



# **HAUGHLEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **2016-2036**

### **Basic Conditions Statement**

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**APPENDIX A**

Adopted Development Plan Policies that do not apply to Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan

## 1. Introduction

As part of the formal submission of the Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan (HPNP) for Examination, there is a requirement for Haughley Parish Council, as the 'qualifying body' to illustrate that it has complied with a series of 'Basic Conditions' as set out in the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as Amended). This Statement accompanies the submission to the local planning authority, Mid Suffolk District Council, of the HPNP under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations"). Regulation 15 requires a submission neighbourhood development plan to be accompanied by "*a statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act*".

This statement has been prepared in order to confirm compliance with these Basic Conditions as follows;

- Section 2 identifies the legislative requirements for the 'Basic Conditions',
- Section 3 identifies the matters that the appointed Examiner must consider and confirms how the neighbourhood plan responds to them,
- Sections 4 to 9 set out the Basic Conditions and review how the neighbourhood plan meets these requirements,
- Section 10 confirms that the neighbourhood plan is compatible with the Convention Rights.

It is considered that the neighbourhood plan (NP) complies with the requirements of the Basic Conditions as set out in Paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 4B of the Act.

## 2. Legal Requirements

Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) identifies the Basic Conditions with which the neighbourhood plan must comply.

Paragraph 8 (1) states that the examiner must consider;

- (a) whether the draft neighbourhood development plan meets the Basic Conditions (see subparagraph (2)),
- (b) whether the draft neighbourhood development plan complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of this Act,
- (d) whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the neighbourhood area to which the draft neighbourhood development plan relates, and
- (e) such other matters as may be prescribed.

Paragraph 8 (2) states that a draft neighbourhood development plan meets the Basic Conditions if;

- (a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan,
- (d) the making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
- (e) 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),
- (f) the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and
- (g) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the neighbourhood development plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the neighbourhood development plan.

The requirements of Paragraph 8(2)(b), (2)(c) (3), (4) and (5) are not of relevance to the compliance with the Basic Conditions tests.

Paragraph 8 (6) stipulates that the examiner is not to consider any matter that does not fall within subparagraph (1) apart from considering whether the draft neighbourhood plan is compatible with the Convention Rights.

### 2.1 Meeting the Legal Requirements

Compliance with the individual elements of the legal requirements is set out below.

Requirement	Interpretation	HPNP response
4B 8 (1)(a) Whether the Draft NP meets the Basic Conditions.	This requires the HPNP to demonstrate compliance with paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the T&CP Act.	This is considered in detail in later sections of this Statement.

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>	<b>HPNP response</b>
4B 8 (1)(b) Whether the Draft Order Complies with Sections 38A & 38B of the Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.	This requires the Draft Order to comply with Sections 38A & 38B of the Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Section 38A sets out the “Meaning of Neighbourhood Development Plan”.	Compliance with Sections 38A and 38B is demonstrated in the following rows.
	Section 38A(1) “any qualifying body is entitled to initiate a process for the purpose of requiring a Local Planning Authority in England to make a Neighbourhood Development Plan.”	The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted by Haughley Parish Council, a qualifying body (as defined in the Localism Act 2011),
	Section 38A(2) A “Neighbourhood Development Plan is a plan which sets out policies (however expressed) in relation to the development and use of land in the whole or any part of a particular neighbourhood area specified in the Plan.”	The HPNP sets out Policies that relate to the development and use of land for the Neighbourhood Area covering the Parish of Haughley, as designated by Mid Suffolk District Council on 11 November 2015. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area is shown in Figure 1 in the HPNP.  For the purposes of the HPNP, the words Haughley Parish shall mean that part of the Parish of Haughley lying to the north of the A14 and including part of the Parish of Harleston to the north of the A14.
	Section 38A, Paragraphs (3) - (12).	These paragraphs are not of relevance to the submission phase of the NP.
	Section 38B1(a) The Neighbourhood Development Plan “Must specify the period for which it is to have effect.”	The plan period of the HPNP is from 2016 to 2036.
	Section 38B1(b) A Neighbourhood Development Plan “may not include provision about development that is excluded development.”	The HPNP does not contain policies relating to excluded development as defined in Section 61K of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
	Section 38B1(c) A Neighbourhood Development Plan may not relate to more than one neighbourhood area.	The HPNP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area. It solely relates to the Neighbourhood Plan Area as ratified by Mid Suffolk District Council on 11 November 2015.

Requirement	Interpretation	HPNP response
	Section 38B(2) Only one Neighbourhood Development Plan may be made for each neighbourhood area.	There are currently no other NP's in place in this neighbourhood area.
	Section 38B(3) If to any extent a policy set out in a Neighbourhood Development Plan conflicts with any other statement or information in the plan, the conflict must be resolved in favour of the policy.	There are no conflicts within the HPNP.
	Section 38B(4)(a) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions for "restricting the provision that may be included in Neighbourhood Development Plans about the use of land." These Regulations are set out in Statutory Instrument 2012 No 637, The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.	The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 have been used to inform the process of making the HPNP.
	Section 38B(4)(b) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provisions "requiring Neighbourhood Development Plans to include such matters as are prescribed in the Regulations."	A screening process was carried out by the local planning authority to determine whether a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) or Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) would be required in support of the HPNP. A Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) was ruled out and a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) was ruled in. The SEA is part of the HPNP.
	Section 38B, which include paragraphs 38B(4)(c), 5 & 6.	The remaining requirements of are not of relevance to this Basic Conditions Statement.
4B 8 (1)(d) Whether The Referendum Should Extend Beyond The NP Area	This requires the examiner to consider whether the area for any referendum should extend beyond the NP Area to which it relates.	The HPNP relates solely to land that falls within the Parish of Haughley (as amended and ratified by Mid Suffolk District Council on 11 November 2015).
4B 8 (1)(e) Other Matters 3.28.	This requires the examiner to consider such other matters as may be prescribed.	There are no other prescribed matters.

### **3. Compliance with Basic Conditions**

Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act sets out the Basic Conditions that must be met by a draft NP. Subsections (a), (d), (e), (f), and (g) are of relevance to this statement.

The Regulations state that the NP will have met the Basic Conditions if it;

1. Has regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State,
2. Contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
3. Is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area, and
4. Is compatible with European Union (EU) and European Convention on Human Right (ECHR) obligations.

#### **3.1 National Policy**

The HPNP must have appropriate regard to national policy. The following section describes how the HPNP relates to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, March 2012). The NPPF (2012) is framed around a basic premise of the presumption in favour of sustainable development, comprising three main dimensions: economic, social and environmental. It requires the planning system, including the HPNP, where appropriate to;

- contribute to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure,
- supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality-built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community's needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being, and
- contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.

The NPPF (2012), based on its principle of the presumption in favour of sustainable development, contains 12 core planning principles and 13 sustainability goals. The following section identifies how the HPNP meets the basic condition of having regard to the 12 core planning principles.

