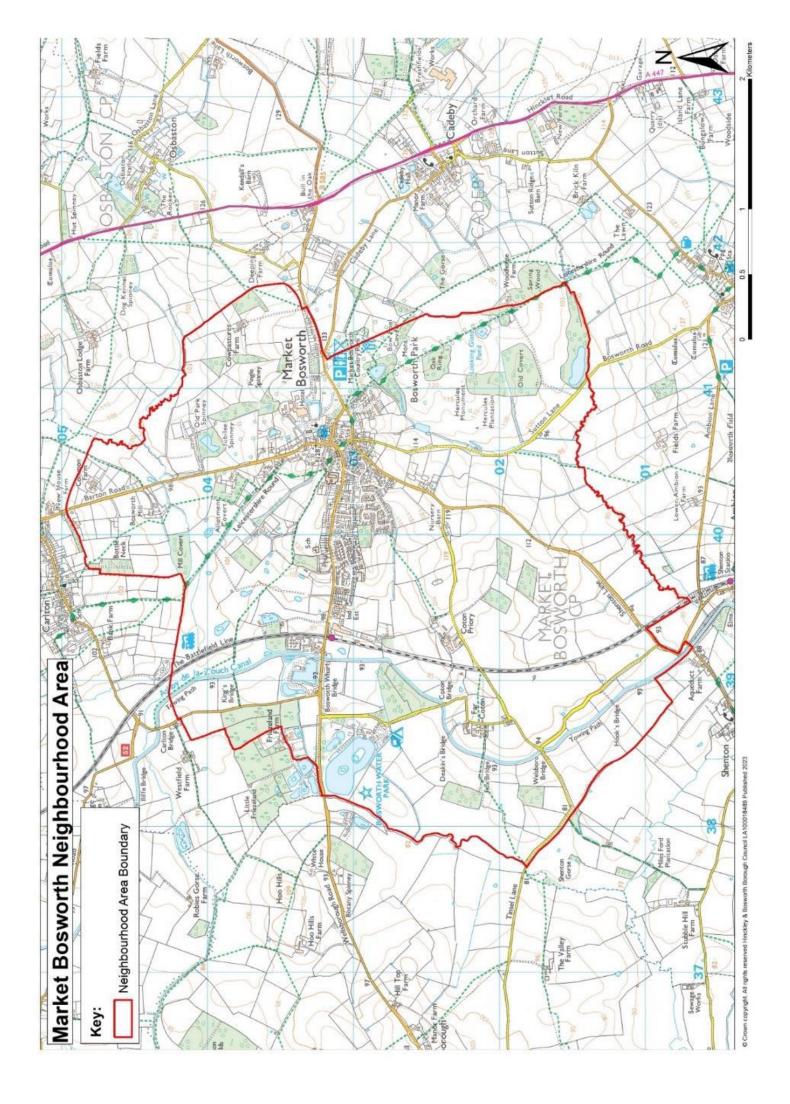
### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement has been prepared on behalf of Market Bosworth Parish Council by Planit-X Town and Country Planning Services in relation to the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review (Draft Pre-Submission 2023).
- 1.2 Following a positive referendum result (3 September 2015), on 4 September 2015 Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council 'made' the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan part of the Borough's Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 1.3 In March 2021 a minor modification was made to the Neighbourhood Plan by adopting an interim revised Housing Needs Requirement in light of the updated Housing Needs Assessment, published in 2020.
- 1.4 Subsequently the Parish Council and the Bosworth Vision Planning Group have undertaken a review and update of the Neighbourhood Plan, to take account of national planning policy and guidance as well as to extend the time period of the Neighbourhood Plan to 2039. These modifications are incorporated into a draft version of the revised Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.5 In addition, the Neighbourhood Area has been amended and designated following a Community Governance Review since the adoption of the original Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.6 The purpose of the Screening Statement is to set out a screening opinion in relation to whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process is required to accompany the development of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review. The Draft Screening Statement is to be provided to the statutory consultation bodies for SEA (Historic England, the Environment Agency and Natural England) for their opinion.
- 1.7 SEA is a systematic process undertaken to evaluate the likely significant environmental effects of plans. The requirement for SEA in England was introduced in 2004 through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulation 2004 ('The SEA Regulations'), which transposed the European SEA Directive (2001/42/EC).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The UK left the EU on 31st January 2020. Under the UK-EU withdrawal agreement, a transition period ended on 31st December 2020, during which time all EU law continued to apply to the UK. During the transition period the UK needed to continue following domestic law that implements EU law, or directly applicable EU law that is given effect through the EUWA 2018. Beyond the transition period, the SEA Regulations, which previously implemented the requirements of the SEA Directive in England, will continue to apply as before unless and until new legislation is introduced



- 1.8 One of the 'Basic Conditions' that a neighbourhood plan is tested against is whether the making of the neighbourhood plan is compatible with European Union obligations, including obligations under the SEA Directive. Neighbourhood plans only require SEA where they are likely to lead to significant environmental effects. To decide whether a proposed neighbourhood plan is likely to have significant environmental effects, it should be screened against the criteria set out in Annex 2 of the SEA Directive. Where it is determined that the neighbourhood plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects (and, accordingly, does not require SEA), a statement of reasons for this determination should be prepared and published for consultation with the statutory consultation bodies (Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England). Where a neighbourhood plan is likely to have a significant effect on the environment an SEA process must be carried out.
- 1.9 To demonstrate how the first Neighbourhood Plan contributed to improvements in environmental conditions a SEA was undertaken.
- 1.10 This Screening Statement provides a screening opinion as to whether the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review is likely to lead to significant environment effects, and as such requires a SEA process.





## 2. Details of the Neighbourhood Plan

Title of the plan:

2.1 Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan 2020 -2039.

Name of Qualifying Body and Local Planning Authority:

2.2 The qualifying body preparing the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan is Market Bosworth Parish Council. The Local Planning Authority is Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.

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#### Location and spatial extent of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan:

- 2.3 The Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan covers the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Area, comprising the Parish of Market Bosworth in the west of Leicestershire (Page 3). The Neighbourhood Plan area has been amended and designated to reflect the current boundary of Markert Bosworth parish.
- 2.4 The Neighbourhood Area is a rural parish, comprising the small rural town of Market Bosworth and the small settlement of Far Coton. Community and local facilities and services within the Parish include a number of schools, medical services, library, shops, open space and sport and recreational facilities, public house and a fire station. However the availability of public transport provision has reduced and there is no longer a bus service available between Market Bosworth, Coalville and Hinckley.
- 2.5 Market Bosworth was once a predominately agricultural centre but now the attractiveness of the town makes it a key local tourist destination. The site of the final battle of the War of the Roses is also located nearby to the south of the town.



