

Strategic Environmental Assessment & Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Statement

*Everton Neighbourhood Plan
2017 - 2031*

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This document contains the Screening Statements for the Everton Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) with regards to whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and/or Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) are required to be undertaken.
- 1.2 Regulation 15 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations sets out the information that must accompany a Neighbourhood Plan when submitted to the local planning authority. In February 2015 amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations came into force; these are known as the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015. Regulation 2(4) of these amendments adds additions to the list of documents that a qualifying body must submit to a local planning authority with a Neighbourhood Plan. The additional document which must be submitted is either an environmental report prepared in accordance with the relevant regulations or, if the outcome concludes that an SEA or HRA is not necessary, a statement that sets out how environmental issues have been taken into account and considered during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.3 The National Planning Policy Framework (para 167) advises that assessments should be proportionate, and should not repeat policy assessment that has already taken place. In view of this, only a high level screening assessment of the Plan has been undertaken for both the SEA and HRA, and this assessment should be read in conjunction with the relevant reports produced for Bassetlaw District Councils Local Development Framework¹. A conclusion of each assessment is also provided in this document as well as information on what the required next steps are in both the SEA and HRA process.
- 1.4 As the responsible authority under relevant regulations, that are described below, Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) have undertaken both of the Screening Assessment's contained in this document working with Everton Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 1.5 The requirement for a SEA to be undertaken on development plans and programmes that may have a significant environmental effect is outlined in European Union Directive 2001/42/EC. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the 2004 Regulations) state that this is determined by a screening process, utilising a specified set of criteria which is outlined in Schedule 1 of the Regulations. The results of this process must be set out in an SEA Screening Statement, which must be publicly available.
- 1.6 The objective of undertaking an SEA is "to provide for a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the

¹ <http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/everything-else/planning-building/planning-policy/local-development-framework.aspx>

preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development, by ensuring that, in accordance with this Directive, an environmental assessment is carried out of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment.”

Habitat Regulations Assessment

- 1.7 European protected sites (the ‘Natura 2000 Network’) are of exceptional importance for the conservation of important species and natural habitats within the European Union. The network of European protected sites comprises Special Protection Areas (SPAs) designated under the Birds Directive (79/409/EEC), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) designated under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and Ramsar sites designated under the Ramsar Convention 1975. Government guidance advises that potential SPAs (pSPA), candidate SACs (cSAC) and potential Ramsar (pRamsar) sites are also included in HRA’s.
- 1.8 As a land use plan, an assessment of the draft Everton Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) may be required under the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) Regulations 2012 (the Habitat Regulations) and Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive in order to determine whether the Plan may result in a significant effect on identified sites².
- 1.9 As with the SEA process, a screening process is used to establish whether any elements of the Draft Plan may have a significant effect on these sites. Regulation 32 of the 2015 Regulations further reemphasises the importance of carrying out this assessment by stating that one of the basic conditions that must be met before the Plan may be ‘made’ is that “the making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2012) or a European offshore marine site (as defined in the Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 2007 (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects))”³.

Summary of Findings

- 1.10 Following the undertaking of the Screening Assessments it has been shown that the Plan in its current form will not have any significant negative effects on the environment or any identified European sites. It is considered therefore that a full environmental assessment and habitat regulations assessment is not necessary. This determination has been reached by assessing the contents of the Draft Plan against criteria provided in Schedule 1 of the 2004 Regulations and with regard to Regulation 32 of the 2015 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations & the Habitat Regulations.