**Core Planning Principles Appraisal**

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
Plan-led	All the HPNP objectives apply this approach.	The Plan provides a positive vision to shape how the village and community deliver change.
Enhance and improve places	<p><b>Objective 1 – New Housing and Development</b> To ensure that all new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU1 – Haughley’s Spatial Strategy</b> Policy HAU1 states that development shall be permitted that is of a scale, density and character appropriate to the location and that would protect and enhance local features of green space, landscape, ecological or historic importance.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU2 – Housing Developments Within Settlement Boundaries</b> Policy HAU2 states that residential development proposals will be supported where they reflect the role and function of Haughley village and relate well to the existing layout of the village; they are of a high standard of design and make a positive contribution to the surrounding environment and rural landscape; and that the planning and design guidelines contained in the independent AECOM Masterplanning and Design Guidelines Report are to be followed.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU3 – New Homes at Land East of King George V Playing Field</b> Policy HAU3 states that outdoor green space to meet the requirements as set out in the Mid Suffolk Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Social Infrastructure including Open Space, Sport and Recreation or any development standards set out in a local plan or more up-to-date SPD; and new pedestrian linkages to enable residents to walk to all facilities in the village centre without walking along Green Road are part of the allocated development.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
<p>Enhance and improve places (continued)</p>		<p><b>Policy HAU4 – Allocation of Land at Station Road East of Millfields for Development</b>  <b>Policy HAU5 – Allocation of Land at West of Fishponds Way for Development</b>                      Policies HAU4 and HAU5 state that the allocated sites must follow the guidelines within the independent AECOM Site Assessment Report and the AECOM Masterplanning and Design Guidelines report; outdoor green space to meet the requirements as set out in the Mid Suffolk Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Social Infrastructure including Open Space, Sport and Recreation or any development standards set out in a local plan or more up-to-date SPD and new pedestrian linkages to enable residents to walk to all facilities in the village centre are part of the development.</p> <p>Policy HAU5 additionally states that a new route will be provided as part of the development from the River Gipping tributary along Fishponds Way to the Eve Balfour Way junction on Fishponds Way.</p> <p>In addition, the development will facilitate the connection of a new route between the development and the northern end of the bridleway (B38) in Fishponds Way from the south side of the River Gipping tributary.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU8 – Broadband</b>                      Policy HAU8 states that all new dwellings and business buildings shall incorporate a suitable infrastructure to enable high speed broadband to be connected.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
Enhance and improve places (continued)	<p><b>Objective 2 – Historic Built Environment</b> To preserve and enhance the historic built environment of Haughley.</p> <p><b>Objective 3 – Facilities and Services</b> To enhance Haughley’s role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.</p> <p><b>Objective 4 – Environment</b> To ensure that sustainable development is secured for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. green spaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints e.g. flooding.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU9 – Development Affecting Haughley’s Historic Environment</b> Policy HAU9 states that proposals should preserve or enhance the significance of the Heritage Assets of the village, their setting and the wider village.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU11 – Development Design and Character</b> Policy HAU11 states that all new development will be expected to enhance the positive attributes of the village and local design features.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU13 - Provision of New Retail and Community Facilities</b> Policy HAU13 states that development proposals for new, expanded or improved retail, commercial and community facilities will be supported when their design enhances the character of the immediate surroundings and is sympathetic to the locally distinctive nature of traditional design in the village.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU14 – Protection of Local Green Spaces</b> Policy HAU14 allocates local green spaces.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU15 – Protection of Rural Landscape</b> Policy HAU15 protects visually important open spaces.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU16 – Rights of Way and Access</b> Policy HAU16 states that new housing and business developments shall facilitate the use of the network of existing paths and bridleways in and around Haughley Parish through, where necessary, improved linkages from the development to the network.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
Economic development	<p><b>Objective 1 – New Housing and Development</b> To ensure that all new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU6 – Sites for Commercial and Industrial Development</b> Policy HAU6 states that commercial and industrial developments will be supported where they are allocated on the three stated brownfield sites.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU7 – Protection of Employment and Existing Businesses</b> Policy HAU7 protects employment and existing businesses.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU8 – Broadband</b> Policy HAU8 states that all new dwellings and business buildings shall incorporate a suitable infrastructure to enable high speed broadband to be connected.</p>
High quality design and standard of amenity	<p><b>Objective 1 – New Housing and Development</b> To ensure that all new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU1 - Haughley’s Spatial Strategy</b> Policy HAU1 states that development shall be permitted that is of a scale, density and character appropriate to the location and that would protect and enhance local features of green space, landscape, ecological or historic importance.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
<p>High quality design and standard of amenity (continued)</p>		<p><b>Policy HAU2 - Housing Developments Within Settlement Boundaries</b>                      Policy HAU2 states that residential development proposals will be supported where they reflect the role and function of Haughley village and relate well to the existing layout of the village; they are of a high standard of design and make a positive contribution to the surrounding environment and rural landscape; they do not result in the loss of community facilities in Haughley village; each new dwelling should provide parking space at least to minimum MSDC standards, as contained with the Suffolk Guidance for Parking adapted 2015; and that the planning and design guidelines contained in the independent AECOM Masterplanning and Design Guidelines Report are to be followed.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU3 – New Homes at Land East of King George V Playing Field</b>                      Policy HAU3 states that outdoor green space to meet the requirements as set out in the Mid Suffolk Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Social Infrastructure including Open Space, Sport and Recreation or any development standards set out in a local plan or more up-to-date SPD is included and new pedestrian linkages to enable residents to walk to all facilities in the village centre without walking along Green Road are part of the allocated development.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
<p>High quality design and standard of amenity (continued)</p>		<p><b>Policy HAU4 - Allocation of Land at Station Road East of Millfields for Development, and Policy HAU5 – Allocation of Land at West of Fishponds Way for Development</b>                      Policy HAU4 and Policy HAU5 state that the allocated sites must follow the guidelines within the independent AECOM Site Assessment Report and the AECOM Masterplanning and Design Guidelines Report; outdoor green space to meet the requirements as set out in the Mid Suffolk Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Social Infrastructure including Open Space, Sport and Recreation or any development standards set out in a local plan or more up-to-date SPD is included; new pedestrian linkages to enable residents to walk to all facilities in the village centre; and each new dwelling will include adequate parking space at least to minimum standards, as contained within the Suffolk Guidance for Parking updated 2015, are part of the developments.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU5 - Allocation of Land at West of Fishponds Way for Development</b>                      Policy HAU5 additionally states that a new route will be provided as part of the development from the River Gipping tributary along Fishponds Way to the Eve Balfour Way junction on Fishponds Way.</p> <p>In addition, the development should facilitate the connection of a new route between the development and the northern end of the bridleway (B38) in Fishponds Way, from the south side of the River Gipping tributary.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU8 – Broadband</b>                      Policy HAU8 states that all new dwellings and business buildings shall incorporate a suitable infrastructure to enable high speed broadband to be connected.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
<p>High quality design and standard of amenity (continued)</p>	<p><b>Objective 2 – Historic Built Environment</b> To preserve and enhance the historic built environment of Haughley.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU9 – Development Affecting Haughley’s Historic Environment</b> Policy HAU9 states that to ensure the conservation and enhancement of Haughley’s historic environment, proposals should; preserve or enhance the significance of the Heritage Assets of the village, their settings and the wider village; and contribute to the local distinctiveness, built form and scale of Heritage Assets through the use of appropriate design and materials.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU11 - Development Design and Character</b> Policy HAU11 states that all new development will be expected to enhance the positive attributes of the village and local design features, is capable of being connected to essential infrastructure of drainage, sewerage, water supply, electricity, road capacity, school capacity and health services to serve with capacity; does not have a detrimental effect on residential amenity by reason of noise or other nuisance; does not result in the loss of an area which makes a significant contribution to public amenity by virtue of its open space character, appearance and function; makes a contribution to local identity and sense of place; is suitable in terms of overall design and appearance of the proposed development (including size, scale, density, layout and access) when assessed in relationship with surrounding buildings, spaces and other features of the street scene; and includes adequate parking space to at least legal minimum standards contained within the Suffolk Guidance for Parking updated 2015, and private and public amenity for future residents.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
<p>High quality design and standard of amenity (continued)</p>	<p><b>Objective 3 – Facilities and Services</b> To enhance Haughley’s role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.</p> <p><b>Objective 4 - Environment</b> To ensure that sustainable development is secured for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. green spaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints e.g. flooding.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU13 - Provision of New Retail and Community Facilities</b> Policy HAU13 states that any development proposals for new, expanded or improved retail, commercial and community facilities will be supported when; they do not have an adverse impact on residential amenity; their design enhances the character of the immediate surroundings and is sympathetic to the local distinctive nature of traditional design in the village; and that off-road car parking in the central part of Haughley village should be considered as part of the proposed facility.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU14 – Protection of Local Green Spaces</b> Policy HAU14 allocates local green spaces.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU15 – Protection of Rural Landscape</b> Policy HAU15 protects visually important open spaces.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU16 – Rights of Way and Access</b> Policy HAU16 states that new housing and business developments shall encourage usage of, and provide linkage to, the network of existing paths and bridleways in and around Haughley Parish.</p>
<p>Character</p>	<p><b>Objective 1 – New Housing and Development</b> To ensure that all new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU1 – Haughley’s Spatial Strategy</b> Policy HAU1 states that development shall be permitted where; it is of a scale, density and character appropriate to the location; retention of the site in its present state does not form an essential part of the local character; and development would protect and enhance local features of green space, landscape, ecological or historic importance.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
<p>Character (continued)</p>	<p><b>Objective 2 – Historic Built Environment</b> To preserve and enhance the historic built environment of Haughley.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU2 – Housing Developments within Settlement Boundaries</b> Policy HAU2 states that proposals will be supported where they reflect the role and function of Haughley village and relate well to the existing layout of the village.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU9 – Development Affecting Haughley’s Historic Environment</b> Policy HAU9 states that proposals should preserve or enhance the significance of the Heritage Assets of the village, their setting and the wider village; retain buildings and spaces, the loss of which would cause harm to the character or appearance of the Conservation Area; contribute to the local distinctiveness built form and scale of Heritage Assets through the use of appropriate design and materials; and be of an appropriate scale, form, height, massing, alignment and detailed design which respects the village’s character, appearance and its setting.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU11 – Development Design and Character</b> Policy HAU11 states that new development will not be supported where it has a detrimental impact on the character of the area in which it is located. New development will be supported when, where relevant, it is suitable in terms of overall design and appearance of the proposed development (including size, scale, density, layout, access) when assessed in relationship with surrounding buildings, spaces and other features of the street scene.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
Character (continued)	<p><b>Objective 3 – Facilities and Services</b> To enhance Haughley’s role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU13 – Provision of New Retail and Community Facilities</b> Policy HAU13 states that development proposals for new, expanded or improved retail, commercial and community facilities will be supported when their design enhances the character of the immediate surroundings and is sympathetic to the local distinctive nature of traditional design in the village.</p>
Climate change and flood risk	<p><b>Objective 1 – New Housing and Development</b> To ensure that all new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU1 – Haughley’s Spatial Strategy</b> Policy HAU1 states that development shall be permitted where there is the necessary infrastructure of drainage, sewerage, water supply, electricity, road capacity, school capacity and health services to serve the development, or that it can be made available in time to serve the development.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU2 – Housing Developments within Settlement Boundaries</b> Policy HAU2 states that the scale and nature of all schemes must ensure an appropriate level of services facilities and infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU5 – Allocation of Land at West of Fishponds Way for Development</b> Policy HAU5 states the minor constraint of proximity to flood risk zones 2 and 3 must be assessed in the allocated site.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
Climate change and flood risk (continued)	<p><b>Objective 2 – Historic Built Environment</b> To preserve and enhance the historic built environment of Haughley.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU11 – Development Design and Character</b> Policy HAU11 states that new development will be supported when it takes every opportunity, where practicable and viable, to incorporate features that improve its environmental performance thereby reducing carbon emissions. These can include both energy efficiency measures and green energy generation.</p>
Conserving and enhancing the natural environment	<p><b>Objective 1 – New Housing and Development</b> To ensure that all new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p> <p><b>Objective 4 – Environment</b> To ensure that sustainable development is secured for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. green spaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints e.g. flooding.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU1 – Haughley’s Spatial Strategy</b> Policy HAU1 states that development shall be permitted where it would protect and enhance local features of green space, landscape, ecological or historic importance.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU3 – New Homes at Land East of King George V Playing Field</b> <b>Policy HAU4 – Allocation of Land at Station Road East of Millfields for Development</b> <b>Policy HAU5 – Allocation of Land at West of Fishponds Way for Development</b> Policies HAU3, HAU4 and HAU5 state that the allocated sites provide outdoor green space to meet the requirements as set out in the Mid Suffolk Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Social Infrastructure including Open Space, Sport and Recreation or any development standards set out in a local plan or more up-to-date SPD.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU14 – Protection of Local Green Spaces</b> Policy HAU14 allocates local green spaces.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU15 – Protection of Rural Landscape</b> Policy HAU15 protects visually important open spaces.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
Conserving and enhancing the natural environment (continued)		<p><b>Policy HAU16 – Rights of Way and Access</b> Policy HAU16 states that new housing and business developments shall encourage usage of, and provide linkage to, the network of existing paths and bridleways in and around Haughley Parish.</p>
Using brownfield land	<p><b>Objective 1 – New Housing and Development</b> To ensure that all new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p> <p><b>Objective 2 – Historic Built Environment</b> To preserve and enhance the historic built environment of Haughley.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU6 – Sites for Commercial and Industrial Development</b> Policy HAU6 states that commercial and industrial developments will be supported where they are situated on three allocated brownfield sites.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU11 – Development Design and Character</b> Policy HAU11 states that new development will be supported when, where relevant, it demonstrates consideration has been given to the use of brownfield sites/conversion of existing buildings.</p>
Promoting mixed use	<p><b>Objective 1 – New Housing and Development</b> To ensure that all new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU6 – Sites for Commercial and Industrial Development</b> Policy HAU6 states that commercial and industrial development will be supported where they are situated on three stated brownfield sites.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU7 – Protection of Employment and Existing Businesses</b> Policy HAU7 protects employment and existing businesses.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
Promoting mixed use (continued)	<p><b>Objective 3 – Facilities and Services</b> To enhance Haughley’s role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU12 – Protection of Local Community Facilities</b> Policy HAU12 protects local community facilities.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU13 – Provision of New Retail and Community Facilities</b> Policy HAU13 supports the provision of new retail and community facilities.</p>
Conserving heritage	<p><b>Objective 1 – New Housing and Development</b> To ensure that all new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p> <p><b>Objective 2 – Historic Built Environment</b> To preserve and enhance the historic built environment of Haughley.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU1 – Haughley’s Spatial Strategy</b> Policy HAU1 states that developments shall be permitted where development would protect and enhance local features of green space, landscape, ecological or historic importance.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU9 – Development Affecting Haughley’s Historic Environment</b> Policy HAU9 ensures the conservation and enhancement of Haughley’s historic environment.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU10 – Possible New Development in the Conservation Area</b> Policy HAU10 states that new development within the Conservation Area will be expected to enhance the positive attributes of the Heritage Asset, and that development that will harm a Heritage Asset will not be supported unless substantial public benefit outweighs the harm.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
Conserving heritage (continued)		<p><b>Policy HAU11 – Development Design and Character</b> Policy HAU11 states that new development will be supported when, where relevant it uses, and where appropriate re-uses, local and traditional materials.</p>
Sustainable transport	<p><b>Objective 1 – New Housing and Development</b> To ensure that all new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p> <p><b>Objective 4 – Environment</b> To ensure that sustainable development is secured for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. green spaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints e.g. flooding.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU3 – New Homes at Land East of King George V Playing Field</b> <b>Policy HAU4 – Allocation of Land at Station Road East of Millfields for Development</b> <b>Policy HAU5 - Allocation of Land at West of Fishponds Way for Development</b> Policies HAU3, HAU4 and HAU5 state that the allocated development sites must provide new pedestrian linkages to enable residents to walk to all facilities in the village centre.</p> <p>Policy HAU5 additionally states that a new route will be provided as part of the development from the River Gipping tributary along Fishponds Way to the Eve Balfour Way junction on Fishponds Way.</p> <p>In addition, the development should facilitate the connection of a new route between the development and the northern end of the bridleway (B38) in Fishponds Way, from the south side of the River Gipping tributary.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU16 – Rights of Way and Access</b> Policy HAU16 states that new housing and business developments should encourage usage of, and; provide linkage to, the existing paths and bridleways in and around Haughley Parish.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
<p>Health and social and cultural wellbeing</p>	<p><b>Objective 1 – New Housing and Development</b> To ensure that all new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p> <p><b>Objective 2 – Historic Built Environment</b> To preserve and enhance the historic built environment of Haughley.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU1 – Haughley’s Spatial Strategy</b> Policy HAU1 states that development shall be permitted where development would protect and enhance local features of green space, landscape, ecological or historic importance.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU2 – Housing Developments within Settlement Boundaries</b> Policy HAU2 states that sites including affordable housing should ensure that it is integrated with market housing across a site.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU3 – New Homes at Land East of King George V Playing Field</b> <b>Policy HAU4 – Allocation of Land at Station Road East of Millfields for Development</b> <b>Policy HAU5 – Allocation of Land at West of Fishponds Way for Development</b> Policies HAU3, HAU4 and HAU5 state that on the allocated development sites the developments will include up to 35% of affordable housing to address local housing needs and will provide outdoor green space with to meet the requirements as set out in the Mid Suffolk Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Social Infrastructure including Open Space, Sport and Recreation or any development standards set out in a local plan or more up-to-date SPD.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU9 – Development Affecting Haughley’s Historic Environment</b> <b>Policy HAU10 – Possible New Development in the Conservation Area</b> Policies HAU9 and HAU10 seek to preserve and enhance the historical environment of Haughley Parish which includes a Conservation Area and a large number of listed buildings.</p>