#### Timeframe of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan:

2.6 2020 to 2039.

#### Vision of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan:

2.7 The Neighbourhood Plan provides policies for decision makers, planners and developers on how to deliver our vision of a :

"vibrant, well balanced community that continues to be a great place to live, be educated, work and visit, The Plan maintains Market Bosworth's historic character as a small town with a regular market, attractive conservation area and a variety of open spaces, which acts as a centre for surrounding farms and villages."

#### Main aims of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan:

- 2.8 The main aims of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan are as follows.
  - To work closely with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to manage the development of the allocated site supported by the local community and meet the housing requirement in the emerging Local Plan.
  - 2. To provide a planning framework for development that:
    - a. Reinforces the quality and character of Market Bosworth
    - b. Is sensitive to the local ambience which combines a thriving and often busy core with nearby areas of tranquil open space
    - c. Protects and enriches the landscape
    - d. Takes account of the impact of new development on the Conservation Area and other heritage assets
  - 3. To prioritise local distinctiveness in every element of change and future development.
  - 4. To strengthen and support economic activity within the Neighbourhood Area.
  - 5. To seek improvements to traffic flow, congestion, and parking.
  - 6. To seek improvements to digital connectivity.
  - 7. To maintain and improve local facilities and services for the local community.

#### Relationship with the Local Plan:

2.9 The Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared in the context of the Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan. For the purposes of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan, the relevant parts of the Local Plan 2006-2026 (formerly LDF) are the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) and the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD.



- 2.10 The Hinckley and Bosworth Core Strategy was adopted in December 2009 and is the Strategic Part 1 Local Plan. It provides the vision and spatial strategy for the borough and identifies development requirements for its main urban areas. Most new development will be accommodated in and around Hinckley. The Core Strategy also identifies development requirements for key rural centres such as Market Bosworth and identifies a minimum housing requirement of 100 new homes for the village of Market Bosworth over the period 2006-2026.
- 2.11 The Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD was adopted in 2016 and identifies sites for uses such as housing, employment, retail, open space and community facilities that will deliver the aims, vision and objectives of the Core Strategy. It also contains development management policies which will be used to assess planning applications over the plan period. This document identifies that the residual minimum housing requirement for Market Bosworth, as of 1 September 2021, is 43 dwellings. This DPD allocates 'Land South of Station Road and Heath Road' for mixed use development to include a minimum of 100 dwellings,
- 2.12 A parallel process of Sustainability Appraisal (SA) was undertaken alongside the plan-making process for these two documents.
- 2.13 Work on the new Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan began early in 2017. The new Local Plan will set out the overall development strategy for Hinckley and Bosworth Borough for the period 2020 to 2039. It will include strategic policies and allocate sites to meet identified development needs such as for homes, jobs, retail, recreation/open space, nature conservation and other required land uses as identified by evidence. It will provide appropriate policies and guidance by which to determine planning applications; for example design guidance, conservation and protection of natural resources.
- 2.14 Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council consulted residents, community groups, businesses and other interested parties on the draft Local Plan (Regulation 19) from 9 February to 23 March 2022. Originally, the Local Plan had been due to be sent to the Secretary of State for examination in 2022, however submission is now timetabled for May 2025. Prior to submission a further Regulation 19 consultation on the draft Local Plan is scheduled for June and July 2024 with consultation on the submission draft Local Plan in January to February 2025.



Will the Market Bosworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan propose allocations? And if so, will these be over and above those likely to be included in the Local Plan?

- 2.15 The Core Strategy identifies Market Bosworth as a key rural centre and sets out that the Council will allocate land for the development of a minimum of 100 dwellings. The Site Allocations and Development Policies DPD allocates a mixed used development site to provide a minimum of 100 dwellings covering the period to 2026.
- 2.16 The Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review makes provision for a mixed use development site allocation on Land to the south of Station Road, Market Bosworth, to make provision for a minimum of 77 dwellings, as identified in the updated housing needs assessment (2022). This largely mirrors the site that is identified in the Site Allocations and Development Policies DPD.

## What are the key environmental assets (including 'sensitive areas') near the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Area?

#### 'Sensitive areas'

- 2.17 A key determinant of whether effects are likely to be significant is the sensitivity of the asset affected. In this context, the more environmentally sensitive a location, the more likely it is that potential environmental effects from a plan will be significant.
- 2.18 National Planning Practice Guidance provides guidance on this topic through providing a list of sites and areas which should be deemed as 'sensitive areas' for the purposes of environmental assessment. These comprise:
  - Natura 2000 sites;
  - Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI);
  - National Parks;
  - Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
  - World Heritage Sites; and
  - Scheduled Monuments.
- 2.19 In the context of the categories of 'sensitive areas' described by the Planning Practice Guidance, the following sites and areas exist within or near the Neighbourhood Area.



#### Natura 2000 sites

#### Within the Neighbourhood Area:

2.20 No Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or Special Protection Areas (SPAs) are present within the Neighbourhood Area.

#### Within 10km of the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.21 The River Mease Special Area of Conservation is located approximately 7.7km to the north west of the Neighbourhood Area boundary.
- 2.22 The River Mease and the lower part of Gilwiskaw Brook are designated as a SAC. They were designated because the River Mease represents one of the best examples of an unspoilt meandering lowland river which supports characteristic habitats and species and supports populations of spined loach and bullhead, two notable species of native freshwater fish that have a restricted distribution in England. The rivers also support populations of white-clawed crayfish, otter and a range of river plants such as water crow-foot.
- 2.23 All SCA's are also notified as SSSI's, being sites that are of specific biological or geological features.

#### Beyond 10km of the Neighbourhood Area

- 2.24 Ensor's Pool Special Area of Conservation is located approximately 11.0km to the southwest of the Neighbourhood Area boundary. This lowland site in Central England represents and qualifies as a SAC as it holds a large population of white-clawed crayfish in standing water. This waterbody is isolated from river systems and is a good example of a 'refuge' site.
- 2.25 The nearest SPA is at Rutland Water and is approximately 46km east of the Neighbourhood Area.