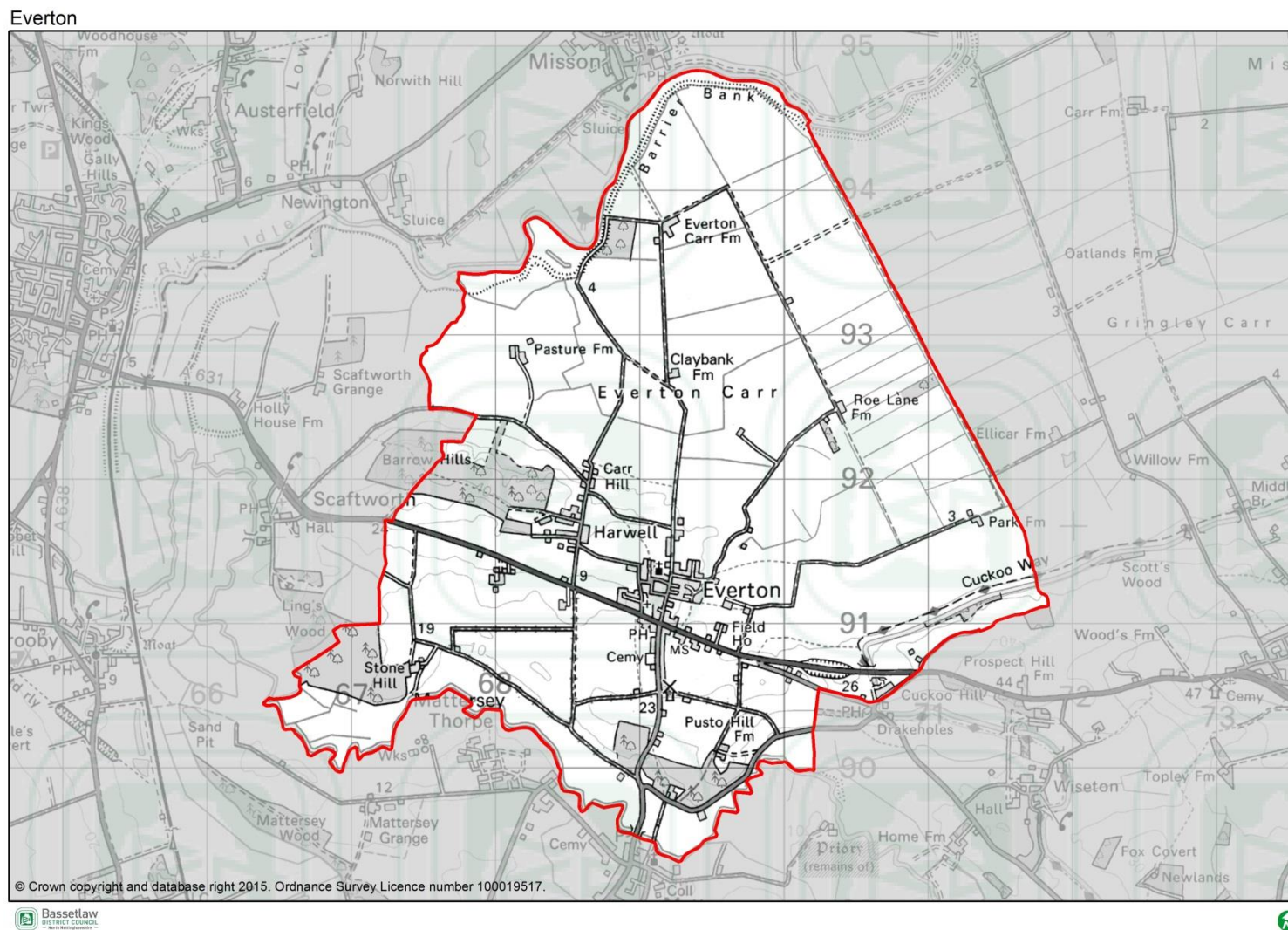
The Everton Neighbourhood Development Plan

- 1.11 The Plan is being produced by Everton Parish Council with the aid of local residents; it plans for the future development and growth of the area up to the year 2031. The NP covers the designated Everton neighbourhood area as seen on **Figure 1** on the following page.

² SEA Directive, Article 1, available at: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32001L0042>

³ Planning Guidance - Reference ID: 41-079-20140306

Figure 1: Neighbourhood Plan area



2 Draft Plan Overview

- 2.1 The main priorities of the Plan are expressed throughout the Draft document, most clearly in its Vision, Aim and Objectives, these will be delivered in turn by the 19 Development Policies and 7 site allocations contained in the Plan. The Vision, Aim and Objectives of the Plan, as well as the Policies can be found below.

Vision

The Vision for our Neighbourhood Development Plan is that by 2034 we leave the Parish even better than it is already, by guiding new developments, as well as enhancing and protecting important features, so that our good fortune can be shared by future generations.

Aim & Objectives

Overall Aim: To promote sustainable development in Everton Parish up to 2034.

This will be achieved through the following 5 Objectives:

Objective 1 – To ensure that the rural landscape character and built heritage of the Parish are protected and enhanced. New development should be sustainable, support local biodiversity objectives and be designed as sensitively as possible taking account of the distinctive character of existing buildings within Everton village, and the surrounding smaller settlements of the Idle Lowlands and Mid Nottinghamshire Farmlands.