<b>NPPF (2012) Core Principle</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>	<b>Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies</b>
<p>Health and social and cultural wellbeing (continued)</p>	<p><b>Objective 3 – Facilities and Services</b> To enhance Haughley’s role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.</p> <p><b>Objective 4 – Environment</b> To ensure that sustainable development is secured for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. green spaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints e.g. flooding.</p>	<p><b>Policy HAU11 – Development Design and Character</b> Policy HAU11 states that new development will be supported when, where relevant, it includes measures and facilities that encourage walking and cycling wherever possible.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU12 – Protection of Local Community Facilities</b> Policy HAU12 states that proposals to change the use of social and community facilities will not be supported unless equivalent or better provision for the facility to be lost is made elsewhere.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU13 – Provision of New Retail and Community Facilities</b> Policy HAU13 states that development proposals for new, expanded or improved retail, commercial and community facilities will be supported when they provide for walking and cycling and they link into existing pedestrian and cycle routes and they provide cycle parking to at least the minimum standard outlined in the Suffolk Guidance for Parking updated 2015.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU14 – Protection of Local Green Spaces</b> Policy HAU14 allocates local green spaces.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU15 – Protection of Rural Landscape</b> Policy HAU15 protects visually important open spaces.</p> <p><b>Policy HAU16 – Rights of Way and Access</b> Policy HAU16 states that new housing and business developments shall facilitate the use of the network of existing paths and bridleways in and around Haughley Parish through, where necessary, improved linkages from the development to the network.</p>

### **3.2 The Sustainability Policies in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012)**

The following section compares the 13 Sustainable Development themes of the NPPF (2012) with those of the Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan (HPNP).

#### **1. *Building a strong, competitive economy***

Haughley Parish wants to build a strong, prosperous rural economy particularly one that will give employment to local people. As the Parish grows it is important that local employment opportunities also increase.

Policy HAU8 seeks to increase business competitiveness by facilitating the provision of high speed broadband in all new dwellings and business buildings.

#### **2. *Ensuring the vitality of town centres***

Parish shops and amenities are located in the village centre and are supported by Policy HAU12 which seeks to protect local community facilities.

#### **3. *Supporting a prosperous rural economy***

Haughley Parish wants to build a strong, prosperous rural economy particularly one that will give employment to local people. As the Parish grows it is important that local employment opportunities also increase.

Policy HAU6 supports the development of commercial and industrial developments. The availability of fast broadband is often a problem in rural areas, disadvantaging businesses and home workers. Policy HAU8 seeks to facilitate the connection to high speed broadband to support new employment development opportunities. Policy HAU13 supports new, expanded or improved retail and community facilities.

