

## **Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood Development Plan**

### **Strategic Environmental Assessment & Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Statement**

#### **Introduction**

1. This document contains the Screening Statements for the Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) with regards to whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and/or Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) are required to be undertaken.
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; this is 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.
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 Framework.<sup>1</sup> A conclusion of each assessment is also provided in this document as well information on what the required next steps are in both the SEA and HRA process.
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 Carlton in Lindrick Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

#### **Strategic Environmental Assessment**

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.

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

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 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.”*<sup>2</sup>

### Habitat Regulations Assessment

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.
8. As a land use plan, an assessment of the draft Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood 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 sites. 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 Regulations 2015 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)”*.<sup>3</sup>

### Summary of Findings

9. Following the undertaking of the Screening Assessments, it has been shown that the Draft Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood Development Plan (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 Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood Development Plan

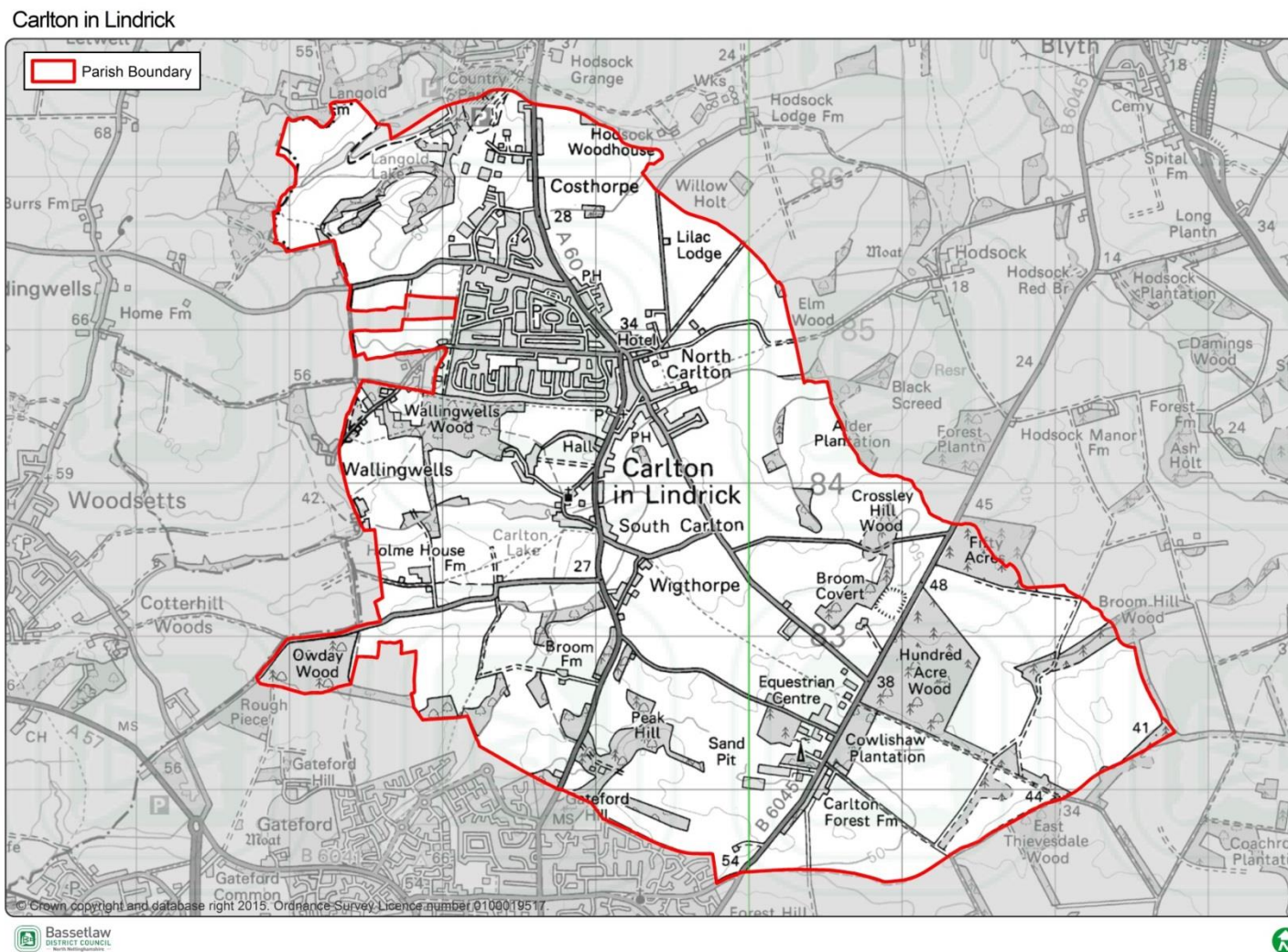
10. The Plan is being produced by Carlton in Lindrick Parish Council with the aid of local residents; it plans for the future development and growth of the area up to the year 2031. The NP covers the designated Carlton in Lindrick neighbourhood area as seen on **Figure 1** below.