(Addressed in Draft Policies E1, E2, E3, E4, E5 and E6)

Objective 2 – To provide a positive planning framework to guide new housing development within the Parish. New housing development should respond positively to local housing needs. The target housing number will be set out by the NDP, and the scale, location, size and type of housing in new developments will be appropriate for the rural area.

(Addressed in Draft Policies H1, H2, H3 and H4 and Site Allocations)

Objective 3 – To support appropriate local economic development to encourage investment and provide improved opportunities for local employment, subject to other objectives. Appropriate new rural business development in the Parish will be encouraged to help ensure Everton Parish continues to prosper and provide local job and training opportunities, suitable for the countryside location.

(Addressed in Draft Policy B1)

Objective 4 – To protect and enhance local services, community and recreational facilities
 Everton Parish’s existing local facilities will be protected and investment in new facilities will be encouraged. This will include a positive planning framework to guide proposals by the Metcalfe Trust to provide an improved village hall /sports club house.

(Addressed in Draft Policies C1, C2 and C3)

Objective 5 – To support investment in local infrastructure to help ensure new development is successfully accommodated and integrated into the village and wider area
 New development will increase pressures on existing infrastructure but also offers opportunities for investment to ensure new development is successfully accommodated within the village. The NDP should identify where investment is required and guide development to the most appropriate locations taking into consideration issues such as flooding and accessibility.

(Addressed in Draft Policies INF1, INF2, INF3, and INF4)

Development Management Policies

Policy Title	Summary
Draft Policy E1: Protecting and Enhancing Local Landscape Character	<p>Works to ensure development proposals take into consideration the latest Landscape Character Assessments and work to protect and enhance important local character characteristics, such as; ditches, hedgerows and the green gaps between settlements.</p> <p>The Policy also discourages new isolated buildings in the countryside and contains criteria that new agricultural and commercial buildings or structures have to meet.</p>
Draft Policy E2: Protecting and Enhancing Biodiversity	Protects identified local wildlife and habitats in the Plan area from unsympathetic development.
Draft Policy E3: Green Infrastructure	<p>This Policy works to protect and enhance green infrastructure in the area and where appropriate create new networks that will benefit the area.</p> <p>The Policy also encourages the use of indigenous woodlands in landscaping schemes, the integration of natural features and SuDS as well as the extension and connection of existing footpaths and cycle networks.</p>
Draft Policy E4: Archaeology	Development proposals within identified areas must take account of known surface and subsurface archaeology and ensure unknown and potentially significant deposits are identified and appropriately considered.
Draft Policy E5: Protecting the	This Policy works to protect the Everton Conservation

Conservation Area and its Setting	<p>area by providing a number of criteria that development proposals must adhere to. Such as; describing the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting and how the proposal will not harm this; reflecting the scale, mass, height and form of existing locally characteristic buildings, and design details and materials.</p> <p>The Policy does also provide support for contemporary and sustainable designs where they are of exceptional quality and where they clearly demonstrate that they are appropriate to their context.</p>
Draft Policy E6: Encouraging High Quality Design	Provides a number of principles that development proposals should incorporate, such as; responding to the characteristics of the site and its surroundings within identified character areas; ensuring that building(s) height, scale, and form, do not impact on street scene and wider landscape views; use of appropriate materials; avoiding generic schemes and consideration of impact on local amenity.
Draft Policy H1: Housing within Everton Parish	<p>This Policy sets out what new residential development will be supported in the Plan area, this includes the conversion, re-use or extension of existing buildings as well as the identified site allocations within the Plan.</p> <p>A number of criteria are also provide that all new residential development must adhere to, including; not leading to the loss of community or recreation facilities or local employment opportunities unless suitable re-provision is made; protecting local amenity; protecting heritage assets and according with other policies within the Plan.</p>
Draft Policy H2: Site Allocations for New Housing Development in Everton Parish	This Policy allocates 7 sites within the Plan area for development with a number of criteria relating to each site of what development proposals for the sites must address.
Draft Policy H3: Providing Appropriate House Types and Sizes to meet Local Needs	This Policy provides support for development proposals that provide housing suitable for the local need of the area, including housing suitable for first time buyers and those looking to downsize.
Draft Policy H4: Sustainable Design and Tackling Fuel Poverty	This Policy supports proposals that incorporate sustainable design and energy efficiency, where appropriate. As well as providing support for Community-led sustainable housing schemes and self-build projects in the Parish.
Draft Policy B1: Supporting	Supports appropriate economic development which is