#### SSSIs

Within the Neighbourhood Area

2.26 No Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSIs) are present within the Neighbourhood Area.

#### Within 5km of Neighbourhood Area

#### Ashby Canal

2.27 The 6 miles from Carlton Bridge 44 to Snarestone is a SSSI. The Ashby Canal supports communities of aquatic and emergent plants. The diversity of aquatic plants and invertebrates makes this one of the most important water bodies of its type in the East Midlands. The submerged plant



community is of particular interest and the floating pant community is well developed. The canal also supports populations of the native water crayfish and the water shrew.

- 2.28 Condition: The SSSI comprises 12 units. All are unfavourable with no change.
- 2.29 150m from the Neighbourhood Area.

#### Kendall's Meadow

- 2.30 A traditionally managed hay meadow with a diversity and richness of plant life. It is probably the best representative of this grassland community type in the central English Midlands. More than a dozen grass species have been found on this meadow and well over fifty plant species have been recorded.
- 2.31 Condition: Favourable with low risk of threat to its condition.
- 2.32 2.5km to the south of the Neighbourhood Area.

#### Newton Burgoland Marshes

- 2.33 The site includes some of the best remaining examples of neutral alluvial grassland and marsh in Leicestershire. The northern area comprise marsh and wet grassland. The southern area comprises grassland.
- 2.34 Condition: 2 of the units are favourable.. 1 unit is unfavourable
- 2.35 3.7km to the north west of the Neighbourhood Area.

#### Sheepy Fields

- 2.36 The site contains some of the best remaining examples of neutral grassland in Leicestershire and is representative of hay meadow plant communities developed on neutral soils in the English Midlands. It comprises two hay meadows, includes a rich assemblage of herbs with additional interest provided by an area of marsh.
- 2.37 Condition: Favourable
- 2.38 4.4km to the west of the Neighbourhood Area.

#### National Parks

Within the Neighbourhood Area

2.39 None.



#### Near the Neighbourhood Area

2.40 None- the closest National Park is the Peak District National Park (located approximately 48km from the Parish).

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Within the Neighbourhood Area

2.41 None.

#### Near the Neighbourhood Area

2.42 None- the closest AONB is the Cannock Chase AONB (located approximately 33km from the Parish).

#### World Heritage Sites

Within the Neighbourhood Area

2.43 None.

#### Near the Neighbourhood Area

2.44 None- the closest site is the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (located approximately 35km to the north of the Parish).

#### Scheduled Monuments

Within the Neighbourhood Area

Roman foundations E of Barton Road

2.45 This monument is situated at the edge of Market Bosworth.

#### Near the Neighbourhood Area

#### Dovecote immediately west of Shenton Hall

- 2.46 The monument includes a dovecote situated immediately west of Shenton Hall. The dovecote, which is Grade II<sup>\*</sup>, is of 18<sup>th</sup> century and later date represents a rare and impressive survival in Leicestershire.
- 2.47 Distance from the Neighbourhood Area 675m from the parish boundary.

#### Bowl barrow at Sutton Cheney

- 2.48 Bowl barrows, the most numerous form of round barrow, are funerary monuments. This monument survives in good condition and appears to be largely undisturbed.
- 2.49 Distance from the Neighbourhood Area 842m from the parish boundary.



#### Ambion deserted medieval village

- 2.50 This site at Ambion is a rare example of an early desertion, probably brought about by the plague which severely diminished the population. It is adjacent to the site of the battle of Bosworth and includes earthwork remains of the site of a deserted medieval village. The village earthworks occupy an extensive area measuring over 160 x 180m and survive to about 1m in height. Ambion Hill was the site of Richard III's camp before the Battle of Bosworth.
- 2.51 Distance from the Neighbourhood Area 885m from the parish boundary.

#### Moated Site South of The Hall

- 2.52 Situated on the edge of Newbold Verdon less than 100m from St James's Church. It survives in good condition despite the infilling of one arm of the moat. The moat island will contain evidence of the development of the manor house and associated buildings.
- 2.53 Distance from Neighbourhood Area 2.42km from the parish boundary.

#### Motte and associate earthworks at Shackerstone

- 2.54 The motte at Shackerstone, together with a fishpond, survive in good condition and, apart from some small scale excavation, the mound is essentially undisturbed and has considerable potential for the survival of archaeological evidence. It was later incorporated into a formal garden, some earthworks of which are included in the scheduling.
- 2.55 Distance from Neighbourhood Area 3km from the parish boundary.

#### Moated site at Stapleton

- 2.56 The moated site at Stapleton survives in good condition and was originally one of two in the same area. The moat island will contain evidence of the development of the manor house and associated buildings.
- 2.57 Distance from the Neighbourhood Area 3km from the parish boundary.

#### Hlaew and medieval farmstead immediately south west of Park House

2.58 The monument is situated on the south western outskirts of Stoke Golding and includes the earthwork and buried remains of a Saxon burial mound and a medieval farmstead. It represents a well preserved example of a complete manorial site with a house platform, associated fishponds, and closes, located within a defined enclosure. The Anglo-Saxon burial mound in the northern part of the site is a rare example of this type of monument in this area.



2.59 Distance from Neighbourhood Area – 3.6km from the parish boundary.

#### Moated site and fishponds NNW of St James' Church

- 2.60 The moat and fishponds at Twycross survive well. The earthworks are well defined and the monument is of high archaeological potential due both to the lack of disturbance and to waterlogging in part of the moat and one of the ponds providing conditions favourable to the preservation of organic remains.
- 2.61 Distance from Neighbourhood Area 4.7km from the parish boundary.

#### Bowl barrow at Fenny Drayton

- 2.62 The barrow at Fenny Drayton survives well and is one of the few barrows in Leicestershire which still exists and an earthwork.
- 2.63 Distance from the Neighbourhood Area 4.8km from the parish boundary.

#### Other key environmental assets

2.64 Other designated environmental assets located within the Neighbourhood Area (i.e. those which are not defined as 'sensitive areas' as defined by the Planning Practice Guidance) include as follows:

#### Historic Park and Gardens

2.65 There are no Historic Parks or Gardens in Market Bosworth Parish. The closest is Merevale, a Grade II<sup>\*</sup> Historic Park and Garden 8km southwest of the Parish.

#### Battle of Bosworth (Field) 1485

2.66 There is no Battlefield within the Parish of Market Bosworth. However, the Battle of Bosworth (Field) 1485 registered battlefield site is just outside the neighbourhood area, and located to the south. It is registered due to its historical importance, topographic integrity, archaeological potential and technological significance.