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<sup>2</sup> SEA Directive, Article 1

<sup>3</sup> Planning Guidance - Reference ID: 41-079-20140306

**Figure 1: Neighbourhood Plan area**



### Draft Plan Overview

11. The main priorities of the Plan are expressed throughout the Draft document, most clearly in its Vision and Objectives, these will be delivered in turn by the Development Policies and Community Projects contained in the Plan. The Vision and Objectives of the Plan, as well as the Policies can be found below.

### *Vision*

By 2031, Carlton in Lindrick will be a better place to live, with a strong sense of identity and community spirit.

The village will have benefited from a regenerated Firbeck Colliery Site and other developments that have provided a greater mix of properties, encouraged further local employment opportunities and support the continued sustainability of the area.

New developments will have 'raised the bar' in terms of design and support our local facilities, assets and local heritage.

The village will be a greener place with improved access to useable and pleasant areas of woodland and open space.

Our important settlement break between Carlton and Langold will be persevered and views along Doncaster Road retained.

### Objectives

Objective 1	Allocate new developments and diversify the type and tenure of new homes that meet the needs of local people and to encourage regeneration of the community.
Objective 2	Protecting, and where possible, enhancing our community and leisure facilities and public open spaces.
Objective 3	Improving our local green infrastructure and preserving our existing settlement breaks and important views between Langold and Carlton in Lindrick and green gaps along Doncaster Road.
Objective 4	Improve the skill and knowledge of local through encouraging new employment opportunities.
Objective 5	Preserve the rural nature of the village.