Local Economic Growth and Rural Diversification	<p>in keeping with the parish's rural location, setting and historic character and surrounding land uses.</p> <p>Also provides support for development of small businesses subject to the proposal meeting a number of criteria relating to; design, mitigating any impacts on local infrastructure, providing adequate car parking and the proposals are for small scale business / start up units and facilities which support local services and the visitor economy.</p>
Draft Policy C1: Protecting Existing Recreational Facilities and Supporting Investment in New Facilities	This Policy identifies local facilities in the area and encourages their improvement and protects them from loss unless the following is demonstrated; suitable alternative provision is provided, local community support for the scheme, or the facility is no longer needed.
Draft Policy C2: Supporting Investment in New Facilities by the Metcalfe Trust	Provides further support for the redevelopment of the community facilities provided by the Metcalfe Trust in the Plan area.
Draft Policy C3: Supporting a New or Extended Cemetery	Provides support for proposals for a new or extended cemetery subject to a number of criteria relating to; location, demonstrable community support and protecting local amenity.
Draft Policy INF1: New Communication Technologies	This Policy supports proposals that relate to the improvement and development of new mobile telecommunication infrastructure, including ensuring that where possible new development is served by access to the superfast broadband network.
Draft Policy INF2: Supporting Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Schemes and Technologies	Provides support for community led initiatives for renewable and low carbon energy that must minimise any adverse impacts on visual amenity, landscape and biodiversity and be sensitive to the character of the Conservation Area and other built heritage assets
Draft Policy INF4: Reducing Flood Risk and Run Off	This Policy contains a number of criteria relating to flooding that development proposals in the Plan must take into consideration. Including; providing effective surface water drainage measures, maximising the retention of surface water on the development site, existing topography to manage the flow of water, use of water attenuation facilities such as lagoons, ponds and swales and the use of sustainable design such as "green, living and blue roofs".
Draft Policy INF5: Design for Flood Resilience and Resistance	States that all new development in Everton Parish is required to be flood resilient and outlines a number of measures to achieve this.

3 SEA Screening

- 3.1 The table below includes the assessment of the Draft Everton Neighbourhood Plan, including its Objectives and Development Management Policies against the criteria included in Schedule 1 of the 2004 Regulations. The Everton Neighbourhood Plan is being assessed as a whole against the criteria listed below to allow for the consideration of its effects on the environment.

SEA of the Everton Neighbourhood Plan

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects (Annex II SEA Directive)	Significant effect likely?	Comment
1a The degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources.	NO	<p>The Everton Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) will set out a spatial vision for the designated Everton Neighbourhood Plan area and provides a framework for proposals for development in the area. This framework will be delivered by development management policies contained within the Plan. This framework will have some impacts on the environment, noticeably the support of development proposals however it is deemed that these impacts will not be significant due to their small, localised nature.</p> <p>The Plan is considered to be in general conformity with Bassetlaw District Councils Core Strategy 2011. It is also considered to be in general conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).</p>
1b The degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy.	NO	<p>The Plan, where possible, will respond to rather than influence other plans and programmes. A Plan can only provide policies within the designated area it covers and will also provide policies to help offices at Bassetlaw District Council determine planning applications along with Bassetlaw District Councils Core Strategy DPD. None of the policies contained in the Plan have a direct impact on other plans in the neighbouring areas.</p> <p>The Plan will have minimal influence on the development proposed in Bassetlaw District Councils Core Strategy as this Plan is already adopted and in use. The Plan will have some</p>