#### **Conservation Areas**

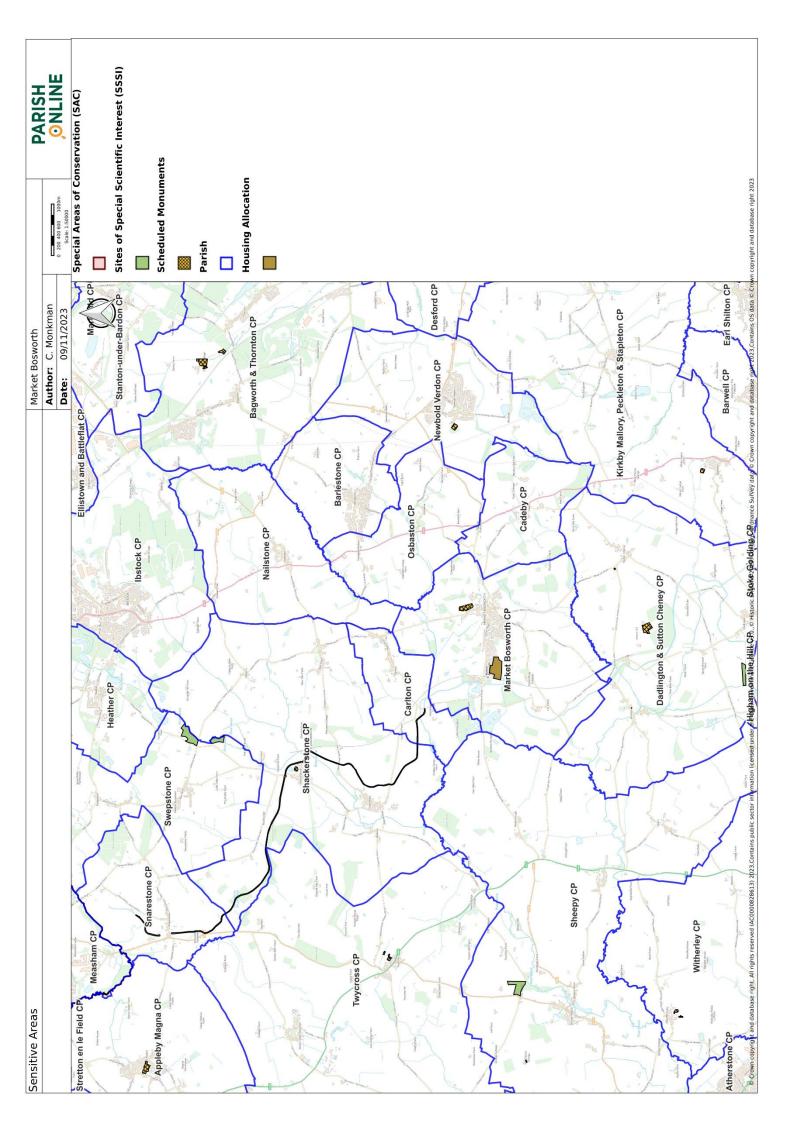
- 2.67 Market Bosworth Conservation Area was designated by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council in November 1974 to protect those parts of the town closely associated with the town's past. It includes over 60 Listed Buildings and the Market Place is located at the centre of the Conservation Area.
- 2.68 The Ashby Canal Conservation Area is to the west of Market Bosworth and the part of the canal running through the borough was designated as a

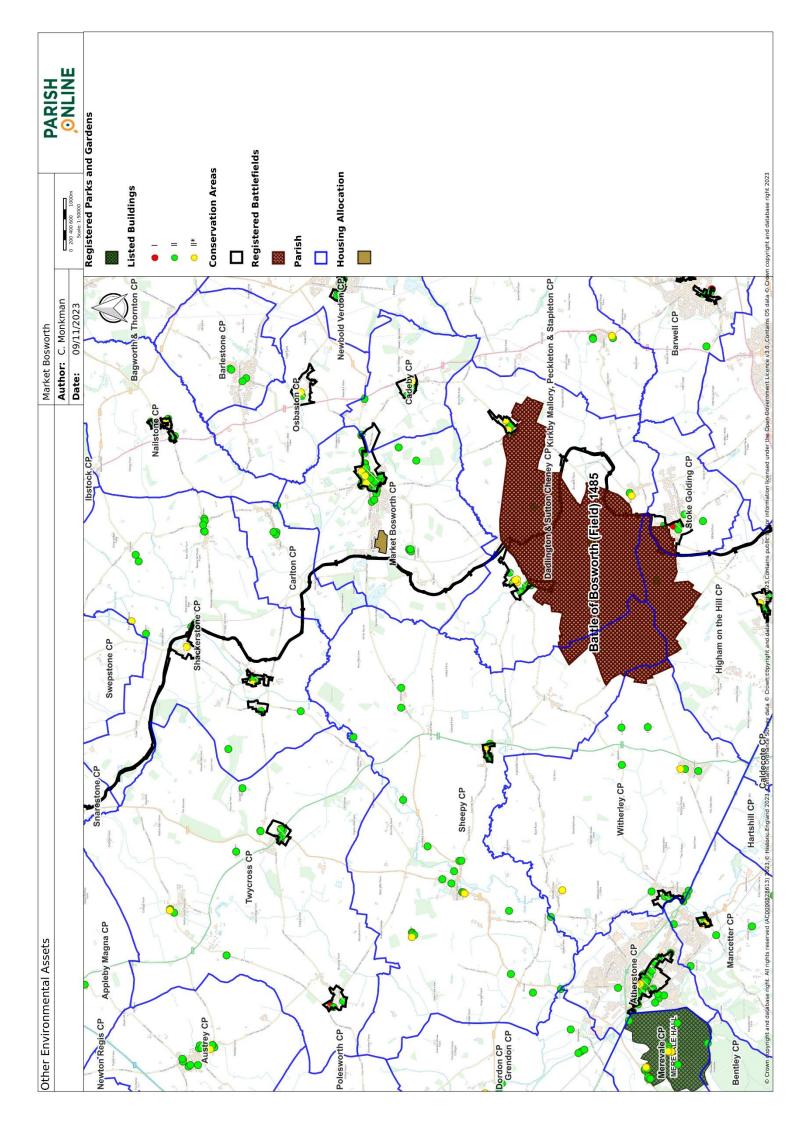


conservation area by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council in December 1990.