#### **4. *Promoting sustainable transport***

We want to promote sustainable transport particularly aimed at reducing the number of travel journeys and the level of greenhouse gas emissions. The NPPF (2012) says "Plans should protect and exploit opportunities for the use of sustainable transport modes for the movement of goods or people". Policy HAU1 only permits development within settlement boundaries thereby reducing journey lengths to use local services and facilities.

#### **5. *Supporting high quality communications infrastructure***

We fully support the introduction and maintenance of a high quality communications infrastructure, vital to those who live in rural communities and do not have easy access to services, education and leisure facilities. In particular, Haughley Parish is targeting the introduction of a high speed broadband network available to all its local residents and businesses and an improved mobile telecommunications infrastructure. Policy HAU8 seeks to facilitate the connection to high speed broadband in new development.

#### **6. *Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes***

Paragraph 50 of the NPPF (2012) requires plans to cater for current and future needs, to identify size, type and tenure, and to provide affordable housing where needed. The HPNP makes two site allocations for new housing development and contains policies which enable the development of new homes throughout the plan period and to make provision for the development of affordable housing. Policies HAU1, HAU2, HAU3, HAU4 and HAU5 address; scale and location of new development, housing mix, affordable housing and the allocation of affordable housing.

### **7. Requiring good design**

Good design is vitally important to ensure that new developments and redevelopments fit in well to their existing surroundings and do not clash with the existing look and feel of an area.

Policy HAU1 requires new development to be of a scale, density and character appropriate to the location. Policy HAU2 requires new development to reflect the role of Haughley village and relate well to the existing layout of the village, that they are of a high standard of design and that planning and design guidelines contained in the independent AECOM Masterplanning and Design Guidelines Report are to be followed.

Policies HAU3, HAU4 and HAU5 require new development to be of high quality design that respects the setting of the site and the local vernacular architecture. Policies HAU4 and HAU5 require that planning and design guidelines contained in the independent AECOM Masterplanning and Design Guidelines Report are to be followed.

### **8. Promoting healthy communities**

Policies HAU3, HAU4 and HAU5 require outdoor green space to meet the requirements as set out in the Mid Suffolk Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Social Infrastructure including Open Space, Sport and Recreation or any development standards set out in a local plan or more up-to-date SPD to be part of any development.

Policy HAU14 protects Local Green Spaces and Policy HAU15 protects visually important open spaces.

### **9. Protecting Green Belt land**

The HPNP Area does not include any designated green belt.

### **10. Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change**

Policy HAU1 states that development shall be permitted where there is the necessary infrastructure to serve the development, or that it can be made available to serve the development. Policy HAU1 also only permits new development within settlement boundaries thereby reducing journey lengths thereby reducing carbon emissions.

Policies HAU3, HAU4 and HAU5 state that the potential impact of any development on Anglian Water's existing infrastructure is assessed and given consideration.

Policy HAU5 additionally states that the minor constraint of the proximity to flood risk Zone 2 and 3 must be fully assessed.

Policy HAU11 states that new development will be supported when it takes every opportunity, where practicable and viable, to incorporate features that improve its environmental performance thereby reducing carbon emissions. These can include both energy efficiency measures and green energy generation.

### **11. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment**

Haughley Parish owes much to its rural location and it is clear from responses from residents that it is a key reason for people to live and work here.

The NPPF (2012) requires that the planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. Policy HAU1 states that development shall be permitted where development would protect and enhance local features of green space, landscape and ecological importance.

Policy HAU14 protects Local Green Spaces. Policy HAU15 protects visually important open spaces.

**12. Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.**

Haughley village has a statutory designated local conservation area in the centre of the village and it is extremely important that this is preserved and enhanced. In addition, there are 63 listed buildings within the Parish and a Scheduled Monument, the Norman motte and bailey castle. Haughley's rural setting contributes greatly to its amenity value. Whilst acknowledging the need to meet future development in Haughley, it is necessary that this is achieved with the least interference to the visual appeal and setting of the village.

Policy HAU1 states that development should protect and enhance local features of historic importance.

Policy HAU2 states that residential development should, if appropriate, have had regard to the site's location in respect of a heritage asset and have had due regard to the Haughley Conservation Area Appraisal (2008) published by Mid Suffolk District Council

Policy HAU10 ensures that new development within the Conservation Area and/or within the setting of a listed building will be expected to enhance the positive attributes of the Heritage Asset.

**13. Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals**

Mineral extraction is excluded development and is therefore not dealt with in the HPNP.

### 3.3 Achieving Sustainable Development

The HPNP is required to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, as defined in the NPPF (2012) and summarised elsewhere in this Basic Conditions Statement. Paragraph seven of the NPPF (2012) states that there are three dimensions to sustainable development;

- to contribute to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy,
- to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities; and
- to contribute to protecting and enhancing the natural, built and historic environment.

The following statements identify how the HPNP delivers sustainable development.

#### How the HPNP Objectives relate to the three NPPF (2012) dimensions of sustainable development

NPPF (2012) Component	HPNP Objectives
<b>Economic</b>	Objective 3 To enhance Haughley’s role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.
<b>Social</b>	Objective 1 To ensure that new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish. Objective 3 To enhance Haughley’s role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.
<b>Environmental</b>	Objective 4 To ensure that sustainable development is secured for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. green spaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints (e.g. flooding).

### 3.4 How the Purpose of HPNP Policies Achieve Sustainable Development

The table below identifies the purpose of each Policy in the HPNP and its intended outcome in relation to achieving sustainable development as defined by the NPPF (2012).

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>HAU1</b>	To set out the main criteria for permitting new development.	Ensures that new development is appropriate, with protection of green space and landscape and there is the necessary infrastructure.
<b>HAU2</b>	To detail the criteria for which new development will be supported.	Ensures that new residential development relates to the village, is of a high standard of design with a mix of dwelling types and tenures, protects the environment, landscape and heritage assets and that necessary infrastructure is in place and with the inclusion of affordable housing.
<b>HAU3</b>	To specify the required elements of the new development at Land East of King George V Playing Field.	Provides for a mix of dwelling types in the development including affordable housing, green space, high quality design, safe pedestrian linkages to the village and a zebra crossing in Green Road to Haughley Crawford's School.
<b>HAU4</b>	To specify the required elements of the possible new development of Land at Station Road East of Millfields.	Provides for a mix of dwellings in the possible development, including affordable housing, green space, high quality design and new pedestrian linkages to provide access to the village centre.
<b>HAU5</b>	To specify the required elements of the possible new development of Land at West of Fishponds Way.	Provides for a mix of dwelling types, including affordable housing, green space, high quality design and new pedestrian linkages to provide access to the village centre. In addition, flood risk is to be assessed, an archaeological assessment is carried out, a new route will be provided from the River Gipping tributary along Fishponds Way to the Eve Balfour Way junction and the development should facilitate the connection of a new route from the development to the northern end of the bridleway (B38) in Fishponds Way.
<b>HAU6</b>	To support new commercial and industrial development.	Commercial and industrial developments will be supported on the three stated brownfield sites.
<b>HAU7</b>	To protect employment and existing businesses.	Non-employment use on sites and premises used and/or designated for employment purposes will only be permitted if the criteria set out are met.
<b>HAU8</b>	To incorporate high speed broadband in all new dwellings and businesses.	Ensures that all new dwellings and businesses shall incorporate a suitable infrastructure to enable high speed broadband to be incorporated.
<b>HAU9</b>	To ensure the conservation and enhancement of Haughley's historic environment.	Sets out standards and conditions to be met in the event of proposed development that may affect Haughley's historic environment and the particular criteria to be met by those development proposals.
<b>HAU10</b>	To protect Haughley's Conservation Area.	Ensures that development that will harm a Heritage Asset or the setting of a Heritage Asset will not be supported unless substantial public benefits outweigh the harm.

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>HAU11</b>	To ensure that new development enhances the positive attributes of the village and local design features.	Sets out criteria to minimise any negative impact caused by new development and criteria that are positive factors that will be taken into account that may support new development.
<b>HAU12</b>	To protect local community facilities.	Ensures that proposals for the change of use of social or community facilities will not be supported unless better provision is made elsewhere or there is no demand for the facility.
<b>HAU13</b>	To set out criteria for the provision of new retail and community facilities.	Ensures that development proposals for new, expanded or improved retail and community facilities meet the criteria set out in order to be supported.
<b>HAU14</b>	To protect designated Local Green Spaces.	The Local Green Spaces that are to be protected are specified.
<b>HAU15</b>	To protect the rural landscape.	Ensures that visually important open spaces will be protected and that all developments should be expected to minimise impacts on the landscape character, with no development outside Settlement Boundaries unless in exceptional circumstances.
<b>HAU16</b>	To protect Rights of Way and Access.	Ensures that new housing and business developments shall facilitate the use of the network of existing paths and bridleways and the network will be protected.

### 3.5 General Conformity with the Strategic Policies Contained in the Development Plan

The Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan (HPNP) must demonstrate that it is in general conformity with the development plan for the local authority area concerned. The development plan currently in force for the HPNP is the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy (adopted September 2008), the Core Strategy Focused Review (adopted 2012) and the saved policies of the Mid Suffolk Local Plan (adopted September 1998).