## Development Management Policies

Neighbourhood Plan Policy	Intent
<p><b>Policy 1: Sustainable development</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood Plan will take a positive approach to development to ensure the parish fulfils the requirements of its residents and grows in a manner that recognises its rural context. New development, over the Plan period, will seek to maximise the environmental assets and opportunities in and around Carlton in Lindrick, by improving access to the countryside and the provision of new open spaces for residents and visitors.</li> <li>2. Planning permission will be granted for development(s) where they can demonstrate that such development would support the continued sustainability of Carlton in Lindrick by providing or supporting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Its role as a Local Service Centre;</li> <li>b) new homes of a size, type and tenure to meet local needs as identified in the most recently published Strategic Housing Market Assessment</li> <li>c) infrastructure associated with leisure, recreational pursuits and social community and educational activities in and adjoining the village;</li> <li>d) an enhanced village centre that can meet the needs of the village's growing population.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. All development shall be designed having regard to the policies and supporting evidence set out in this Neighbourhood Plan and shall be located to ensure that the development does not significantly and adversely affect the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) amenity of nearby residents; and</li> <li>b) character and appearance of the area in which it is located;</li> <li>c) the historic environment;</li> <li>d) The identified settlement break and important views in the parish; and</li> <li>e) social, built, historic cultural and natural assets of the parish.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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<p><b>Policy 2: Housing Type and Mix</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proposals for residential developments of more than 5 dwellings shall be expected to provide a mixture of dwelling types in accordance with the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a mix that reflects the requirements set out in section 6.8, or more up to date evidence of housing needs; and</li> <li>b) provides a mix of affordable housing in accordance with the relevant adopted Bassetlaw District Council policy at the time.</li> </ol> </li> <li>1. Proposals for self-build units within the existing built form of Carlton in Lindrick will be supported.</li> </ol> <p>Affordable Housing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where local housing need data is available, reference shall be made in the application to how the proposed scheme meets that need.</li> <li>2. Affordable housing shall be provided on site and must be fully integrated with the market housing throughout the development.</li> <li>3. All new affordable housing in Carlton in Lindrick should be allocated based on local connection criteria meaning that people with a strong local connection to the village and whose needs are not met by the open market will be first to be offered the tenancy or shared ownership of the home. the local connection criteria prioritise as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) people who were born in Carlton in Lindrick and have lived there for 5 years or more; or</li> <li>b) people who have lived in the area for 5 years or more people who used to live in Carlton in Lindrick but moved away due to lack of affordable housing; or</li> <li>c) people permanently employed in the parish for 5 years or more.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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<p><b>Policy 3: Firbeck Colliery</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The site, as identified on Proposals Map 1, is allocated for residential use. The Neighbourhood Plan is supporting, in the region of, 400 new homes and open space(s) to support sustainable development and promote community cohesion. Proposals for development on this allocation will be supported where they can satisfactorily demonstrate, to the Local Planning Authority, that any proposal will not have a detrimental impact on the following issues raised by the local community: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Improving access to Langold Country Park and Carlton in Lindrick;</li> <li>b) existing highway network on to Doncaster Road;</li> <li>c) existing capacity of the local primary schools and health centres;</li> <li>d) local character and distinctiveness.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Proposals shall contribute towards the achievement of a new, and well-integrated, sustainable neighbourhood. Any proposal must consider the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) vehicular access to the site shall be from Doncaster Road only;</li> <li>b) existing boundary trees and hedgerows shall be retained, (other than those required to achieve site access) and shall be reinforced with native species;</li> <li>c) the layout and design of the scheme shall include trees, in both the communal and private amenity areas, to reflect the green rural character of this part of the village;</li> <li>d) the layout, building forms and design shall have regard to nearby dwellings and the buildings shall be no more than two storeys in height;</li> <li>e) access shall be created, or existing connections enhanced, from the development site into Langold Country Park and, where possible, to other parts of the village to integrate the development with the rest of the village;</li> <li>f) the provision of affordable housing shall be dispersed throughout the site and not clustered</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<p>locations to provide a mixed and balanced development;</p> <p>g) the provision of public spaces shall be easily accessible to all and provide a usable area of recreation and amenity;</p> <p>h) provide an appropriate level of off-street residents and visitors parking that is integrated into the wider scheme to avoid any unnecessary on-street parking;</p> <p>i) provide an appropriate mix of housing types and tenures, including affordable housing, that shall help meet the needs of the local community, as identified in policy 2;</p> <p>j) where appropriate, incorporate suitable drainage and flood mitigation measures through Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems.</p>
<p><b>Policy 4: Land east of Doncaster Road</b></p>	<p>1. The site, as identified on Proposals Map 2, is allocated for residential use. The Neighbourhood Plan is supporting, in the region of, 150 new homes and open space(s) to support sustainable development and promote community cohesion. Proposals for development on this allocation will be supported where they can satisfactorily demonstrate, to the Local Planning Authority, that any proposal will not have a detrimental impact on the following issues raised by the local community:</p> <p>a) residential privacy and amenity to existing properties along Pinfold Drive;</p> <p>b) existing highway network on to Doncaster Road;</p> <p>c) local environmental assets and identified “important views” on, through, or adjacent to, the site – notably Local Green Space 5;</p> <p>d) existing capacity of the local primary schools and health centres.</p> <p>2. Proposals shall contribute towards the achievement of a new, and well-integrated, sustainable neighbourhood. Any proposal must consider the following:</p> <p>a) vehicular access shall only be provided off</p>



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	<p>Doncaster Road;</p> <p>b) provide pedestrian access to LGS 5 off Pinfold Drive;</p> <p>c) the height and scale of new properties adjacent to the existing properties along Pinfold Drive. No building shall be higher than two storeys in height;</p> <p>d) mitigate any loss of local biodiversity and wildlife that may be affected by the proposal by providing green spaces that will help the enhancement of local wildlife habitats;</p> <p>e) take advantage of local topography, landscape views, native trees, hedgerows and site orientation;</p> <p>f) appropriate boundary treatments and screening through the creation of a “green buffer” between the development site and the open countryside to the north of the site and those existing properties on Pinfold Drive;</p> <p>g) provide an appropriate level of onsite “usable” public open space that should take opportunities to connect to existing spaces, footpath networks and local facilities;</p> <p>h) provide an appropriate level of off-street residents and visitors parking that is integrated into the wider scheme to avoid any unnecessary on-street parking;</p> <p>i) provide an appropriate mix of housing types and tenures, including affordable housing, that shall help meet the needs of the local community, as identified in policy 1;</p> <p>j) where appropriate, incorporate suitable drainage and flood mitigation measures through Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems.</p> <p>k) Provide a Transport Assessment to demonstrate suitable access and movement to and from the development site.</p>
<p><b>Policy 5: Residential infill development</b></p>	<p>1. Residential development on infill and redevelopment sites, including the conversion of suitable buildings, will only be supported where the proposals meet all the following criteria;</p> <p>a) the scheme is located within the existing built-up-area** of Carlton in Lindrick;</p> <p>b) the scheme is in-keeping with the character of the area, particularly in relation to historic development patterns and building plot sizes;</p>