#### Listed buildings

2.69 There are over 70 buildings and structures in Market Bosworth Parish listed by Historic England for their special architectural or historic interest. They are mainly located within the rural town of Market Bosworth and include the Grade II\* Bosworth Park Infirmary, Church of St Peter and The Dower House. Listed Buildings elsewhere in the Parish include a number of buildings at Coton Priory Farm, the Hercules Monument and 2 x Horse Memorials.







## 3. Legislative Background

- 3.1 The basis for Strategic Environmental Assessments and Sustainability Appraisal legislation is European Directive 2001/42/EC which was transposed into English law by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, or SEA Regulations. Detailed Guidance of these regulations can be found in the Government publication 'A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive' (ODPM 2005).
- 3.2 Schedule 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 makes provision in relation to the Habitats Directive. The Directive requires that any plan or project, likely to have a significant effect on a European site, must be subject to an appropriate assessment. To achieve this, paragraph 1 prescribes a basic condition that the making of a neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site. Paragraphs 2 to 5 of the Schedule amend the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 so as to apply its provisions to neighbourhood development orders and neighbourhood plans. In particular, paragraph 4 inserts new regulation 78A which provides that a neighbourhood development order may not grant planning permission for development which is likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site.
- 3.3 Schedule 3 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 makes provision in relation to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive. The Directive requires that EIA development must be subject to a development consent process. To enable this, Schedule 3 prescribes a basic condition that applies where development which is the subject of a proposal for a neighbourhood development order is of a type caught by the EIA Directive, and applies the relevant provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011(3) ("the EIA Regulations") with appropriate modifications (regulation 33 and paragraphs 1 to 4 and 6 of Schedule 3). Paragraphs 5 and 7 to 13 of Schedule 3 correct errors in the EIA Regulations.
- 3.4 It may be appropriate, and in some cases a requirement, that the statutory environmental bodies of Historic England, the Environment Agency and Natural England be consulted, for example, a draft neighbourhood plan proposal must be assessed to determine whether it is likely to have significant environmental effects.
- 3.5 There is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a sustainability appraisal as set out in section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. However, a qualifying body must demonstrate how its plan or order will contribute to achieving sustainable development.



3.6 This report focuses on screening for SEA and the criteria for establishing whether a full assessment is needed considering the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment undertaken for the Hinckley and Bosworth Core Strategy 2006-2026 in 2010 and the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies 2006-2026 in 2014 and 2016.



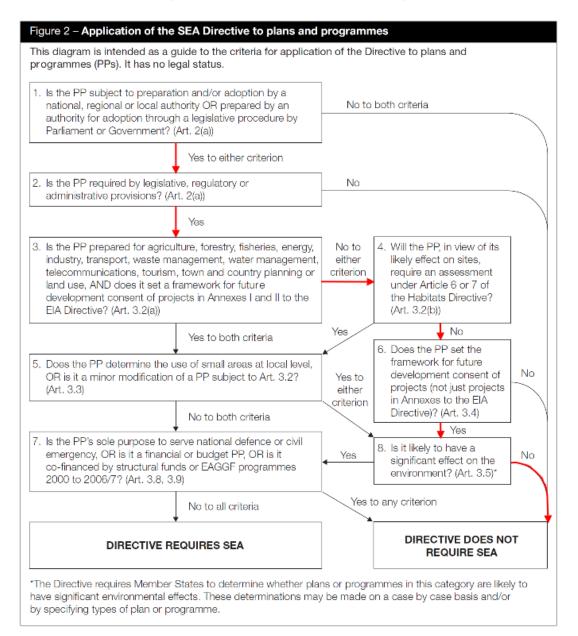
- 4. Criteria for Assessing the Effects of Neighbourhood Plans (the 'plan')
- 4.1 Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects referred to in Article 3(5) of Directive 2001/42/EC are set out below<sup>2</sup>:
  - 1. The characteristics of neighbourhood plans ("plan"), having regard, in particular, to 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, the degree to which the plan influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy, the relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development, environmental problems relevant to the plan, the relevance of the plan for the implementation of community legislation on the environment (e.g. plans and programmes linked to waste-management or water protection).
  - 2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects, the cumulative nature of the effects, the trans boundary nature of the effects, the risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accidents), the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected), the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: special natural characteristics or cultural heritage, exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values, intensive land-use, the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Annex II of SEA Directive 2001/42/EC



### 5. Assessment

5.1 This diagram shows the Directive's field of application in the form of a diagram. The original diagram is from 'A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Objective'. The red arrows indicate the process route for the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan SEA Screening Assessment.



5.2 The table below shows the assessment of whether the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan will require a full SEA. The questions below are drawn from the diagram above which sets out how the SEA Directive should be applied.



Stage	Yes/No	Reason
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))	Yes	The preparation of and adoption of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review is allowed under The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.The Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review will be prepared by Market Bosworth Parish Council (as the 'relevant body') and will be 'made' by Hinckley and Bosworth Council as the local authority. The preparation of neighbourhood plans is subject to the following regulations: The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and The Neighbourhood Planning (referendums) Regulations 2012.
2. Is the Neighbourhood Plan required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Art. 2(a))	Yes	Whilst the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review is not a requirement and is optional under the provisions of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011, it will if 'made', form part of the Development Plan for the District. It is therefore important that the screening process considers whether it is likely to have significant environmental effects and hence whether SEA is required under the Directive.
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	No	Whilst the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review covers a range of land use issues and allocations, it does not set the framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II to the EIA Directive (see Appendix 2 for list). Instead, the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan is a non- strategic scale document, focused solely upon the Parish of Market Bosworth.