Mid Suffolk District Council has announced its intention to prepare a new joint local plan with Babergh District Council to cover the two local planning authority areas. Consultation on Issues and Options to be considered in the Joint Local Plan took place between January and March 2015 and the District Council’s Executive Committee considered a new Local Development Scheme on 6 June 2016. However, given the new Local Plan has yet to be adopted, there is no requirement for the HPNP to be in conformity with anything published in relation to the Joint Local Plan, but the options contained therein have been considered in the HPNP.

#### ***Vision of HPNP and the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008***

The Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008 Vision states, in relation to the HPNP, that;

- By 2025 the district will become a more prosperous, healthy, safer, attractive and greener place to live with fewer inequalities, improved access to and provision of housing, employment and services for all;
- Concentrating employment opportunities where they are most accessible, including Key Service Centres;
- Key Service Centres will accommodate appropriate levels of residential growth;
- The Vision will be achieved in ways that reduce the impact of society on the environment, improve the quality of design of the built environment and protect and enhance settlement character, environmental assets such as its biodiversity, geodiversity and historic environment; and
- Development will need to address the issues of energy and resource conservation; good design in new development; incorporate sustainable drainage systems; and the enhancement of the natural and built environment and heritage

The HPNP Vision is set out below with an indication as to how it conforms with the Core Strategy Vision.

<b>HPNP Vision</b>	<b>Conformity with Core Strategy Vision</b>
By 2036 Haughley Parish will be a connected, viable and attractive rural area with a strong heritage and community spirit.	Conforms
Haughley Parish will have a range of homes and essential public services (including high speed broadband connection) that meet the growing needs of the community and are in keeping with the area.	Conforms
The rural and historic environment will be protected and enhanced.	Conforms
Haughley Parish will be a safe and sustainable rural community where people want to live and which they want to use into the future.	Conforms

**Fit of the Objectives of Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan with the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008 as amended by the Focused Review 2012**

The table below identifies how the objectives of the Core Strategy and the HPNP complement each other.

<b>Core Strategy Objective</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>
SO1: To protect, manage, enhance and restore the landscape, biodiversity and geodiversity of the district.	Objective 4 To ensure that sustainable development is secured for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. green spaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints (e.g. flooding).
SO2: To seek to improve water quality and reduce pollution to the wider environment	Objective 4 To ensure that sustainable development is secured for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. green spaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints (e.g. flooding).
SO3 (2012): To respond to the possible harm caused by climate change Mid Suffolk will seek to minimise its carbon footprint, by encouraging a shift to more sustainable travel patterns. In particular the Council will address congestion and pollution and ensure that all new development minimises its carbon emissions, and carbon consumption and is adapted to future climate change.	Objective 4 To ensure that sustainable development is secured for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. green spaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints (e.g. flooding).
SO4: To protect, manage, enhance and restore the historic heritage / environment and the unique character and identity of the towns and villages by ensuring that new developments are appropriate in terms of scale and location in the context of settlement form and character.	Objective 1 To ensure that new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish. Objective 2 To preserve and enhance the historic built environment of Haughley.
SO5: Reinforce the vitality and viability of local shops, schools, services, recreation and community facilities in towns and key service centres and primary villages.	Objective 3 To enhance Haughley's role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.
SO6 (2012): Provision of housing, employment, retail infrastructure and access to services will be coordinated to ensure that delivery of necessary infrastructure takes place to accommodate new development and to enable communities to be balanced, inclusive and prosperous.	Objective 1 To ensure that new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish. Objective 3 To enhance Haughley's role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.

<b>Core Strategy Objective</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>
SO7: To support sustainable communities by locating development where it will enable people to access jobs and key services, such as education, health, recreation and other facilities recognising and respecting the diversity in the function and character of Mid Suffolk's towns, key service centres and primary and secondary villages and countryside.	Objective 1 To ensure that new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.  Objective 3 To enhance Haughley's role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.
SO8: To meet the requirement set by the Regional Spatial Strategy for new housing while maintaining the special character of Mid Suffolk's towns, villages and countryside. New development will be of a high standard of design and layout and will address the need for energy and resource conservation.	The Regional Spatial Strategy housing targets were quashed in 2013. Objective 1 To ensure that new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.
SO9: Planning and housing policies will maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet local needs.	Objective 1 To ensure that new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.
SO10: To prepare for an ageing population, including the provision and retention of community facilities and suitable housing, including sheltered and assisted accommodation.	Objective 1 To ensure that new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.  Objective 3 To enhance Haughley's role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.
SO11: To support the growth of the local economy and rural regeneration in ways which are compatible with environmental objectives, and which deliver increased prosperity for the whole community.	Objective 3 To enhance Haughley's role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.
SO12: Promote high quality, sustainable tourism.	Objective 3 To enhance Haughley's role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.
SO13: Support and enable public and community transport services and encourage walking and cycling initiatives to provide access to jobs, shops and services and consider new methods of delivering and protecting existing services for smaller communities.	Objective 3 To enhance Haughley's role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.  Objective 5 To ensure that traffic and transport issues in Haughley Parish are tackled, including enhanced provision for walking and cycling.

<b>Core Strategy Objective</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Objectives</b>
SO14: To provide accessible and varied opportunities for leisure, cultural and recreational activities in order to promote healthy lifestyles.	Objective 5 To ensure that traffic and transport issues in Haughley Parish are tackled, including enhanced provision for walking and cycling.
SO15: To develop vibrant and prosperous towns and service centres by encouraging development that supports their function with a range of good quality jobs, businesses, shops and services that meet the needs of local people.	<p>Objective 1 To ensure that new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p> <p>Objective 3 To enhance Haughley's role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.</p>

### **3.6 Compatibility of the HPNP with the Strategic Policies of the Development Plan**

The Government's Planning Practice Guidance states:

"Strategic policies will be different in each local planning authority area. When reaching a view on whether a policy is a strategic policy the following are useful considerations;

- whether the policy sets out an overarching direction or objective;
- whether the policy seeks to shape the broad characteristics of development;
- the scale at which the policy is intended to operate;
- whether the policy sets a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced;
- whether the policy sets a standard or other requirement that is essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan;
- in the case of site allocations, whether bringing the site forward is central to achieving the vision and aspirations of the Local Plan; and
- whether the Local Plan identifies the policy as being strategic."

A significant number of policies in the Mid Suffolk Local Plan (1998) are officially "saved" by direction of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. In total these amount to over 150 policies. Mid Suffolk District Council has not identified which of the saved local plan policies are of a strategic nature. In the absence of this, we have assessed compatibility of the HPNP policies against all policies that are considered relevant to Haughley Parish.

The table below provides details of the policies in the development plan, a link to the HPNP policy (where relevant) and a narrative of conformity of the HPNP with the development plan.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
<b>Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008</b>		
CS1: Settlement Hierarchy	HAU2 Housing HAU6 Business HAU7 Business HAU12 Facilities HAU13 Facilities	Policy CS1 identifies Haughley village as a Key Service Centre. The HPNP provides opportunities for sustainable growth of housing, jobs and services.
CS2: Development in the Countryside and Countryside Villages	HAU1 Housing HAU2 Housing HAU6 Business	Policy CS2 restricts development in the countryside to defined categories. The HPNP confirms this approach..
CS3: Reduce contributions to Climate Change	HAU11 Design and Character	Policy CS3 relates to standalone renewable energy proposals and sustainable construction techniques. The HPNP confirms this approach.
CS4: Adapting to Climate Change	HAU5 Housing	Policy CS4 covers flood risk, pollution and protection of biodiversity. The HPNP provides for assessment of flood risk.
CS5: Mid Suffolk's Environment	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area HAU11 Development Design HAU14 Local Green Spaces HAU15 Rural Landscape HAU16 Rights of Way and Access	Policy CS5 seeks to maintain and enhance the environment, including the historic environment. The HPNP complements these policies.
CS6: Services and Infrastructure	HAU1 Housing HAU2 Housing HAU9 Broadband HAU12 Facilities HAU13 Facilities	Policy CS6 requires development to provide or support the delivery of appropriate infrastructure. The HPNP confirms this approach.
CS7: Brownfield Target	HAU11 Design and Character	Policy CS7 sets a target of 50% of new homes on brownfield sites. The HPNP supports this approach.
CS9: Density and Mix	HAU1 Housing HAU2 Housing HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing HAU11 Design and Character	Policy CS9 requires a mix of house types, sizes and affordability. The HPNP confirms this approach.

