

**Burton Green Neighbourhood Plan
Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report**

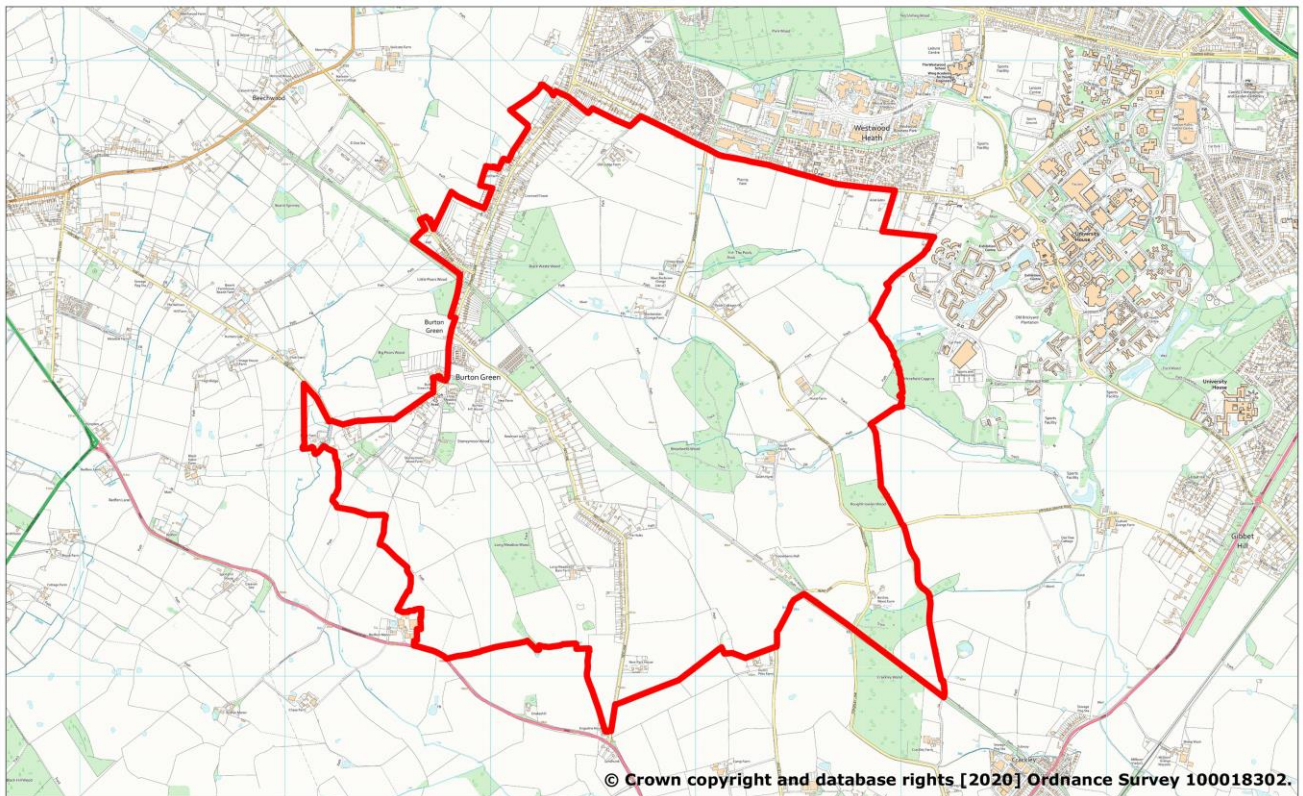
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Screening Opinion**

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Designated Neighbourhood Area – Burton Green Neighbourhood Plan

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1. Introduction

1.1 This screening report is designed to determine whether or not the content of the Burton Green Neighbourhood Plan requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC and associated Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.

1.2 The purpose of the Burton Green Neighbourhood Plan is to provide locally derived and agreed guidance which will help inform planning decisions and shape the future of the parish and other land and property interests within the designated Neighbourhood Plan Area.

1.3 The legislative background set out below outlines the regulations that stipulate the need for this screening exercise. Section 3, provides a screening assessment of the Neighbourhood Plan which will be used to determine if there are likely to be any significant environmental effects and a requirement for a full SEA.

2. Legislative Background

2.1 The basis for Strategic Environmental Assessments and Sustainability Appraisal legislation is European Directive 2001/42/EC and was transposed into English law by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, or SEA Regulations.

2.2 Sustainability appraisal of the type that is required for development plan documents is not required for neighbourhood development plans. This is because they are not 'Local Plans', or development plan documents as defined by the 2004 Planning Act. Neighbourhood development plans have their own designation: they are neighbourhood development plans produced by qualifying bodies under the Localism Act. Even when a neighbourhood development plan is made by a local authority following a successful referendum, and it becomes part of the development plan it does not change its designation into a development plan document (this does not mean it has any less status in terms of decision making though).