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	<p>c) the scheme does not detract from the setting of a Listed Building, Conservation Area or an identified non-designated heritage asset (see Conservation Area Appraisal);</p> <p>d) building lines and boundary treatments should reflect the positive characteristics of the area; any planting shall include native species;</p> <p>e) the scheme is small in scale, unless it can be demonstrated to the District Council's satisfaction that a higher number, perhaps due to dwelling size, would not cause material harm to the character of the area.</p> <p>2 Proposals that include smaller dwellings (2-3 bedrooms), including self-build units, on infill sites that are within a safe walking distance from local facilities shall be encouraged.</p> <p><b>** The development footprint of a settlement is defined as the continuous built form of the settlement and excludes:</b></p> <p><i>a) Individual buildings and groups of dispersed or intermittent buildings that are clearly detached from the continuous built-up area of the settlement;</i></p> <p><i>b) Gardens, paddocks, and other undeveloped land within the curtilage of buildings on the edge of the settlement where land relates more to the surrounding countryside than to the built-up area of the settlement; and</i></p> <p><i>c) Agricultural buildings and associated land on the edge of the settlement.</i></p>
<p><b>Policy 6: Employment and Local Business</b></p>	<p>1. Proposals will be supported that generate new business and employment opportunities, shall be subject to all the following criteria:</p> <p>a) the proposal is located within, or directly adjacent to, the existing built up area of Carlton in Lindrick or on, or directly adjoining, the two identified areas of employment; Lawn Road and Carlton Forest.</p> <p>b) the proposal respects the character and appearance of the immediate locality in terms of its height, scale, design and massing; and</p> <p>c) the proposal does not cause an unacceptable impact with noise, smell, vibrations, glare and dust</p>

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	<p>on the amenities of nearby residential properties; and</p> <p>d) the proposal provides adequate parking, servicing and access arrangements in accordance with the most recently published standards by Bassetlaw District Council.</p> <p>2. Proposals that support the employment of local people within Carlton in Lindrick; and supports improving, and diversifying, local skills through further education, apprenticeships and training will be supported.</p> <p>Rural Diversification in the open Countryside</p> <p>3. Proposals for non-residential developments, including farm diversification, shall be supported provided that:</p> <p>a) the rural location of the enterprise is justifiable to maintain or enhance the rural economy or the location is justified by means of proximity to existing established businesses or natural features;</p> <p>b) the location of the enterprise is suitable in terms of accessibility;</p> <p>c) the location of the enterprise would not result in conflict with neighbouring land uses; and</p> <p>d) the development is of a size and scale commensurate with the proposed use and with the rural character and location.</p>
<p><b>Policy 7: Design Principles</b></p>	<p>1. All new development must achieve high quality design that contributes positively to the local landscape and townscape, and supports equality and adaptability for future changing needs. Development proposals should demonstrate how they have considered the following design principles:</p> <p>a) development shall complement and be well integrated with neighbouring properties in the immediate locality in terms of scale, density, massing, separation, layout, materials and access;</p> <p>b) architectural design shall reflect high quality</p>

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	<p>standards and, where possible, reflect local design references in both the natural and built environment and reflect and reinforce local distinctiveness;</p> <p>c) the height of new buildings shall be in-keeping with the height of neighbouring properties and demonstrate how heights of the development will not be over-bearing or dominant in the existing street-scene. No residential developments shall be over two-storey in height;</p> <p>d) development shall seek to retain existing mature hedging and established trees and to enhance landscaping to provide for biodiversity. Any existing mature trees or hedging that are unavoidably removed shall be replaced elsewhere on the site;</p> <p>e) development shall consider, and where possible, retain or enhance any “important” views, as identified on proposals map 6, both within the settlement and out towards the open countryside;</p> <p>f) development affecting the transitional edges between the existing built up settlement of Carlton in Lindrick and the open countryside shall be softened by native landscaping or the inclusion of public open space to complement the character of the adjacent or surrounding countryside;</p> <p>g) parking on development sites shall provide adequate off-street parking spaces to avoid clutter and unnecessary on-street parking. Where on-street parking forms part of a developments design, it shall be appropriately designed into the street-scene by the provision of parking bays or areas to avoid unnecessary on-street parking and traffic congestion;</p> <p>h) where a development is providing garages, these shall be large enough to accommodate a modern family sized car; there will be a presumption against development, alteration, advertising or demolition that will be detrimental to the significance of a heritage asset, including those identified as non-designated heritage assets;</p>

