**Misson Neighbourhood Plan (Review):** Statement of Extent and Nature of Review

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**1. Overview**

The Misson Neighbourhood Plan was originally ‘made’ following a public referendum on 7 September 2017. Following initial discussions during 2020, work to review the Neighbourhood Plan commenced in 2021. This statement details the extent of the proposed modifications to the Plan, and the views of the Qualifying Body and District Council on the nature of the changes.

**2. Proposed Amendments**

The proposed amendments to the existing Misson Neighbourhood Plan, as detailed in the submission documents, can be summarised as follows:

* Policy 1: refocussed on sustainable development (previously a statement of intent), and content of former Policy 1 relating to pre-application procedures reframed as a statement of intent.
* Policy 3: clauses reworded, including more specific direction on relevant considerations.
* Policy 4: clauses revised, including specific reference to the need to consider flood risk.
* Policy 5: updated, including specific reference to the identified facilities within the policy wording.
* Policy 7: comprehensively revised, so as to reflect changes in the wider policy context, and to recognise the time elapsed since the original proposals for the Misson Mill site were proposed. Supporting text also revised.
* Policy 8: clauses updated to include greater detail on relevant considerations.
* Policy 10: split into three separate policies (10a, b, and c). Policy 10b includes the proposed designation of seven new local green spaces.

In addition to the above, consequential changes have also been made throughout the Plan for consistency, clarity, and to ensure that references to other documents and legislation are up-to-date, particularly the emerging Bassetlaw Local Plan and the recently revised NPPF.

**3. Judgement on Scope and Scale of the Review**

Once ‘made’, neighbourhood plans can be reviewed as required in order to correct errors, or to respond to changes in their geographical or legislative context. National Planning Policy Guidance[[1]](#footnote-1) clarifies that there are three classes of review that can be undertaken in respect to a ‘made’ neighbourhood plan, each with its own procedure for enactment, as follows:

| **Typology** | **Definition** | **Procedure** |
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| Non-material amendment | Correcting a minor error that will not materially change the way that a ‘made’ neighbourhood plan functions. | The changes can be made to the plan, subject to the approval of both the qualifying body (e.g. parish council) and BDC Full Council.  |
| Minor material amendment | Making small-scale changes that may have a material impact on the way that a ‘made’ neighbourhood plan functions. The decision as to whether the changes alter the nature of the plan will be determined by the examiner. | As above, but the modified plan should be subject to public / statutory consultation (Reg 14 and Reg 16), and independent examination, before seeking BDC Full Council approval to adopt.  |
| Significant material amendment | Making more substantial changes that will materially alter the way that a ‘made’ neighbourhood plan functions.  | As above, but a public referendum will be required subsequent to BDC Full Council approval in order to ‘make’ / adopt the plan. |

With reference to the table above, both the Qualifying Body and the District Council are of the view that the proposed changes constitute a minor material amendment to the Plan. The reasons for this are as follows:

* The proposed changes do not allocate any additional areas of land for development, and they do not seek to alter in any fundamental way the Neighbourhood Plan’s approaches to development and conservation. The proposed changes will improve the Neighbourhood Plan’s effectiveness in guiding and influencing decisions on development proposals, but they are not so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the Neighbourhood Plan.

In accordance with this judgement, the amendments to the Plan have been subject to public consultation in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Consultation in accordance with Regulation 16 of the same regulation is due to commence imminently, followed by independent examination.

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1. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2#updating-neighbourhood-plan> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)