Stage	Yes/No	Reason
Annexes I and II (see Appendix 2) 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 (b))	Νο	The Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review is unlikely to have a substantial effect on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites. The two nearest SACs are the River Mease Catchment to the north west of the Parish and Ensors Pools to the south west of the Parish. The River Mease catchment is located 7.7 kilometres away from the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Area and the Ensor Pools are 11.0 kilometres of the Neighbourhood Area. The Hinckley and Bosworth Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report 2017 confirms there is no physical connection between the Borough and The Ensor's Pool SAC. From this we consider that activities within the Borough – and indeed the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Area - would not have implications for this site. A Shadow draft Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Assessment (2020) had been prepared to accompany the Regulation 19 Consultation on the draft Local Plan. This considered the possibility of impacts for any European sites which might be affected, including those sites within 15km of the Borough boundary. The HRA identifies two SACs within the 15km 'zone of influence', namely the River Mease SAC and Ensors Pool SAC. This Screening Assessment has identified an uncertain effect upon the screened in European sites due to potential for recreational pressures leading to a greater chance of introduction of invasive non-native



Stage	Yes/No	Reason
		species and hydrological impacts upon the River Mease SAC. Ensor's Pool SAC and River Mease SAC are not vulnerable to recreational pressure, however, the inevitable increase in the Hinckley & Bosworth borough population could lead to increased visitors and thus the potential for invasive non-native species to be introduced; both sites are identified as being vulnerable to invasive non-native species.
		Part of the River Mease (not the part defined as a European site (SAC)) passes through the Borough coming in from Snarestone over the border of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, flowing shortly after towards Swepstone. In addition, three tributaries of the river flow down towards and through Norton juxta Twycross, ending to the east, west and north of Norton juxta Twycross. As a result, given the physical connection to the River Mease SAC, provided by its flow through the Borough and via these tributaries, it might be conceivable that some areas of the Borough could have an impact on this site despite the actual designation being outside the Borough.
		However, no part of the River Mease or its tributaries as described above flow through the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Area In view of this as well as considering the scope of proposals within the draft Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan, further stages in the HRA process are not required (including further screening, or Appropriate Assessment) and that the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have a substantial impact on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites.



Stage	Yes/No	Reason
5. Does the Neighbourhood Plan determine the use of small areas at local level, OR is it a minor modification of a PP subject to Art. 3.2? (Art. 3.3)	Yes	Determination of small sites at local level only.
6. Does the Neighbourhood Plan set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just projects in annexes to the EIA Directive)? (Art 3.4)	Yes	The Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan is to be used for determining future 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 PP, OR is it co-financed by structural funds or EAFF programmes 2000 to 2006/7? (Art 3.8, 3.9)	Νο	No
8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? (Art. 3.5)	Νο	Appendix 1 presents the environmental effects which have the potential to arise as a result of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review.



## 6. Summary of screening determination

- 6.1 This determination has considered whether the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review is likely to lead to significant environmental effects as defined by Directive 2001/42/EC, the 'SEA Directive' and the transposing regulations. In particular, the determination has considered several sensitive areas located in the vicinity of the Neighbourhood Area and the potential environmental effects on these areas that may arise as a result of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan.
- 6.2 Environmental effects have the potential to take place as a result of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan, including in relation to the majority of the SEA 'topics'. This SEA screening opinion provides the necessary analysis relating to the potential for negative effects on 'Sensitive Areas' and other key environmental assets. With respect to these designations it is considered that these effects are unlikely to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive.
- 6.3 It is therefore recommended that the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan should not be subject to a full SEA.

#### Habitats Regulation Assessment

6.4 It is the opinion of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council that a full Habitats Regulations Appropriate Assessment of the current Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan is not required, as it is unlikely to have a significant effect on any designated sites.

#### Conclusion

- 6.5 This screening opinion has been prepared in order to fulfil the statutory SEA requirements, as set out in the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. The environmental consultation bodies – Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency have been consulted during the preparation of this Screening Statement. Their responses are summarised below:
  - Historic England Advice is confined to the question 'Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?' in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage. On the basis of the information supplied and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of the 'SEA' Directive]. Historic England concurs with the view that the preparation of a Strategi Environmental Assessment is not required. Regarding the HRA Historic England does not disagree with the conclusions but would defer to the opinions of other



statutory consultees. The views of the other statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for a SEA is made.

- Natural England Natural England agrees with the conclusion that it is not likely there will be significant environmental effects arising from the policies in the plan which have not already been accounted for within the adopted local plan. Therefore, the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken. Natural England also agrees that the Plan would be unlikely to result in any significant effect to European Sites, either alone or in combination, and therefore an appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations is not required.
- The Environment Agency Do not disagree with the conclusion that a full SEA will not be required for the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review.

A full copy of the responses received are attached as Appendix 3.

6.6 For the above reasons, it is considered that the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan is not subject to the requirements of Directive 2001/42/EC, the 'SEA Directive' and accompanying regulations.



## Appendix 1: Assessment of potential environmental effects

The following table presents the environmental effects which have the potential to arise because of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan. This is accompanied by a commentary on whether these effects are likely to be significant. The environmental effects have been grouped by the SEA 'topics' suggested by Annex I(f) of the SEA Directive.

SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
Biodiversity, flora and fauna (Including biodiversity habitats and species, biodiversity sites, areas of geological interest)	Y	Without mitigation and enhancement measures, the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to lead to effects on biodiversity, including through loss of habitat, disturbance, effects on ecological connections and indirect effects such as from impacts on water quality and quantity.	There are no Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or Special Protection Areas (SPA) present within the Neighbourhood Area. As concluded in Section 5 of the above assessment, the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan would not have implications for the River Mease SAC or Ensors Pool SAC. As such the contents of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan is not considered to have an impact on the Natura 2000 network of protected sites. There are no SSSIs within the Neighbourhood Area. The two closest are the Ashby Canal SSSI and Kendalls Meadow SSSI. The Neighbourhood Plan lies within the Impact Risk Zones for these two SSSIs. Certain developments within the impact zones require consultation with Natural England, depending on the specific zone that the proposal is located. Having considered the nature of the development proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan there is no requirement to undertake consultation with Natural England. It is recognised that the Neighbourhood Plan includes policy that seeks to protect biodiversity, landscape and the natural environment. These policies seek to reduce the likelihood of significant effects on these 'sensitive areas'.



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
			It is considered that effects on biodiversity are <b>unlikely to be significant</b> in the context of the SEA Directive.
Population (Including residents' quality of life, accessibility to services and facilities, deprivation and similar)	Y	As indicated by the current policy approaches proposed for the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan, the Plan has the potential to have a range of benefits for the quality of life of residents and for accessibility to services, facilities and opportunities. It supports sustainable development, encourages the provision of a new community facility. Local Green Spaces are identified and protected. The Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan will also support the delivery of affordable housing, with priority	Whilst the benefits for residents of Market Bosworth Parish from a well-designed neighbourhood plan have the potential to be wide-ranging, these are <b>not deemed</b> <b>to be significant</b> in the context of the SEA Directive.