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	<p>j) the setting of an asset is an important aspect of its special architectural or historic interest and proposals that fail to preserve or enhance the setting of a heritage asset will not be supported. Where appropriate, regard shall be given to any approved characterisation study or appraisal of the heritage asset.</p> <p>k) proposals shall provide open space, sport and recreation uses that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) are accessible and inclusive to all;</li> <li>b) Safeguard and enhance the natural environment;</li> <li>c) Conserve and enhance any designated and non-designated heritage assets.</li> </ul> <p>l) the siting and layout of open space, within new developments, will be key to connecting existing and new communities to the existing green infrastructure network and adjoining countryside.</p> <p>m) where appropriate, Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems shall be integrated into the wider public open space and provide an easily accessible area for informal recreation and amenity.</p>
<p><b>Policy 8: Carlton Conservation Area</b></p>	<p>1. Development within the Carlton Conservation Area and its setting, including alterations and extensions to existing buildings, will be supported, provided that it is in accordance with other statutory and local plan policies and the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) development shall be designed to sustain significant views that contribute to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. These views include (but not limited to) the “important historic views” as shown on proposals map 6 and applications shall include an assessment of the impact of the proposal on the positive qualities of such views, explaining the rationale of design choices used;</li> <li>b) development shall respect existing plot boundaries, ratios and the historic or traditional forms and grain of development;</li> </ul>

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	<p>c) developments shall respect the predominantly materials used in the area, which consist of either local Magnesian Limestone or red brick with clay pantiles or natural slate;</p> <p>d) existing green spaces, including private gardens, shall be protected from unsympathetic development where this would have an adverse impact on the spacious character of the existing site and the area;</p> <p>e) developments shall take inspiration from the existing predominant boundary treatments appropriate to the immediate buildings and wider character of that part of the Conservation Area;</p> <p>f) development that affects positive buildings (as identified on proposal map 3) and their positive contribution to the street-scene must not undermine the significance of that contribution;</p> <p>g) proposals to demolish positive buildings (as identified on proposal map 3) will be resisted.</p>
<p><b>Policy 9: Settlement Break</b></p>	<p>1. The settlement break, as identified on proposals map 5, has been identified to fulfil the following role and functions:</p> <p>a) Prevention of the physical merging of Carlton in Lindrick and Langold, preserving their separate identity and local character; and</p> <p>b) Creation of a “green lung” to offer residents a direct and continuous link to the open countryside and Langold Country Park; and</p> <p>c) Provision of an accessible recreational resource, with both informal and formal opportunities, close to where people live.</p> <p>2. Within the identified settlement break, planning permission will not be granted for any form of development, unless:</p> <p>a) It can be demonstrated that the development is not contrary or detrimental to the above functions and aims; or</p> <p>b) It is essential for the proposed development to be located within the settlement break, and the benefits of which override the potential impact on the settlement break.</p> <p>3. Development proposals within the settlement break</p>



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	<p>will be expected to have regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The need to retain the open and undeveloped character of the settlement break, physical separation between Carlton in Lindrick and Langold, historic character and environmental significance;</li> <li>b) The maintenance and enhancement of the network of footpaths and their links to the countryside, to retain and enhance public access, where appropriate to the role and function of the settlement break.</li> </ul> <p>3. Development proposals adjacent to the settlement break will be expected to demonstrate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) They do not adversely impact on the function of the settlement break, considering scale, siting, design, materials and landscape treatment;</li> <li>b) They have considered linkages to, and enhancements of, the adjacent settlement break.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 10: Important Views along Doncaster Road</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development that would detract from the purpose of these important views, which is to preserve the open views towards the Ryton Valley and open countryside, as identified on proposals map 6, and rural character of land along Doncaster Road, will not be supported.</li> <li>2. Proposals to conserve, protect and/ or otherwise enhance the views for the benefit of the communities, for leisure and recreation use and provision as a haven for wildlife, will be strongly supported.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policy 11: Langold Country Park</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All relevant development proposals on site or adjacent to Langold Country Park, as identified on proposal map 8, shall assist in the delivery of the long term aim of creating an easily accessible and attractive pedestrian and cycle corridor connecting the Park with the rest of the village. Proposals should seek to improve connectivity between the Park and other areas of the village, including the identified allocated development sites.</li> </ul>