<b>Local Plan Strategic Policy</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Policy</b>	<b>Comment</b>
CS10: Gypsy and Travellers	No specific policies apply	The policy seeks to provide appropriately located pitches to meet the identified need between 2006 and 2016. The HPNP does not compromise the ability to use the criteria in Policy CS10 to consider the location of suitable sites.
<b>Mid Suffolk Core Strategy Focused Review 2012</b>		
Policy FC1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development	HAU1 Housing HAU2 Housing	The local plan policy confirms that the NPPF (2012) presumption in favour of sustainable development will be applied. The HPNP meets the NPPF (2012) sustainable development criteria.
Policy FC1.1: Mid Suffolk approach to delivering Sustainable Development	HAU1 Housing HAU2 Housing HAU6 Business HAU8 Broadband HAU9 Historic Environment HAU11 Design and Character HAU14 Local Green Spaces HAU15 Rural Landscape HAU16 Rights of Way and Access	The local plan policy requires development proposals to demonstrate the principles of sustainable development. The policies of the HPNP do not conflict with the local plan approach.
Policy FC2: Provision and Distribution of Housing	HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing	The policy identifies the minimum amount of housing to be provided in the district to 2027 and locational strategy for where it will be provided. It identifies that at least 750 new homes will be constructed across the 12 Key Service Centres. Policies HAU3, HAU4 and HAU5 allow for the provision of housing to meet the requirement.
Policy FC3: Employment	HAU6 Business HAU7 Business HAU12 Facilities HAU13 Facilities	The policy identifies the number of new jobs that are likely to be required in the district by 2031 and provides a locational strategy for these jobs. The HPNP supports commerce, industry and facilities.
<b>Mid Suffolk Local Plan First Alteration 2006 Saved Policies</b>		
H4 A Proportion of Affordable Housing in new housing developments	HAU2 Housing HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing	The Local Plan policy seeks to negotiate up to 35% of housing to be affordable on sites of 5 or more or 0.17ha and above in villages. The HPNP supports this policy.
H5 Affordable Housing on rural exception sites	No specific policies apply	The Local Plan policy identifies a process for delivering local needs affordable housing on sites abutting the settlement boundary of a small rural settlement.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
		The HPNP is not in conflict with this policy.
<b>Mid Suffolk Local Plan 1998 Saved Policies</b>		
SB2 Development appropriate to its setting	HAU2 Housing HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing HAU9 Historic Environment HAU11 Design and Character	The local plan policy sets out design criteria by which new development will be considered. The policies in the HPNP complement the saved policies by providing a local context.
SB3 Retaining visually important open spaces	HAU14 Protection of Local Green Spaces HAU15 Rural Landscape	The local plan policy seeks to protect visually important open spaces. The HPNP supports this policy.
GP1 Design and layout of development	HAU2 Housing HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing HAU11 Design and Character	The local plan policy sets out criteria for the design and layout of new development. The HPNP complements this policy.
GP2 Development brief	HAU2 Housing HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing HAU11 Design and Character	The local plan sets out development briefs for new developments. The HPNP complements this policy.
HB1 Protection of historic buildings	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area	The local plan provides a strategic policy for protecting the character and appearance of buildings of architectural or historic interest and setting of listed buildings. The HPNP supports this policy.
HB2 Demolition of listed buildings	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area	The local plan policy resists the demolition of listed buildings. However, it does not reflect the content of para 132 of the NPPF (2012). The HPNP is in accordance with the NPPF (2012).
HB3 Conversions and alterations to historic buildings	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area	The local plan policy resists the conversion or alteration of listed buildings. However, it does not reflect the content of para 132 of the NPPF (2012). The HPNP is in accordance with the NPPF (2012).
HB4 Extensions to listed buildings	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area	The local plan policy enables the sympathetic extension of listed buildings. The HPNP supports development within the setting of a heritage asset provided that it does not have an adverse impact upon its significance.

<b>Local Plan Strategic Policy</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Policy</b>	<b>Comment</b>
HB5 Preserving historic buildings through alternative uses	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area	The local plan policy supports the change of use of listed buildings subject to certain criteria. The HPNP is compatible with this and the more up-to-date NPPF (2012).
HB6 Securing the repair of listed buildings	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area	The local plan policy relates to the use of statutory powers to secure the repair of listed buildings. The HPNP does not preclude this.
HB8 Safeguarding the character of conservation areas	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area	The local plan policy prioritises the protection of the character and appearance of conservation areas. The HPNP is in compliance with this policy.
HB9 Controlling demolition in conservation areas	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area	The local plan policy restricts the demolition of buildings in conservation areas. The HPNP does not contradict the local plan policy.
HB10 Advertisements in conservation areas	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area	The local plan policy restricts advertisement proposals that would detract from the character and appearance of a conservation area. The HPNP does not contradict the local plan policy.
HB13 Protecting ancient monuments	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area	The local plan policy protects ancient monuments. The HPNP is in accordance with this policy.
HB14 Ensuring archaeological remains are not destroyed	HAU9 Historic Environment HAU10 Conservation Area	The local plan policy protects archaeological remains according to their significance. The HPNP does not contradict the local plan policy.
H3 Housing development in villages	HAU1 Housing HAU2 Housing	The local plan policy provides a presumption in favour of development within housing settlement boundaries, subject to the consideration of certain criteria. The HPNP supports proposals for new homes within the settlement boundaries.
H7 Restricting housing development unrelated to needs of countryside	HAU1 Housing HAU2 Housing HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing	The local plan policy controls proposals for new housing in the countryside. The HPNP allows new housing development within the settlement boundaries, reflecting the Core Strategy status of the village as a Key Service Centre.
H8 Replacement dwellings in the countryside	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of replacement dwellings in the countryside. The HPNP does not contradict the local plan policy.
H9 Conversion of rural buildings in the countryside	No specific policies apply	The local plan provides criteria for the consideration of buildings in the countryside. The HPNP does not contradict the local plan policy.
H10 Dwellings for key agricultural workers	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for agricultural workers' dwellings. The HPNP does not contradict the local plan policy.
H11 Residential caravans and other mobile homes	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of residential caravans or mobile homes. The HPNP does not contradict the local plan policy.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
H13 Design and layout of housing development	HAU1 Housing HAU2 Housing HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing HAU11 Design and Character	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for new homes. The HPNP policies support the criteria.
H14 A range of house types to meet different accommodation needs	HAU2 Housing HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing HAU11 Design and Character	The local plan policy seeks a variety of house types and design in developments of 10 or more. The HPNP policies support the criteria.
H15 Development to reflect local characteristics	HAU1 Housing HAU2 Housing HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing HAU9 Historic Environment HAU11 Design and Character	The local plan policy requires that the development of new homes should be consistent with the pattern and form of development in the surrounding area. The HPNP policies support the criteria.
H16 Protecting existing residential amenity	HAU12 Facilities HAU14 Local Green Spaces HAU15 Rural Landscape	The local plan policy seeks to protect existing amenity and character of residential areas. The HPNP policies support the criteria and designate particular open spaces.
H17 Keeping residential development away from pollution	HAU5 Housing HAU11 Design and Character	The local plan policy does not allow residential development which will be impacted by existing noise, smell or other forms of pollution or hazardous installations. The HPNP supports this policy.
H18 Extensions to existing dwellings	No specific policies apply	The policy regulates the potential impact of extensions to homes. The HPNP does not contradict this policy.
H19 Accommodation for special family needs	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy addresses how proposals for residential annexes in the countryside will be considered. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL3 Major utility installations and power lines in the countryside	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks the careful siting of major installations for utilities and power lines. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL5 Protecting existing woodland	HAU5 Housing HAU9 Historic Environment HAU14 Local Green Spaces HAU15 Rural Landscape	The local plan policy seeks to protect woodland, particularly ancient woodland. The HPNP supports this approach.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
CL6 Tree preservation orders	HAU5 Housing HAU9 Historic Environment HAU14 Local Green Spaces HAU15 Rural Landscape	The local plan policy states that TPOs will be used to prevent the loss of important trees and woodland. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL8 Protecting wildlife habitats	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy protects important habitats and species. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL9 Recognised wildlife areas	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy will not allow development that would harm sites with a nature conservation interest. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL11 Retaining high quality agricultural land	HAU15 Rural Landscape	The local plan policy encourages the conservation of the best agricultural land. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL12 The effects of severance upon existing farms	No specific policies apply	The local plan provides for consideration of the impact of a development proposal on farm severance and fragmentation. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL13 Siting and design of agricultural buildings	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy requires proposals for farm buildings to have regard to visual amenity. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL14 Use of materials for agricultural buildings and structures	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy requires materials chosen for such buildings to be sympathetic to their setting. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL15 Livestock buildings and related development	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy restricts the siting of such buildings where they significantly intrude into the countryside. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL16 Central grain stores, feed mills and other bulk storage buildings	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy restricts the siting of such buildings where they significantly intrude into the countryside. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL17 Principles for farm diversification	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy enables changes of use for farm diversification subject to a number of criteria. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL18 Changes of use for agricultural and other rural buildings to non-residential uses	No specific policies apply	The local plan provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for converting agricultural buildings to non-agricultural uses. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL19 Farm shops	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of farm shop proposals. The HPNP does not preclude the use of this policy.
CL20 Garden centres	No specific policies apply	The local plan provides criteria restricting the location of garden centres. The policies of the HPNP are compatible with this approach.
CL21 Facilities for horse riding	HAU15 Rural Landscape	The local plan provides criteria for considering proposals for the use of land for horse riding and the need to protect landscape, habitats and residential amenity. The HPNP supports this approach.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
CL22 Advertisements in a countryside setting	HAU15 Rural Landscape	The local plan policy provides criteria for the siting of advertisement in the countryside. The HPNP supports the criteria.
CL24 Wind turbines in the countryside	HAU15 Rural Landscape	The local plan policy requires careful consideration of the siting of wind turbines to minimise visual impact. The HPNP supports this policy.
E3 Warehousing, storage, distribution, and haulage depots	HAU6 Business HAU7 Business	The policy identifies how proposals for such uses will be considered, including in the countryside. The policies of the HPNP do not conflict with the local plan approach.
E4 Protecting existing industrial/business areas for employment-generating uses	HAU7 Business	The local plan prevents development within or adjacent to existing business areas that would prejudice their continued use. The HPNP policies do not conflict with this approach.
E5 Change of use within existing industrial/commercial areas	HAU6 Business HAU7 Business	The local plan policy provides for considering proposals for the change of use or new buildings for employment uses in existing employment areas. The HPNP supports this policy.
E6 Retention of individual industrial and commercial sites	HAU6 Business HAU7 Business	The local plan policy sets out how proposals for the change of use of existing employment sites will be considered. The HPNP policies do not conflict with this approach.
E7 Non-conforming industrial uses	HAU7 Business	The local plan policy restricts the intensification of businesses that are inappropriate to the surroundings and encourages their relocation. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
E8 Extensions to industrial and commercial premises	HAU6 Business HAU7 Business	The local plan policy provides consideration as to how proposals for extensions to existing premises will be considered. The HPNP policies do not conflict with this approach.
E9 Location of new businesses	HAU6 Business HAU7 Business HAU11 Rural Landscape	The local plan provides criteria for the consideration of the siting of new business premises. The HPNP policies do not conflict with this approach.
E10 New industrial and commercial development in the countryside	HAU6 Business HAU7 Business HAU11 Rural Landscape	The local plan restricts the development of new industrial development in the countryside unless a need to locate it away from towns and villages can be justified. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
E11 Re-use and adaption of agricultural and other rural buildings for industrial or commercial use	No specific policies apply	The local plan supports such proposals subject to certain criteria. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
E12 General principles for location, design and layout of industrial and commercial development	HAU7 Business	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location and design of new industrial and commercial development. The policies in the HPNP do not conflict with this approach.
S3 Amusement centres	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location of amusement centres and does not permit them in conservation areas. The policies in the HPNP do not conflict with this approach.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
S5 Living accommodation above shops and other commercial premises	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides for the creation of homes above shops. Although more appropriate to town centres, the HPNP policies do not conflict with this approach.
S7 Provision of local shops	HAU13 Facilities	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of additional shopping floorspace within settlement boundaries. The policies in the HPNP do not conflict with this approach.
S8 Shop front design	HAU11 Design and Character	The local plan policy provides for how proposals for new shop fronts will be considered. The policies in the HPNP do not conflict with this approach.
S9 Retaining traditional shop fronts	HAU9 Conservation Area	The local plan seeks the retention of traditional shop fronts within conservation areas. The policies in the HPNP do not conflict with this approach.
S10 Convenience goods stores	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for supermarkets will be considered. It is unlikely that such a proposal will be forthcoming in Haughley but policies in the HPNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
S11 Retail warehousing	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for retail warehouses will be considered. It is unlikely that such a proposal will be forthcoming in Haughley but policies in the HPNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
S12 Retail on industrial estates and commercial sites	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for retail on industrial estates will be considered. Policies in the HPNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
S13 Ancillary retail uses	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria by which proposals for ancillary uses will be considered. Policies in the HPNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T1 Environmental impact of major road schemes	HAU15 Rural Landscape	The local plan policy provides criteria for assessing the benefits and impacts of major road schemes. No such schemes are currently proposed in the HPNP area but policies in the HPNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.
T4 Planning obligations and highways infrastructure	HAU5 Housing	The local plan policy refers to the ability for developers to enter into Section 106 agreements to secure necessary highway improvements. Policies in the HPNP support the approach in the local plan.
T6 Petrol filling station and other roadside services	HAU6 Business HAU15 Rural Landscape	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location of petrol filling stations and roadside services. Policies in the HPNP support the approach in the local plan.
T7 Provision of public car parking	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to provide adequate public car parks to meet identified needs. Policies in the HPNP would not conflict with the approach in the local plan.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
T9 Parking standards	HAU2 Housing HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing HAU11 Design and Character HAU13 Facilities	The local plan states that development should accord with the adopted parking standards. Policies in the HPNP support the approach in the local plan.
T10 Highway considerations in development	HAU16 Rights of Way and Access	The local plan policy sets out criteria for the consideration of highway matters. The HPNP accords with the local plan approach.
T11 Facilities for pedestrians and cyclists	HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing HAU10 Facilities HAU16 Rights of Way and Access	The local plan policy seeks to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. The HPNP accords with the local plan approach.
T12 Designing for people with disabilities	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to ensure that highways proposals have regard to the needs of people with disabilities. Policies in the HPNP would not conflict with this approach.
T13 Bus services	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to locate new development in ways which support the network of bus services. Policies in the HPNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT1 Sports and recreation facilities for local communities	HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing HAU13 Facilities	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for new sport and recreation facilities. The HPNP supports the approach in the local plan.
RT2 Loss of existing sports and recreation facilities	HAU12 Facilities HAU13 Facilities	The local plan policy seeks to protect existing facilities or ensure suitable replacement facilities are provided. Policies in the HPNP support the approach in the local plan.
RT3 Protecting recreational open space	HAU12 Facilities HAU14 Local Green Spaces HAU15 Rural Landscape	The local plan policy safeguards recreational open space from development. Where development is allowed, suitable and equivalent provision should be made. The HPNP accords with this policy.
RT4 Amenity open space and play areas within residential development	HAU3 Housing HAU4 Housing HAU5 Housing	The local plan policy sets a standard for the provision of open space and play areas in large sites. The HPNP accords with this policy.
RT5 Recreational facilities as part of other development	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks, where appropriate to secure recreation facilities as part of an office, retail, commercial or mixed-use development. The HPNP does not conflict with this policy.