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		given to those with a local connection to the parish.	
Human Health (Incorporating residents' health and wellbeing)	Y	As indicated by the current policy approaches proposed for the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan, the Plan has the potential to have a range of benefits for residents' health and wellbeing through promoting healthier lifestyles. Policies support the protection of local green spaces, new sport and recreation development and the provision of a new area of open space as part of the proposed allocation.	<ul> <li>Whilst the health and wellbeing benefits for residents of the Neighbourhood Area from a well-designed neighbourhood plan have the potential to be wide-ranging, these are not deemed to be significant in the context of the SEA Directive.</li> <li>Likely effects from noise quality are also not deemed to be significant.</li> </ul>
<b>Soil</b> (Including agricultural land, soil erosion, soil quality)	Y	It is uncertain whether proposed development areas will be sited on land classified as the Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land, as recent detailed	Due to the relatively limited area of land likely to be developed through the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan, effects on the soils resource are <b>unlikely to be significant</b> .



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		agricultural land classification has not taken place. However the scale of proposed development is comparatively limited.	
Water (Including water quality and availability)	Y	The Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to lead to a small-scale increase in water demand in the Neighbourhood Area through supporting the delivery of a new housing and employment provision. The Market Bosworth Design Codes supports development that addresses water efficiency and quality, through the incorporation of sustainable drainage systems and schemes such as rainwater harvesting and the use of permeable paving.	Potential effects on water availability will be limited by the relatively small-scale of proposals likely to be facilitated by the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan. Effects <b>unlikely to be significant</b> .



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
<b>Air</b> (Including air quality)	Y	Whilst new development in the Neighbourhood Area may lead to increased traffic flows and congestion, this is unlikely to lead to marked effects on air quality. One of the overarching design principles within the Market Bosworth Design Codes , seeks to reduce the impact of air pollution.	No existing air quality issues exist in the Neighbourhood Area and there are no Air Quality Management Areas within the Neighbourhood Area. Any effects on air quality are <b>not deemed to be significant</b> in the context of the SEA Directive.
Climatic Factors (Including relating to climate change mitigation (limiting greenhouse gas emissions) and adaptation (adapting to the anticipated effects of climate change, including flood risk)	Y	In terms of climate change mitigation, the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan actively supports and allocates new development, of an appropriate scale and well related to the settlement boundary. Policy encourages the incorporation of Sustainable Drainage	Due to the small scale, local scope of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan, the nature and magnitude of effects directly arising as a result of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan are <b>unlikely to be</b> <b>significant</b> in the context of the SEA Directive.



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		Systems which will help meet the challenges of climate change and the delivery of low carbon development. New homes will be expected to incorporate sustainable design and construction techniques including the use of renewable and low carbon technology.	
Material Assets (Including minerals resources, waste considerations)	Y	The Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan may lead to small increases in the Neighbourhood Area's waste management requirements through supporting the delivery of new housing and employment. No mineral sites or resources, or waste sites are likely to be affected or undermined as a result of the Market	Potential increases in waste as a direct result of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan will be managed through statutory requirements regarding waste management. Due to their limited magnitude, effects are therefore <b>unlikely to be significant</b> in the context of the SEA Directive.



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
		Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan.	
Cultural Heritage (Including historic environment, cultural heritage, historic settings)	Y	Development undertaken in accordance with the policies of the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan has the potential to have effects on the fabric and setting of historic environment assets.	<ul> <li>Whilst one scheduled monuments (a 'sensitive area' as defined by the Planning Practice Guidance) is located within the Neighbourhood Area, it is unlikely to be directly affected by the proposed mixed use allocation due to its relative distance (1km) from this allocation.</li> <li>The mixed use allocation is not located within either of the two Conservation Areas. Also, the Conservation Area designations themselves provide additional policy guidance for managing development. Therefore, given the siting of the proposed allocation and the distance from, and the physical relationship with, the Conservation Areas, the effect on these assets is likely to be limited.</li> <li>In terms of the listed building present in the parish, the proposed allocation is unlikely to adversely affect the setting of these features of cultural heritage importance, due to its in relation to these assets. The nearest listed building is approximately 550m to the east of the allocation.</li> <li>There is also the statutory protection of listed buildings that will run alongside any local plan policy.</li> <li>Therefore, effects are <b>unlikely to be significant</b> in the context of the SEA Directive.</li> </ul>



SEA Topic	Likely effect? Y/N	Description of effect	Effect likely to be significant in the context of SEA?
Landscape (Including landscape and townscape quality)	Y	Direct effects from the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan on landscape and townscape character have the potential to take place.	In light of the siting of the proposed allocation and the relationship with the impact zones of the nearest SSSIs it is considered that <b>effects on biodiversity are unlikely to be significant</b> . The proposed allocation is not located within a Conservation Area and the designation as a Conservation Area provides additional policy guidance for managing development within the historic core of the village and along the Ashby Canal. The likelihood of significant effects on the integrity of the Conservation Area are also likely to be limited by the Neighbourhood Plan's focus on protecting and enhancing the historic environment and landscape of the Neighbourhood Area and the plan's focus on protecting heritage assets.



## Appendix 2: Annex I and Annex II Projects, EIA Directive

#### Annex I Projects, EIA Directive

All projects listed in Annex I are considered as having significant effects on the environment and require an Environmental Impact Assessment. The listed projects are summarised as follows:

- 1. Crude oil refineries, coal or shale gasification liquefaction installations
- 2. Thermal power stations, nuclear power stations, other nuclear reactors etc
- 3. Installations for the processing, reprocessing, final disposal or storage of irradiated nuclear fuel, or the production or enrichment of nuclear fuel
- 4. Integrated works for the initial smelting of cast-iron and steel, and the production of non-ferrous crude metals from ore
- 5. Installations for the extraction, processing and transforming of asbestos
- 6. Integrated chemical installations for the industrial scale manufacture of basic organic and inorganic fertilisers, plant health products and biocides, pharmaceuticals, and explosives
- 7. Construction of long-distance railway lines. Airports with a basic runway length run of 2,100 metres or more. Construction of motorways and express roads. New roads of four or more lanes and roads which have been improved so as to convert two lanes or fewer to four lanes or more, where such road would be 10 kilometres or more in continuous length
- 8. Inland waterways and ports for inland-waterway traffic, trading ports and piers
- 9. Waste disposal installations for the incineration or chemical treatment of hazardous waste
- 10. Waste disposal installations for the incineration or chemical treatment of nonhazardous waste
- 11. Groundwater abstraction or artificial groundwater recharge schemes
- 12. Water transfer schemes between river basins
- 13. Wastewater treatment plants
- 14. Commercial extraction of petroleum and natural gas
- 15. Dams and water storage installations
- 16. Gas, oil or chemical pipelines and pipelines used for the transport of carbon dioxide for geological storage