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	<p>2. Where relevant, proposals for sites adjacent to Langold Country Park should seek to extend and enhance the existing public realm and network of public rights of way.</p> <p>3. Proposals should seek to incorporate attractive street furniture, signage and surfacing to improve general connectivity and sense of place in the area.</p>
<p><b>Policy 12: Local Green Spaces</b></p>	<p>1 The following spaces are designated as ‘Local Green Spaces’, as identified on proposals map 9, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework’s Local Green Space criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) LGS1: Allotments</li> <li>b) LGS2: Land opposite Blue Bell Public House</li> <li>c) LGS3: Lambert Memorial Gardens</li> <li>d) LGS4: Grassed area, Pinfold Drive</li> <li>e) LGS5: Dadley Road</li> <li>f) LGS6: Arundel Drive</li> </ul> <p>2 Associated buildings, spaces, fixtures and fittings, required to enhance the spaces for public use, will be supported.</p>
<p><b>Policy 13: Community Facilities</b></p>	<p>Existing Facilities</p> <p>2. Development proposals shall recognise existing community facilities, as identified on proposals map 10, outside the designated Neighbourhood Centres are identified as protected community facilities.</p> <p>3. Development that will result in the loss of sites or premises currently or previously used for service and facilities will not be supported, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) alternative provision, with explicit community support, or of equivalent or better quality will be provided and made available prior to the commencement of development; or</li> </ul>

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	<p>b) It is evidence that there is no reasonable prospect of the service or facility being retained or resurrected; or</p> <p>c) It is evident that the service or facility is no longer economically viable<sup>**</sup>; or</p> <p>d) there is little evidence of local use of that service or facility.</p> <p>New Facilities as part of wider development proposals</p> <p>4. Where new community facilities are deemed necessary as part of a wider development proposals (such as the development of the identified allocated sites in this Plan), developers will be expected to provide such relevant facilities either directly onsite and/ or offsite, through a financial contribution, either alone or cumulatively with other developers.</p> <p>5. Opportunities to incorporate community facilities within or directly adjacent to the development site should be sought in the first instance. Offsite provision may be acceptable as an alternative if:</p> <p>a) there is insufficient space available onsite/ directly adjacent to the site; or</p> <p>b) Incorporation of the facility onsite/ directly adjacent to the site would not be financially viable; or</p> <p>c) It would be more appropriate to contribute (in whole or part) to the establishment or expansion of a facility elsewhere to meet wider demand or combine existing facilities.</p> <p><i><b>**Applicants will be expected to demonstrate, to the Council's satisfaction, that all reasonable efforts have been to sell and let the site or premises for its existing use(s) or another community use at a realistic price for, at least, a 12-month period.</b></i></p>

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<p><b>Policy 14: Neighbourhood Centres</b></p>	<p>Proposals involving the change of use, at ground floor level, of these retail facilities, including A1, A2, A3 and A4 to non-retail uses, within the Neighbourhood Centre, as identified on proposal map 11, will not be supported unless:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) It can be demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, that there is no longer a need for the facility or the premises are unsuitable or not economically viable** for the continued provision of a retail facility.</li> <li>2. New retail facilities will be encouraged where they are providing a suitable mix of retail provision and contribute towards the continued vitality of the Neighbourhood Centre.</li> <li>3. Development for the provision, alteration or replacement of shop fronts and signs in the High Road Neighbourhood Centre will be supported provided: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) they do not require the loss of an existing shop front with a historic value; and</li> <li>b) the design, colour, materials and details of the alterations to and replacements of shop fronts and signage sustain or enhance the character of the building and surrounding shop frontages and are in-keeping with the Carlton Conservation Area.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Proposals that seek to improve the public realm of the Neighbourhood Centres shall be supported where the materials contribute towards the improvement of wider public amenity and enhance the character of the area.</li> </ol> <p><i>**Applicants will be expected to demonstrate, to the Council's satisfaction, that all reasonable efforts have been to sell and let the site or premises for its existing use(s) or another community use at a realistic price for, at least, a 12-month period.</i></p>

### SEA Screening – Assessment

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

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects (Annex II SEA Directive)	Significant effect likely?	Comment
<b>1a</b> 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 NP will set out a spatial vision for the designated Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood Plan (NP) area and provides a framework for proposals for development in the area. This framework will be delivered by development management policies contained within the NP. This framework will have some impacts on the environment, noticeably the support of development proposals on the proposed allocated sites, but the sites identified in the draft plan are those that have least planning issues and therefore the least impact on the wider environment.</p> <p>The NP 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>
<b>1b</b> The degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy.	NO	<p>The NP, where possible, will respond to rather than influence other plans and programmes. An NP can only provide policies within the designated NP area it covers and will also provide policies to help offices at Bassetlaw District Council determine planning applications along with the Bassetlaw Local Plan. None of the policies contained in the NP have a direct impact on other plans in the neighbouring areas.</p> <p>The NP will have minimal influence on the development proposed in Bassetlaw District Councils Core Strategy. The NP will have some influence on the emerging New Local Plan for Bassetlaw but the environmental effects of this influence are again considered to be potentially significant as there are proposed allocations</p>