<b>Local Plan Strategic Policy</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Policy</b>	<b>Comment</b>
RT6 Sport and recreational facilities in the countryside	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of new or extensions of such facilities in the countryside. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
RT7 Noisy sports	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of the location of noisy sports. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
RT8 Motor sports	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of the location of motor sports. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
RT9 Facilities for air sports	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for air sports. Policies in the HPNP would not conflict with this approach.
RT10 Golf courses	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals for golf courses. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
RT11 Facilities for informal countryside recreation	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the consideration of proposals such as picnic areas and country parks. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
RT12 Footpaths and bridleways	HAU16 Rights of Way and Access	The local plan policy seeks to maintain and improve the public rights of way network. The HPNP accords with the local plan approach.
RT13 Water-based recreation	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy supports then development of water-based recreation facilities subject to impact on the character and appearance of the countryside. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
RT14 Art in public places	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy encourages the provision of public art. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
RT16 Tourism facilities and visitor attractions	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the location, design and scale of facilities and attractions. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
RT17 Serviced tourist accommodation	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for tourist accommodation will be considered. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
RT18 Touring caravan and camping sites	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for touring caravans and camping sites will be considered. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
RT19 Static caravans and holiday chalets	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for such accommodation will be considered. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
SC2 Septic tanks	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies when the use of septic tanks in development will be acceptable. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
SC3 Small sewage treatment plants	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals involving small scale sewage treatment plants will be considered. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
SC4 Protection of groundwater supplies	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to protect damage to and contamination of groundwater resources. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.

Local Plan Strategic Policy	Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Comment
SC6 Recycling centres	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to provide recycling centres within major development schemes. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
SC7 Siting of telecommunications equipment	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy seeks to minimise the visual impact of telecommunications equipment including masts. The HPNP would not conflict with this approach.
SC8 Siting of new school buildings	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy identifies how proposals for new school buildings will be considered. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
SC9 Conversion of premises to residential homes	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy provides criteria for the conversion of premises to residential homes. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
SC10 Siting of local community health services	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy supports the provision of local community health facilities in towns and villages. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.
SC11 Accommodation for voluntary organisations	No specific policies apply	The local plan policy supports the conversion of redundant public buildings for use by voluntary organisations for community facilities. The HPNP does not conflict with this approach.

#### **4. Compatibility with European Union Obligations and Human Rights**

##### ***Environmental Impact and Habitat Regulations***

Section 4B 8 (2)(f) states that a draft Neighbourhood Plan will meet the Basic Conditions if, the making of the Neighbourhood Plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations and the making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

European Union Directive 2001/42/EC requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to be undertaken for certain types of plan or programmes that would have a significant environmental effect. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the Regulations) that this is to be determined by a screening process which should use a specified set of criteria (set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations). The results of this process must be set out in a SEA Screening Statement, which must be publicly available.

In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Regulations, Haughley Parish Council requested Mid Suffolk District Council, as the responsible body, to consider whether an environmental assessment of the emerging Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan is required. The District Council subsequently made this determination following consultation with the statutory consultees. The determination is set out in a report dated August 2018 “Haughley Neighbourhood Assessment Screening Determination”, following the Screening Report dated July 2018 by Essex County Council Place Services entitled “Haughley Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2036 Pre-Submission Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)”. This determination was sent to the Statutory Consultees by email on 3 July 2018 as per Regulation 11 of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes 2004.

The Screening Report determined that a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) was “screened out” and the need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was “screened in”. AECOM, via Locality, was requested to carry out the SEA on behalf of Haughley Parish Council.

In line with Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 the Screening Report July 2018, the Haughley Neighbourhood Assessment Screening Determination August 2018, the SEA Scoping Report October 2018 and the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan December 2018 are submitted alongside the HPNP.