#### Annex II Projects, EIA Directive

For the projects listed in Annex II the national authorities have to decide whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is needed. The projects listed in Annex II are in general those not included in Annex I but also other types such as urban development projects and flood-relief works. The listed projects are summarised as follows:

- Agriculture, silviculture<sup>\*</sup> and aquaculture Restructuring of rural land holdings; use of uncultivated land or seminatural areas for intensive agriculture; water management projects for agriculture; initial afforestation<sup>\*</sup> and deforestation<sup>\*</sup> for the purpose of conversion to a different land use; intensive livestock installations (projects not included in Annex I); intensive fish farming; reclamation of land from the sea.
- 2. Extractive industry Quarries, open-cast mining, peat extraction (projects not included in Annex I); underground mining; dredging; deep drilling; surface installations for coal, gas, ore and shale extraction.
- 3. Energy industry Installations for production of electricity, steam and hot water and for carrying gas, steam and hot water, and transmission of electricity by overhead cables<sup>\*</sup> (projects not included in Annex I); surface storage of natural gas and fossil fuels; underground storage of combustible gases; briquetting of coal and lignite; installations for processing and storage of radioactive waste (unless included in Annex I); hydroelectric and wind power installations.
- 4. Production and processing of metals Installations for the production of pig iron or steel; processing of ferrous metals; ferrous metal foundries; installations for smelting metals and surface treatment of metals and plastic materials; assembly and manufacture of motor vehicles and motor-vehicle engines; shipyards; installations for construction and repair of aircraft; manufacture of railway equipment; swaging by explosives; and installations for the roasting and sintering of metallic ores.
- 5. Metal industry Coke ovens; installations for the manufacture of glass, cement, asbestos and asbestos products (projects not covered by Annex I); smelting mineral substances; manufacture of ceramic products by burning.
- 6. Chemical industry (projects not included in Annex I) Treatment of intermediate products and production of chemicals; production of pesticides, pharmaceuticals, paint, varnishes, elastomers and peroxides; storage facilities for petroleum, petrochemical products and chemical products.
- 7. Food industry Manufacture of oils, fats, dairy products, confectionery, syrup, industrial starch; packing and canning; brewing and malting; sugar, fish-meal and fish-oil factories; and installations for the slaughter of animals.
- 8. Textile, leather, wood and paper industries Industrial plants for paper and board production (projects not included in Annex I); pre-treatment plants; tanning plants; cellulose-processing and production installations.
- 9. Rubber industry Manufacture and treatment of elastomer-based products.
- 10. Infrastructure projects (not included in Annex I) Industrial estates; urban development projects (including shopping centres and car parks); railways and transhipment facilities; airfields, roads, harbours, ports, inland-waterways; dams and water storage facilities; tramways, elevated and underground passenger railways etc.; oil and gas pipe-lines; long-distance aqueducts; coastal and sea defence works; groundwater abstraction and artificial groundwater recharge schemes; water transfer schemes between river basins; motorway service areas.



- 11. Other projects Permanent motor racing and test tracks; waste disposal projects and waste water treatment plants (projects not included in Annex I); sludgedisposal sites; storage of scrap iron (including scrap vehicles); test benches for engines etc.; installations for the manufacture of artificial mineral fibres and the recovery or destruction of explosives; knackers' yards.
- 12. Tourism and leisure Ski-runs, ski-lifts, cable cars etc.; marinas; holiday villages and hotel complexes outside urban areas; permanent camp sites and caravan sites; theme parks and golf courses.
- 13. Any change or extension of projects listed in Annex I or Annex II, already authorised, executed or in the process of being executed, which may have adverse environmental effects Projects in Annex I, undertaken exclusively or mainly for the development and testing of new methods or products and not used for more than two years.

Note Some of the types of projects listed above are covered by Annex II and the Regulations only if they meet certain threshold levels or other critieria. \* A project which is included in Annex II of the Directive but excluded from Schedule 2 of the Regulations (SI 1999/293).



Appendix 3: Responses from Environmental Consultation Bodies



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#### Dear

#### MARKET BOSWORTH REVISED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SEA & HRA SCREENING OPINION CONSULTATION

Thank you for your consultation and the invitation to comment on the SEA Screening Document for the above Neighbourhood Plan.

For the purposes of consultations on SEA Screening Opinions, Historic England confines its advice to the question, "Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?" in respect of our area of concern, cultural heritage.

Our comments are based on the information supplied with the screening request. On the basis of the information supplied and in the context of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations [Annex II of the 'SEA' Directive], Historic England concurs with your view that the preparation of a Strategic



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Environmental Assessment is not required.

Regarding HRA Historic England does not disagree with your conclusions but would defer to the opinions of the other statutory consultees.

The views of the other statutory consultation bodies should be taken into account before the overall decision on the need for a SEA is made. If a decision is made to undertake a SEA, please note that Historic England has published guidance on Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Historic Environment that is relevant to both local and neighbourhood planning and available at: <<u>https://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/sustainability-appraisal-and-strategic-environmental-assessment-advice-note-8/></u>

I trust the above comments will be of help in taking forward the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Alison,

#### Planning consultation: Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan – SEA and HRA Screening Assessment

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 18 March 2023.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England welcomes the Screening Report which assesses the requirement for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) for the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan.

I can confirm that Natural England agrees with this report's conclusion that it is not likely there will be significant environmental effects arising from the policies in the plan, which have not already been accounted for within the adopted local plan. Therefore, the **Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment** (SEA) to be undertaken.

Natural England also agrees that the Plan would be unlikely to result in any significant effect to European Sites, either alone or in combination, and therefore **an appropriate assessment under the Habitats Regulations is not required.** 

Aside from this, Natural England has no specific comments at this stage. We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter please contact me on 02080268500. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to <u>consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

Roslyn Deeming Senior Planning Adviser East Midlands Dear Alison,

Thank you for your email.

The Environment Agency does not disagree with the conclusion that a full SEA will not be required for the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan Review.

Regards Nick

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