2.3 Whether a neighbourhood plan requires a strategic environmental assessment, and (if so) the level of detail needed, will depend on what is proposed in the draft neighbourhood plan. A strategic environmental assessment may be required, for example where:

- a neighbourhood plan allocates sites for development
- the neighbourhood plan area contains sensitive natural or heritage assets that may be affected by the proposals in the plan
- the neighbourhood plan may have significant environmental effects that have not already been considered and dealt with through a sustainability appraisal of the Local Plan for the area.

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3.1 When deciding on whether the proposals are likely to have significant effects, the local authority is required to consult English Heritage, Natural England and the Environment Agency. Where the local planning authority determines that the plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects (and, accordingly, does not require an environmental assessment) it should prepare a statement of its reasons for the determination.

3. Assessment

Neighbourhood Plan Screening Table/ Report

A: Summary of Plan

Details of Neighbourhood Plan	
Name of Neighbourhood Plan	Burton Green Consultation Draft Neighbourhood Plan
Geographic Coverage of Plan	Burton Green Parish area (but excluding the University of Warwick)
Key topics / scope of plan	<p>The Burton Green Neighbourhood Plan intends to ensure the continued community cohesion of the village so that residents will live in an area which promotes organic and sustainable growth, responds to the climate emergency, is sensitive to the natural environment and ensures that residents are able to enjoy walking and cycling with access to community activities many of which are associated with the Village Hall and the village Primary School.</p> <p>The plan includes chapters / policies that address the following subject matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction and The Role of the Neighbourhood Development Plan <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Planning Policy Context 1.2. Plan Period and Revisions 1.3. Community Projects 2. The Village and Parish <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Topological and Historical Context 2.2. Social Context 2.3. Employment 2.4. Services and Community Facilities

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3. Village Character Appraisal<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.1. Introduction3.2. Topography3.3. Green/Natural features of the landscape3.4. Agriculture3.5. The NDPA road network3.6. The NDPA Built Environment4. Vision and Strategic Objectives<ul style="list-style-type: none">4.1. Vision4.2. Objectives5. Strategic Objective 1 – Agricultural Land<ul style="list-style-type: none">5.1. Policy 1 - Development of Agricultural Land6. Strategic Objective 2 – Natural Environment<ul style="list-style-type: none">6.1. Policy 1 - Trees and Hedges6.2. Policy 2 - Wildlife and Biodiversity6.3. Policy 3 - Public Rights of Way6.4. Policy 4 - Local Green Spaces (LGS)6.5. Policy 5 - Valued Vistas and Landscapes7. Strategic Objective 3 – The Built Environment<ul style="list-style-type: none">7.1. Policy 1 - Burton Green Development Boundary7.2. Policy 2 - New Dwellings in Development Boundary7.3. Policy 3 - Responding to Local Character7.4. Policy 4 - Community Aspects of Development and Design7.5. Policy 5 - Sustaining Local Facilities7.6. Policy 6 - Sustaining and Developing Business and Tourism7.7. Policy 7 - Sustaining and Developing Village retail and Service outlets
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	<p>7.8. Policy 8 - Sustaining and Developing Private Transport</p> <p>7.9. Policy 9 - Parking Provision</p> <p>7.10. Policy 10 - Use of Renewable Energy</p> <p>7.11. Policy 11 - Solar Power</p> <p>7.12. Policy 12 – Flooding</p>
Key issues	<p>Key issues/objectives that the plan is seeking to address include: -</p> <p>Strategic Objective 1: Agricultural Land (SO1) To protect and enhance the Best and Most Versatile agricultural in the NDPA in response to the significant infrastructure changes taking place over the next few years.</p> <p>Strategic Objective 2: The Natural Environment (SO2) To manage the woodlands, hedgerows and wildlife habitats throughout the NDPA so that the present bio-diversity is maintained and possibly improved in response to significant infrastructure changes, and to ensure the much-valued views of the surrounding countryside are preserved.</p> <p>Strategic Objective 3: The Built Environment (SO3) a) To protect the setting and experience of a wide range of domestic architecture which spans over 500 years. b) To enhance the village’s built variety by encouraging innovative, high quality modern architecture and design which will ensure the continued tranquillity and low noise levels enjoyed by residents. c) To promote the organic and sustainable growth of the village.</p>
Date Screening opinion requested	18 June 2020
Person requesting screening opinion	Ray Watkin – Burton Green Parish Council

B: Local Authority Details

Local Authority Details	Warwick District Council
Name and Job Title of officer producing Screening Opinion	Aspia Jannat – Planning Assistant
Date of Re-Assessment	N/A