		outside the existing settlement boundary of Carlton in Lindrick.
<b>1c</b> 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 NP sets out and promotes sustainable development within the NP area through balancing environmental, social and economic needs. The Plan's Vision, in conjunction with Policy NP1, work to ensure that all development brought forward in the area will take this balance into account.</p> <p>Due to the inclusion of these elements it is considered that the NP integrates all environmental considerations associated with the development supported in the Plan and there impacts on the environment are therefore unlikely to be significant overall.</p>
<b>1d</b> Environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme.	NO	<p>The majority of effects the NP will have on the environment will be positive. This is due to Policies NP1 &amp; NP7, 8, 9, 10, 11 in the Plan that work to protect and enhance environmental assets and the environment in general, particularly the landscape character of the area, through good management and the promotion of sustainable development.</p> <p>Any additional housing and employment brought forward in the Plan area that is supported by the NP is likely to have some effects on the local environment. However existing national and local Planning Policy and the planning application process will ensure these effects are not significant, as well as NP1 of the Plan and the Plan's support for sustainable development.</p>
<b>1e</b> The relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).	NO	The NP will be in compliance with Bassetlaw's Local Development Framework which has taken into account the existing European and National legislative framework for environmental 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.
<b>2a</b> The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects.	NO	It is deemed highly unlikely that there will be any irreversible damaging environmental impacts associated with the NP. The policies within the



		<p>NP seek to ensure new development is sustainably built and promotes the enhancement and protection of environmental assets.</p> <p>The timescales of the NP is intended to be until 2033.</p> <p>Should any unforeseen significant effects on the environment arise as a result of the NP, the intention to produce an AMR and to also amend/update the Plan every 5 years will allow these effects to be addressed and reversed (see <i>Monitoring &amp; Review</i>)</p>
<b>2b</b> The cumulative nature of the effects.	NO	It is considered that the Policies contained in the NP 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.
<b>2c</b> The transboundary nature of the effects.	NO	Effects will be local with no expected impacts on neighbouring areas.
<b>2d</b> The risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents).	NO	No obvious risks have been identified as the NPs overall aim is to focus on the enhancement and protection of environmental assets to provide for local residents in the NP area and enhance social wellbeing.
<b>2e</b> The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected).	NO	<p>The resident population of the NP area is 3970 (Census 2011).</p> <p>The whole NP area will be affected by the NP because the Policies within the Plan focus only on the Plan area. It is deemed the Plan as a whole will have a positive impact upon local residents through the protection and enhancement of local environmental assets.</p>
<p><b>2f</b> 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 NP is deemed unlikely to have an adverse effect on the areas natural characteristics and cultural heritage. Policies NP1, NP7 of the Plan work to actively protect and enhance these.</p> <p>Local wildlife 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 through the site allocations process and avoids any interference.</p>

		The NP does not exceed environmental quality standards or limit values and does not provide specific policies in relation to intensive land uses.
<b>2g</b> The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.	NO	It is considered that the NP will not adversely affect areas of landscape which have recognised community, national or international protection as the NP aims to protect these through Policy NP1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

### HRA Screening - Assessment

13. 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.
14. In carrying out this screening assessment the 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.

### *Birklands & Bilhaugh (SAC)*

15. No designated sites were found within the Neighbourhood area; however the Birklands & Bilhaugh SAC is located approximately 19 km to the south west of the border of the Plan area. This site covers 270.5 hectares, information on its characteristics and designation justification can be seen below and using the following link,  
<http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/protectedsites/sacselection/sac.asp?eucode=UK0012740>.

*“Birklands and Bilhaugh is the most northerly site selected for old acidophilous oak woods and is notable for its rich invertebrate fauna, particularly spiders, and for a diverse fungal assemblage, including Grifoa sulphurea and Fistulina hepatica. Both native oak species, Quercus petraea and Quercus robur, are present, with a mixture of age-classes, so there is good potential for maintaining the structure and function of the woodland system and a continuity of dead-wood habitats.”*

### *Sherwood Forest (pSPA)*

16. The UK government has identified that the populations of nightjar and woodlark in Sherwood Forest may warrant protection as a SPA. A final decision has not been made and it remains under consideration as part of a UK-wide SPA Review Programme being led by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee.
17. In 2011, following a Public Inquiry, the Secretary of State decided to refuse to grant planning permission for an Energy Recovery Facility on land at the former Rufford Colliery site at Rainworth. The likely effect on the breeding populations of woodlark and nightjar was a key consideration in the Secretary of State’s decision. The Secretary of State agreed that whilst the application site was not within an area currently identified as a Special Protection Area (SPA), there was merit in following the formal approach required for SPAs

18. Therefore the assessment on the following page has also considered the impacts of the Policies contained in the Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood Plan on the Sherwood Forest pSPA, no set boundaries have been defined for the pSPA however on available evidence it is clear that the Plan area will likely be near to the borders of the pSPA, potentially within 5km.