The SEA has concluded that the HPNP is likely to lead to significant positive effects in relation to the “Population and Community” SEA theme and is likely to lead to significant positive effects in relation to the “Health and Wellbeing” SEA theme. The HPNP will also bring positive effects in relation to the “Landscape and Historic Environment” SEA theme and in addition will bring positive effects in relation to the “Biodiversity” SEA theme. With regard to the “Land, Soil and Water Resources” SEA theme, the HPNP may have the potential to lead to significant negative effects relating to the loss of agricultural land, although this is uncertain given recent agricultural land classification has not been undertaken at the allocated new development sites. The HPNP will also initiate a number of beneficial approaches regarding the “Climate Change” and “Transportation” SEA themes, although they are not considered to be significant.

##### ***Human Rights and Equality Impact Assessment***

The overall purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan is to improve the quality of life for people living now

and in the future and working in the Parish from an environmental, social and economic point of view. The aims and policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have been formulated in response to local people’s views and in the light of evidence gathered for the Parish, in order to meet the needs expressed and address the issues identified. In order to confirm that the HPNP does not have any unintended consequences for particular groups the strategic aims and the policies in the Plan have been scrutinised to ensure that they do not disadvantage any potentially vulnerable groups. The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on all public authorities in the exercise of their functions to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity, and to foster good relations between persons who have a “protected characteristic” and those who do not. “Protected characteristics” are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. This section assesses the Submission Draft of the HPNP to ensure that Haughley Parish Council is satisfying its statutory duties in this regard. An assessment has been made on whether the vision, objectives and the policies in the HPNP have a positive, negative or neutral impact on each of the protected characteristics. The purpose of each of the objective and the policies in the HPNP are provided, and their likely impact on persons with protected characteristics is assessed.

**Impact of Objectives of Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan on Persons with Protected Characteristics**

<b>HPNP Objectives</b>	<b>Outcome for persons with Protected Characteristics</b>
<p>Objective 1 To ensure that new housing and all new development in Haughley village and Parish is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met, while retaining the rural character of the village and Parish.</p>	<p>Ensures that local people of all ages can continue to live in a suitable home and where local housing needs are met.</p> <p>Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>
<p>Objective 2 To preserve and enhance the historic built environment of Haughley.</p>	<p>To preserve the historic built environment of Haughley.</p> <p>Neutral impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>
<p>Objective 3 To enhance Haughley’s role as a Core Village by protecting and improving existing facilities and services</p>	<p>To enhance Haughley’s role as a Core Village.</p> <p>Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>
<p>Objective 4 To ensure that sustainable development is secured for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. green spaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints (e.g. flooding).</p>	<p>Ensures the protection of key environmental assets.</p> <p>Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>
<p>Objective 5 To ensure that traffic and transport issues in Haughley Parish are tackled, including enhanced provision for walking and cycling.</p>	<p>Ensures traffic issues are tackled.</p> <p>Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.</p>

**Impact of Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan Policies on Persons with Protected Characteristics**

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
HAU1	To set out the main criteria for permitting new development.	Ensures that new development is appropriate, with protection of green space and landscape and there is the necessary infrastructure.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
HAU2	To detail the criteria for which new development will be supported.	Ensures that new residential development relates to the village, is of a high standard of design with a mix of dwelling types and tenures, protects the environment, landscape and heritage assets and that necessary infrastructure is in place and with the inclusion of affordable housing.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
HAU3	To specify the required elements of the new development at Land East of King George V Playing Field.	Provides for a mix of dwelling types in the development including affordable housing, green space, high quality design, safe pedestrian linkages to the village and a zebra crossing in Green Road to Haughley Crawford's School.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
HAU4	To specify the required elements of the possible new development of Land at Station Road East of Millfields.	Provides for a mix of dwellings in the possible development, including affordable housing, green space, high quality design and new pedestrian linkages to provide access to the village centre.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
HAU5	To specify the required elements of the possible new development of Land at West of Fishponds Way.	Provides for a mix of dwelling types, including affordable housing, green space, high quality design and new pedestrian linkages to provide access to the village centre. In addition, flood risk is to be assessed, an archaeological assessment is carried out, a new route will be provided from the River Gipping tributary along Fishponds Way to the Eve Balfour Way junction and the development should facilitate the connection of a new route from the development to the northern end of the bridleway (B38) in Fishponds Way.  Broadly positive impact for persons with certain protected characteristics.
HAU6	To support new commercial and industrial development.	Commercial and industrial developments will be supported on the three stated brownfield sites.  Neutral impact on persons with protected characteristics.

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
HAU7	To protect employment and existing businesses.	Non-employment use on sites and premises used and/or designated for employment purposes will only be permitted if the criteria set out are met.  Neutral impact on persons with protected characteristics.
HAU8	To incorporate high speed broadband in all new dwellings and businesses.	Ensures that all new dwellings and businesses shall incorporate a suitable infrastructure to enable high speed broadband to be incorporated.  Neutral impact on persons with protected characteristics.
HAU9	To ensure the conservation and enhancement of Haughley's historic environment.	Sets out standards and conditions to be met in the event of proposed development that may affect Haughley's historic environment and the particular criteria to be met by those development proposals.  Neutral impact on persons with protected characteristics.
HAU10	To protect Haughley's Conservation Area.	Ensures that development that will harm a Heritage Asset or the setting of a Heritage Asset will not be supported unless substantial public benefits outweigh the harm.  Neutral impact on persons with protected characteristics.
HAU11	To ensure that new development enhances the positive attributes of the village and local design features.	Sets out criteria to minimise any negative impact caused by new development and criteria that are positive factors that will be taken into account that may support new development.  Broadly positive impact on persons with protected characteristics.
HAU12	To protect local community facilities.	Ensures that proposals for the change of use of social or community facilities will not be supported unless better provision is made elsewhere or there is no demand for the facility.  Broadly positive impact on persons with protected characteristics.
HAU13	To set out criteria for the provision of new retail and community facilities.	Ensures that development proposals for new, expanded or improved retail and community facilities meet the criteria set out in order to be supported.  Broadly positive impact on persons with protected characteristics.
HAU14	To protect designated Local Green Spaces.	The Local Green Spaces that are to be protected are specified.  Broadly positive impact on persons with protected characteristics.

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
HAU15	To protect the rural landscape.	<p>Ensures that visually important open spaces will be protected and that all developments should be expected to minimise impacts on the landscape character, with no development outside Settlement Boundaries unless in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Broadly positive impact on persons with protected characteristics.</p>
HAU16	To protect Rights of Way and Access.	<p>Ensures that new housing and business developments shall facilitate the use of the network of existing paths and bridleways and the network will be protected.</p> <p>Broadly positive impact on persons with protected characteristics.</p>

Certain protected characteristics are not affected by the HPNP, namely gender reassignment, race, religion, or sexual orientation. For persons with these characteristics it has a neutral effect. Where policies in the Plan would adversely affect persons with these protected characteristics, they would not be differently affected than persons without these characteristics. For example, if a person with these protected characteristics were disadvantaged by a policy, it would have the same consequence for a person without the protected characteristic who wished to do the same thing. Similarly, if a person with one of these protected characteristics were to benefit from a policy, it would have the same benefit for a person without the protected characteristic in the same circumstances.

### Adopted Development Plan Policies that do not apply to Haughley Parish Neighbourhood Plan

<b>Mid Suffolk Core Strategy 2008</b>	
CS8: Provision and Distribution of Housing	This policy was replaced by the Core Strategy Focused Review adopted in 2012.
CS11: Supply of Employment Land	This policy was replaced by the Core Strategy Focused Review adopted in 2012.
CS12: Retail Provision	The policy covers the identified town centres in Mid Suffolk. It does not apply to Haughley Parish.
<b>Mid Suffolk Local Plan 1998 Saved Policies</b>	
SB1 Directing new development to existing settlements	This is listed as a “saved policy” but has been superseded by the Core Strategy (2008) CS1 and CS2.
GP4 Energy and resource conservation	This is listed as a “saved policy” but has been superseded by the Core Strategy (2008) CS3.
HB7 Protecting gardens and parkland of historic interest	There are no such designations in the HPNP area.
H2 Housing development in towns	Not appropriate to the HPNP.
H6 A regular supply of land	This is listed as a “saved policy” but has been superseded by the Core Strategy Focused Review (2012) FC2.
CL2 Development within special landscape areas	There is no designated special landscape area in the HPNP area.
CL23 After use of sites following mineral extraction	There are no mineral extraction sites in the HPNP area.
E2 Industrial uses on allocated sites.	There is no provision for industrial use in the allocated sites in the HPNP.
S4 Avoiding the loss of residential accommodation	Policy applies to principal shopping areas.
S6 Provision of office accommodation	Policy applies to principal shopping areas.
T2 Minor highway improvements	The local plan policy notes that regard will be had to the content of schemes in the annual Transport Policies and Programme (TPP). The TPP is no longer published by highway authorities and therefore this policy is not relevant.
T5 Financial contributions to B1115 relief road	Policy does not apply to HPNP area
T8 Lorry parking facilities in towns	The policy does not apply to Haughley Parish.
T14 Rail services	The policy does not apply to Haughley Parish.
RT15 Safeguarding arts and entertainments venues	The policy does not apply to Haughley Parish.