		influence on the emerging New Local Plan for Bassetlaw but the environmental effects of this influence are again considered to be minimal.
1c The relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	NO	<p>The Plan sets out and promotes sustainable development within the NP area through balancing environmental, social and economic needs. The Plan's Vision, Aim and Objectives, in conjunction with the 19 Policies, work to ensure that all development proposals brought forward in the area will take this balance into account.</p> <p>Policies E1, E2 and E3 work to ensure that the local environment in the Plan area is protected and enhanced over the Plan period. Policy H4 encourages the use of sustainable design in new developments to help address fuel poverty. Policy INF2 supports and encourages renewable and low carbon energy schemes and technologies. Policies INF4 & 5 work to ensure that flooding and its mitigation is given substantial thought when preparing development proposals.</p> <p>Due to the inclusion of these elements it is considered that the Plan integrates all environmental considerations associated with the development supported in the Plan and there effects on the environment are therefore not significant.</p>
1d Environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme.	NO	<p>The majority of effects the Plan will have on the environment will be positive. This is due mainly to the Policies in the Plan mentioned above.</p> <p>The development that is supported in the Plan is likely to have some effects on the local environment, notably the sites identified for residential development in Policy H2 as these are all currently green field sites. However existing national and local Planning Policy and the planning application process, in conjunction with Policies included in the Plan will ensure these effects are not significant, the Plan's support for sustainable development in general.</p>
1e The relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on	NO	The Plan will be in compliance with Bassetlaw's Local Development Framework which has taken into account the existing European and National legislative framework for environmental

the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).		protection and it will therefore have a positive effect on compliance with regards to relevant legislation and programmes. It is deemed that no proposals within the Plan will compromise this position.
2a The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects.	NO	<p>It is deemed highly unlikely that there will be any irreversible damaging environmental impacts associated with the Plan. The policies within the Plan seek to ensure new development is sustainably built and promotes the enhancement and protection of environmental assets.</p> <p>The timescales of the Plan is intended to be until 2031.</p> <p>Should any unforeseen significant effects on the environment arise as a result of the Plan, the intention to produce an AMR and to also amend/update the Plan every 5 years will allow these effects to be addressed.</p>
2b The cumulative nature of the effects.	NO	It is considered that the Policies contained in the Plan cumulatively will have minimal negative effects on the environment and will in fact have moderate to significant positive effects. It is considered that all effects will be at a local level.
2c The transboundary nature of the effects.	NO	Effects will be local with no expected impacts on neighbouring areas.
2d The risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents).	NO	<p>No obvious risks have been identified as the Plans overall aim is ensure the continued sustainability of the Plan area.</p> <p>The development supported in the Plan, particularly the identified allocation sites may create some short term risks to human health through the associated construction period however these will managed through this process.</p>
2e The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected).	NO	<p>The Plan area relates to an area of approximately 210 hectares. The resident population of the NP area is 1597 (Census 2011).</p> <p>The whole neighbourhood area will be affected by the Plan because the Policies within the Plan focus only on the Plan area. It is deemed the</p>

		Plan as a whole will have a positive impact upon local residents through the protection and enhancement of local environmental assets and promotion of sustainable development.
<p>2f The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:</p> <p>(i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage;</p> <p>(ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or</p> <p>(iii) intensive land-use.</p>	NO	<p>The Plan is deemed unlikely to have an adverse effect on the areas natural characteristics and cultural heritage. Policies E1, E2 and E3 of the Plan work to actively protect and enhance these.</p> <p>3 Local Wildlife Sites and three SSSI sites are present in the Plan area. The effects on these of the Plan are however not considered significant and it is deemed the Plan offers these sites further protection.</p> <p>The Plan does not exceed environmental quality standards or limit values and does not provide specific policies in relation to intensive land uses.</p>
<p>2g The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.</p>	NO	<p>It is considered that the Plan will not adversely affect areas of landscape which have recognised community, national or international protection.</p>

4 HRA Screening

- 4.1 For the HRA “screening” assessment the Neighbourhood Plan area was checked to see if any Special Protection Areas (SPA), Special Areas of Conservation sites (SAC), or Ramsar sites were located within its area, as well as those considered as potential sites (pSPA, cSAC & pRamsar). The assessment also checked to see if any of these internationally important sites were located within a 15km radius from the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Thorne & Hatfield Moors SPA

- 4.2 No designated sites were found within the Neighbourhood area; however the southern element of the Thorne & Hatfield SPA is located approximately 9km to the north of the border of the Plan area. This site covers 2453 hectares, information on its characteristics and designation justification can be viewed using the following link in addition to the information below, <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-1988-theme=default>.

Hatfield Moor SAC

- 4.3 The Hatfield Moor SAC is also located approximately 9km to the north of the Plan area and adjacent to the Thorne & Hatfield Moors SPA described above. The site covers 1359 hectares; information on its characteristics and designation justification can be viewed using the following link in addition to the information below, <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/protectedsites/sacselection/sac.asp?euocode=UK0030166>.