Policy of the Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood Plan	Significant effect likely?	Comment
<b>Policy 1: Sustainable Development</b>	NO	This Policy does not allocate land for development and it is considered it will have no impact on the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 2: Housing Type and Mix</b>	NO	This Policy does not allocate land for development but focuses on influencing the mixture and type of new housing when it is brought forward. Although this Policy does support development in the Plan area, any effects on the identified sites will be managed and mitigated through the planning application process. It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 3: Firbeck Colliery</b>	NO	This site allocates land for development. However, it is an existing brownfield site that has already gain planning permission and is currently inside the existing development boundary for the village.
<b>Policy 4: Land east of Doncaster Road</b>	NO	This site allocates land for development. However, it has been appraised through the Bassetlaw Site Assessment and it has deemed this area of the site the most “suitable” for development that will have the least impact on both the built and natural environment. It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 5: Residential infill development</b>	NO	This policy does not allocate land for development but looks to positively influence small scale infilling of new developments built within the Plan area. It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 6: Employment and Local Business</b>	NO	This Policy does not allocate land for development but focuses on influencing the type of new employment when it is brought forward. Although this Policy does support development in the Plan area, any effects on

		the identified sites will be managed and mitigated through the planning application process. It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 7: Design Principles</b>		This policy does not allocate land for development but looks to positively influence the design of new developments built within the Plan area. It is therefore considered this Policy will have no significant effect on the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 8: Carlton Conservation Area</b>	NO	This Policy does not allocate land for development but works to protect the important local historic and landscape character of the Plan area, the effects of this Policy are again deemed to be local in nature and considered to have no effect on the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 9: Settlement Break</b>	NO	This Policy does not allocate land for development but works to protect the important local landscape character of the settlement break between Carlton and Langold, the effects of this Policy are again deemed to be local in nature and considered to have no effect on the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 10: Important Views along Doncaster Road</b>	NO	This Policy does not allocate land for development but works to protect the important local landscape character of the Plan area, the effects of this Policy are again deemed to be local in nature and considered to have no effect on the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 11: Langold Country Park</b>	NO	This Policy does not allocate land for development but works to protect the important local Country Park, the effects of this Policy are again deemed to be local in nature and considered to have no effect on the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 12: Local Green Spaces</b>	NO	This Policy does not allocate land for development but works to protect the important local Green Spaces across the Plan area, the effects of this Policy are again deemed to be local in nature and considered to have no effect on the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 13: Community Facilities</b>	NO	This Policy does not allocate land for development in the Plan area but has regard to existing community facilities in the Plan area; it is considered it will have no effect on

		the SAC or pSPA.
<b>Policy 14: Neighbourhood Centres</b>	NO	This Policy does not allocate land for development in the Plan area but has regard to existing retail businesses in each Neighbourhood Centre in the Plan area; it is considered it will have no effect on the SAC or pSPA.

### *In combination effects*

19. 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 Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood will be required to be in general conformity with existing strategic policies in BDC Development Plan, and is allocating additional development above that outlined in the Core Strategy, it is concluded that significant in-combination effects may occur due to its implementation.
20. As set out below, it is concluded as a result of the above assessments, that the Plan will not lead to a significant effect on the integrity of the SAC and pSPA and therefore does not require a full HRA to be undertaken.

## **Conclusions**

### *SEA Screening*

21. On the basis of the SEA Screening Assessment set out above, the conclusion is that the Carlton in Lindrick 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 will **not** be subject to a full SEA.

### *HRA Screening*

22. The Screening Assessment concludes that the implementation of the Plan will **not** result in significant effects with regards to the integrity of the SAC and SPA around Carlton in Lindick. As such the Plan does **not** require a full HRA to be undertaken.
23. The main reasons for these conclusions are:
- There are plans for the proposed Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood Plan to allocate sites for development, but these have been through a strict appraisal process,
  - The development supported in the Plan in Policies NP2,3 and 4 will not have any effects on the identified sites addressed and mitigated at the planning application stage.



### Next Stages

24. This document will now be the subject of a consultation period with relevant stakeholders, following this consultation a decision will be made with regard to whether a SEA and HRA on the Carlton in Lindrick Neighbourhood Plan is required.