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<p>Conclusion of assessment</p> <p>- Is an SEA required Y / N</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Reason for conclusion</p>	<p>The characteristics of the Burton Green NP and the likelihood for causing significant effects on the environment have been assessed. It is considered that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scale and location of housing development allocation proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan replicate those that have already been set out and subject to the SA of the adopted Local Plan (Warwick District Local Plan – adopted on September 2017). Given this, and the scope of other environmental matters/ policies within the neighbourhood plan (also subject to consideration in the Local Plan), it is considered unlikely that there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the Neighbourhood Plan that were not given detailed consideration in the Sustainability Appraisal of the Warwick District Local Plan – adopted on September 2017. • The plan sets a framework for the consideration of a range of matters at the local level that due to their size, nature and location will not give rise to significant environmental effects. • It is considered unlikely that the housing allocations / considerations set out within the Neighbourhood Plan will have such an influence on other plans and programmes so as to prejudice their sustainability/ cause significant environmental effects, particular as the significant allocations have already been assessed through the Sustainability of the adopted Local Plan. • The Neighbourhood Plan ensures that any matters pertaining to the natural and historic environment are carefully managed / considered in future decisions. • Whilst identifying perceived local problems, it is not considered that these matters will cause any significant harm to the environment. • It is not considered that the scale of development proposed and issues to be addressed by the plan will have any transboundary environmental effects of a significant nature. • The Neighbourhood Plan will help inform / shape planning decisions to ensure that there are no significant effects (individually or cumulatively) on the recognised special characteristics of the conservation area and its buildings of historic value. • There are no sensitive sites such as SSSI'S in the Parish <p>To conclude / summarise: it is the opinion of this screening report that the Burton Green Neighbourhood Plan does not require a full SEA to be</p>

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	undertaken.
Name and Job Title of officer approving Screening Opinion	Philip Clarke – Policy and Projects Manager
Date of approval	17 September 2020

C: Summary of Consultation

Internal Consultation	
Officer (name and job title)	Summary of Comments
External Consultation	
Officer (name and job title)	Summary of Comments

D: Assessment

Stage	Y / N	Reason
1. Is the plan or programme subject to preparation / adoption by a national, regional or local authority OR prepared by an authority for adoption through a legislative procedure by Parliament or Government? (Art. 2(a))	Y	This is a Neighbourhood Plan that is being prepared by a qualifying body (Burton Green Parish Council) under the Localism Act 2011. Once independently assessed and subjected to a referendum, it will need to be formally adopted by the Local Planning Authority to be brought into force. When adopted, Neighbourhood Plans are statutory planning documents. They will form part of the Local Development Framework and so will have significant weight in planning decisions.
2. Is the PP required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions? (Art. 2(a))	N	The neighbourhood plan is not a mandatory requirement; it is being prepared voluntarily at the discretion of the local qualifying body (The Parish Council) in line with the provisions of the Localism Act.

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<p>3. Is the PP prepared for agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, industry, transport, waste management, water management, telecommunications, tourism, town and country planning or land use, AND does it set a framework for future development consent of projects in Annexes I and II to the EIA Directive? (Art 3.2(a))</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The plan is prepared for land use. Proposed use: Annex I- Not applicable (as no significant effects identified) Annex II- See sections 4 and 8 (below) The Plan will inform the determination of planning applications (a form of development consent)</p>
<p>4. Will the PP, 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))</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>In view of Burton Green NP's minimal environmental effects, and general conformity with the Local Plan the HRA screening report (May 2013) prepared for the Warwick District Council Local Plan) is considered relevant. Therefore the Neighbourhood Plan does not require an assessment under Article 6 or 7 of the Habitats Directive.</p>
<p>5. Does the PP 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)</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan does not identify any new land allocations beyond what is already included in the adopted Warwick District Local Plan.</p>
<p>6. Does the PP set the framework for future development consent of projects (not just projects in annexes to the EIA Directive)? (Art 3.4)</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>When adopted, Neighbourhood Plans will be statutory planning documents. They will form part of the Local Development Framework and so will have significant weight in planning decisions. The responsibility for issuing development consent will remain with the Local Authority.</p>
<p>7. Is the PP'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 EAGGF programmes 2000 to 2006/7? (Art 3.8, 3.9)</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>8. Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment? (Art. 3.5)</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan must be prepared in general conformity with the Local Plan. The development of the Local Plan is subject to a detailed SA which is considered compliant with European Directive 2001/42/EC the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive. A Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) of the Local Plan has also been produced and reported on separately that is also considered relevant in the assessment of the environmental effects of the</p>

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		Neighbourhood Plan. It is unlikely that it will have a significant effect on important Habitat / Biodiversity assets.
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4 Screening Outcome

4.1 As a result of the screening assessment in section 3, it is considered unlikely there will be any significant environmental effects arising from the Burton Green Neighbourhood Plan that were not covered/ addressed in the Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan. As such, it is considered that the Burton Green Neighbourhood Plan does not require a full SEA to be undertaken.