“Hatfield Moors is a remnant of the once-extensive bog and fen peatlands within the Humberhead Levels, and is still the second-largest area of extant lowland raised bog peat in England. Moraines of sand occur beneath the peat, the largest of which forms Lindholme Island, in the centre of the bog. Little, if any, original bog surface has survived the massive extraction of peat over the last few decades. Peat-cutting has now ceased, and the bog is being restored over its remaining minimum average depth of 0.5 m of peat.”

- 4.4 This Screening Assessment has considered the main possible sources of effects on the sites arising from the Plan, possible pathways to the European sites and the effects on possible sensitive receptors in the sites. The assessment considers the impacts of the Policies in the Plan directly on the sites as these are land use Policies which mostly are expected to have some direct or indirect impact on the local environment.

HRA of the Everton Neighbourhood Plan

Policy of the Draft Everton Neighbourhood Plan	Significant effect likely?	Comment
Draft Policy E1: Protecting and Enhancing Local Landscape Character	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development; it works to protect landscape character and to protect and enhance important local character characteristics. Although this Policy does support appropriate sustainable development in the Plan area that adheres to criteria within the Policy, which may increase recreational activity levels in the Plan area, these are considered to only impact on the local area.</p> <p>It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy E2: Protecting and Enhancing Biodiversity	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development; it focuses on protecting identified local wildlife and habitats in the Plan area from unsympathetic development. Although this Policy does support appropriate sustainable development in the Plan area that adheres to criteria within the Policy, which may increase recreational activity levels in the Plan area, these are considered to only impact on the local area.</p> <p>It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy E3: Green Infrastructure	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development; it focuses on protecting and enhance green infrastructure in the area. Although this Policy does support appropriate sustainable development in the Plan area that adheres to criteria within the Policy, which may increase recreational activity levels in the Plan area, these are considered to only impact on the local area.</p> <p>It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy E4: Archaeology	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development; it focuses on ensuring areas of archaeological interest are taken into consideration when preparing development proposals. Although this Policy does support</p>

		<p>appropriate sustainable development in the Plan area that adheres to criteria within the Policy, which may increase recreational activity levels in the Plan area, these are considered to only impact on the local area.</p> <p>It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy E5: Protecting the Conservation Area and its Setting	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development; it focuses on protecting the conservation area by ensuring its characteristic and setting are taken into account when preparing development proposals. Although this Policy does support appropriate sustainable development in the Plan area that adheres to criteria within the Policy, which may increase recreational activity levels in the Plan area, these are considered to only impact on the local area.</p> <p>It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy E6: Encouraging High Quality Design	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development; it focuses on ensuring the design of new development brought forward in the area is of a high quality. Although this Policy does support appropriate sustainable development in the Plan area that adheres to criteria within the Policy, which may increase recreational activity levels in the Plan area, these are considered to only impact on the local area.</p> <p>It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy H1: Housing within Everton Parish	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development; it provides the criteria that any proposals brought forward for residential developments must meet to be granted permission. Although this Policy does support appropriate sustainable development in the Plan area that adheres to criteria within the Policy, which may increase recreational activity levels in the Plan area, these are considered to only impact on the local area.</p> <p>It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>

<p>Draft Policy H2: Site Allocations for New Housing Development in Everton Parish</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>This Policy includes a seven site allocations of land within the Plan area for residential development expected to deliver in the region of 40 new dwellings over the Plan period. The identified sites are approximately 9km from the SAC and SPA.</p> <p>This increase in the population of the Plan area will result in increased road traffic and most significantly levels of recreational activity in the Plan area and surrounding areas. The protection offered to the important environmental assets in the Plan in Policies E1, E2 & E3, and recreational facilities in Policy C1, will lessen the impact on the SAC or SPA by providing suitable local spaces for recreational activity.</p> <p>The identified pathways to the SAC are related to air and water quality. It is considered that the residential nature and small scale of the development supported in this Policy, including the distance of the sites to the SAC will result in no significant effects occurring.</p> <p>It is therefore considered this Policy and the development proposed within it will have no significant effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
<p>Draft Policy H3: Providing Appropriate House Types and Sizes to meet Local Needs</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development but focuses on influencing the type of new housing when it is brought forward. Although this Policy does support appropriate sustainable development in the Plan area that adheres to criteria within the Policy, which may increase recreational activity levels in the Plan area, these are considered to only impact on the local area.</p> <p>It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
<p>Draft Policy H4: Sustainable Design and Tackling Fuel Poverty</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development in the Plan area. It encourages the use of renewable energy or other low energy systems in new developments.</p> <p>It is considered to have no effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>

Draft Policy B1: Supporting Local Economic Growth and Rural Diversification	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development; it provides support for suitable small scale economic development proposals in the Plan area. Although this Policy does support appropriate sustainable development in the Plan area that adheres to criteria within the Policy, which may increase recreational activity levels in the Plan area, these are considered to only impact on the local area.</p> <p>It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy C1: Protecting Existing Recreational Facilities and Supporting Investment in New Facilities	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development in the Plan area but has regard to protecting community facilities in the Plan area.</p> <p>It is considered it will have no effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy C2: Supporting Investment in New Facilities by the Metcalfe Trust	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development in the Plan area but does provide support for proposals that are linked to improving the provision of community facilities on the existing site. Although this Policy does support appropriate sustainable development in the Plan area that adheres to criteria within the Policy and the Plan as a whole, which may increase recreational activity levels in the Plan area, these are considered to only impact on the local area.</p> <p>It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy C3: Supporting a New or Extended Cemetery	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development in the Plan area but provides support for proposals that will provide new cemetery space in the Plan area.</p> <p>It is considered it will have no effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy INF1: New Communication Technologies	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development but provides support for proposals that will improve mobile and broadband infrastructure in the Plan area.</p> <p>It is considered it will have no effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>

Draft Policy INF2: Supporting Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Schemes and Technologies	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development in the Plan area. It encourages community led initiatives for renewable energy or other low energy proposals.</p> <p>It is considered to have no effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy INF4: Reducing Flood Risk and Run Off	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development in the Plan area. It works to ensure new development is protected from flooding issues.</p> <p>It is considered to have no effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>
Draft Policy INF5: Design for Flood Resilience and Resistance	NO	<p>This Policy does not allocate land for development in the Plan area. The Policy provides criteria that new development in the area should meet to ensure it is flood resilient.</p> <p>It is considered to have no effect on the SAC or SPA.</p>

5 In combination effects

- 5.1** Existing plans and proposals must be considered when assessing new plans or programmes for likely significant effects as they may create ‘in combination’ effects. As the Everton Neighbourhood Plan is proposing to allocate several areas of land in the area for residential development, the combination effects of this development along with any development outlined in Bassetlaw District Councils Local Development Framework must be considered. It is considered that the development levels proposed in the Plan are in line with those outlined and assessed as part of the Core Strategy document. Therefore there is no in combination effects as a result of this allocated development.
- 5.2** The Everton Neighbourhood Plan is also required to be in general conformity with existing strategic policies in Bassetlaw District Councils Development Plan which has been assessed at a higher level to determine effects on the identified SAC and SPA, it is concluded that no significant in-combination likely effects will occur due to the Neighbourhood Plans implementation.
- 5.3** As set out on the following page, it is concluded as a result of the above, that the Plan will not lead to a significant effect on the integrity of the SAC and SPA and therefore does not require a full HRA to be undertaken.

6 Conclusions

SEA Screening

- 6.1 On the basis of the SEA Screening Assessment set out in this document, the conclusion is that the Everton Neighbourhood Plan will not have significant environmental effects in relation to any of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations, and therefore does not need to be subject to a full SEA.

HRA Screening

- 6.2 The Screening Assessment concludes that no significant effects are likely to occur with regards to the integrity of the SAC and SPA to the north of Everton, due to the implementation of the Plan. As such the Plan does not require a full HRA to be undertaken.
- 6.3 The main reasons for these conclusions are:
- The effects on the SAC and SPA of the allocated development sites are not deemed to be significant,
 - The development supported in the Plan which may have some effect on the environment, is determined to be local in scale and these local impacts will be addressed and mitigated through Policies contained in the Plan and at the planning application stage.

Next Stages

- 6.4 This document will now be the subject of a consultation period with relevant stakeholders, should they agree with the findings of the assessments in this report then no further work will be required with regard to SEA and HRA on the Everton Neighbourhood Plan.

